

# WRA UNDER ICKES

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### PRESIDENT SIGNS TRANSFER

#### 2000 RESIDENTS ATTEND 2-DAY RELOCATION MEETS

More than 2000 persons, mostly issei, heard Harold Fistere of Cleveland and Dr. P. A. Webber of Salt Lake City tell of outside conditions and experiences of relocated Japanese Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Speaking in proficient Japanese, Dr. Webber explained why the centers should not be the home for evacuees too long, illustrating the advantages offered outside. He also told of his own experiences while in Japan as an educator for 25 years.

Fistere, chairman of the relocation team, told of conditions in the East and Midwest, covering such phases as favorable community acceptance, job opportunities, housing, education, and undertakings for the issei.

"The Way Ahead," a movie showing resettled Japanese in various jobs, was also presented.

#### RELOCATION FORUM TONIGHT

Harold Fistere and Dr. P. A. Webber of the visiting relocation team will make their final public appearance tonight at the relocation forum at dining hall 32.

The two are expected to give advice to prospective persons planning to relocate from the centers.

#### Cornwall To Leave Sunday

Claude C. Cornwall, relocation program officer, will leave the center Sunday afternoon, it was reported today. Cornwall who has been here since the opening of the center has accepted the position of WRA relocation officer in Rochester, New York. He will drive with his family to Rochester.

#### DIRECTOR MYER SENDS MESSAGE TO TOPAZ WRA

President Roosevelt announced yesterday that he had ordered the transfer of the War Relocation Authority to the Department of Interior under Secretary Harold Ickes, according to a teletype from Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director, to the Topaz administration received this morning.

The President stated that the transfer was being made for administrative simplification and to bring the work of the agency under the supervision of a cabinet officer.

In announcing the transfer, the President declared that he considered the program of the WRA sound in principle, and work already accomplished by the agency highly satisfactory.

The WRA will be moved in its entirety into the Department of Interior in accordance with the President's frequently announced belief that the number of independent agencies should be reduced when practicable.

Whether the change was made because of pressure from West Coast congressmen demanding the transfer of the administration of the 10 WRA centers to the army or the justice department was not mentioned.

The transfer had been rumored in Washington circles since last week, according to the Washington Post.

According to the teletype, a statement on the transfer from Myer and Ickes is forthcoming today.

#### EDUCATIONAL CONCLAVE SLATED IN TOPAZ FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

An educational conference will be held in Topaz Friday and Saturday, it was announced today by Le-Grande Noble, superintendent of education. Dr. George Hanson, head of the geology department at Brigham Young University, Dr. Reuben D. Law, director of elementary education at Brigham Young University, and Dr. Golden Wolf, principal of the Brigham Young

University High School will attend the conference.

A meeting of all parents and teachers will be held at dining hall 32 from 4:15 PM on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Dr. Hansen will lecture and show slides on the geology of this region to all parents and teachers at dining hall 32 Saturday morning from 9 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning Dr. Law and Dr. Hansen will speak to the elementary school students and Dr. Wolf will address the high school students.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Tuesday.....	29°	3°
Wednesday.....	26°	4°

# DRAFT QUOTAS, PENALTIES GIVEN

Since the reinstatement of Selective Service for nisei, many questions have been brought up by the residents to the selective service committee of the community council. Some of these were forwarded to Washington, some were answered by the local WRA administration, and some were sent to the Millard County Selective Service Board.

Following are answers to questions sent to the Millard County board. The answers were received Monday, February 14, from Hillman Davies, chairman of Local Board #30 at Fillmore, Utah.

after reviewing the evidence presented the board decides the claim has merit, the registrant is placed in class IV-B, wholly opposed, or class 1-A-O, opposed to combatant service. If the board places the registrant in any other class he may ask that the case be sent before the appeal board.

## WHAT IS "4C"

Q. What is the exact wording describing the classification 4-C?

A. Class IV-C is for those registrants not acceptable for training and service because of nationality or parentage, neutral aliens requesting relief from training and service, and non-declarant aliens who depart with intention not to return.

Q. What is part 652 of the Selective Service Regulations?

A. Part 652 of Selective Service Regulations deals with the assignment of conscientious objectors to work of national importance. It is rather lengthy, so will not attempt to quote it. Any part that you think may apply to your work will be furnished.

Q. Are selectees, who registered originally in local boards in California, called from their original board quota, or are they transferred to the quota in Millard County?

A. Selectees who registered originally in California, or other boards receive their original call from that board, and are then transferred to this board for induction and/or examination. This would apply to registrants in the center.

## AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Q. Is a person who is seeking agricultural employment eligible for deferment?

A. Persons who are seeking work in agriculture may not be deferred. They must be actually engaged before application can be made. The employer makes the application to the man's own board on DSS form 42. In the case the registrant owns his own farm he may make his own application in the same manner.

## STUDENT PROCEDURES

Q. What procedure should students, who have relocated from this project, follow in complying with the order to take their physical examinations?

A. Students who have relocated from the center may ask for postponement of induction until the end of the current semester if they are attending high school. If they are in college, they may apply for deferment through the school, using a special student questionnaire.

Q. Please explain the present system of classification. For example, has a classification of 3-A been eliminated?

A. The list of current classifications has already been released. (Refer to councilman).

## MILLARD COUNTY QUOTA

Q. What is the quota for Millard County, and what percentage of this quota, approximately, will be filled by Topaz?

A. Information regarding quotas and calls is restricted to Selective Service, so that portion of question cannot be answered. As to the percentage of the call that will come from Topaz we can only state that men are called as their order numbers are reached, so any attempt to answer would be only guess work.

## PENALTIES

Q. What is the penalty for failing to notify one's Local Selective Service Board of change of address?

Q. Is it necessary to notify the United States District Attorney, and what procedure is necessary if one has neglected to comply with the regulation requiring that the draft board be notified of every change of address?

Q. What is the penalty for a refusal of induction?

A. The answer to these three questions all come under the heading of Delinquency. Any registrant who fails to comply with any or all orders of Selective Service is delinquent, and is to be placed in class 1-A and inducted immediately, or ordered for induction. Failure to report for induction or pre-induction examination also makes one delinquent. Penalties for delinquency provide for jail sentences of varying lengths.

## CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Q. What basis are recognized for conscientious objectors? To what penalties are conscientious objectors subject, and can a person of any religion qualify as a conscientious objector?

A. Information concerning conscientious objectors is not too clearly stated. Regulations state that any person may declare himself as conscientiously opposed to war, either entirely, or merely opposed to combatant duty. He should file his claim on DSS Form 47, which becomes a part of the Selective Service Questionnaire, DSS Form 40. If,



**AMERICAN INTERLUDE**  
 When the Topaz Rams play the Brigham Young grey guin in Provo next December, two incidents occurred which vividly reflected two phases of American sentiment toward the nisei. The first occurrence proved very disheartening, for no restaurant would serve the nisei basketball players. It was not until almost game time that one of the faculty escorts contacted a local congregational minister, Rev. Edwin Irwin of the Provo Community Church, who graciously opened his kitchen to the 30-odd players, coaches and teachers-escorts. He refused to accept any compensation for the dinner, which was hastily whipped together from the larder of the generous minister by the hungry nisei players and teachers.

This Christian gesture on the part of Rev. Irwin, who had never seen the nisei boys before in his life, more than made up for the discriminatory attitude of the local restaurants. All the nisei players who related these incidents to me expressed nothing but praise for Rev. Irwin and his wife.

**RACE HYSTERIA**

Legislators in Utah and Colorado, following in the footsteps of race baiting California politicians, are using the evacuees as the well-known football in order to gain cheap publicity. It is certainly very unfortunate that Utah and Colorado should fall prey to the rantings of muck-raking mongers of race hysteria, Democracy, to them, that be just a word.

**A STEP FORWARD**

The news of an USO center being organized in Topaz should make nisei soldiers who plan to visit this camp very happy. Many have mentioned the fact that such a project here would have made their stay very pleasant. We hope the girls will pitch in and help to make the Topaz USO the best in all the camps, Henri Takahashi

**1761 PERSONS DEPART ON INDEFINITES -- 19 PER CENT**

**CANDY COMPANY TO RECRUIT MEN**

Harry Mayeda and H. P. Scott of the Curtiss Candy Company in Marengo, Illinois, will arrive here next Monday to recruit workers, it was reported today by Emil Sekerak of the relocation office.

During their 3-day stay, the two representatives will recruit women for the candy factory and 15 men for farm work. Men above draft age are preferred. Housing will be provided in Marengo.

**NO BUSINESS**

**Licenses Denied Nisei In S. L. C.**

In a resolution presented to the Salt Lake City Commission for consideration, the Salt Lake Federation of Labor declared that, regardless of citizenship, Japanese should be denied business licenses there, the Tribune reported Tuesday.

The federation said that unless Japanese are banned from engaging in business in Salt Lake, returning war veterans will have difficulty in finding employment and that disharmony and strife will be created.

**LEAVE OFFICE ISSUES ADVICE TO DEPARTEES**

Relocators who are planning to drive to their destinations in their own cars are requested to notify the leave office as far in advance of their departures as possible, it was announced today by Corliss Garter, assistant relocation program officer.

To relieve congestion on the railroads, such individuals are advised to make arrangements to take other persons who are relocating on the same day.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:**

Mrs. C. Shibaki's leathercraft class will meet Friday and Saturday at rec 38, middle section, from 7:30 PM.

According to figures compiled by the relocation office, 1761 residents or 19.3 per cent of the center population have left the center on indefinite leaves as of February 15, it was revealed today. 141 persons more are out on seasonal leaves.

Out of those on indefinite leaves, 100 are attending school, 42 are army volunteers, and 1619 have gone out to seek employment or to join a relocated member of the family. Of those relocated, 275 are issei, it was indicated.

Last month, 124 residents left, and so far this month (a 2-week period) 67 have departed. One out of every five persons who relocated in January were headed for New York City, it was noted.

**TROTH OF YAYOI MIURA REVEALED**

The engagement of Miss Yayoi Miura to Samuel Henmi was announced recently by the bride-elect's brother, Tolu.

Miss Miura, a former Sacramento resident, relocated from Topaz to Detroit last October. Her fiance, son of Mrs. Henmi of 26-9-D, is a former San Franciscoan now relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Baishakunin for the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ryo-suke Kasai and Mr. and Mrs. Sasato Yamate.

**CASABA TILTS SLATED SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Two National AA tilts will feature Saturday afternoon's block league games. Combined blocks 22-23 will face block 29 at 3:30 and the undefeated block 27 quint will square off against block 31 at 4:45. In the initial contest at 2 o'clock, block 27 will meet #33. At 5 PM, blocks 8 and 10 will play.

**JAPANESE CLASSES:** Japanese language classes for the new semester will be resumed next Monday.

# トポズ新聞

## 徴兵に採用となるべき青年 廿五人の姓名発表

一回発表された徴兵に採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が、徴兵委員会の兵務委員の調査の結果、採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が発表された。同時に又市兵務委員会の兵務委員の調査の結果、採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が発表された。同時に又市兵務委員会の兵務委員の調査の結果、採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が発表された。

シエラ総会に於ける十五日午後七時半から第廿六の食堂に於て開催された。同会幹事頭第廿七の選挙規定に關する説明及び候補者の推薦を爲したる後投票が行った。

が分り次第速々人々に通知する聲明をした。同時に又市兵務委員会の兵務委員の調査の結果、採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が発表された。同時に又市兵務委員会の兵務委員の調査の結果、採用されるべき青年廿五名の姓名が発表された。

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尚ほWRAの轉任機関を通じて撤落日系人部を通常社会に再轉任して居り残りの九萬二十餘名は今猶ほ十個所の轉任所内に住んで居るのである。

安惠日禮拜  
日十字架と勇心  
麻生茂氏  
健康と聖言講演會  
火曜 午後七時半

1. 35 youths acceptable for draft revealed.  
2. Election for Co-op directors.  
3. Tools to be returned for reassignment.  
4. WRA to be transferred Department of Interior.  
5. SDA church schedule.  
6. Perkins named principal's aide.

キリスト教會  
土曜日 レッスン十四  
安惠日聖言學校  
午前九時半

