

REGISTRATION HALL SWAMPED BY RESIDENTS

Registration headquarters in Block 1 Dining Hall was swamped today with residents of Topaz over 17 years of age who literally overflowed the place as they swarmed in to fill out the necessary forms. The cry went up for more interviewers to assist in the registration work as the tempo of the registration grew steadily.

While residents of Block 5 registered this morning, and those from Block 12 this afternoon, many who had not previously registered from blocks scheduled earlier in the week appeared to complete their registration.

With more interviewers
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BLOCK WORKERS TO CLARIFY FORMS AND QUESTIONS

Representatives from the registration office will visit each block in advance of the scheduled date of registration to explain the forms and answer any questions that might be a source of misunderstanding to the residents. The purpose of this visit is to clear up in advance many of the questions that might slow up the actual registration in Block 1 and also to carry the proper information down to the residents of each block.

Block managers and others who have been asked to convey registration notices and official releases to their blocks are asked to act as intermediaries only. Any interpretation of policy or decisions should be left to the representatives of the registration office.

The residents of each block will be notified when these representatives arrive.

WORK ON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TO BEGIN

Construction of the Topaz high school auditorium will start within the next few days, it was announced today by Henry R. Watson, senior project engineer.

This combination gymnasium and assembly hall will be the first of the high school buildings to go up, so that it can be utilized while the other buildings are being constructed, Watson pointed out.

MESSAGE ON LOYALTY SENT DILLON MYER

"At the request of many residents of Topaz I am transmitting the following message as representing their attitude," Charles F. Ernst, project director, wired last night to Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director, in forwarding the declaration of a group, which appears below:

"We, as certain residents of Topaz, taking exception to the Resolution presented to the Honorable Secretary of War Stimson as the expression of the majority, wish to state the following:

"We feel that loyalty to our country is something to be expressed without reference to past grievances or wrongs.

"We feel that in according us the right to the Second Article of the Bill of Rights, that it is the right of every man to bear arms in the defence of his

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The auditorium will have a seating area, 80' by 96'. The material for the construction of the building has not arrived at the project yet, but early delivery is anticipated. Meanwhile, the laying of foundations and sewer and water lines will be carried on so that when the material arrives, the actual construction of the building can proceed as rapidly as possible, Watson said.

A model of the truss for the building has been made by George Shimamoto and Kiyoshi Kato and is now on exhibition in the Public Works office.

In conjunction with the start of staking work on the building, it was requested by L. B. Taylor, head of the construction section, that high school students refrain from trespassing on the building site or interfering with any of the bench marks and stakes.

ERNST LETTER TO SERVE AS OFFICIAL NOTICE TO REGISTER

The following letter, prepared by Charles F. Ernst, project director, and bearing his signature, will serve as official notice to all residents of Topaz 17 years of age or over whose blocks have been called for registration but who have so far failed to comply with the requirement. Copies of the letter were mailed out today to residents in Blocks 8 and 11 who have not filled in their forms when

their group was scheduled for registration.

The appearance of this letter in the Topaz Times today is to serve as official notice to all persons from all blocks as scheduled.

"I am writing this letter to you personally, to let you know that in line with instructions received from the United States Government, you are to register in the Dining Hall of

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LETTER TO BE OFFICIAL NOTICE TO REGISTER

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Block 1 on _____ at _____.

"This is your official notice to register.

"There are two purposes in this registration. One is to speed up the clearance system for all the residents of Topaz; the other is to register male citizens 17 years of age and over for service in the armed forces of the United States either on a voluntary or selective service basis.

"For this second purpose, the War Department has detailed to Topaz a team of officers headed by Lt. William L. Tracy.

"The War Relocation Authority has arranged with other agencies of government so that by this registration, all leave clearances should be completed by the month of May.

"The registration is compulsory for all residents, male and female, 17 years of age and over, except those who have requested repatriation.

"I am authorized to tell you that even though your application for leave clearance is approved, you need not leave the relocation center until you desire to obtain indefinite leave."

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

LOYALTY MESSAGE SENT TO MYER

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country, the War Department has in good faith started the first step to restore us all rights as citizens of the United States.

"We feel that the issue of expressing our loyalty has been confused. We believe in fighting for our rights, but we believe that fighting for our country and our ideals is the most important thing when our country is at war trying to uphold those ideals for which we stand.

"We shall register, we are loyal, we shall fight for the United States."

"OTHER RESIDENTS OF TOPAZ"

WRA ASSUMES RESIDENT PROPERTY RESPONSIBILITY

Recent administrative instructions issued by the Washington office of WRA set up procedures for carrying out the obligation and duty of the Authority to aid residents of relocation centers in preserving and protecting their assets. A Property section is created

REGISTRANTS SWAMP BLOCK 1 DINING HALL

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on hand, the tempo of the registration on Thursday is expected to be speeded up to still a greater height when residents from Blocks 23 and 39 are scheduled to appear during the morning, and from two blocks, 10 and 42 in the afternoon. In addition to these, others who did not register from Block 11 will be called; these have been notified by official letter to come in during the day and complete their registration.

On Friday, February 19, residents of Blocks 6 and 33 are scheduled to appear in the morning with those from 16 and 31 to appear in the afternoon. In addition, residents in Blocks 8, 3 and 26 who have not appeared for registration have been notified by official letter, and will appear during the day.

WINNERS IN 5TH ADVANCED BRIDGE TOURNEY LISTED

The fifth Topaz advanced duplicate bridge tournament consisting of 15 tables was held on February 14 at Dining Hall 7. The winners of the evening were (North-South) Lincoln Tokunaga-Tokuji Hedani, 82X; Ray Kaneko-Kano Arimoto, 80; and Hajime Yoshizawa-Tad Yamada, 77X. (East-West) Mrs. Leslie Yamamoto-Masaji Matsui, 93; Taka and Toshi Yamazaki, 85; and Howard Suyemoto-Kiyoshi Nishikawa, 75.

Leading the rating point race is the combination of Taka and Toshi Yamazaki with 78. Others are Mrs. Leslie Yamamoto with 58, Masaji Matsui with 56, and Ray Kaneko, Kano Ari-

motomoto with 54. for each project, which will be in charge of a property man. The legal work of the Property section is in charge of the Project Attorney.

Functions of the Property section will be that of making investigations, replying to inquiries, and assisting in problems of management, operation and disposition of real and personal property. The Property section will also aid in settling claims held by evacuees and assisting prospective purchasers, lessees, managers, agents, and others in contacting evacuees. The Property section will not serve as substitute owner, but will act solely upon instructions of the property owner in carrying out his wishes.

A Transportation section of the Property section is also set up to render assistance in the storage and transportation of household goods, personal effects and commercial property. In general, the Transportation section will assist in the establishment and operation of warehouses for free storage of property of residents, furnishing of information and assistance without cost to the owner in connection with storage and transportation of property and one transfer of a resident's household and personal effects, without expense to him, from his former residence or place of storage to a project or place outside of the project. This is in addition to the moving of his property from a place of former residence or private storage to government storage. Full information concerning the procedure and work of the Property section can be obtained at the office of the Project Attorney.

在住者の「或る者」忠誠を誓ひ

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在住者大多數の意向

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保護・運輸に當る

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EXPLANATION
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③ SPECIAL PROPERTY MAN TO BE IN CHARGE.
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