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State Will Not Ask Opening of Center Schools; Inyo Co. Not Obligated to Help

Manzanar School Property Goes to Inyokern Navy Base and Carson Indian Agency, As Schools Open Throughout The Nation

Ill-advised hopes, held by some parents of Manzanar children, that the center would be forced to provide education, went glimmering today when a recent statement made by Dr. Walter F. Dexter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sacramento, was released.

Said Dr. Dexter, "The State requires children between the ages of eight and eighteen to attend school. It is obvious, of course, that the State can not ask the Federal Government to provide educational facilities at the Project.

"Accordingly parents of children at Manzanar must enroll their children outside of the center for the coming school term."

Dr. Dexter's statement clearly puts the obligation upon the parents to take up residence from which the child may be enrolled in a public school and release the center from the obligation of providing education for the three months period before the final closing on December 1.

Assistant Project Director Lyle J. Wentner, drew parents' attention to Section 16,001 of the California State School Code that states the responsibility of the parent is to place and keep the child in school. The code provides that parents of all children between the ages of 8 and 16 shall send their children to the public school district for the full term that school is in session.

Further unwarranted hopes of parents that Inyo County Schools would be open to their children were smashed when Dorothy C. Cragen, County Superintendent of Schools, Independence made the following statement:

"The evacuees of Manzanar are legal residents of the locality of which they were evacuated. None came from Inyo county. Therefore Inyo county is not prepared nor obligated to provide schooling for evacuee children whose parents now reside in Manzanar."

Manzanar residents have repeatedly been advised that school would not reopen at Manzanar since early in 1945. Statements of Mr. Dillon Myer have frequently appeared in the Free Press and on bulletin boards during the year, and each of the officials has addressed the assembled residents and made clear to them that the administration could not secure teachers for so short a period.

Assistant Project Director, E. H. Hooper when contacted yesterday, stated that arrangements are completed to ship all the school equipment, such as desks chairs and laboratory paraphernalia to the Navy where they will be used in the new school building being opened at Inyokern.

Mr. Hooper also pointed out that trucks are arriving on Monday morning, August 27, to take 18,000 books formerly used in

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Special Trains To Empty Poston Unit

Assuring orderly departure of residents from Camps II and III of the Poston Relocation Center, Project Director Duncan Mills announced the schedule of special trains which will empty the units by October first.

At the same time Mr. Mills stated that sixteen Hopi Indian families, approximately 90 persons will move from their reservation homes in Northern Arizona and take up residence in camp II on September 1. The Indians are being moved in prior to the complete evacuation of the Japanese Americans so that they may begin their fall planting.

The announcement, made to evacuee leaders and key personnel at a recent meeting states that four special train loads will depart on the following dates:

September 5 train load to Central Valley of California; September 12 trainload to San Diego and Los Angeles; September 26 the final trainload will carry special cars routed to various parts of California.

Trainloads are currently being made up by interviews with families and departure dates are being set in instances where the evacuee fails to select a locality to which he is willing to return and his family are being returned to the community in which he lived prior to evacuation.

In a message to the community, Project Director Mills urged residents to consider the opportunities offered by the Wilson Plantation in Arkansas and to the many other openings where housing and jobs were available throughout the United States.

Washington Announces Plan To Clear Manzanar By Dec. 1

Determination to close Manzanar on schedule, December 1, 1945, is made clear in Administrative Notice No. 289 in which Mr. Dillon Myer, Director of the WRA, requires the scheduling of departures during the last six weeks of the Center.

Point four of the six point notice states, "In each case the resident shall be informed that he must choose a departure date and destination within two weeks of a departure date will be selected for him and transportation will be arranged to his place of legal residence."

Under point six of the notice Mr. Myer states, "If any resident shall refuse to arrange for packing of personal effects, arrangements for the packing to insure his leaving according to sched-

Hundreds of Jobs Open to Evacuees In Buffalo Area

Despite cutbacks and cancellations of War Contracts approximately 5000 industrial jobs and hundreds of openings exist in retail services and are available to evacuees in the Buffalo area, according to a teletype received Tuesday at the Manzanar Relocation Office.

Available for use is the new five room hotel which will open in Buffalo on September 1, the same teletype states, and there is other housing ready for Manzanar residents with already relocated evacuee families.

Those who want permanent housing will find it according to the Buffalo statement and it points out that the man who comes to that city will find a job while the one who remains in the center may not get one.

Those wishing this employment and housing must apply in person.

Give Addresses For Block 36 Residents

Block 36 manager released the following new addresses of those residents formerly residing in block 36:

Isamu Kido, 22-11-5; George Yano, 24-7-5; Noriki Uyeyoshi, 22-11-1; Savuro Muto, 34-12-3; Seikuro Tamaribuchi, block 34; Hisataro Yamada, 15-11-3; Hifumi Koro, 17-4-1; Shukue Kono, 15-9-1.

Torasuke Fujisaki, 14-6-1; Tajihiro Yuge, 14-7-4; Jonei Saisho, 15-4-4; Kiyohisa Yoshida, 13-3-1; Y. Jack Kitahara, 13-11-1; Akira Takata, 5-5-3; Hatayue Yagi, 5-1-10; Matsujiro Susaki, 5-4-1; Marie Tanisaki, 19-6-3; Hidekichi Taminaka, 13-8-5; Masako Anzai, 19-6-2.

ule shall be made for him. If the resident shall have refused to select a destination for relocation, transportation shall be arranged to his place of legal residence which will, in nearly every case, be the place from which he was evacuated."

Residents will be notified of their established departure dates a reasonable time in advance, according to Mr. Myer's statement, but no resident will be re-

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Town Hall Gives Farewell Party To Chairman of Block Managers

Kiyoharu Anzai, retiring Chairman of the Block Managers Assembly, was honored at an evening tea party given Friday night under the sponsorship of Town Hall. Attended by members of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, C. A. C. A. and key Appointed Staff the affair was held in the Adult Education Hall with Eddie Higashi acting as Toastmaster.

In his farewell speech Mr. Anzai who has served the people of Manzanar as their spokesman since early 1942 pointed out that he is leaving his duties here to assume new ones in Los Angeles, where, as an employee of the WRA District Office, he will be better able to assist them in their resettlement.

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt reviewed the excellent help which he, as administrator of the Center had received from Mr. Anzai and said that Mr. Anzai's departure from the center would be a serious loss, but he added that the time has now come when Mr. Anzai can be of far greater help to the people of Manzanar from his offices in Los Angeles.

As a token of appreciation Mr. Merritt presented Mr. Anzai with a framed Ansel Adams photograph of Manzanar, with Town Hall in the foreground and the Sierra Nevada forming the background.

"No successor to Mr. Anzai has been appointed," Mr. Merritt stated, "but from time to time as they are needed the Block Managers will be called into session with the Project Director presiding."

Other speakers of the evening who paid high tribute to the retiring Chairman were Harry Nakamura of Town Hall, Yoshio Muramatsu of the Co-op and Harry Ohno representing the C. A. C. A.

A letter of appreciation was presented to Mr. Anzai by Town Hall and Mr. Anzai handed each of the Block Managers a letter expressing his gratitude to them

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Center Move Clears 4 Blks.

Proceeding on schedule, the first stop toward complete closing of the center, moved into its third week when residents of blocks 31 and 26 contacted housing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to receive assignments into new apartments. They will move to residences south of the large fire break beginning next Monday. By Wednesday evening it is expected that the two blocks will have been completely cleared and all services will be discontinued.

The plan to consolidate the center began on August 8, and to date four blocks have been completely evacuated, and are turned over to Property Control for disposition through Government channels. Signs are posted throughout the abandoned blocks warning residents to keep out and much Government property has already been removed and is being shipped out of the center.

Residents of blocks 32 and 27 will contact Housing next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and be assigned to new quarters. Consolidation of the Center is necessary to compensate for the shortage of working personnel which has reached a critical stage.

Interviewers from the Relocation Office are contacting all family heads obliged to move, assisting them with their relocation plans. The Office is rendered to eliminate the necessity of packing twice in the short period remaining before the final closing of Manzanar on December 1.

Murakami Takes Family to Chicago

Henry T. Murakami, one time manager of athletics in the center, was in Manzanar this week to take his family with him to their new home in Chicago.

Murakami, now a foreman with a Chicago firm, speaks highly of employment and business opportunities in Chicago and discloses that he is now operating an apartment house there.

"Housing is not easy in Chicago," says Murakami, "but it there. Some people are lucky enough to find a place in the first few days while others must look longer."

"One section of the city," he went on to say, "is being taken over by Japanese although many live in other parts. Many Japanese are in business of all kinds and new business are opening all the time."

Murakami is employed as a foreman by Lord and Bushnell and Company and has seventy men of all races under his supervision. Among those under him are the following Manzanar residents: George Tanl, Toru Shimizu, Ben Yamada, Fumio Takada, Mutsu Shintani and Mitsuri Hamaguchi.

Jobs will remain plentiful in Chicago even though the war is over, Murakami thinks and says that even high school students are making 55 cents per hour or more during vacation.

"Even old men can now find jobs," says Murakami, "I have one old man of 72 working under me as a cleaning man and I think I could find more jobs of the same kind. This man is Higahisa Yama of Rohwer and he is making 70 cents an hour."

The Murakami apartment house is located at 4206 Ellis Avenue in Chicago. He invites any of his former friends to get in touch with him if they need help in getting started in Chicago.

Prior to the war Murakami was in the fishing business but, lost heavily as did other fishermen at the time of evacuation.

Application Forms Sent To Agencies

Earl D. Brooks, WRA Personnel officer of Washington, D. C. is quoted by the Desert Wind, as stating that beginning September 1, form 57, Federal Application for Employment, made out by present members of the WRA staff will begin to go out to other federal agencies. These applications will first be submitted to the Department of Interior, except in cases where the employee has expressed definite preferences for employment in other departments.

Mr. Brooks states that other government agencies have shown considerable interest in WRA employees because of the good job done by the agency.

According to the Desert Wind, this is the third time Mr. Brooks has been responsible for transferring employees from a liquidating agency. He was successful in effecting the transfer of 83 per cent of the employees from the HOLC and the Office of Facts and Figures to other government agencies.

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Purely Personal

By Sue Kunitomi

Ugly rumors about girls running wild and having a fling because their parents aren't around to "cramp their style" have a way of flying to the centers disturbing the older folks. Many of these rumors are just rumors. Others are true to a certain extent.

There are girls who go to extremes because their first taste of freedom overcame them. They are the ones whose parents were too strict or too lax. They will shed bitter tears later but they are the ones who must learn through experience that life is give and take. Some of these girls naturally turn to the liability side of the ledger and no matter where they go, it'll be the same.

But what about the other girls? The girl who has made a success of herself because she knows what she wants out of life and goes after it. She's the girl who puts in her eight hours at an office or factory, and writes encouraging letters to friends and family still in camp. She'll bring her V-Mail with gossip of mutual friends and funny incidents. And she's the girl who worries about her family's eventual relocation and works extra four or five hours each night and banks the paycheck. She's the one who lies awake at night and wonders what this life is doing to her. Unnecessary tears are not shed but for a fleeting second you might see that hurt look in her eyes. She misses her family life so much that she'll chuck the whole works and run back to her folks if they decide to return to their home on the coast. On her shoulders will rest the burden of settling her family since her brothers are in service. She'll write and tell them not to worry for they'll get along fine until they return to civilian life.

She's the gal who will leave an untarnished record in the city, office and neighborhood, a record of Americanism and optimism. . . she's a sample of what American environment and education can do and a shining example of the average Nisei girl.

Center Calm After Japanese Surrender

NEW YORK—There were no demonstrations at relocation centers upon news of surrender by Japan, the New York Times declared last week.

The Times quoted Manzanar's Project Director Ralph P. Merritt as saying that this was because most Nisei had left the corner and Issei took "the position that 'what is done is done'."

At the WRA office in San Francisco, employed Japanese Americans wore smiles "as broad as those of their fellow white Americans" as they discussed surrender news, the paper reported.

Hikaru (Spike) Iwasaki, WRA photographer, suggested to fellow-Nisei, "Maybe we can go to Japan and help relocate the Japanese from Burma and Manchuria."

Ino Returns To Help Family Get Settled

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Philadelphia has recently been seeing quite a few of its Nisei army draftees as they returned on furlough, some of them to help their relocated families get settled.

Among these soldiers was Toshio Ino, who relocated to Philadelphia from the Manzanar Center in June, 1944.

Ino worked with the Farm Journal, nationally known farm magazine, until he was called to active duty on January 1, 1945. He reports that he is the only Japanese American in an entire Caucasian company. He has had "a swell time" with his fellow soldiers, all of whom came from the eastern states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. His commanding officer had previously fought in Italy and was familiar with the 442nd Infantry and 100th Battalion.

The Ino family live at 13-5-2, Manzanar, and before evacuation lived at Strathmore, Calif.

NEW ADDRESS REPORTS ASKED

Residents moving from blocks 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 36 are asked to bring in their change of address to the Mail Delivery Office at Warehouse 2 as soon as possible, Supervisor Kunio Maeda announced.

Buy Co-op Money Orders

Conscientious Objectors furnished bail for such political objectors, both for Heart Mountain evacuees and Poston, Ariz., evacuees.

SEEK ADDRESSES OF RESETTLERS

Joseph Carney of the Fiscal Department announces that several unclaimed Treasury checks have been returned to Manzanar. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following people are asked to contact Mr. Carney at once.

Harry Kintaro Ozawa, Ichiro Joe Kajii, Tomiko Abo, Kazuko Kay Yuge, Satoru Morioka, Minoru Nakamura, Masafumi Fred Moriguchi, Hiro Tabuchi, Yutaka Naito, Hitoshi Marumoto, Akira Yamashita, Sasaki Hori, Jiro Matsuyama, Hanabusa Tatsui, John Mitsushige Oka, Margaret Tayeko Yamane and Tomiji Nagao.

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for the cooperation and splendid service he had received from them.

In his final speech as Chairman of the Block Managers Assembly Mr. Anzai said, "I pledge my untiring effort to the continued assistance of my people. I have worked long and hard to help them during the troublesome time through which we have passed and I feel that I have in some way been able to make their lives happier by these efforts."

"Now that peace has come it is clear that the days of Manzanar are few. It is my pledge to them that I will work ceaselessly to assist them in their relocation plans and I invite one and all to call on me at the WRA offices in Los Angeles. There they will find me ever ready to help them in all ways possible in re-establishing themselves in their resettlement."

Discharged Veteran Attends Iowa School

AMES, Ia. — Pvt. Kenneth Otagaki, a native of Hawaii, who was critically wounded at Cassino, Italy while serving in the famous 100th Battalion, is now attending the Iowa State College on crutches.

Pvt. Otagaki is one of the eight volunteers who went forward in the snow on a bitterly cold day to rescue two wounded men. A mortar shell exploded in the middle of the rescue party. Four men were killed and the others, including Private Otagaki were wounded.

Private Otagaki volunteered for the army nine months before Pearl Harbor. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. An anti-aircraft shell plunged through the roof of his barrack and exploded three beds away from where he was sleeping.

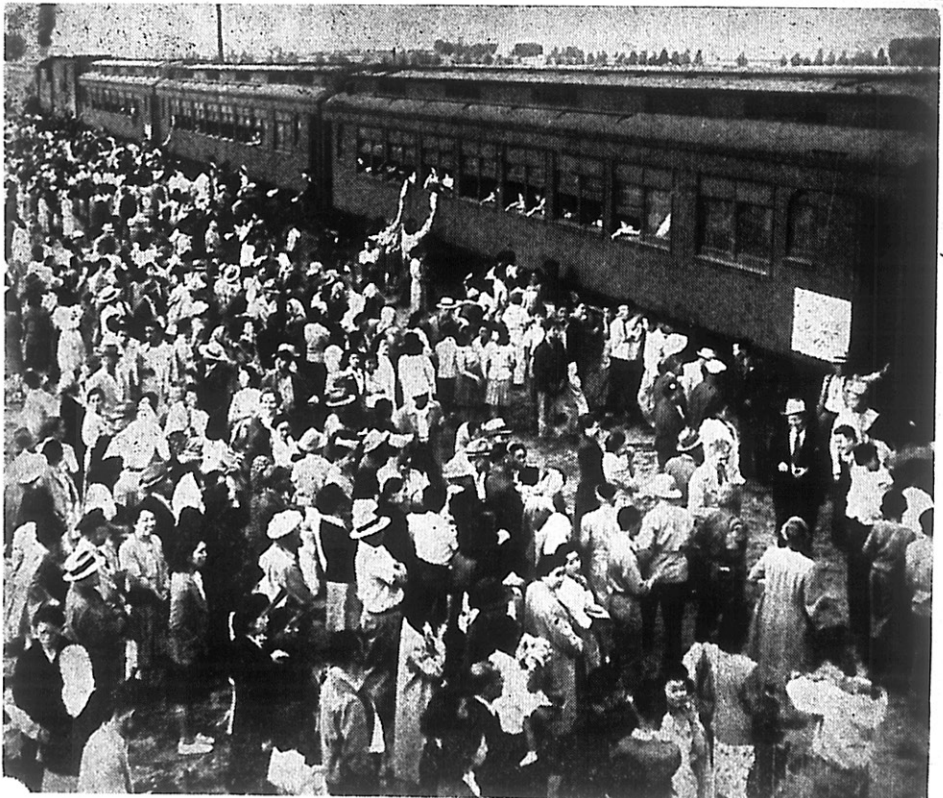
During the 13-month hospital battle to save his life, he was given 13 quarts of blood in transfusions. That is about two-and-a-half times the volume of blood in the normal adult body.

Before his discharge from the hospital and the army, he married a Nisei junior high school teacher of home economics from Hilo, Hawaii.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Suitcase at reduction. Inquire at 23-5-1.

FOR SALE—One (1) wheel trailer, excellent condition, extra innertube, all attachments. Inquire at apartment T-1, Mrs. Helen C. Cox.



BOUND FOR THEIR NEW HOMES are these Heart Mountain, Wyo., evacuees who are seated in one of the many special trains which are leaving the center for the various parts of the nation. All family plans of the Heart Mountain center are being completed by October 1.

—Photo Courtesy Heart Mountain Sentinel.

Wife of Attorney Loses Suit Against Barring of Negroes

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Edythe G. Davis, wife of Lecompte Davis, veteran Los Angeles attorney, recently lost her suit to bar Negroes from residence in the race-restricted South Kenwood Avenue district where she owns rental property, the Los Angeles Herald-Express stated.

'NORTH ISLANDER' OPPOSES HATRED

SAN DIEGO—North Islander, the weekly publication of the U. S. Naval Air Station in San Diego recently stated that the whole-sale hatred of racial groups is bred of a "poisonous seed of Nazism."

It asked what right anyone has to point a finger of scorn at any person of Japanese or any other descent.

—Center Schools

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the Manzanar educational system to the Carson City Indian School.

Arrangements for this transaction were completed August 22 when Mr. Ralph Gelvin, Superintendent of the Carson Indian Agency and former Assistant Project Director of Poston, accompanied by Mr. Dial, principal of the Carson Indian School and Mr. Gilmore the Field Agent, visited Manzanar.

As of August 9, last, 831 children between the ages of 6 and 18 remained at Manzanar. Four hundred and twenty-nine families are involved and by failing to resettle are depriving their children of the opportunity of an education.

Opening dates of schools in the San Francisco area are printed below, indicating that there is little time left for parents to resettle and make arrangements for the education of their children.

Visalia—September 4 to 17.
Fresno—September 10 to 24.
Stockton—September 14 to 24.
Sacramento—September 16 to

Journal Suggests Life In 'Hoosgow' For Race Baiters

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—"Any race baiter who takes the law into his own hands and blows up homes of citizens of foreign ancestry should be given life in the hoosgow, and the courts ought not to lose any time about doing it," the North Bay Labor Journal declared editorially.

TWO NISEI MAKE LUCKY MISTAKE

NEW YORK—George Kato of Los Angeles and Fred Moriguchi of Venice, Calif., and both more recently of the Manzanar Relocation Center, made a lucky mistake the other day.

Recommended by the special United States Employment Service representative in the New York WRA office to the famous Savoy-Plaza Hotel on Fifth Avenue for jobs, George and Fred went instead to the equally famous Plaza Hotel, which is across the street from the Savoy Hotel.

The personnel director there hired them immediately; George as oiler, Fred as an engineer's helper.

Condemns Japanese Exclusion League

Accompanying a large cartoon by Fitzpatrick which shows an ugly man labelled, "Japanese Exclusion League", crawling out of the bottom of an empty KKK robe which is hanging from a horizontal pole by its hood, the July 14 edition of the Collier's magazine carries an editorial condemning the Japanese Exclusion League as "most regrettable, and something for Americans to be ashamed of."

Stating that "We might have expected it to grow out of this war, since the Ku Klux Klan, which lived on hatred of Catholics, Jews and Negroes" came out of the last war, the Collier Magazine predicts that the Exclusion League will round up "carbon copies" of the Ku-Kluxers—"hoodlums, infantile adults, born joiners and chronic suckers."

The magazine finds it "most

encouraging", however, that strong opposition to the league is springing up in areas contaminated by it.

"Organizations are being formed to combat it legally; local officials in numerous places are being encouraged by influential citizens to do their duty against terrorists; and so on."

Collier's concludes, "and that is the best way to fight such movements. When influential people in any given community actively oppose Ku-Kluxism in any of its numerous forms, that community rarely suffers from Ku-Kluxism."

Which is a tip to influential people up and down the West Coast. They can choke off this Japanese Exclusion League business if they will, though it may take a little time and it certainly will take some courage."

IN APPRECIATION:

To the residents of Manzanar for their kindness in searching for Gliichi Matsumura, who was lost in the mountains.

We also wish to thank the people for the kindness extended us during the recent illness of our son, Uwao.

Ito Matsumura,
Katsuzo Matsumura.

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DEPARTMENT THREE

	Regular	Special
Girl's Jumper	\$3.75	\$2.65
Ladies Sweater	3.90	1.98
Ladies Windbreaker	5.95	2.95
Straw Hats (girl's, ladies)		½ price
Infant's Bootie Set	2.00	.98
Babies white dress	1.85	.98
Diaper bag	.63	.39
Child's Handkerchief	.19	.10

DEPARTMENT FOUR AND FIVE

Billfold	1.50	.76
Billfold	1.20	.60
Ladies side comb (made in Japan)	.24	.12

DEPARTMENT SIX

Vase, Red and Blue		.13
Orange squeezer		.06
Tobacco pouch, leather		½ price
Panda and Teddy Bear	(while they last)	½ price
All kinds of games		½ price

EVERYTHING MUST GO

Dry Goods Store will be open Wednesday evening, August 29 from 6:30 to 9.