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ADMINISTRATIVE RELOCATION INFORMATION CHANGES TO BE MADE TEMPORARILY TEAM ARRIVES TOMORROW

A temporary reshuffling of the local administrative personnel will be necessitated for the next several weeks during the absence of Charles Ernst, director, and Raymond Sanford, assistant director, and the departure of James F. Hughes, deputy director.

Roscoe E. Bell, assistant director in charge of project operations, will be acting director in the absence of Ernst, who is leaving to attend a directors' conference in Washington.

Roy Potter, supplies officer, will act as deputy director, while Walter Ponderick, community enterprises head, will serve as assistant director in charge of project management in the place of Sanford who left for Chicago Friday to get his family. Henry R. Watson, senior engineer, will act as assistant director in charge of operations in Bell's place.

To bring the latest information about conditions and opportunities on the outside, Harold Fistere of the Cleveland relocation office and Dr. P. A. Webber of the Salt Lake City office will arrive in the center tomorrow.

MARCH OF DIMES

Contributions
Total \$132.96

Contributions to the March of Dimes drive held in the center last month totaled \$132.96, it was reported today by Miss Margaret McCaffery, head nurse at the hospital who was in charge of the drive. The amount netted from the President's Birthday Ball was \$175.81.

The largest contribution of any group, \$17.71, came from the elementary school students. Block 31 with a donation of \$4.45 led the blocks in the amount of contributions, it was reported.

A schedule of meetings with the residents and various organizations here has been prepared for the visiting relocation information team. Webber will present his talks in Japanese to the issei. A colored film, "The Way Ahead", showing residents who have relocated from Topaz and other centers will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Photographs will also be displayed.

To facilitate attendance at the relocation team meetings in the auditorium for all residents, the center will be divided into two groups. Residents living on the east side of the project in blocks 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 40, 41, 42 will go to the meeting on Tuesday evening. Persons living on the west side in blocks 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39 will attend the Wednesday evening meeting.

Appointments for personal interviews with Fistere and Dr. Webber may be made at the leave office.

JAPANESE SHOULD JOIN LARGER GROUPS TO BE EFFECTIVE, EMBREE

Speaking on the social adjustments necessary for persons of Japanese descent in modern America, Dr. John Embree, professor of anthropology at the University of Chicago, urged them to become affiliated with stronger and larger organizations, such as labor and other occupational groups, rather than remaining attached to ineffective small minority groups. Dr. Embree spoke at the opening meeting of the Topaz Community Conference last night at the auditorium.

He will speak to an issei audience at dining

hall 73 tonight with Rev. Masamoto Nishimura as interpreter.

A discussion of nisei problems by the young adults and leadership institute for high school students were the principal conference meetings today.

Dr. Floyd Sampson, professor of religion at the University of Denver, will speak before a joint young people's service of all groups under the sponsorship of the Inter-Faith from 11:45 AM tomorrow at the auditorium.

George Rundquist, executive secretary of the Committee on Resettlement in New York, will discuss outside conditions at an informal assembly Sunday afternoon from 1:30 in the auditorium.

Parties Honoring Hughes Given

Two farewell parties honoring James F. Hughes, deputy director who is leaving for the navy next week, was held on Thursday and Friday evenings.

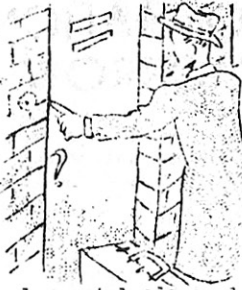
More than 150 residents attended a dinner given jointly by the block managers and councilmen in dining hall 10 Thursday night. Mas Narahara was chairman.

Appointed personnel members held a party for Hughes last night in the administration rec hall, which was decorated with a nautical theme.

Roscoe E. Bell, assistant project director, was master of ceremonies.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Thursday.....	30°	23°
Friday.....	30°	3°

THE MAIL BOX



The hostel is a good place to stay when first arriving. Although it may not be ideal as far as living conditions are concerned, it's the best place to make friends and to find someone with whom you could share living quarters.

Also, here you could hear of the experiences of others before you so that you can avoid undesirable things, and also get leads on desirable things; by this I mean leads and pitfalls on jobs, approaches, living quarters, and anything else we come in contact with. The time we spend in idleness here is also a good opportunity to get rid of some of the undesirable complexes that we have unknowingly acquired in camp. Any feeling of bitterness or inferiority is not only undesirable and uncalled for, but is a detriment in finding employment or friends.

Another thing for the people in camp or outside to remember---any act that creates bad publicity for us, whether true, false or exaggerated, affects us immediately, so watch your conduct while in public.

Fred Morioka
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sometime ago we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Tanamachi, an American Japanese, tell us about the relocation centers in our country. She talked to the primary department of the First Methodist Church in Oak Park.

When I asked her if the boys and girls in these centers would like to correspond with me, she said she was sure some of them would. I am 19 years old and graduated from high school last June.

In our Sunday School classes we have done quite a few things for the Japanese children for Christmas. We made story books and pictures to hang on the walls. It was lots of fun and the children enjoyed doing these things to help and share with others at Christmas time.

So I am very anxious to write. Right now, I have as a pen pal, Pfc. Jimmy Watanabe, a Japanese American soldier in Italy.

(Miss) Willow Holzman
323 North Marion
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Mom,

I heard from Howe Hanamura who said that he visited Topaz for five days. While he was there he heard a lot of stories that I had malaria over here (Australia) and was very sick. Well, that's far from the truth so if you should hear such stories you'll know that I'm not sick at all. Funny thing, how stories get started there....

T/S Tony Takahashi
Australia (1/4/44)



One out of every four persons who relocated in the last two weeks of January was an issei. Sixteen issei went out on indefinite leaves in those two weeks....

SZOZO MAYEDA and BILL TSUBOI left for Cleveland together on January 24 to drive trucks for the Ohio Fruit Products Company....BILL FUJITA, active Christian leader left with wife, DOROTHY, for Philadelphia recently....MARYON OISSEI, Topaz High '43, left for Durham, New Hampshire, where she will enter the University of New Hampshire....HELEN S. TAKIKAWA has gone to Reno, Nevada--not for a divorce but to work....SHIZUE INAZUMI left for Cleveland where she plans to take the examination for an Ohio License in cosmetology...

Nine nisei left for New York City in the last two-week period---TASHIO HARAHAKI, ex-X-ray technician at the local hospital, ELSIE MAYEDA, NINE OBURO, well-known artist and winner of last year's San Francisco Art Association's 7th Annual Exhibit first prize, GRACE HASHIGUCHI, FRANK TAKEUCHI, who is joining his architect brother, JOHN, HIROSHI HIRASHIWA, also joining his brother, ARCHIE, FUJI FUJIWARA, JOSE TAKAKUWA, ex-ram grid player who will enter New York University, and MIKE MARUYAMA, ex-council chairman and Buddhist young people's leader...

Among the issei who departed for Chicago are SUKEZO HIRATA, SEIZAEMON YAMANE, Rev. and Mrs. ISAO TANAKA, and the family of SHIRO YAMAJI, including Mrs. YAMAJI, HIROKO, and SEISUKO....TOMI YAMASHITA went to join her daughter, KIYUKO, in Philadelphia....HOMER FUJIWARA went back to his old city of New York where he had spent over 25 years before going to the west coast in 1937....TAKE FUJITA left for Cleveland....MARY TAKAKI went to Boston....SHICEYO TANAGA and his family left for New York City....KATSUMIHO ADACHI went to Detroit....ALBERT KANZAKI accepted a hostel invitation to Cincinnati....HARU MIYAHARA is joining her sister, HOSHI, in Battle Creek, Michigan....



DRAFT QUESTIONS SENT TO MYER

To clarify many questions asked by the residents pertaining to selective service for the nisei, the community council has acted to secure further particulars from various sources. Many of the questions were answered by the administration here and by Hillman Davies, chairman of the Millard County Draft Board.

Questions which could not be answered locally were sent to Dillon Myer, national WRA director, for consideration.

The following letter with a list of pertinent questions on the draft was sent to Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director in Washington, by Charles F. Ernst, project director, at the request of the council.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Since the reinstatement of Selective Service, the Project Administration has been receiving many questions from the residents. Many of these questions we are unable to answer due to the lack of information and due to the newness of the program.

We are listing those questions under general headings with specific illustrations and would appreciate answers at your earliest possible convenience.

LEGALITY OF SELECTIVE SERVICE FOR NISEI

1. Is the induction of American citizens of Japanese descent in War Relocation Centers for military service, in violation of the constitution of the United States by virtue of the fact that citizens of Japanese descent have been incarcerated and guarded by Military authorities?

2. Under an international law, can the nisei in relocation centers, which can be termed internment camps, be inducted?

BASES FOR REINSTITUTION FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

1. On what basis and why was Selective Service reinstated?

2. Why is the classification of 4C (neutral alien) changed now to a new classification for the purpose of the draft?

POST WAR STATUS OF VETERANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. Will the Japanese American veterans have the same rights and privileges as other American veterans after the war?

2. Will disabled nisei soldiers have full rights in hospitals, training projects, etc.?

3. Can an honorably discharged nisei, during the war period, travel in the evacuated area?

WHY ARE NOT ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OPEN TO NISEI

1. Will volunteer 17 year old boys be given an opportunity to attend training schools sponsored by the Army and Navy?

2. As American citizens, drafted on the same basis as other citizens, why aren't the other branches of the Armed Forces open to the nisei, such as the

Marines, Air Corps, Navy, Coast Guard and Armored Forces?

3. Do soldiers have a choice of units in which they can serve?

4. Is publicity the reason for segregating the nisei into a combat team?

5. Why are the nisei segregated again into one unit instead of being inducted, trained and assigned to service with their fellow Americans?

CITIZENSHIP POSSIBILITIES FOR ISSEI

1. Since their children are being inducted, why cannot the privilege of citizenship be given to the issei in the same way as that privilege has been given to the Chinese?

REOPENING OF THE EVACUATED AREAS TO ACCEPTABLE NISEI CIVILIANS

1. If nisei are assumed loyal enough to fight for this country, why are not they permitted to go to the Pacific Coast as civilians?

2. Will nisei who had been determined "acceptable" by the War Department, be allowed to return to the evacuated area; will they be allowed to return during their three weeks' furlough immediately subsequent to induction?

3. Will nisei on the "acceptable" list, who are rejected on physical grounds, be allowed to visit the Pacific Coast?

4. Can parents of nisei soldiers return to the Pacific Coast during the war period?

DEPENDENCY ALLOTMENT

1. Will the WRA assume responsibility for providing subsistence for the inductee's aged parents, both during the war and in the post-war period?

2. a. Are the inductee's wife and children eligible for a complete dependency allotment from the Army?

b. Are parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, or other dependents eligible for the complete dependency allotment provided by the Army?

3. Will the fact that a nisei's dependents are in a WRA center affect the allotments that they are eligible to receive from the government under the provision of the Service Men's Dependency Allotment?

BASIS OF ACCEPTABILITY

1. What are the specific criteria of "acceptability" or "unacceptability" used by the Army Review Board in determining status of the nisei?

2. Will those individuals investigated by the F.B.I. and sent into Detention Camps in Hawaii, be considered "acceptable" for Selective Service?

3. Will nisei who answered both questions 27 and 28 in the negative or with qualifications or those who answered negatively to #27, and affirmatively to 28, be considered "acceptable" by the Army Review Board?

4. Is the Selective Service applicable to a person who happens to be a dual citizen?

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DRAFT CLARIFICATIONS MADE

Hillman Davies Of Millard County Makes Statements

QUESTIONS ON LEAVE FOR ARMY INDUCTION GIVEN

Hillman Davies, chairman of the Millard County Draft Board, made the following statements on the draft:

1. Any person engaged in agriculture may be deferred at the request of his employer, or if self-employed, at his own request. This request is filed with the registrant's Local Board on DSS Form 42.

2. Who may qualify as conscientious objectors? Since this Local Board has never had a registrant make claim for this classification I am not exactly sure of the proper procedures. However, any registrant may make this claim, submitted on DSS Form 47, which becomes a part of his Selective Service Questionnaire. The information contained therein would be submitted to the State Advisory Board for determination.

3. Local Board quotas are based entirely on the board's total registration as compared to the national total, and the number of men called any month would be in direct ratio to the national call, using the same percentage comparison. Men are called in order number sequence. The available men with the lowest numbers first, etc.

4. All questions in DSS Form 41, as well as any other questionnaire, should be answered as fully as possible.

5. When a person is discharged from the armed forces he reverts to civilian status. He must report the fact of his discharge to his local board, and must keep the board advised of his whereabouts. The type of discharge would determine whether or not he could be recalled.

6. Information concerning Veteran's Discharge Button may be obtained by writing the Veteran's Administration, 13th Ave. and E. Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. If you write, ask that they furnish you with the proper application forms.

The local administration answered the following questions on leave procedures for army induction and other matters concerning selective service for the nisei:

Q. How does the reinstatement of selective Service affect nisei beyond draft age whose leave clearance has been held up?

A. It will not effect the status of men over draft age.

Q. What is the status of boys who are not cleared to leave the center? Are they eligible for induction like the others?

A. All Americans of Japanese ancestry within the proper ages are eligible for Selective Service if after reviewed by the Army Review Board they are found acceptable.

Q. When reporting to the induction center, does one go out on short-term, indefinite, or special leave? Will there be any difficulty in returning to the center if a person is rejected at the pre-induction physical examination?

A. When a resident receives an order to report for pre-induction physical examination, he will be issued a short-term leave. If he is rejected he can return to the center.

At the time he is told to report for actual induction there will no longer be any question about rejection so he will be issued an indefinite leave.

Q. What has indefinite leave got to do with the draft?

A. There is no direct relationship.

Q. Must a rejected person return to the relocation center after his physical examination?

A. Yes, upon the expiration of the short-term leave issued unless individual arrangements have been made for permanent relocation in advance.

Q. Are boys in high school, 18 years
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More Draft Questions Sent To Myer

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SELECTIVE SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Do acceptable nisei who were detained in Hawaii and who have had physical examinations before internment, have to be re-examined physically when called?

2. Are individuals discharged from the Army for medical reasons liable for reinduction?

3. What is the order of priority for induction? Will it be by:

a. Age Groups.

b. Order Number with Local Board.

c. Number of dependents.

d. Will there be any difference between relocated nisei and those nisei staying in the centers?

ELIGIBILITY FOR SOLDIER'S INSURANCE

1. Are aliens eligible beneficiaries for payment of Service Men's insurance?

REJECTED NISEI

1. Will "acceptable" but medically rejected nisei be granted immediate war plant clearance or any other clearance necessary for defense work?

DISCRIMINATION

1. Will the government aid in abolishing or discouraging discrimination against the Japanese?

a. Incident of Sgt. Ben Kuroki being banned from a radio program after returning to the United States as a hero of 35 combats.

CIVIL RIGHTS

1. Why doesn't the government restore civil rights to the nisei prior to their induction?

2. Why do the names of girls and aliens appear as "acceptable" by the Army Review Board for Selective Service?

MORE ANSWERS TO INDUCTION QUERIES GIVEN

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of age, to be inducted?

A. Boys in high school may request and be granted deferments until the completion of the current semester in which they are enrolled.

Q. Will 17 year old boys be drafted?

A. No.

Q. Why did the administration receive the list before the individuals?

A. The list was forwarded to the administration from Local Board #30 of Millard County to supply latest addresses and local board numbers, etc.

Q. Will a prospective inductee having already relocated but desiring to take his physical examination near the center be exempt from paying his subsistence charge during his stay in the center?

A. No. Prospective inductees who have relocated are being advised to stick to their present jobs until they have been inducted.

The following 2 questions were sent to Washington February 9 in addition to those listed on page 3 and 4.

1. Will a person deemed acceptable for induction by the army but rejected after physical examination be automatically given indefinite leave clearance by the WRA?

2. May the project waive subsistence charge for an inducted man, now out on indefinite leave, during his 21 day furlough at the center?

MYER SENDS INSTRUCTIONS TO NISEI OF DRAFT AGE

Red Cross Heads Are Announced

Committees for the Topaz Red Cross were organized recently to carry out necessary functions of the group.

Residents named for the various committees are Mrs. S. Fujita, Mrs. Wasa, Chi-yoko Nemoto, Takashi Manabe, Otozo Iwatsu, Mrs. I. Oshima, home services; S. Miho, S. Yamate, I. Shibata, Mrs. S. Matsumoto, Yoshiaki Tamaki, M. Hidokawa, finance; Teizo Sato, I. Shibata, Harumi Kawahara, Joyce Kawamoto, publicity.

The Red Cross meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Plans are being made to form block Red Cross committees also.

Miss Toshi Koba of the CAS stated that to date the local Red Cross has donated 100 dollars to the hospital patients to buy materials for handicraft work.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the sport page will not be published in this issue. No block league games are scheduled up to Tuesday.

The following teletype was received by Project Director Charles F. Ernst from National Director Dillon S. Myer in Washington:

"Please notify all nisei men of military age who are not certain that they listed complete information concerning local selective service boards at the time of registration early in 1943 to send name, number and address of their boards to the Relocation Planning Division, Washington, D.C. While induction will be a gradual process, it is essential that the records of each individual be brought up to date at once.

Nisei men of military age are reminded also of the importance of keeping selective service boards notified of all changes of addresses. Responsibility for such notification rests with the individual. A man who cannot be located and notified to appear for pre-induction physical examination when his order number appears will be reported as delinquent and is liable to severe penalties provided under the Selective Training and Service Act."

SCHEDULE FOR RELOCATION TEAM MEETINGS NEXT WEEK RELEASED

The schedule for meetings planned by the relocation information during next week is as follows:

MONDAY

2:30 PM--Community Council at 1-10-C.

5:00 PM--Appointed project staff at Ad. rec. hall.

8:00 PM--PTA meeting (Dr. Webber) at auditorium.

TUESDAY

9:30 AM--Block managers at rec 33.

8:00 PM--Public meeting--East side at auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM--Office workers at Ad. rec hall.

10:30 AM--H. S. Juniors and Seniors at DH 32.

8:00 PM--Public meeting--West side at auditorium.

THURSDAY

8:00 PM--Forum at DH 32.

The team will be available for individual and family discussions from 2 to 6 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Claude C. Cornwall's office in the Ad. annex.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICE	SPEAKER	PLACE	TIME
CATHOLIC			
MasC	Father Stoecke	Rec 14	10:00 AM
Sunday School	Father Stoecke	Rec 14	2:00 PM
PROTESTANT			
YP Service	Dr. Chapman	DH 32	10:30 AM
Sunday School		Recs 5, 22, 27	10:30 AM
BUDDHIST			
Sunday School	Rev. Sanada	Rec 8	10:30 AM
	Rev. Kyogoku	Rec 28	10:30 AM
No YP Service			
Inter-Faith Worship	Dr. Sampson	Gym	11:45 AM

郵便なかれ十條

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- (二) 没書の郵類に入られるものに差出人の宛所はサインアップと必ず書き入れること忘れなす。
- (三) 郵便不足で戻されぬかも知れないから新聞雑誌や他の郵便の宛先を必ず自分自身で当てること忘れなす。
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- (五) 戦時運輸が思ふよりになりぬ時だから郵便が期日通りに届かぬと怒りなす。

- (六) 仕事の方になることもしありますから局又は街上で配達人にあつたの郵便物を求めなす。
- (七) 郵便規則違反で罰金の罰金ですから小包郵便物に必ずなす音信を包みこみなす。
- (八) 住所の変更は直ちに局へ届けること忘れなす。
- (九) 小包が破れて届かぬのは何か意味が失はれるものは時は直接郵便局に掛合ひる。
- (十) 郵便の事について再ねたいこと又はヘルプを求めたいことは申し出ること忘れなす。

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看護婦候補生隊に入隊するために先週金曜日当所を出立した。嬢はトバズ病院開院以来勤続し看護助手最初の入隊者である。

日本からの手紙一通
郵便局に保留

日本赤十字社の手を経て左記三通の手紙が當所郵便局に届いて居る。宛所不明のため配達不能。必當りのことは早マウンテンに行かれたい。

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カリホルニア宛 フジエオ
カマツ 福岡県日本出
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ケドストリートリウアサ
イトカリホルニア宛 シ
ソエイシカハ名古屋日
本出。

女青クラゲハンズ
閑館式

式が金曜日に行はれた。新会館は諸種のクラフ及び園林に使用されることができ、全米YWCAがカーテンデザイン其他器具の購入費を寄贈した。

バンハト氏
華府に轉任か

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マウンテンに行かれたい。

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浪曲會

第卅一食堂
場所 第卅一食堂
時間 前二時三十分後
演題並に出演者名
乃小將軍 柳原
鼠小僧 有間
河波鳴戸 花本
お節正宗 川口
三宮金郎 吉野

周十改詳 高武
壺坂 守ハ

血漿提供
病院の要請

應急使用に當つる血漿の供給に備ふため当所病院は血液提供者に病院実験室に来て血液の型を取る事に懇望して居る。

十八歳より四十五歳までの人々は血液を提供していただきたい。血液は手術後の貧血症及び輸血を求むべき親族又は親友と有せざる患者のため必要であることである。

北米觀世會
例會

第十四回米系議會
時日二月二十日(前日)午後
場所三月十八日教室にて
未聴歡迎
賀茂 佐野 大野 大野
吉野 大野 吉野 大野
山崎 藤井 高橋
高橋 木田 沼波
田村 竹岡 大野
大野 大野 高橋
長沢 沼波
熊野 田村 沼波
独吟 高橋
森本
祝言 以上

のセルスラレーがある。オーケストラは、そのうちのことになった。

譲りダンスはレコードを同

土曜日 午後二時分
小園討議 高校井鈴
指導者訓練米金井二
八二二 二世に関する
諸問題討議 サラ佐
藤指導(食堂中)
午後七時分 親の夕
通譯附エリ博士講
演(食堂中) 午後八時
演(食堂中) 午後八時
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青年大會今朝日の
プログラム

EXPLANATION -
1. P.O. RITES 2. TAPPY GIRL
JOINS NURSES' CADET CORP
3. 2 LETTERS FROM JAPAN
4. YWCA IN RECH
5. BARNHART TO GO TO
WASHINGTON DC. 6. DRAMA
TIC SONGS 7. BLOOD
PLASMA WANTED
8. VALENTINE DANCE
9. CLASSIC SONGS
10. COMMUNITY CONCLAVE
SCHEDULE

