

TOPAZ TIMES

Extra

TOPAZ, UTAH

Monday, April 12, 1943

ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT..

The following statement was released this morning by the Project administration:

The War Relocation Authority feels its responsibility to see that there is a careful investigation of this incident. Mr. Charles F. Ernst, project director, is in Washington, D.C., today and is initiating a complete investigation there. Mr. James F. Hughes, assistant project director, is in Salt Lake City today calling on the Internal Security Branch of the Ninth Area Command of

the United States Army.

The Administration joins with the community in the feeling of genuine sadness as the result of this tragic incident. It is our sincere hope that events such as this will not occur again here at Topaz.

To this end we urge every resident to familiarize himself with the rules and regulations.

Lorne W. Bell, Chief
Community Services Div.

RESIDENT KILLED

While attempting to crawl through the west fence between sentry posts Nos. 8 and 9 at 7:30 PM Sunday, James Hatsuki Wakasa, aged 63, residing at 36-7-D, was warned back four times by the sentries on duty.

When he failed to heed the warnings, one of the sentries fired and Wakasa was instantly killed.

The military took charge of the body and the Millard County sheriff and prosecutor were notified and came to Topaz to investigate.

Lorne Bell, acting project director in the absence of Charles F. Ernst,

project director, now in Washington, D. C., and James F. Hughes, assistant project director, who was in Salt Lake City, were notified of the death by Internal Security which had been informed by the military police, and immediately summoned members of the administrative staff, the community council and other representative residents.

The occurrence was explained to them. Mr. Ernst was called on the long distance telephone in Washington, and Mr. Hughes was called in Salt Lake City, and informed of the details.

James Hatsuki Wakasa was born in Japan and came to the United States in 1903. Prior to evacuation he resided at 142 Taylor Street, San Francisco.

He was chef by trade and during World War I served as a civilian instructor of cooking at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He was unmarried.

A graduate of Keio College in Tokyo in 1900, he studied at Hyde Park high school in Chicago for three years, and completed a two-year post graduate course at the University of Wisconsin in 1916.

He had no known relatives.

當戰時轉住監理局で
此事件に就て調査
が行はれて居ると云
ふ事を確かめる責任
を感じてゐる。出張
中のアーシントン氏
は徹底的の調査に於
て徹底的の調査に著
手してゐる。そして
副管理局長アイリス
は今日塩湖市に於て
陸軍第九軍の國內治
安課を訪問しつゝあ
る。此の結果に就て
悲しみの結果に就て
もつてある。此の如
く事件が又と突発さ
る事を憂へてゐる。是
れに付て各民各自が
規則を遵守する事
を望む。此の如く

陸軍監理局より當保安
課を通じてこの事件
の通知を受けた代理
目下アーシントン氏
中の當所長アーレン
ト氏及びソートレス
エーゾ氏に通告を發
した。同時にベル氏
は當局重役参事員
会及び在任民代表
数人を召集して此の
事件につき説明され
た。同時にアーレン
ト氏及びソートレス
氏出張中のヒューズ
氏に長距離電話で詳
細なる報告がなされ
た。是れは千九百の
米國に渡來したもの
に彼等は立ち退き前

當監理局
聲明書
アーシントン

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街一四二番に居住し
た者である。彼は料
理人で第一次世界大
戦の時にはアイオワ
州キャンパドで
料理法教師として勤
務し、この間ある
彼は獨身者である。彼
は東洋大学で九
十年の出身で渡米後
シカゴのハイドパー
ク高校で三年間勉強
した。そして一九百十
六年ウィスコンシン
大学に於て二年間の
専攻課程を修業した。
左に其家族事件の真
相を述べん。
去る日曜日午後七時
半頃、市中第六区の
七一Dのゼームス・ハ
ッキンス氏六十三才
は哨兵隊第八と第九
の間のフンスを替り

脱けんとして、
番兵がら四回の警告
を受けたにも拘らず
若狭氏は其警告に従
はざりし爲め一人の
番兵が發砲して若狭
氏は速死を遂げた。
而して軍警官が其の
死體を引き取り、そ
レラド郡の警署で
検事が通告に應じて
當市に調査に來た。