



## 'ANITA, TULARE TO RECEIVE 3200 LA. EVACUEES

Affecting about 3,200 Los Angeles residents, new evacuation orders were issued Thursday for eastern and southern sections of LA. Their departure was set for May 7, but none out of this number are coming to Manzanar.

At the same time orders were given to Los Angeles residents, 1900 other Japanese from Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be moved to Tanforan and Tulare assembly centers.

The Tulare assembly center will receive those affected by order no. 29 and 30, while those under order no. 31 will go to Santa Anita.

Order no. 29 takes in the area bounded by Compton Blvd., Alameda St., Atlantic Blvd. and Carson St.

Order no. 30 embraces the territory bound by Atlantic and Compton Blvd., Manchester Ave., Washington Blvd., and Slauson Ave.

Order no. 31 involves the region bounded on the north by E. Sixth St. and Whittier Blvd., on the east by Atlantic Blvd., on the south by Slauson Ave., and on the west by a line running north on Central Ave. to E. Ninth St., northwest on Main St., and north on Main to E. Sixth St.

This includes portions of Vernon and Maywood and a slice of county territory.

### NEW SITES

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## BLOCK LEADERS DRAFT LOCAL CONSTITUTION

Looking towards the day when every adult in Manzanar will have a voice in camp government, the first draft of a constitution, in line with the overall policy set by the administration here, was drawn this week at a meeting of the block leaders.

The constitutional committee, composed of six veteran block leaders, today awaited word from Santa Anita where a copy was sent for comment and suggestions.

Meeting Tuesday night at the Free Press office, committee members elected Ted Akahoshi, Block 5 leader, as chairman and Tomomasa Yamasaki, Block 11 leader, as secretary.

Basis of self-government at Manzanar will be the block, a unit of 14 barracks, housing at present between 400 and 450 persons. Each block is represented by a leader, selected by the administration from a list nominated by block residents.

Election of 6 ward leaders or councils from among 48 block leaders is provided for in the constitution now under consideration.

Other members of the constitution committee are: Frederick Ogura, B-1; Karl Yoneda, B-4; Hajime Inoue, B-4, assistant; Harry Nakamura, B-10.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1942

Dear Mr. Triggs:

Mrs. Roosevelt is very much interested to hear that you have been appointed manager of the Owens Valley Reception Center.

She asks me to thank you for sending her the copies of the "Manzanar Free Press" and to congratulate all of you on this publication.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina C. Thompson  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. Clayton E. Triggs  
Manager, Owens Valley  
Reception Center  
Manzanar, California

## NEW CIVIC CENTER TO RISE

Manzanar's civic center will soon become an actuality as workmen began early this week to pour concrete for the new administration building. When completed, it is expected that all units of the administrative department will be housed under one roof.

Outside the actual boundaries of the camp, the center will be located on the southeast corner of block 1, near the main post office.

In addition to the main building, plans for other buildings housing the workers, post office, provost office, newspaper, and other departments into one location are being projected.

## EDITORIAL

Evacuees arrive in Manzanar with a mingled feeling of uncertainty and bewilderment.

Sooner or later, the snow-capped High Sierras imbue us with a complacency which makes us forget the bitter war now waging ever nearer our shores.

As a protective measure executed by the Army, we were moved as a collective racial group--far from the industrial centers.

Some are inclined to be bitter, for being moved from homes and friends. Many have suffered financial losses.

But all will agree that democracy is worth fighting for. We are sending men across the seas to preserve democracy abroad and in so doing we do not want to lose democratic principles here at home.

The Army officials realize the importance of democratic institutions and the preservation of justice and freedom for all Americans. While the Army recognizes our confinement is not in itself democratic; the W.C.C.A., into whose protective custody we are placed, want democratic self-government instituted by the camp residents.

It is the wish of the Administrative authorities of this camp that democratic principles be recognized and practiced by every one.

Prolonged idleness makes people forget worldly cares and tribulations. All of us must pitch in and make our camp life really worth while. We need cooperation.

### "By the Way"

"A fine idea in keeping the spirit of Americanism alive at Manzanar," Bill Henry, writer and columnist of the Los Angeles Times, wrote to Bob Brown, in a recent letter.

"I think, the Manzanar Free Press, America's youngest newspaper, is something of which to be proud," he commented.

## Mounties Coming

Santa Anita may have its track, but Manzanar will not be outdone. 15 horses will prance into town soon.



Don't be misled. They are not for racing, but for police duty. Men from the present force will be appointed patrol sergeants, stated Sgt. Oseki. The mounted patrol will supervise and inspect the men on duty.

Under construction now are the new police and jail quarters next to the post office.

## News Staff Grows

Newspaper veterans are numbered among those joining the staff of the "biggest little newspaper":

Togo Tanaka, Tad Uyeno, Mary Kitano, James Shinkai, Chico Sakaguchi, Helen Aoki, and Ts Nakazawa.

## 678 Register

Only 678 members of the local reception center felt the draft on Saturday, April 25, for it wasn't the familiar camp breeze, but the fourth draft call registering men from 45-65 years of age.

The total included the administrative personnel and members of the various construction crews. Among the evacuees who arrived on Sunday and Monday, fifty more were registered.

C. E. Demarest, representative of the Selective Service board of Inyo County stated that within a few days, a complete check-up of residents who failed to sign up will be made.

## Mum's the Word

Comments of a reporter: No one wants to be quoted, especially the block leaders. In a democratic community of ours, each and every one of us must become familiar with camp leaders and if the leaders themselves feel that they must remain silent, then there's something wrong somewhere.

## LOST? CLAIM IT AT 1-9-1



If you can't locate that key case, ironing board, gray checkered ice bag, or goggles, then make a bee line for the Information office, Lost and Found department, 1-9-1.

Among exactly 103 different items still unclaimed by owners up to Thursday this week was a variety of merchandise sufficient to stock a medium-sized canteen, Information office clerks said.

Misplaced, dropped or lost in the confusion of the week's heavy arrivals were no less than 21 bed wheels, a plumber's tool, samisen (Japanese string instrument), blue grillon jug, Waltham watch, thermos bottles, sweaters, address notebook, girls' wrist watch, and scores of miscellaneous items.

## WARNING

"This department is authorized to raid any apartment," declared Sgt. Oseki as complaints of late hour card games were received by the police office.

Meanwhile the force continued to weed out its own staff. Five men were recently dismissed because of negligence of duty.

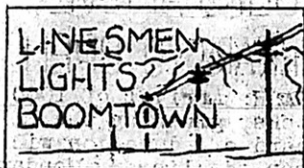
## Historian Leaves

Joseph G. Walkonis, historian from the U. S. War department, assigned to record a construction survey and history of this reception center, left yesterday for St. Louis, Mo.

## Genius at Work

Amateur carpenters are having a Roman holiday here as scrap lumber left by the carpenters are fast converted into home-made tables, benches and wardrobe closets.

With typical Japanese ingenuity added to the necessity of having little furniture in the apartment, many surprising results are reported from the newcomers' sections.



Since Owens valley was selected by the Western Defense Command as a processing center for Japanese evacuees, dead and long forgotten Manzanar has mushroomed into a city of seven thousand overnight.

This dark valley lit at night only by stars and an occasional moon became a lighted miracle. But to start at the beginning....

On March 18, 1942, as the first few buildings were erected, sixteen lonely men stood in the dusty wind.

Those men, employed by the Bureau of Water & Power, perhaps did not like this barren desert waste - its scrubby growth of sage brush with skinny cotton-tails jumping about.... But they had a job to do.

They were told that the first contingent of Japanese evacuees was to arrive on the 21st and thousands within a few weeks.

Their duty was to furnish power and light before this influx. They had strict orders that lighting conveniences must all be installed before the occupancy of each building.

Immediately they tapped the power generated by the large plant in Big Pine. Weather proof service wires and bare copper wires used on primary and secondary circuits, were strung between hastily raised poles. Day by day work increased as thousands of evacuees reached their journey's end.

(To be continued)

CLEANLINESS MEANS BETTER HEALTH

# MANZANAR SETS PACE FOR DARKER CAMP

Manzanar's progress has set the pattern for Arizona's first reception centers in the Parker dam area. Here to inspect medical and other facilities of the local camp, Ned Campbell and Ralph Galvin, representing the War Relocation Authority this week disclosed that the first induction at Parker will be held in a few days.

## Arrivals Addressed

To acquaint new comers with the functions of this camp, a series of special assemblies were called by Harry L. Black, ass't. camp manager, to be held in mess halls just prior to lunch and dinner hours.

Speakers at these informative meetings will be Camp Manager Triggs, Black, and Wilson D. Flugstad, acting chief of the service division, in the absence of J.M. Kidwell.

The administration requests that everyone at the designated mess halls await the arrival of the officials according to the following schedule:

Today they spoke at no. 10 mess hall; Monday - noon at no. 11, 5 p.m. at no. 12; Tuesday - noon at no. 13, 5 p.m. at no. 14; and Wednesday noon at no. 9.

## Art And Crafts Show Sunday

Come to see the arts and crafts exhibit at 6-15 this Sunday, and you'll discover useful and decorative objects which have been made during the past few weeks under the guidance of Robert Minami, former New York artist, and Ritsuko Toragawa.

Visitors' hours on Sunday are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the afternoons, and from 7 to 9 p.m. at night.

Local policies and projects, including the Free Press, were observed with approval by the visiting officials who will initiate general administration at the Arizona camp.

Three camp sites, each three miles apart, are nearing completion. One section, housing 10,000 persons, is ready for immediate occupancy. A section for 5,000 is two-thirds complete, and work is starting on the third which will house another 5000.

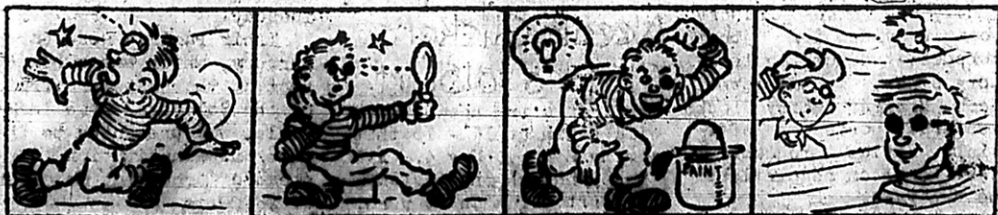
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## Inventory To Be Taken Tonight

All residents have been requested by E.C. Engstrom, lodging and mess division director, to separate government-owned property from their personal belongings preparatory to an official inventory to be taken tonight.

Beds, ticks, blankets, buckets, brooms, mops, h-t-point or hospital equipment and light globes will be accounted for in the checkup.

Full cooperation with the checking personnel has been requested. The twenty-four men under Housing Coordinator George Kurata, will be equipped with proper identifying badges and were announced as the only authorized agents to take their inventory.



# DOWN THE MAIN STEM

Mrs. Sumi Fujisaki, once cook to Irene, fashion designer: "May be a bit self-centered, but I think it's great. No worries about shopping or cooking, and no costly dishes and silverware to tend! And on top of that, I don't have to hear my husband nag about my cooking. He's got to take what's dished out to him!"

Mr. Sakata, 23-6-1; Being enemy aliens, I think we can find no fault with what is being done to us. The accommodations are far better than in many farming camps in California. Of course, I am not speaking for the second generation boys and girls.

Tad Uyeno... There are plenty of things I dislike, for instance, the dust-storms and the cold north wind, but aside from these I like it here. These are abnormal times and under the circumstances the U. S. government has provided us with much more comfort than might be expected. I believe in Democracy, and the democratic system now in existence in the administration of Manzanar greatly re-affirms my faith in the American way.

## Keep 'Em Clean!



Baby rompers and bed-sheets will get whiter and cleaner--if housewives will kindly use the laundry rooms provided for that purpose--and not the lavatory sinks. Assistant Camp Manager Harry Black yesterday posted an official notice requesting that washroom regulations be observed.

## POWER MEN VISIT CAMP

Chairman Clinton E. Miller of the Board of Water and Power Commissions of Los Angeles and Commissioner Clark Kelly, also of the Water and Power Commission, visited Manzanar Reception Center Wednesday morning at 11:30. They were accompanied by T. R. Silvius, local agent of Independence, and Paul Rich, local department engineer. They were guided thru the reception center by one of our administrative officials and had lunch in mess hall No. 1.

## More Angels of Mercy

With the arrival of eight nurses, including the assigned supervisor, the nursing staff of the medical center has been increased to 15, making a proportionate increase to the growing community.

Miss Yono Akita comes from six years of experience as head nurse at the Cedars of Lebanon hospital and the Japanese hospital in Los Angeles and was picked by the army authorities to take charge of the nurses staff here.

Other arrivals this week included: Mrs. Masumi Maeda, Misses Yoko Munonori, Kazuko Nagahama, Sakiko Ogura, Shigeo Tanaka, Midori Tse, and Mrs. Tochi Toguchi.

These augment the scribber workers: Misses Fumiko Gohata, who is to be in charge of the communicable diseases section; Setbu Hachisuki, Aiko Hamaguchi, Tomiko Yasuda, Mrs. Flora Komatsu and Mrs. Teruo Yabuki, and Shigeo Matsumoto.

Additions to the clerical and maintenance staff are also being made to answer the growing needs of mushrooming Manzanar.

## Needle Clickers Classes to Start

Classes in needle work will begin at 16 - 15 this coming Monday, May 4. All those who are interested in this art sign up at 9 am.

## BOOKS ARRIVE; LIBRARY TO OPEN

FLASH: Arrival of 1000 books, given by the LA board of education, will open the library Monday.

Altho generous donations have been received by the camp library department from the Maryknoll Mission, the San Francisco YMCA, reverends, and private individuals, more will be needed to get a more complete file.

Axel Neilson, director of recreation, announced that the libraries will be opened shortly, but at the present time due to the lack of books, shelves have not been installed.

Reference books are most needed, but donors will not get them back; it was pointed out. Those desiring to make contributions should contact Neilson at 17-15.

Miss Anna Margravo, librarian of Inyo county, visited the camp library and gave favorable comments.

Dr. Allan A. Hunter sent an autographed copy of his book, "White Corpuscles of Europe", expressing his best wishes to Manzanar.

## SOLDIERS' HOME RECEIVES NURSERY



When people face the necessity of evacuation, a big headache comes in trying to liquidate the personal assets that can't be taken along to Manzanar.

But thru an act of generosity, this ordinarily knotty problem was neatly solved by the Nishi family of West Los Angeles who arrived last Tuesday.

Their Pacific Rose Garden nursery, which was a beauty spot at the eastern entrance of the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle, was presented to the veterans' institution instead of accepting an offer of \$6000.

# TIPS FROM THE STABLES

# Shows No More

What can be done when people snore is one of the many problems which daily confront the Family Relations department.

An elderly lady stubbornly sat in front of the oil burning heater for an hour and only dempstrated with all the proper sound effects, imitations of nocturnal disturbers who whistle, grind their teeth, and buzz saw, which she claimed all took place in her room.

So annoyed was she in her complaint that she forgot her primary purpose in visiting the department -- to look for a blanket.



Mrs. Miya Kikuchi is in charge of this social workers organization.

She stated that although the snoring trouble is one of the most common, various other problems including family feuds, parent versus children relations, children's problems, settling nervous women who have difficulty in adjusting themselves to camp life.

While main headquarters is located at 1-9-1, substations are situated at 10-8-4 and 12-8-4.

## Attorneys Tour Camp Grounds

Interested visitors to this camp last Friday were a group of city attorneys from Los Angeles, headed by Judge Ray L. Chesebro, city attorney.

The party, composed of Judge Chesebro, deputy City Attorneys Rex Goodcell, C. P. Harrell and Frank H. Ferguson, accompanied by Geo. Francis, district attorney of Inyo county, made an extensive tour of the camp grounds to observe the progress of the community.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## CATHOLIC

Time: 9 a.m. Place: 3 -15

## PROTESTANT

Time: Place: 1-15

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Y.P. Service

11 a.m. Japanese Sermon

7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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## Police Beats Enlarged

Two policemen are now covering four blocks instead of the previous two because of an increase in area after the last induction.

Forty-three new applications have been received by the office, but no addition in the staff will be made until the next contingent arrives, stated Chief Horton.

## Army Buys Cars

To purchase the 125 cars of various types and makes impounded here, Army officials accompanied by two disinterested appraisers arrived Friday afternoon.

Appraisals were based on prices listed in the manufacturers' Blue Book and the Army bought the vehicles accordingly.

F. C. Vincill and E.F. Lindquist arrived last week to register and instruct all owners regarding the disposition of their cars.

Before the deadline Friday noon, several cars were sold to a number of men who work on construction crews.

It was indicated that the Army will put to immediate use all cars manufactured after 1937.

In case the sale of vehicles is not completed, the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, acting as the fiscal agent of the government, is authorized to store the cars at the owner's risk.

To correlate Christian activities, interested leaders are meeting May 3, 7pm at 3-15

Following closely on the heels of the Free Press, the Santa Anita reception center is printing a four page news-sheet called the "Pacemaker." Edited by Eddie Skimano, the bulletin has covered an impressive scope and is enlivened by Bull Kawamoto's art work.

## HAY! HAY!

Countering the claim of the Free Press as the "most unique" publication, the Pacemaker is doped to be the "best best" of all center sheets with the singular distinction that all its news comes straight from the stables. So far, we detect no horsey odor.

## PLAY PASTURES

More than 370 youngsters are enrolled in classes. Anita Chiquita track is being transformed into basketball courts, football fields, horsechospits, volleyball courts and several baseball diamonds.

Plans for social clubs are well neigh complete, following an informal survey made by Bill Saito.

## FIRST RACE

A tentative challenge has been hurled by Santa Anita's trackmen to engage Manzanar sportsman in a telegraphic track meet. We are clamping at the bit as we await further word.

## WIND BAG

Case of confusion was the system of mess buttons which went into effect recently. Buttons which showed up at the wrong places had to seek their mates at the correct manger.

## AMERICANIZATION CLASSES TO START

No longer will issei and kibel be able to use that familiar phrase, "Me no can speak Engleeseh" as the beginner's English class enrollment begins Monday at the library, 7-15.

Classes will be conducted day and evening for adults three times weekly.

# MANZANAR SPORTS

## GOPHERS FALL PREY TO RALLY

GALS! SIGN UP NOW!  
LOOP TO OPEN SOON

Girls of all ages wishing to take active part in individual or group sports are urged to get in touch with recreation centers at blocks 1-15 and 15-15, which will be open daily except Sunday.

You may sign up for volleyball, softball, ping pong or badminton either as individual or as teams. As soon as enough teams are registered, league games will start.

At present there are four teams signed up for softball: the U.A. Invaders, Terminal Island Term-ites, Bainbridge, and a pick up team.



### FOUL TIPS

Gophers: Tatsumi, 3b, and Takeuchi, ss, accounted for 5 out of 5 errors... Kayasuga, p, struck out three batters in a row during the first and second innings... Tanibata, lf, hit the first double of the season. Giants: Taketomo, p, bagged a double and scored the winning run... with the bases loaded in the fifth with one away, Tamaki and Teraji muffed the rally... Head umpire T. Higa took a beating from the ball and the spectators.

The roof fell in on the San Pedro Gophers in the initial league clash as the rugged Manzanar Giants triumphed, 6-5, with their seventh inning outburst in last Thursday's thriller.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Sunday: Bainbridge vs. Owens Pioneer, 3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. games

Monday: Manzanar Giants vs. Mayor's Team

Tuesday: Manzanar Senior vs. Aloha Ramblers

Wednesday: Hit-less Wonders vs. Bainbridge

### GIRLS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Sunday: Invaders vs. Old Timors, 1:30 p.m., Men's diamond



Bainbridge vs. Ploks-Ups, 3:00 p.m., Girl's diamond.

### VOLLEYBALL NOTICE

All boys interested in Volleyball, please report to the attendant at block 2-15, between the hours of 9:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please register as soon as possible so as to start a league.

### EXHIBITION LEAGUE Junior League (Under 15 years)

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B. Comets. 120121-7 9

Celebrating the American league opener with a bang, the Gophers jammed in four tallies in the first to take the lead. They were breezing along with a 4-3 edge when the Giants rolled across a score to knot the fracas at 4-all.

The Pedro boys then proceeded to take the lead in the sixth when Tanibata doubled and scored on Tatsumi's smash bingle to center.

Undaunted, the Giants came thru in real style by putting up a two run uprising in the last inning to eke out a close victory.

San Pedro Gophers:

	AB	R	H	SO	E
Tatsumi, 3b	3	1	2	1	2
Takata, 2b	3	1	0	0	0
Takeuchi, ss	4	1	0	0	3
Kycasuga, p	4	0	0	1	0
Kuramoto, lb	4	1	1	0	0
Tanibata, lf	3	1	1	1	0
Goto R. H. c	3	0	1	0	0
Fukushima, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Takehashi, cf	2	0	0	0	1
	29	5	6	3	6

Manzanar Giants

	AB	R	H	SO	E
Kaneda, 3b	2	0	1	0	2
Tomaki, 2b-rf	3	0	1	0	0
Teraji, lf	4	0	0	0	0
Yamane, ss	4	0	0	0	0
Uyomura S., cf	2	0	0	1	0
Otsuji, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Kunitani, c	4	0	0	1	0
Uyomura T., lb	4	2	3	0	0
Taketomo, p	4	3	2	0	0
Akahoshi, cf	2	0	0	1	0
Kadowcki, 2b	xx	1	1	0	0
	32	6	7	4	2

Score by Innings  
Gophers... 4 0 0 0 0 1 0-5  
Giants... 0 1 0 2 1 0 2-6