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DUPLICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION CARDS AVAILABLE

Alien center residents who have lost their alien registration cards and who desire to fill out an application for a new card should contact the Legal Aid Office, Building 1-2-3, Project Attorney Alan C.

Campbell declared.

He said that alien center residents who have lost their original cards, will have to obtain duplicates in order to get all of their papers in order for relocation.

EVACUEES ELIGIBLE FOR 'SURVIVORS INSURANCE'

Persons evacuated from military areas and now residing in relocation centers are entitled to the benefits of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, if otherwise eligible, the Welfare Section disclosed.

It added that a number of evacuees who could not be reached by the Social Security Board were eligible for those benefits.

The Welfare Section stated that Social Security payments were being sent to other persons prior to their evacuation, whose later addresses were not reported to the board and that the delivery of checks was held up for them.

All persons who believe that they are eligible to receive, or to resume receiving Social Security benefits, should make application at the nearest office of the Social Security Board.

Manzanar residents should get in touch with Mr. J.H. Johnson, Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Board, San Bernardino.

'STEP LIVELY' SLATED HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

"Step Lively" starring Frank Sinatra, George Murphy and Gloria DeHaven plus Chapter Eight of the "Overland Mail" will be shown tomorrow and Saturday due to a special Catholic Mass Program on Sunday night, the Co-op announced.

Matinee will be held on Saturday afternoon.

CEASE FURTHER FAMILY REUNIONS AT CRYSTAL CITY INTERNMENT CAMP

Except in the few cases of families already approved for transfer to the Crystal City Internment Camp, there are to be no further reunions of Japanese families at that camp, Assistant Alien Control, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner W.F. Kelly revealed in a letter to WRA Director Dillon S. Myer.

Kelly added, "Insofar as the reunion elsewhere of interned Japanese families is concerned, no plans have been formulated which enable this service to (Continued on Page Two)

CACA DANCE PROGRAM

SLATED HERE FRIDAY

The CACA will sponsor a special dance program Friday evening at the Community Auditorium, according to an announcement from the Community Activities Section.

Featured artists will be the Uyoda sisters of block five.

Tickets may be had at the block managers' offices.

GOVERNMENT TO REJECT PLEAS OF EVACUEES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Federal authorities will reject the pleas of center evacuees to keep the centers running until the war is over and sometime thereafter, the Los Angeles Times declared.

It stated, "a plea from Pacific Coast evacuees for greater government help in returning to former homes, finding new residences, or staying in federally financed camps will be turned down by the WRA."

BUDDHIST HOSTEL OPENS IN LOS ANGELES AREA

Under the guidance of the Reverend and Mrs. K. Imamura, formerly of the Gila Rivers, Ariz., Project and under the management of Arthur Takemoto, the Buddhist Hostel at 1336 West 36th Place will be open to the evacuees on or about April 7, an announcement from the hostel reveals.

The statement said that the Sonshin Board of Directors "graciously" consented to the use of their property in the "best interest of the entire community."

Accommodations are limited but warm welcome will be assured everyone.

Everyone is requested to bring their own sheets.

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COMEDIAN JOE E. BROWN ASKS FAIR PLAY FOR NISEI

SAN FRANCISCO--Speaking before a gathering of the Commonwealth Club at the Palace Hotel, Motion Picture Comedian and Radio Star Joe E. Brown asked for fair play for Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Pacific Citizen said.

In speaking of the loyalty and courage of Japanese American soldiers, Brown, who has traveled 200,000 miles to entertain servicemen in every theater of war, said, "Why can't they (Americans of Japanese ancestry) be accepted as Americans?"

Seriously pleading for a better understanding of Japanese Americans, the comedian said that 20 per cent or more of the wounded men in many of the Italian hospitals he had visited were Japanese Americans.

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FRAMEWORK OF PEACE

"Papers signed won't stop war; they never have," he said. "But the understanding of the other person that is coming out of this war--that's the framework of everlasting peace."

The comedian received two standing ovations during his speech.

JAPANESE SECTION HEAD RELOCATES TO BERKELEY

Former Manzanar Free Press Japanese Section Editor George K. Shigematsu has arrived safely in Berkeley, Calif. and is now boarding with the families of Professor Paul Taylor of the University of California, a letter to Reports Officer Arch Davis reveals.

TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 17 IN PLACER COUNTY CASE

PLACER COUNTY, Calif.--Four men, who were taken into custody recently in connection with the burning and dynamiting of the packing sheds of Sumio Doi, a Japanese American farmer, were arraigned and the trial set for April 17.

Bail was set for all four defendants, Pvt. Elmer R. Johnson, and his brother Alvin E. Johnson, both of whom were AWOL, and two bartenders.

COMMUNITY AIDS SHERIFF IN VIGILANTE HUNT

SAN JOSE, Calif.--The Sheriff's office here is using a ballistics expert in hunting vigilantes who recently fired shots into the home of Joe Takeda, a Japanese American and who shot at the occupants, the San Francisco Chronicle declared.

The paper quoted Sheriff Emig of San Jose that, "The entire community is supporting the sheriff's office in its determination to discover those guilty of the Takeda outrage."

PLAN HOSTEL

The Chronicle revealed that the San Jose Civic Unity Council plans to establish a hostel for returnees and that a conference between the council, James Edmiston, a WRA representative, and Teiko Ishida, JACL director, is now underway.

PFC. WILLIAM HIRATA

FIGHTS WITH MEDICS

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE--No group of men is held in higher esteem by the infantrymen of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team than their own Medical Detachment, of which Pfc. William Hirata of Manzanar is a member, the War Department disclosed.

It stated that the medics have always responded to the call of the wounded, though their response might mean death to themselves, and adds that the percentage of medical detachment men who have been decorated for gallantry in action is higher than any other section of the 442nd, which is recognized for its fighting qualities.

Private First Class William "Shorty" Hirata is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tetsaburo Hirata of 27-6-3. Another son, Pvt. Yuichi Hirata is also in the armed forces of the United States.

MIXING BEST IN MAKING AMERICAN CITIZEN-ICKES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"If we are to make American citizens in the real sense out of those who come to us from foreign lands, or who are the children of newcomers, the best and quickest way of accomplishing that result is to have them mix freely with older American strains," Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes declared in referring to persons of Japanese ancestry, the San Francisco Chronicle stated.

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give you any information whatsoever at this time. When a decision is reached, all Japanese families concerned will be advised regarding the matter through officers in charge of the internment camps and directors of the WRA projects. This should not be construed as an indication that there will be further Japanese family reunions in camps under the jurisdiction of the service."

PFC. OGURA FIGHTS WITH 442ND INFANTRY REGIMENT

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—Giving the front-line doughboys of the 442nd Japanese American Infantry Regiment close, continuous and mobile artillery support, a cannon company of that unit, of which Pfc. Shuichi "Swish" Ogura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ukiichi Ogura of 11-7-5, Manzanar, Calif., is a member—is directing fire against enemy positions in the Alps along the Franco-Italian border, the War Department stated.

It said that the cannon company is participating in a "tough, mountain warfare" by covering advancing patrols and disorganizing enemy attempts to attack strategic outposts.

The announcement adds that forward observers, the "eyes" of this artillery, often have to run the gauntlet of enemy fire in taking positions of advantage in the high, windswept crags.

Throughout the Italian

campaign, the company's artillery was "bad news" for the Krauts. In one day of fighting, it knocked out six enemy 88 mm. and 75 mm. guns. The 105 mm. howitzers of the company played an important part in the 442nd's crossing of the Aeno River, carving a path through enemy troops, and machine-gun, mortar and artillery positions.

In France, the company gave constant support to Japanese American infantrymen spearheading the Seventh Army's drive toward Germany. Aiding in the rescue of World War II's famous "Lost Battalion", nine out of 13 of its men directly participating were wounded.

"At times, the going has been extremely rough, but the men have never failed to out do themselves in surmounting any obstacle in their path," said Captain Edwin R. Shoroy, Madison, Wisc., company commander.

WESTBROOK PEGLER HITS POLITICAL APPOINTEES

"It is a great misfortune that a people who are so imposed upon and mocked in their liberties and dignity by a little band of political appointees cannot keep aware of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court and understand them," Westbrook Pegler declared in his recent column in commenting on the Red Korematsu case.

In declaring that Fred Korematsu was convicted for remaining in his native state contrary to "an order by an Army officer who was a lieutenant-general, but (who) might as well have been a corporal," Pegler revealed that the law forbade any person to remain or "commit any act" in any military area, under penalty of a \$5000 fine and one year in prison for each offense.

Stating that Felix Frankfurter, one of the members of the Supreme Court which ruled the legality of the Army's evacuation order, was "an immigrant from an enemy country", Pegler declared, "I believe it would have been more to the interest of the United States to snatch Frankfurter from the bench and lock him up than to intern a thousand Korematsus in the Arizona desert. He has long associated with individuals whom I regard as enemies of the American system of Government which guarantees our liberties and possessions."

RECRUIT TEACHERS HERE.

Two men, Herman Spindt and Aubrey Berry, of the teacher recruiting and replacement staff of the University of California Teacher Placement Agency, arrived here Monday and interviewed 28 teachers of the Manzanar school for placement at other schools in the fall semester.

At least four-fifth of the teachers are making contacts for positions elsewhere which will become effective in September. Some have already completed their plans for next year.

NEW YORK USO PLAYS HOST TO NISEI GI

NEW YORK—Recently, the USO in a small town in New York was host to several hundred Japanese American soldiers and girls at a special dance.

The women of this town, many of whom had never before seen a Nisei contributed 40 home-made cakes and 27 pies for the affair.

ISSUE OHIO PAMPHLETS

A twelve-page pamphlet on "Ohio Farming" has been prepared by the Great Lakes Area of the WRA and is now available for distribution at the Relocation Office. Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath announced.

PICTURES, MAPS

The pamphlet depicts various agricultural products of the state of Ohio as well as pictures of evacuees who have relocated to Ohio and who are making their living from agriculture. There is also a map showing the sections of the state best suited to fruit growing and to nurseries and greenhouses.

AIDS DISASTER VICTIMS

The American Red Cross is responsible for providing disaster relief for the victims of such catastrophes as floods, epidemics, tornadoes, train wrecks and earthquakes.

This organization meets the basic needs for shelter, clothing, food, medical care and necessary assistance in re-establishing homes for those requiring such aid as the result of these disasters.

During the past fiscal year, the Red Cross has aided the victims of more than 250 catastrophes.

This is only one of the many responsibilities of the American Red Cross.

MULTONAMAH COUNTY BAR TO PROTECT LOYAL NISEI

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Multnomah County War Association has appointed a committee of five to protect the interests of Japanese Americans, "whose constitutional rights may be threatened by hysteria", the Klamath Falls, Ore., Herald and News disclosed.

TRANSLATION

Japanese Section, The Mankamer Free Press
March 26, 1945

1. Title of Newspaper

Mankamer Free Press, Vol. 6, No. 75, 1-1-3

2. Average Pages Number and Cases

From: L. A. Mankamer, March 25, 1945, Page 1, Col. 1 to 3 and
Page 6, Col. 1 to 6.

3. For Sale

Baby buggy and bed. Contact Bufile 25-3-4.

4. From Mankamer Co-op

Music schedule will be changed on account of the Easter Program.

Please advise your children not to use sling shots in auditorium.

All departments of Co-op will be closed coming March 31, 1945 to
take inventory.

5. Urge Nisei to Carry Birth Certificates.

From: Mankamer Free Press, March 24, 1945, Vol. 6, No. 75, Page 3,
Col. 6

6. Typist wanted immediately at the Canteen. Contact Canteen manager
Matsuzaki at Block 8.

7. Entertainment At The Auditorium

Contact Block office for the tickets.

8. Buddhist Hostel Opens in Los Angeles Area.

From: Mankamer Free Press, March 23, 1945, Vol. 6, No. 80, Page 1,
Col. 1

9. Legion Services Honor Mankamer Veteran of First World War

From: Mankamer Free Press, March 24, 1945, Vol. 6, No. 75, Page 1,
Col. 4 & 5.

10. Co-Contact

Held at Block 10-15 from April 1 to April 15

11. Full Name of Sender Needed for Parents to War Internees

From: Mainichi Free Press, March 24, 1945, Vol. 8, No. 78, Page 1, Col. 2

12. Small Coffer Wanted Immediately at the Japanese Section Mainichi Free Press

13. Indication Appreciation

Shigeichi Kikuyama, 6-12-3

14. Chain Lost Articles at Police Station

From: Mainichi Free Press, March 24, 1945, Vol. 8, No. 79, Page 2, Col. 4

15. Death Notice

Shinichi Yoshinaga

Died March 24, 3 A.M. at the local hospital. Obituary and Funeral Service will be held at a later date.

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