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LOS ANGELES FILES SUIT FOR PAY FOR ELECTRICITY TO MANZANAR

Manzanar became the center of controversy last week when the Los Angeles City Water and Power Commission instructed the city attorney to file a suit against the War Relocation Authority in an effort to collect \$153,212.02 past due electric bill for services at this center, according to the Inyo Independent.

The story stated that the bill covers services to the Manzanar center since its establishment early in 1942 to the end of last month and that no electric bills have been paid to date.

The federal agency refused to pay for services on the contention that it would receive a lower rate block if the camp was located in Los Angeles.

The city department stated that the WRA asked for "and has been using the service under existing rate schedules which apply to all electric consumers in the valley system."

The WRA's effort to compromise for the sum of \$100,000 was rejected by the water and power commission, after a survey and study of valley maintenance
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APPLY FOR DUPLICATES OF LOST REGISTRATION CARDS

Center aliens, who have lost their Alien Registration Receipt Cards or their Alien Certificates of Identification or both, should contact Project Attorney Alan G. Campbell immediately to fill out application forms for duplicates of either one of these papers, an announcement from the Legal Aid Division urged.

APPOINTED STAFF CLUBS TO PRESENT MUSICAL

The Manzanar Appointed Personnel (MAP) Club, will present a musical program in the Community Auditorium tomorrow evening, May 24, at 8 p.m., according to an announcement from Aksel Nielsen, supervisor of the Community Activities Section.

Tickets for this program may be had free of charge through the block managers.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR STAGES FINAL PROGRAM

"Looking Backward", the final concert of the Manzanar High School Choir, was well received by the crowd which jammed the Community Auditorium, Friday evening.

Outstanding were "Ballad For Americans" sung by the Manzanar High School choir with solos by Baritone Yukio Ogawa; and songs from "Loud and Clear", including "There She Goes", "Bow Down", "Alma Mater", "When We Were Young", "When I Dance", "Frame Of Mind", "Clouds of Doubt", and "Give A Cheer", which were sung by the choir and guest artists which included Marie Shindo, Kow Maruki, Harry Tashima and Kazuko Nagai.

Mary Kageyama, "Songbird"
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SPECIAL BUSES TO STOP AT CITIES ENROUTE; TICKETS SOLD HERE

Arrangements have been made by the Relocation Division with the drivers of special buses to Los Angeles so that buses will stop at cities en route, Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath discloses.

This will permit people to get off at San Fernando and other cities in the vicinity.

However, there will be no stops made from Burbank on.

Restrictions on the franchise held by the Inland Stages Company prevents buses from stopping to let persons off anywhere in the immediate limits of the city of Los Angeles before they reach the station.

Persons who wish to get off at cities en route must keep their baggage with them since it will not be possible to sort baggage out of the baggage compartment during the trip.

Immediate plans are being made for persons leaving the center on the special busses to buy their tickets here in Manzanar.

A representative of the bus company will be at the Relocation Office, Building 1-4, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the day before the bus leaves.

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HAUL DIRT

Volunteers are wanted to help haul dirt for the baseball diamond after supper tonight and tomorrow, reports Kane Ishino.

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ANNJANETTE LAWING WEDS ARMY OFFICER IN EAST

Annjanette Lawing, former teletype operator of this center, became the bride of Second Lieutenant Edwin Smith in a marriage ceremony performed, Saturday, May 5, at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York, the Inyo Independent reports.

The former teletype operator left this valley by a train and was married upon her arrival in New York. She is a graduate of the Owens Valley High School, having graduated last June.

Lieutenant Smith, who is stationed at the Quartermaster Depot in New York City, learned to fly in Independence. He was inducted into the army a year ago last November.

The couple were attended by the groom's brother-in-law and sister, Cpl. and Mrs. William Dinjian, who were married in January and attended by Annjanette Lawing and her future husband.

CALL SIX FOR PHYSICALS

Called for their pre-induction army physicals earlier in the month, six Manzanar boys boarded a special bus to Los Angeles Monday night.

The boys were Haruki Murakami, 2-14-5; Kohci Nakaji, 2-14-2; Ka Takashi Osumi, 6-3-5; Akitsugu Saka, 2-1-3; Manoru Shishido, 3-7-1; and Seizo Tanibata, 10-13-3.

KIYOHARU ANZAI RETURNS

Kiyoharu Anzai, chairman of the Town Hall Block Managers Assembly, returned to the center after a brief stay in Los Angeles.

which included those of the National Music Week Concert, Music Assembly, Music Night, High School Commencement, Carnival Concert, Inyo County Teachers' Institute, High School Assembly, Christmas Concert of 1943, Christmas Assembly, Rotary Club Dinner, "Loud and Clear", Christmas Assembly, Christmas Concert of 1944, Memorial Service, and the Open House.

'MOVED OUTERS', STORY OF ASSEMBLY, RELOCATION CENTER LIFE, AVAILABLE

"Moved Outers", a book dealing with the evacuation of 1942 and life at the assembly and relocation centers has just been published by Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston and is now available at \$2. National WRA Director Dillon S. Myer revealed.

The book authored by Florence Crannell Means and illustrated by Helen Blair, contains 150 pages.

ONE FAMILY

The text deals with one family from the day before the attack on Pearl Harbor to the time the young daughter leaves Anache on student relocation and the one son joins the United States Army. Unfortunately, it does not carry the story up to the present.

EMOTIONAL IMPACT

Much of the text is concerned with the emotional aspect of what happens on the hearts and minds of these two young people. The father is detained and sent to Bismark before the evacuation, later released and rejoins the family group in Anache. The young people feel keenly the manifestations of antagonism shown by certain people with whom they come in contact. They feel the safety of being inside the gates at times, yet fear the "Japanization" which may overtake them by constant association with the older people. Despite all the trials they emerge, in the end loyal Americans.

It is light reading and the facts are well presented.

--CITY SUES WRA

(Continued from Page 1) and operation costs had been made showing a return of less than six per cent at existing rates, and affording no basis for recommending a decrease in the present rate schedule.

The Independent stated that the Department of Justice is reported to be handling the federal government's case in the matter, hoping to establish a fair schedule through court action on which to pay the bill.

The center in Manzanar uses an average of 300,000 kilowatts per month, and federal officials claim that the WRA center should not be compelled to pay for electrical power on the same schedule as applies to small users elsewhere in Owens Valley.

--FINAL CONCERT

(Continued from Page 1) of Manzanar, made a surprise visit to the center from Los Angeles and sang two numbers. "Daybreak" and "Night and Day."

Other numbers included "Don't Fence Me In", "Accentuate The Positive", "Skip To My Lou", "Rom", "Meet Me In St. Louis", "Three Blind Mice", "Cantata", "Agnus Dei", "Carol Of The Bells", and "Singing On A Star."

Director Louis Kravell, who wrote the numbers for the "Loud and Clear" opera, also composed "Cantata" and "Agnus Dei".

The numbers included in the final concert were all taken from the past public performances of the choir

NISEI CHAPLAIN HOPES FOR EARLY WIN OVER JAPAN

ST. LOUIS -- Hope for a speedy victory over Japan was expressed yesterday by Capt. George Aki, 30, only Japanese American chaplain of the United States Army, born in the United States, who has adopted St. Louis as his home and is spending a leave with his wife, Mrs. Misaki Aki, and 8-month-old daughter, Joanno, 135 North Bompert Ave., Webster Groves, reported the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Capt. Aki is one of approximately 400 Japanese Americans, 95 per cent of them Christians, in St. Louis and St. Louis County. Ordained a minister of the Congregational Christian Church June 11, 1942, he was formerly assistant pastor of Oakland Independent Congregational Church, Oakland, Calif. Capt. and Mrs. Aki came to St. Louis from the Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Ark., in March 1944.

Miss Mary E. Brooks of the War Relocation Authority, said Capt. Aki is one of only three Nisei (American-born Japanese) chaplains in the United States armed forces. However, the other two are natives of Hawaii. They are overseas, and Capt. Aki is awaiting an order to go across.

SERVED IN MISSISSIPPI

Capt. Aki served with the Japanese American soldiers of the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Miss. Units of the 442nd, which went to Italy early in 1943, have fought with distinction in Italy and southern France and are now spearheading the drive which pushed the Nazis into the Bavarian Alps.

He was then transferred

to Fort McClellan, Ala., where 600 other Japanese American soldiers were stationed. Then he was reassigned to Camp Shelby and became chaplain for the remaining soldiers of the 442nd Battalion, which was then redesignated the 171st Infantry Battalion. Most of the officers are Caucasian.

Aki was born in Livingston, Calif., where his maternal grandfather, Seinosuke Okuyo, a Japanese Army engineer, one of the first Christians in Japan, founded what is said to be the only completely Christian colonies of Japanese in the United States in 1904. Sprung Shintoism, ancestor worship and Buddhism, Okuyo became a Methodist.

Educated in American schools and knowing only a few words of Japanese, Aki said his knowledge of Japan is purely hearsay, based on what he has read, because he has never been there. He estimated, however, that Japan has approximately 500,000 Christians. He pointed to the Christian missionary work of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa in Japan. As to the present whereabouts of Dr. Kagawa, Aki said, "There is a lot of speculation about that."

Aki was graduated from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif. in 1942. He met his wife, formerly Miss Misaki Iijima, a native of California, at the school, where she was working for her master's degree in religious education. They were married April 10, 1942.

Mrs. Aki has three brothers, Takeru, Shori and Isaac Iijima, in the armed service. Two are overseas.

ATTEMPT BY RETURNEE TO SELL PRODUCE FAILS IN PORTLAND MARKET

PORTLAND, May 23--After attempting to sell produce at the East Side Farmers Wholesale Produce Market, S. Tsuboto, first Japanese American to sell produce in Portland, returned sadly to his home where most of his produce was still on his truck.

Although other growers reported a great demand for crops, S. Tsuboto was treated more as a curiosity than a dealer.

OREGON CITY JUDGE ORDERS COUPLE RETURN LAND

OREGON CITY, May 23--In the circuit court recently, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bergh were found guilty of encroachment on a farm owned by Masayuki Fujimoto near Boring. Judge Carl C. La Tourette then ordered the couple to return the lands to the Japanese American.

The defendants' attorney, Glenn Jack, argued that the lease was for the duration and not merely for the time in which the Japanese American owner was absent. He will appeal the case.

MALE COOK WANTED IN LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY

A male cook is wanted immediately for the Kobiyakawa boarding house on Sawtelle Boulevard, West Los Angeles with pay at \$300 a month plus room and board.

If a couple is available and wants to work, the owner of the boarding house is willing to hire the woman as cook at \$200 a month and her husband as a gardener at \$300 a month or more.

CALLS AUBURN INCIDENT ROTTEN, UN-AMERICAN

SAN FRANCISCO--"The affair at Auburn... is so rotten, so un-American, so similar to the Tennessee Stokes trial of years ago that even moderate liberals like myself are outraged by the "white man's law", San Jose reader Tom Meret declared in a letter to the Chronicle.

THREATEN NISEI GIRL RETURNEE TO ORANGE COUNTY

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.-- WRA officials this week turned over the names of five men who threatened Japanese American evacuee Mary Masuda of bodily harm unless she moves out of Orange county.

The Nisei girl, who has four brothers in the United States Army, lives with a Caucasian family named

Trudeaux in Talbort, Orange county.

Her brothers in the army include Kazuo, who was killed at Cassino; Tekashi, who was wounded while with the 442nd in the Vosges Mountains; Masao, now on route home on furlough; and Mits, who received a medical discharge. Her parents are in Gila, Ariz.

CITIZENS' GROUP ATTEND ANTI-JAPANESE MEET

PORTLAND, Ore.—Two anti-Japanese meetings which were held recently in the vicinity of Portland were well attended, but two-thirds of the audience was comprised of members of a citizens' group in Portland, the WRA office in Seattle states.

The citizens' group came armed with data which they handed to all persons attending the meeting, and invitations were extended to all to attend a coming meeting at which time the true picture on the Japanese resettlement will be given. Badges 12 inches in length and 2 inches wide proclaiming "fair play for loyal American Japanese" were worn by the members of the citizen's group.

'FROM CAMP TO COLLEGE'

BOOKLET TELLS STORY OF STUDENT RELOCATION

A new booklet, "From Camp To College" the story of the Japanese American student relocation, with forward by WRA Director Dillon S. Myer has been published under the auspices of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council of Philadelphia.

Contained in the booklet are, among other things, how the student relocation began, the first year's work, the second year, military regulations, what colleges have accepted Nisei, the council's relationship to the WRA, overcoming relocation center psychology, the council's present functions, financial advice and scholarship aid, and of the closing of the centers.

CONTACT WELFARE FOR CLOTHING GRANTS

Anyone who is relocating and is in need of clothing should contact the Community Welfare Section for clothing grants, according to an announcement in the Town Hall.

To date, 109 special clothing grants have been issued.

EVACUEES IN ESSENTIAL WORK MAY OBTAIN HOMES IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 23—Evacuees employed in essential industries are eligible and can obtain housing in government projects in suburban Buffalo, George Graff, the Western New York district relocation officer revealed today.

"Government housing authorities met with the representatives from the Buffalo Resettlement Committee and myself recently to discuss the problem of securing proper housing for evacuees.

"The results have been fruitful, the housing authorities said that quarters for small family groups are available now. We don't know how many we can take care of on this plan," he continued, "but have your relocation program officer write early and we will see that your request gets quick attention."

It was pointed out that two evacuee families are already living in one of the projects, and their experiences have been favorable.

PAUL FISCHER HEADS NEW WRA OFFICE IN VISALIA

VISALIA, Calif.—A new district relocation office was opened Tuesday at 117 N. Church Street in rooms 3, 4, and 5, Charles F. Miller, relocation supervisor for the Northern California area of the WRA announced in San Francisco.

FISCHER IN CHARGE

Paul J. Fischer, relocation officer, will be in charge of the new office which is in the Seligman Larkins Building.

Fischer, who formerly was in charge of the WRA relocation office in Fresno, will handle relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry in the counties of Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Tulare, Kings and Kern.

OTHER OFFICES

Other WRA relocation offices in the Northern California area are located at Fresno, Watsonville, Santa Rosa, Stockton, San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland and San Jose.

NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR

VOIGES VIEWS ON 'JAPS'

FRESNO, Calif.—"New Mexico has no Japanese, never has had them, and we don't want them now," Governor John J. Dempsey of New Mexico stated in Fresno, basing his feelings toward the Japanese on conversations with boys in the Oak Knoll Hospital in San Francisco.

"Those who advocate return of the Japanese should go through that hospital. They should see what the Japanese did to those boys ... Talk to the former prisoners who got back and hear what they tell you." the Los Angeles Times quoted Governor Dempsey.

CIVIC UNITY COUNCIL OPENS SAN JOSE HOSTEL TO AID RELOCATION

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Hostel is now opened under the sponsorship of the San Jose Council for Civic Unity and is ready to provide returning evacuees with temporary housing and board while they make definite relocation plans, the San Jose area relocation officer advised.

The hostel will accommodate approximately 50 people at one time.

T. Kawakami is in charge of the hostel located at 630 North Fifth Street.

Rates are about \$1.50 a day.

Evacuees will be requested to contribute about one hour's work daily for maintenance and upkeep.

MITSUHATA RETURNS TO JOB WITH CLIFTON'S

Shizuo Mitsuata, assistant senior steward of this center, left Friday morning for Los Angeles, where he will be re-employed at the nationally known Clifton's Cafeteria, Project Steward M. L. Harbach announced.

Formerly Mitsuata was a buyer for Clifton. His duties here consisted of making up the daily menus, acting as a coordinator between the kitchens and the mess divisions, and of instructing the kitchens on how to prepare meals.

15. Jap News Edition Declares Peace Plan Reports "Enemy Propaganda"

From L. A. Examiner, May 20, 1945, Part I, Page 6, Col. 5-6-7

2. Truman Said To Ease Japanese Peace Bid

From New York Times, May 19, 1945, Page 3, Col. 6.

3. Europe Chaos Growing

From L. A. Examiner, May 20, 1945, Page 1, Col. 4.
Page 8, Col. 2-3-4-5-6-7

4. Assist Evacuees To Find Housing

From Manzanar Free Press, May 19, 1945, Page 8, Col. 4-5.

5. Ministers Appalled At Japanese Haters

From Manzanar Free Press, May 19, 1945, Vol. 6, No. 95, Page 1, Col. 1

6. The Steps To Consider In Making Relocation Plans

By Henry Yamaguchi, Relocation Interviewer

From Manzanar Relocation Supplement, May 26, 1945, Page 2, Col. 1-2.

7. In Appreciation (Relocation)

Henry Yamaguchi and Takeji Asuma.

8. Stung Japanese Call B-29 "Plain Mister Bee"

From New York Times, May 18, 1945, Page 4, Col. 3.

9. 127 To Receive Diplomas At Graduation Exercises.

From Manzanar Free Press, May 26, 1945, Page 1, Col. 3-4.

10. Contact Welfare For Clothing Grants

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 4, Col. 1.

11. Need Volunteers To Haul Dirt

From the Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 1, Col. 5.

12. Paul Fischer Heads New War Office In Visalia.

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 4, Col. 2.

13. From Co-op

Last Saturday, a transformer and 50 feet cord for movie use was lost at the outdoor theater. Anyone finding it, please report to Co-op Office. If we don't find it before coming Saturday, we will be compelled to postpone the show for that night.

24. Succeeding Mr. Shikami, Mr. Toru Takamatsu was appointed as Treasurer unanimously at the Directors' meeting held recently. We are lucky to have such an able person for this position. Mr. Maruki, the Auditor, has relocated and Mr. Kishi, the Assistant Manager, and Mr. Takada, Accountant, will fill this position together until we get a proper person.

Mr. Runcorn of W.R.A. is in the Center, now. Co-op Directors met with him at Town Hall today and asked his opinion about the handling of Co-op business after closing of the camp.

14. Citizens Group Attend Anti-Japanese Meet.

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 4, Col. 1.

15. New Mexico Governor Voices Views On Japs

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 4, Col. 5.

16. Los Angeles Files Suit For Pay For Electricity To Manzanar

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 1, Col. 1.

17. Mitsuata Returns To Job With Clifton's

From Manzanar Free Press, May 25, 1945, Page 4, Col. 5.

18. Wanted:

Stake truck. I. Yoshikawa, Rt. 1, Box 860-A, Compton, Calif.

19. In Appreciation (Relocation)

Sadataro Kuramoto and family

20. Appreciation (Discharge from hospital)

Satomi Kuramoto

21. Fresh Troops Battle Japs In Drive On Shuri
From L. A. Times, May 22, 1945, Page 1, Col. 8.
22. Close-Ups
From L. A. Examiner, May 21, 1945, Page 6, Col. 7.
23. General, SS, Killed By Jap
From L. A. Times, May 22, 1945, Page 1, Col. 8.
24. Continuation from No. 8.

