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## FARM SECURITY AID AVAILABLE FOR EVACUEES MEETING QUALIFICATIONS

Evacuee farmers who desire the aid of the Farm Security Administration must first pass the eligibility, character and integrity, requirements, announced Regional FSA Director R. W. Hollenberg in a letter to Assistant WRA Director Robert B. Cozzens.

He added that three prominent farmers of the FSA County Committee will be on the hearing boards to determine whether a person is eligible or not.

Rural rehabilitation or operating loans are available to citizens who qualify as low-income farm families (including owner-operators, tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers with sufficient family manpower for farm and home operations except possibly at peak season) if certain other requirements can be met.

**Requirements**

These other requirements include: The necessity of full-time farm operations, effectively utilizing family manpower or part-time operations which may be supplemented by off-farm employment that will not interfere with successful operations in order to maintain full employment and a satisfactory level of living; a willingness to assume the necessary responsibilities in order to make an effective contribution to the nation's war effort; a family background of rural experience and managerial ability; that the borrower be unable to obtain adequate farm and home financing at reasonable rates and terms from sources other than the FSA; that there be a reasonable possibility of repaying the loan and that the family's level of health and living can be maintained or improved.

**Various Loans**

Heads of families eligible as standard borrowers can get loans for livestock, farm equipment, minor repairs and improvements for farm and/or home, participation in group health, hospital and/or dental services, for emergency health services and for correction of physical conditions when the approved farm and home plan indicates that such expenditures are necessary to sucessfully conduct the family's war production program and rehabilitation of the farm family.

However, purchase loans, that run for 40 years at three per cent interest, are available to veterans of the present war, farm tenants, renters and laborers who are citizens. FSA reports that due to the limited funds on hand for this purpose and the large numbers of applications already on hand, it is unlikely that more than 12 farm ownership loans can be made in California this year.

**Health Services**

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## HONORED AT NEW YEAR PARTY

For their part in making the prises a success during the past year, Co-op employees, block managers, and community leaders who participated in the progress of the Co-op, were honored at the Appreciation Party on Wednesday, January 24, at Mess hall 1.

"I congratulate you who took part in the progress of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises during the year just passed," Project Director Ralph P. Merritt told approximately 300 of the guests.

Various department heads of hte Co-op were introduced and the group was addressed by the chairman of the Co-op Board of Directors Yoshio Muramatsu, Chairman of the Block Managers Assembly Kiyoharu Anzai and General Manager Kukunosuke Arai. Frank Yasuda, executive secretary of Town Hall acted as master of ceremonies.

Appreciation gifts were given Sokichi Sugimoto, Shigematsu Takeyasu, and Hideo Okada for their past efforts on the managerial staff of the Cooperative.

## Fresno Reception Reported Friendly

FRESNO, Calif.— Two families returned to the San Joaquin Valley area, reported friendly reception, according to Fresno Relocation Officer Paul Fischer.

One family, consisting of Kazuo Hiyama, his wife and two children, stated that no difficulty was experienced and that they are getting along nicely.

The other, James Morishige, daughters, Pricilla and Marynne, have taken possession of their farm three miles northwest of Selma. They were well received claimed James Morishige. The children are attending school and have noted no discrimination.

## Leaves This Week

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|---|---|
| Indefinite | 7 |
| Seasonal | 0 |
| Short Term | 17 |
| **PERSONS ON LEAVE** | |
| Indefinite | 2506 |
| Seasonal | 6 |
| Short Term | 31 |
| Residue | 5506 |

## Adult Activity Hall Opens Daily For Public Inspection

Adult English Activity Hall, 16-8, will be open daily next week from 2 to 4 p.m., for public inspection, announced Adult-Vocation Education Director Gladys C. Schwesinger.

Issei men and women as well as Caucasians are invited to look over the "loveliest room" in Manzanar.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 Miss Dee Murray, friendly resident of Manzanar will give a demonstration on how to make those "delicious" cream puffs; on Thursday and Friday evenings Mrs. Ruby Beale of the elementary school and Miss Lucile Smith of the high school will go into the mysteries of glazing and scalloping vegetables; and on Saturday morning from 8 to 10, Mrs. Helen Hill of the elementary school will disclose the secrets of her success with a white birthday cake.

Mrs. Alice Cowart will demonstrate how to make hooked rugs and Mrs. Alan Campbell will give a lesson in fudge making sometime during the week.

At other times, Miss Toshiko Nakamura will be on duty in the hall serving as hostess and teacher.

Issei men and women with problems in English are invited to bring their problems to the hall and get help in writing letters, filling out money order forms, mail order forms and the like.

## Sono Osato Among Guests At Allied Relief Ball in East

NEW YORK—Some 350 persons attended an Allied Relief Ball sponsored by the Japanese New York War Fund at the Hotel McAlpin, one of New York's leading mid-town hotels.

Among the guests were Sono Osata, famous dancer, who is York's new musical show, "On The Town", some 50 Nisei soldiers and approximately 100 Caucasians.

Music for dancing at the ball was provided by Al Bennett and his recording orchestra, which broadcasts over radio station WOR. The program also included entertainment by 15 Hawaiian hula dancers and a native orchestra; singing by Ruby Yoshino, who was accompanied by Aiko Tashiro; and the showing of newsreel movies of Nisei soldiers in action in Europe and of "Go For Broke", the film depicting the training of the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Several persons whose tickets held lucky numbers won paintings donated by five Japanese artists: Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Makoto Hara, Sakari Suzuki, Eitaro Ishigaki and Chuzo Tanotsu.

Dr. Kanzo Oguri, Brooklyn physician, is chairman of the Japanese American Committee of the New York War Fund. Koshu T. Itotagawa the committee's campaign manager and treasurer, was in charge of the arrangements for the ball.

## Hollywood American Legion Post Act Stirs Intra-Legion Battle At Confab

HOLLYWOOD, January 27— Action of Hollywood Post No. 591 in inviting an American Japanese war veteran to its post and then publicizing the incident touched-off an intra-legion battle, the Los Angeles Times revealed this week.

The controversy began when District Commander P. A. (Dick) Horton criticized the Hollywood post and said that the post had acted in "bad faith."

Horton declared that the Hollywood Post, in publicizing their action without official permission and condemning the Hood River post which had removed the names of Nisei soldiers from its honor roll, had violated the ethics of the legion and sabotaged its program.

Milton Luban, publicity chairman of the Hollywood post, disclosed that District Commander Horton had demanded that the Hollywood post "expel" Oka and its Commander William G. Schneider.

He said that Horton had called upon the post to "clean its own dirty linen" and said that Schneider was "unfitted by temperment and ability to be Commander."

The Times stated that as the District Commander moved to take charge of the meeting and "lay down the law" to the post, Edward Kliner, post Judge Advocate, is asserted to have shouted: "Throw him out."

## HUTCHISON ASKS AID OF RESIDENTS IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN

Under the direction of Mrs. Avis Hutchison the March of Dimes campaign to raise funds to assist victims of infantile paralysis was underway at Manzanar yesterday when the Block Manager's Assembly enthusiastically agreed to lend their support to the drive.

Campaign headquarters here have ordered sufficient boxes to place one in each mess hall and at the hospital, children's village and other strategic places thru the project.

While there will be no individual solicitation of evacuees it is anticipated that again this year they will contribute generously in putting Manzanar over the top.

Last year Manzanar enjoyed the distinction of making the best showing of any community in Southern Inyo.

The county has two nurses trained at Stanford University in the Kenny method, who would be available if an epidemic should make its appearance at the center.

Caucasian members of the staff will be contacted at their residence and asked to make donations for this worthy cause.

Funds collected go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and are distributed by that organization to hospitals throughout the country. In these institutions victims of poliomyelitis receive treatment under specialists in combating its effects, and many are alive today as a result of the "iron lung" provided by the foundation.

## Scott Defends Nisei By Resigning Post

LOS ANGELES— Protesting over the attitude of the league toward Americans of Japanese ancestry, Joseph Scott, influential Catholic layman and Republican leader, has resigned from the board of directors of the Americanism Educational League, of which John R. Lechner is executive director, the Pacific Citizen disclosed.

Scott, who has been in the news recently as attorney for Joan Barry in the Chaplain paternity case, is reported to have written Lechner notifying the latter of his resignation.

He is the second prominent Catholic to resign from the Americanism Educational League.

Scott praised the Nisei Combat Team record and added that while he was on the board of Education of Los Angeles and in the Juvenile Court for ten years he was never faced with a problem involving Japanese American youths.

## Agencies To Permit Japanese Fishermen To Operate Vessels

In explaining that Federal agencies are prepared to protect the rights of those evacuated after Pearl Harbor, Dillon S. Myer, director of the WRA, said January 12, that fishermen of Japanese ancestry returning to the Pacific Coast from Relocation Centers will get their vessels back and will be permitted to resume operations under prevailing regulations.

## Feature Nisei In Boston Sunday Post

Restoration of rights and freedom to Nisei resettlers by New Englanders was revealed recently in a story authored by Eleanor Roberts and carried in the Boston Sunday Post.

Masaru "Chick" Uno, his wife and their two daughters are used as a typical Nisei family. They are from the Minidoka Relocation center.

The article declared, "When the Unos first landed in Boston, they didn't have a stick of furniture with which to furnish the big, barren nine-room, half of a duplex house, they were fortunate enough to find. Today, the table in the parlor is the gift of a friend from the West End, whom Chick met when he was leading boys' club work in the West End Settlement House.

"A family in Roslindale who knew they were in need of a kitchen set, brought down their old one from the attic, repainted it and presented it to them. The big bed came from the father of one of Chick's charges at the Settlement House and the wicker chairs and dresser were the goodwill offering of a minister in Dedham."

Miss Roberts quotes Chick as saying, "They are not new but they give me a warm feeling everytime I see them for I know I have friends who trust me."

Chick, who is 38, like many other Nisei volunteered for service in the army but was placed in class IIIA. His brother, Paul, is now at the Officers' Candidate School in Camp Barclay, Tex.

Chick, because of his excellent background in athletics, (he was a top-notch boxer) while at Washington State College, was made athletic director at the Minidoka Center.

His first real job came when he received an offer from the American Baptist Home Mission which asked him to lead the boys' club work in the West End Settlement House.

Miss Roberts declared, "The Unos are starting again, according to good old Yankee tradition free and with the helping hand of New England neighbors."

## Police Protect Nisei

NEW CASTLE, Calif.— Placer county sheriff's office this week kept continuous vigil protection on Sumio Doi and his fruit ranch by placing highway patrol road blocks and armed patrols after attempts by unidentified persons to destroy the 26-year-old Nisei's packing shed with fire and dynamite, the Los Angeles Daily News reported.

Termed "atrocious" by Governor Earl Warren, the incidents were under investigation by the state's attorney general's office.

In one attack on Doi's property the packing shed was sprayed with gasoline and fired.

"Some time after Doi and his father succeeded in putting out the flames, a group of persons were frightened away from an attempt to dynamite the shed by the approach of a sheriff's patrol car," the News stated.

## Plan Inter-Exchange

WASHINGTON— After more than a year of delay, Japan has indicated her willingness to negotiate with the United States for a third exchange of Japan-the San Francisco Chronicle quoted the State Department as saying.

The article stated that Japan is especially interested in repatriation of Japanese held at Tule Lake Segregation center.

The communication from Japan, made public by the State Department declared:

"Japanese government are carfully considering further exchange of nationals between Japan and the United States and expect to be able to carry it out during 1945. In view of the special nature of Tule Lake Segregation Center, Japanese government are prepared to give special consideration to repatriation of Japanese subjects detained there through exchange."

The department said that it is prepared to ensure the speedy execution of any exchange to which the Japanese government's agreement can be obtained."

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## A California Driver

**(Following editorial which helped the California Bruin to win the All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press for the spring semester last year, was authored by its Editor Gloria Farquar and was reprinted last week with the statement, "to us, its message is more timely than ever".—Editor.)**

An auto sticker pasted conspicuously on the Chrysler next to our bus proclaimed the ugly legend of man's inhumanity to man, breaking the calm of a March afternoon with a dirty story on a piece of paper. A tale of ignorance, unthinking hate, the brand of the tinsel patriot. It read, "Let's keep the Japs out of California."

**Yet even as we started, with admittedly some amount of scorn at the placid and unbrutish face of the driver, we couldn't help remembering that in some burning corner of Italy a "Jap" in American khaki, hundreds of "Japs" in fact, were defending that driver's right to think and speak as he felt, to broadcast, if he saw fit, his hatreds to Wilshire Boulevard.**

It was one of those shining California days, but all the luster and glow seemed to leave the afternoon under the sullen impact of that little sign. No kind of a day to brood and grow bitter over America's failure on the moral front. No kind of a day to wonder if humanity had lost its old faculty for common sympathy, the ability to "put one's self in the other fellow's shoes."

Only, looking at that driver, we began to speculate on what sort of reaction he might feel to the story of one of the "Japs" whose deportation he so savagely advocated. We also wondered whether, had he been Sergeant Ben Kuroki, say, of the Army Air Force, instead of Joe Doakes, American and Chrysler driver, he could have told the same story of heroism and fighting loyalty that Ben had to tell. And whether he could have stood up under a constant barrage of suspicion and persecution from Pear Harbor onward and still live to prove his Americanism with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Sergeant Kuroki has done just that. So did the young Japanese you saw in Life very recently, the Nisei soldier whose bandaged eyes had been blinded by Nazi shellfire.**

**What would this man comment if he could hear Kuroki repeat what he told the Berkeley Commonwealth Club not so long ago? "I think it must have been Fate which carried me through 30 bombing missions safely so that I could come back to the United States and help fight the battle against race prejudice."**

**Would he be brutally derisive or would his passions hesitate so that he could listen further?**

It was only the second day after Pearl Harbor that Ben and his kid brother presented themselves at the local induction station in a Nebraska town, both of them were eager for duty. But it was a month before they were accepted and Ben says, "For the first time in our lives we found out what prejudice really was. I began to realize right then that I had a couple of strikes on me to begin with and that I was going to be fighting two battles instead of one—against intolerance among my fellow Americans."

Fight he did, though, in an outfit over in England, the "Flying Circus," where he finally won an assignment as a turret gunner. Ben proved he could handle that gun like no other competitor and soon enough his skill landed him the distinction of top turret gunner, an event his buddies celebrated by painting on the top turret, "Top Turret Gunner Honorable Son Sgt. Ben Kuroki."

A far cry from the bitter inscription on the windschield of a Chrysler motor car.

**Fifteen months of combat duty saw Ben before his**

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## —FSA Aid

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Farm families, whose income for taxable purposes has averaged $2000 or less per year during the last five years, are eligible for prepaid medical and hospital care through membership in county health associations established by FSA in cooperation with California Physicians Service, county medical societies and local farmers.

**Water Facilities Loan**

Water facilities, which run up to 20 years at three per cent interest, are available to farm families for repairing, rebuilding or constructing farm and irrigation water systems, provided the family cannot secure adequate financing from other sources.

**Group Services Loans**

Group services loans are available to farmers wishing to pool their resources for the purchase and use of services and equipment such as purebred sires and machinery which they cannot afford to own individually. These loans carry three percent interest and run for a period not to exceed the lifetime of the facility purchased.

## Former Resident Receive High Honors

Honey M. Toda, former Manzanar resident, was among the students receiving first honors at the University of Maryland, in College Park, Maryland, according to an article appearing in a Boston paper.

The article clipped from the paper was sent to former Project Attorney J. Benson Saks, now with the UNRRA in Cairo, by his mother in Boston, who in turn sent it to Project Director Ralph P. Merritt.

While in Manzanar, Honey Toda was a secretary of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Genevieve Carter.

Miss Toda has a degree in sociology and is now working to get her master's degree.

The former Manzanar resident was one of the three highest at the University of Maryland and is now working as a secretary to the president of the school.

Dr. Carter disclosed that she has also received a letter from Honey Toda on the matter.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST— Black texture undersash with three orange stripes. Lost last Saturday at auditorium. Finder please return to Azeka, 20-12-1.

## Protest Attempt Licence Restoration To Nisei Fishermen

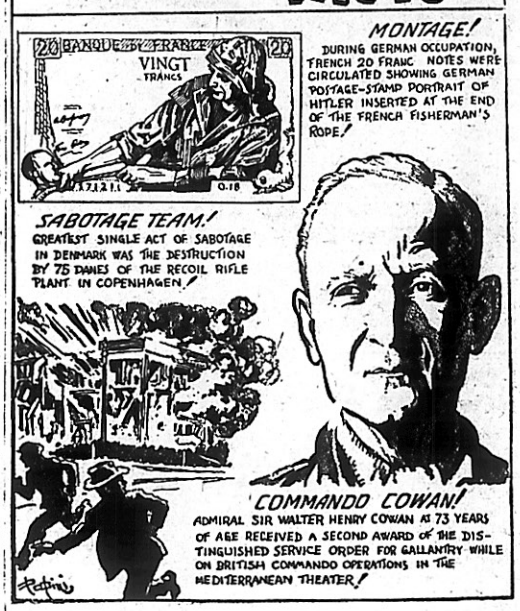
SACRAMENTO—Reported attempts of WRA Director Dillon S. Myer to restore commercial fishing licenses to Japanese operating out of California ports, were protested recently by Senator Hugh P. Donnelly of Turlock, according to the L. A. Daily News.

Unsuccessful attempts were made in the legislature over a period of many years to revoke the fishing licenses of the Japanese on the grounds that the fishing vessels "were camouflaged auxiliaries of Hirohito's navy."

## TEACHER WANTED

A piano teacher is wanted by the Music Hall, 24-15. Qualified residents should contact the hall for interviews. Applicants will be interviewed any day, at 2 p.m.

## UNITED NATIONS FACTS




**ALOHA AND THANKS**

To my friends, residents of block 21, and the Manzaknights for the kindness shown me during my stay in Manzanar.

Till We Meet Again,
**Pvt. Louis K. Sakamoto**

**IN APPRECIATION——**

I wish to thank doctors, nurses and friends for their kindness and care given me during my recent illness.

**Kazu Shigemori**
15-7-4

**IN APPRECIATION——**

To our friends, many thanks for the happy days in Manzanar upon our departure.

Mack Mayeda
Kenny Mayeda
14-11-4

**IN APPRECIATION——**

May I take this means to express my sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for their kindness to me upon my departure for Fort Douglas.

Pvt. Jiro Iwata
3-1-4

**IN APPRECIATION——**

Our sincerest appreciation to each of you for the grand memories. It's been a pleasure working, playing and knowing each of you.

Y. Sugihara
D. S. Sugihara
Dorothy Sugihara
Lillian Sugihara

**IN APPRECIATION——**

To the doctors, nurses, nurse's aides and members of the hospital staff, we want to say, "Thank you."

Tamiji Nakamura and family

**IN APPRECIATION——**

I wish to take this means to express my sincere thanks to friends for their kindness to me during my stay in Manzanar.

Thanks for the many happy memories as I leave for New York.

Masayoshi Araki

## Hood River Post Still Receives Letters

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Letters of protest against the removal of the names of 16 Nisei soldiers from the Hood River Community Honor Roll by members of the Hood River Post American Legion were still being received by the Hood River News.

One, a letter by Bliss L. Clark of Otis, Ore. declared:

"I am a veteran of War 1. My name was on your Honor Roll then, Hood River. I was proud of that.

"I was proud, Hood River, of more than doubled Fifth drive; of your being the first county in Oregon, yes, in all these United States in doubling that.

"But now I am ashamed.

"Do they speak for all of you Hood River county, this group of veterans sitting on judgement on those names? It has removed 16 of them.

"Does it not matter, Hood River that these boys are trying in the only way they can to prove that they are American in thought and ideals?

"Would you be consistent?

"Then you must erase from your other roll other names . . . from nationalities that are or were Axis.

"We need not be pro-Japanese to leave those other 16 names with Hood River's 1200. We need be just Americans.

"Put them back, Hood River . . . Put them back, or be ashamed."

Another letter, by Helen J. Merrill, a U. S. Coast Guard member, declared:

" . . . I have lost pride in saying that I was proud to have been born in the beautiful Hood River valley . . . If there is anything that you (of Hood River News) can do to show the citizens of Hood River that we in the armed forces are terribly disappointed in the actions of the Hood River Post, do so.

". . . My friends said, "So this is the wonderful country you came from?" That was a slam if I ever heard one.

"My grandfather, J. P. Thomsen, is probably one of the substantial citizens of your community and I'm sure that he would never agree with this action. Am so disgusted that if I keep rambling, this letter would burn with heat.

". . . The ones that are serving in the armed forces are doing their part and proving to this wonderful country of ours that they are true and loyal citizens of Uncle Sam. Ask any of our great leaders what they think and you shall receive the same answer.

". . . put those names back on the honor roll where they belong. This is a sincere request and backed up by all my friends, male and female, in the service."

## Nisei Offers Two Farm Jobs In Texas

Farming opportunities on a share basis are offered two families by a Japanese American at Dallas, Tex., according to information received this week by the Relocation Office.

Housing, land, equipment, seed fertilizer and market for produce will be furnished by the owner of the property who has lived in the Dallas area for more than 40 years.

The Relocation Office discloses that the employer's children have gone through school in the community and have always been "well received." Community acceptance is also described as "very good."

## House Considers Bill To Close All Centers By June 30

WASHINGTON—A bill prepared by Representative Dworshak of Idaho, which will virtually close all of the War Relocation Centers by June, is now under consideration by the House, the Los Angeles Examiner reveals.

Excepted would be centers maintained solely for persons of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty to the United States is questioned.

The representative said that there is an immediate need for the war effort of the Japanese Americans in the camps and that of the personnel of the WRA.

He added that there are some 2500 of the latter.

## Requiem Mass Held For Sister Mariana

Memorial services will be held tomorrow night, 7 p.m., at the Catholic Church, 25-15 for the late Sister Mariana Akashi who passed away at the Maryknoll Motherhouse in New York on December 29, announced Father Leo Steinbach.

A Requiem Mass will be held on Sunday, 6:30 a.m., for the repose of her soul.

**Public Invited**

Everyone who desires to pay homage to her is invited to attend both these services.

Born in Japan, Sister Mariana Akashi came to this country at an early age and spent most of her life in California, where she taught for many years at the Maryknoll School in Los Angeles.

Sister Mariana is known by scores of people of this center, many of whom were pupils of hers in both the Maryknoll Church here and in Los Angeles.

## A CALIFORNIA DRIVER ( An Editorial)

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**return to the States, fifteen months in which his conduct won him the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and two D.F.C.'s, but most dear to him, the respect and admiration of his American buddies. And Ben in wont to declare that he saw real Democracy in action those fifteen months, a kind of free fraternity, of share-and-share alike far beyond the conception of little men without hates and little signs to prove them.**

Ben knows all about the little signs; they have been, as he said, half his battle. He insists, and we believe correctly, that "the fight against the Axis and intolerance are the same battle. We will have lost the war if our Military victory is not followed by a better understanding among peoples."

Ben is only one among thousands of Japanese Americans equally heroic and equally loyal. Americans who have had to prove their patriotism by the most rigorous kind of sacrifice and bodily exertion to placate the complacent skepticism of the men with the auto stickers and the little hearts. Mass deportation is no answer to such courage and sacrifice and faith.

**Mass deportation is the "solution" of the moral cowards, the men, like Joe Doakes, Chrysler driver, who are too weak to look behind a yellow complexion for a loyal heart.**

## Restore Names Urge National Legion Head

HOOD RIVER, Ore—National American Legion Commander Edward N. Scheibering, this week urged the Hood River post to restore the names of the Japanese Americans on its honor roll, the San Francisco Chronicle stated.

The national commander asked for the restoration of these names and of additional Japanese Americans who are now serving in the armed forces.

"There is no room in the American Legion for racial hatred or animosities," he declared.

He concluded by saying, "When a post of the American Legion takes the misguided or ill advised action, it shouldn't reflect upon the more than 12,000 posts in the United States."

## Rev. Burnett Speaks At Morning Services

The Rev. C. J. Burnett will minister morning worship at 15-15 tomorrow at 10 a.m., announced Tatsuo Miyake, office secretary of the Christian Church.

Capt. Belanger is scheduled to speak at the Young People's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at 32-15. Capt. Belanger, a former chaplain in the United States Army, was discharged after his services in the South Pacific. He is visiting his wife, Agnes Belanger, elementary school teacher here.

## Private First Class Thomas Higa Writes Project Director

(Following letter was sent to Project Director Ralph P. Merritt from Pfc. Thomas Higa, veteran of World War II, who had been on a lecturing tour throughout the United States. The letter was recently received by Mr. Merritt but was dated December 23, 1944.—Editor)

Dear Sir:

Greetings. I want to thank you for the hospitality and kindness tendered to me during my brief stay at your center. Through good fortune, I have ended my tour and am now at Santa Barbara, taking things easy for a while.

As the end of the year draws to a close and everybody bustles around in the holiday spirit, it brings to my mind the spirit of the boys at the front. I recall my last . . . New Years at the battlefronts. I know that even if I have to deny myself certain things, I must not forget the soldiers at the front. May I ask that you also do not forget the boys?

Even though it is a mere greeting card, if one and everyone of you would send a card to the boys, I know that the boys at the front would certainly be glad to receive them. It might be that many of the soldiers might not write to you, but you must forgive them, for in many cases, it is due to lack of paper and time.

We, on the home front, have a deep obligation to these young people who are sacrificing so much for all of us. How can we bring cheer and happiness to the boys at the battlefront? That is by writing to them often. Even though there might not be many interesting things to write, yet just the things that we consider as everyday and common, the boys would be overjoyed to read about. As long as they know that their friends haven't forgotten them, that will have a great bearing on the outcome of this war. From morning to night, they are constantly thinking of their friends and loved ones. As they carry their rifles on their shoulders on a forced march, their task is made easier if they know that with the coming of the holiday, their friends have not forgotten them.

Last year this time, we were sleeping on snow covered mountains, with just a few hours of sleep and on rations. The booming of the cannons were our companions. But always we on the fronts were thinking of the friends and relatives on the home front.

Although it is only a trifle (sum), enclosed is a money order for $5, which I hope you will be able to use to send some sort of rememberances to the boys from your center.

Ever praying for an early end of this war, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Pfc. Thomas Higa.

## Story Tells of Nisei

The Inyo Independent recently carried a story about Pfc. Jack Yoshimoto, former guard at Sierra Talc in Keeler, who is now with the United States Army in France.

The Independent stated that Pfc. Yoshimoto is willing to "give a dollar for a coke and a hamburger and trade an acre of French soil for a foot of good American ground."

## Begin Second Round Tomorrow Morning

With the tee off on the second round of the Match Play tournament scheduled for 10 a. m. tomorrow morning on the local links, the results of the first round was released earlier this week.

Amos Hashimoto df. Kiro Nagano, 3 and 1.
Shobei Takeuchi df. Hiro Komai by default.
Jim Inouye df. Mas Matsumura by default.
Moto Asari dr. Shig Nakaji, 4 and 2.
Kikuji Ida df. George Nakaji by default.
Roy Osajima df. D. Takamatsu, 2 up.
Masao Tatsumi df. Ted Igasaki by default.
Mas Takahashi df. Bob Uragami, 3 up.
Mits Sugimoto dr. Y. Hama, 3 up.
Kat Hayashi df. M. Kaino by default.
Yuki Okamoto df. K. Nakayu by default.
Yukio Tatsumi df. T Hori 2 up.
Moto Shimizu df. K. Takahashi, 3 up.
Kiya Tatsumi df. S. Sugimoto, 4 up.
Yo Zoriki df. Sab. Hagiwara, 1 up.
Tom Tomiyama df. Shino Shima, 1 up.

In the second round tomorrow contestants are as follows:

A. Hashimoto vs. S. Takeuchi.
J. Inouye vs. Moto Asari.
Kikuji Ida vs. R. Osajima.
M. Tatsumi vs. M. Takahashi.
M. Sugimoto vs. K. Hayashi.
Y. Okamoto vs. Y. Tatsumi.
M. Shimizu vs. K. Tatsumi.
Y. Zoriki vs. T. Tomiyama.

## Oversea Nisei Informed of News

Nisei soldiers on the far-flung battlefronts are being informed of the progress on the home front, of Japanese Americans and their alien parents, by Marjorie Noble, executive secretary of the Friends of the American Way.

Addressed to "Dear Nisei Soldier," the letters tell the names of Japanese who return to the West Coast and what they are doing.





## Release Regulations On Parcel Mailing To War Prisoners

Regulations for the mailing of parcels to Japanese prisoners of war in United States were revealed recently by Assistant Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross E. W. Myer at Washington, D. C.

Rules for mailing these packages are as follows:

1. Parcels can be sent postage free if their weight does not exceed four pounds each and if properly marked, "Prisoner of War Mail." There is no limit as to how many parcels can be sent if they are within this weight limit.

2. If postage is paid, the official parcel post weight of 70 pounds is not to be exceeded.

3. Letters addressed to prisoners of war require no postage if indicated "Prisoner of War Mail."



## Kindergartens Close

All Kindergartens will be closed for one week beginning Monday, January 29, to permit reorganization of the Kindergarten program, stated Pre-School supervisor Mary A. Schauland.

She added that children will be reassigned to the nearest reopened kindergarten.

New assignment lists will be on file at the office, 16-13-3, on Friday, February 2.

The pre-school supervisor disclosed that Mrs. K. Fujiu, who has served "so faithfully" and "so well" with the pre-school program in Manzanar from its beginning, is leaving for her former home.

She added that two more members of the school classes are also leaving the staff.

Mrs. Lily Yamada, "Who has proven a valuable member" of the pre-school staff, expects to join her husband on relocation the first week in February.

Miss Odahara, the third and longest serving member of the staff will take a short term leave on Monday.

## Mott Presents Bill To Deport Japanese After End of War

WASHINGTON— Representative Mott, Republican of Oregon, introduced legislation to deport aliens of Japanese ancestry six months after the termination of war with Japan, the Pacific Citizen revealed.

The proposal, a revised version of Representative Mott's bill in the last congress, would exempt from its provisions the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of men in the United States Army.

## Relocation Receives Offers On Property

Information on property for sale, lease or rent in California, Colorado, Wyoming, Chicago, Idaho and in other states are being received daily by the Relocation Office, building 1-4. Residents who are interested should contact the Relocation Office immediately.

TRANSLATION
Japanese Section, The Manzanar Free Press
January 27, 1945

1. Title of Newspaper

Manzanar Free Press, Vol. 6, No. 63, 1-1-2

2. Plan Inter-Exchange

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, No. 63, Page 1, col. 5

3. Spirit, Harmony, Stamina, Total Effort

4. Police Protect Nisei

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, No. 63, Page 1, col. 4

* 5. West Coast Returnee - News From Relocation Office

Those who are returning to the West Coast should bear in mind that they are not entitled to the special services from the W.R.A. They should contact their friends or have to return to their former residence without help from W.R.A.

6. Excerpt from Manzanar Co-op

Japanese movies will be shown to the residents commencing sometime in middle of next month.

7. All persons 65 years or older, who have worked in commerce or industry covered by the Social Security Act since 1937 may be eligible for the Social Security benefits, according to word received this week from San Bernardino Social Security Board Manager J. H. Johnson.

The Social Security board manager disclosed that the local offices of the Social Security Boards will be able to state as to whether a person is entitled to payments.

He also added that survivors of persons who were working in covered employment may be eligible to "lump-sum" or monthly benefits, and that wives or widows of insured workers may be entitled to monthly benefits when they themselves reach the age of 65.

"All such persons should make inquiry about their rights and possible benefits so that they may not lose payments merely because the Social Security Board has never received inquiry about them," Johnson stated.

Residents who are interested in obtaining further information

* (Please see page 4)

should contact Margaret M. D'Ille, counsellor of the Community Welfare Section, who has pamphlets and other sources of information available.

The Welfare Section is located at Building 1-9.

8. a. Clerical Workers Wanted in Los Angeles - $140 mo.

From the Relocation Office

b. Relocation Receives Offer on Property

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 4, col. 5

9. Private First Class Thomas Higa Writes Project Director

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 4, col. 1

10. Release Regulations on Parcel Mailing to War Prisoners

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 4, col. 3

11. Honored At New Year's Party

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 1, col. 1

12. Leaves This Week

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 1, col. 1

13. Restore Names Urge National Legion Head

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 3, col. 4

14. Teacher Wanted

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, page 2, col. 2

15. Wanted To Buy: Automobile (Passenger)

Contact Nakamura (36-2-5)

16. Singing Class

Held January 28, 6:30 p.m. at Mess 16

17. In Appreciation

As We Leave For Induction: George Izumi and Tetsu Ando

20. Requiem Mass Held For Sister Mariana

From the Manzanar Free Press, Jan. 27, Page 3, col. 3

Your attention is drawn to item Number 5 which is inaccurate due to an inadequate translation of a story released by the Relocation Office.

Their error will be corrected in the Japanese Section of the Free Press of February 3rd when the following story will appear;

"The story appearing in the Japanese Section of the Manzanar Free Press of January 27th, stating that persons returning to the West Coast must do so without assistance from WRA, was not fully correct." The story should have read:

"Persons returning to the West Coast will be eligible for relocation and assistance grants on the same basis as persons going to another part of the country. The WRA attempts to arrange permanent housing and employment through other government agencies, but does not itself find employment or housing for very many persons."

The Manzanar Relocation office disclosed, however, that quite a number of employers are writing directly to Manzanar for help. These letters are on display at the Relocation office.

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# 意気昂揚 振興総動起

## 第三面

# 日米交換船実現か？

華府、国務省の発表によれば、葡港クロニクル紙の報道するところに依ると、約一ヶ月以上の延期の後、日本帝国政府は第三回日米交換船の件に就き交渉に応ずる模様である。

右報道に依れば、日本政府は鶴嶺湖収容所にある日系人との交換に対して特に熱意を示してゐるとの事。

米国々務省よりの公表によれば、日本政府よりの通信に依れば、日本政府は一九四五年内に第三回日米人交換の件に就き熟慮中であり、鶴嶺湖収容所はセンター中で特別の性質を有する見解の下に、日本政府は当鶴湖居住者達に特に注意と関心を払ふものである旨。

尚、米国々務省は日本政府との契約の未来交換船の件を取扱ふものであると発表した。

## 四 迷ったか加州人

—土井氏の災禍—

加州ニュヤキャッスル発、羅府デイリー紙の報ずるところに依ると、本年二十六才になる土井澄男氏所有のパッキング屋に何者かが放火を企て、其上、屋根にガソリンを注掛けて爆破せんとした事件が起った。

土井氏及郡警察当局者の話を所に依ると、土井氏は問題の所有家屋に怪しあるを発見し、直ちに火を消すべく消火しようとしたが、

去る十日の夜、土井氏は自宅の所有家屋に電話にて急報を求めたが、警官一隊の到着する迄、何者かの一味は家を踏み荒らした。

現場を調査の結果、犯人は家屋の壁一帯にはガソリンを注掛けたものと推定した。

現場の跡には大きなガソリンマイトとて、ガソリンが詰めてあったのを発見した。

犯人は未だ捕縛されていず近き中には必ず縛に就くべき筈である。

この事件に関して郡警察署よりは厳重なる警備員を出張させ、盗在土井氏の住宅及所有果樹園を警護せしめてゐる。

又其後金曜日の早朝数名の悪漢は自動車で逃げ去った。

土井氏の住宅目掛けて発砲、土井氏は驚きのあまり早速警察に電話にて急報を求めた。

事件は右事件に関し左の如き意味を以て警告を発した。

「斯かる事件の起つたことは実に遺憾に堪えない。斯様な悪行為は敵国に報復手段の好材料を提供するもので一般市民はおのおの自重して再び斯様な不祥事件の起きぬ様くれぐれも心掛けねばならぬ。」

## 転住部便り 加州帰還者へ

新年になつて以来加州沿岸帰還問題はセンター住民の話題の中心となつてゐるが、先ず西部沿岸地方への帰還者の心得べきことは、東部及中部諸地方への転住者の多くは是等の地方に対して地理的に通じ或はセンター移住以前の出身地なるため家族を有する者も多く且ついろいろと便宜を計つてくれる知友を持つ者もあるが故に、

口の斡旋に意を払つてゐるが、西部沿岸地方へ帰還する人々は前記の転住者と異り、其の事情は或はセンター移住以前の出身地なるため家族を有する者も多く且ついろいろと便宜を計つてくれる知友を持つ者もある故に、

当局としては西部沿岸地方への帰還者に対しては特別の援助を与へずセンター移住以前の縁故を頼りて又は自身所有の家屋を以て再び生活を営まねばならない。

依て転住者を求める人は「合衆国職業斡旋所」に於て求められたい。

とにかく西部沿岸地方へ帰還する人は自分で自身の生活を確立する心構えをしっかり持たねばならない。

## 共同組合より：日本映画上映!!

共同組合から当収容所へ新年の贈物として二月中旬左の日本映画を御高覧に供します。

澤田正二郎主演
「国定忠次」
「新撰組」

原作吉川英治
「宮本武蔵」

日本風景
「富士三景」

外に漫画

上映期日は追って発表。

講堂取締委員の厳達により今後は絶対に無切符で入場不可。

小供も無切符で入場出来ないものとする。

日曜午後特別上映。

月曜日午後一時半開館。

火曜日午後一時半開館

水曜日午後二時半開演

## ○養老社会保険就て

一九三七年以後、社会保険に加入せる商業又は工業に従事してゐた六十五才又は其れ以上の年齢の人達は皆此の社会保険の恩典に浴する事が出来るならんとサンバナナ市社会保険局主任ジョンソン氏の意見である。

又右様保険者の妻或は未亡人は年齢六十五才に達すれば月々保険の恩典を受け得ると云ふ。尚右社会保険に就いて詳細に識らんと欲する者は早速当社会部一九一主任デール夫人に問合せられたしと。

## ◎再転住所便り

一、書記募用・羅府一会社は日系人を書記に雇ひたしと。希望者は当転住事務所一四一尚給料は月給百四十弗、週四十時間働。

二、カッコロラド、ワイオミング、アイダホ其他の諸州より財産の貸借及貸借に就き情報あり。希望者は直ちに再転住所に照会されたし。

## ◎米國日本捕虜への郵送規定

華府國際赤十字社の副委員マイヤー氏は米國内の日本兵捕虜への郵送規定を最近発表した

一、各小包が四封度超えざれば送料は不要。但し各小包には『捕虜宛戦時郵便物』と明記する事。尚小包の数には制限なし。

二、郵税を掛けても各小包は七十封度を超過すべからず。

三、捕虜宛の手紙は郵便切手を要せず。但し『捕虜宛戦時郵便』の明記を要す。

## 『比嘉一等兵の手紙』メリット所長へ

左記は今回第三世界大戦に参加し、欧州戦線より帰還し合衆国内に於て幾多の有益なる実戦談を試み多大の感動を全聴衆に與へたトーマス比嘉一等兵の当所長メリット氏に送った手紙内容である。

『拝啓　御當所マンザナを訪問致しました節は一方ならぬお世話に預り厚く御礼申上げます。お陰様にて旅行も終り唯今サンタバーラにゐて働く休暇を得てゐます。（中略）何卒例（一片の挨拶の葉書であっても出征兵士へ手紙を書く事を忘れないで下さい。又其の手紙の返事が来なくても彼等を赦して下さい。多分時間が無いか又は用紙がなかった事により返事を出されぬ事があります。

銃後にある私達は前線にある此等の兵士の進大なる犠牲に大いに感謝せねばなりません。

如何にして是等の兵士を喜ばせる事が出来るでせうか？

それは唯毎日の出来事を手紙に書いて通信してやる事です。全兵士は彼等が友達より忘れられてゐない事を感ずる事が一番幸福であり彼等も亦喜び友達或は愛する者の事を感謝より放しません。

昨年の今日頃彼等は雪の山中に砲声を聞きながら寝ました。然し斯様な時も決して親類や友達の事は片時も忘れませんでした。

此手紙に認めて送ります金五弗の為替を同封してゐます故悪だ御手数ですが御当所マンザナより出征兵士達の贈物に添へ差上げて下さい敬具

## ◎共同組食堂謝恩宴

去る廿四日水曜夜第一食堂に於て常に共同組合発展のために努力後援を惜しまざる組合従業員、区支配人其他各團体の指導者等約三百名相集りて感謝晩餐会を開催した

司会者たる保田フランク氏は組合取締役、田中組合各部々長を紹介し終りて、村松取締役議長、安西メンホール議長、メリット所長なる

## ◎共同組

新井常務支配人より夫々挨拶あり、引続いて前組合経営部幹部より本宗喜、岡田秀雄、竹安繁松の三氏の功労を謝し、中村氏より記念品を贈呈された。

続て一同ターキーディナーに舌鼓を打ちつつ第十六食堂に於て映画を楽しみ和気藹々裡に十時半散会した。

## ◎木週の出所者数

永住者　七
季節働
臨時　一七
本週迄出所者数
永住　二五〇六
季節　六
臨時　廿一
マンザナ合　五五〇六

## ◎日系出征兵の名誉表

桑港クロニクル紙の報道に依れば、オレゴン州ポートランド河　全米在郷軍人團長シュアイベリング氏は本週当フードリバー在郷軍人團支部に宛、日系出征兵士の姓名を以前通り名誉表に列する旅忠告を発した。

## ○ピヤノ教師入用

午後二時に面会ありたし
マンザナ音楽部　廿四一五

## ○明石姉死亡

紐育メリノール本部勤務中のシスター明石姉は去月廿九日同所に於て病没就ては当教会に於て追悼祈禱会開催の筈なれば旧知一般関係者の御参会を希望すと。

一月廿日午後七時
今廿九日午後六時半
マンザナ　カソリック教会にて
祈禱会
弥撒聖祭

自動車（ミシン）（ハッセンジャー）買たし　中村　五十六一三五

（一月廿八日午後六時半於十六区食堂）
新詩吟大温習会
荒岡続詩研究会

## ○入營者

安藤　鐵　泉すーチ

## ○退院者

中村民治

## ○出所者

杉原義男
福原市助
全ハンリー