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COMMUNITY-WIDE BAY AREA SENTIMENTS PRESIDENT'S BALL FAVORABLE, HOFFMAN SAYS SET FOR JAN. 30

Admission prices of 50 cents per couple for residents and \$1.00 for appointed personnel were established for the community-wide President's Birthday Ball Jan. 30 by committee heads yesterday.

Mrs. Clark Bliss of Delta, West Millard County chairman, reported at the meeting that residents of Delta, Fillmore, Deseret, Holden, Sutherland and Hinckley probably will attend.

She invited Topazans to attend the President's Birthday Ball to be held at Van Hall in Delta Saturday, January 27.

Proceeds from the dances will go to the national fund for the fight against infantile paralysis.

Containers for "March of Dimes" contributions will be placed in dining halls.

Public sentiment in the San Francisco Bay area is distinctly favorable towards return of evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry.

VISITING POLICY CHANGES REVEALED

Two changes in the WRA policy covering visits to the relocation centers have been approved by Director Dillon S. Myer.

The first will make it possible for members of the armed forces on furlough or awaiting a call to active duty to visit the centers.

The second will broaden regulations governing visits for relocation planning purposes so as to include evacuees who need to visit the centers to develop relocation plans with potential associates in a business or agriculture endeavor.

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try, Project Director L.T. Hoffman reported today upon his return from important conferences there.

He found housing facilities very scarce in San Francisco, and had difficulty in securing a hotel room. But he shares the opinion of others there that energetic individuals will pioneer the way back the same as others have done in securing the best possible acceptance--by making their contributions where their services are most needed.

Governor Warren of California and the mayors of San Francisco and Los Angeles, in conferences with Dillon S. Myer and other WRA officials, expressed satisfaction over the situation and promised full co-operation in seeing that the rights of evacuees are upheld, Hoffman said.

Similar assurances were given by speakers at sessions of the three-state race relations conference sponsored by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, he added.

Director Myer, in addressing the conference, stated that he does not expect any violence, and classified groups opposing return of the Japanese-Americans as follows:

1. Political groups who have been at it for years and who through such opposition feel they can gain political office.

2. The misled (largest group) persons who want to do good, but are over-emotional and have been taught to hate.

3. The economic group--those who do not care to compete with the evacuees in business.

4. The "ashamed group"--those who have taken advantage of the evacuees in property deals and don't want to look them in the face.

PFC. FUKASAKI, ONLY SURVIVOR OF 5-MAN PATROL, IS VISITOR HERE

Pfc. Mac Fukasaki, the sole survivor of a 5-man patrol which was attacked by a Stuka dive bomber, is in the center visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Hatsuaburo Nakayama of 19-B-F. He was wounded in the battle for Cassino in the early part of last year and has been convalescing at the Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana.

Fukasaki joined the Armed Forces on December 20, 1940, from Wahiwa, Hawaii, and witnessed the actual bombing and destruction at Pearl Harbor where he was assigned to protect the beachhead positions at Wahiwa from parachute troopers.

He has been decorated with the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's badge, and good conduct, Pacific-Asiatic and European theater ribbons.

On June 5, 1942, he was shipped from Hawaii to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and was then transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss., where he received eight months training with the now famed 100th Infantry division.

After two weeks in North Africa with the 34th "Red Bull" division, Pfc. Fukasaki was sent to Salerno, Italy, where he was landed 14 miles from the fighting front.

During a battle, he was dispatched with a 5-man patrol--suddenly, a German Stuka dive bomber flew low and dropped a bomb that killed his four companions instantly. The flying shrapnel severely lacerated and disabled his leg and arm. Unable to move, he lay there 14 hours before he was finally taken to a field hospital.

43 SENIORS TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY

With the theme "Beyond the Horizon" the graduating class of January, 1945, will hold its commencement exercises in the auditorium Friday night at 7:30.

The program is as follows: Processional, graduates; Pledge of Allegiance;

UNATTACHED MINORS ALLOWED TO LEAVE

WRA officials have announced that in view of the Endo decision, "unattached children or children wishing to relocate without being accompanied by or going to responsible relatives cannot be refused permission to leave a relocation center if the War Department has not designated them as ineligible for relocation."

The announcement points out, however, that "WRA has a moral responsibility to them for proper placement. They and any older family members should be advised to consult the welfare section regarding state laws governing interstate placement of children."

"They also must have an approved relocation plan to qualify for relocation assistance, and because of their dependency should be strongly urged not to leave until such a plan has been developed in any case."

THREE EVACUEES GO BACK TO HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, ORE.--Despite efforts to organize a citizens' committee to meet returning Japanese Americans and discourage them from returning to the Hood River Valley, three nisei last week were back in the county without so much as an eyebrow raised against them.

The three former evacuees, Ray Sato, Sat Noji and Min Asai, returned by train Friday without attention from residents reported to be forming a "welcoming committee" to meet incoming trains bearing any evacuees.

ance, led by Elsie Itashiki, chairman; The National Anthem, graduates and audience; invocation, Rev. Shimada; welcome, Elsie Itashiki; "We Would Be Building the Horizon"; Takeko Doi and Ichiro Ozawa;

Piano solo, Keiko Kanzaki; vocal solo, Elsie Itashiki; Presentation of Class, Dr. Laverno Bane; Presentation of Diplomas, Superintendent L.G. Noble; Address to Graduates, Project Director L.T. Hoffman; "Farewell Topaz High" and Recessional, graduates.

Students graduating with honors are as follows: Shigeru Ishihara, valedictorian; Teruko Kaneko, salutarian; Joe Suyemoto, Mary Tamaki, Florence Nagano, magna cum laude; Aiko Takita, Asako Maruyama, Meriko Shinoda, cum laude.

The 43 departing seniors are: Seiko Akahoshi, Sumiye Akiyoshi, Takeko Doi, Tomiko Endow, Yasumitsu Furuya, Juro Hayashida, Yetsuko Lillian Hirose, Katheryn E. Teruko Hitomi, Natsu Ikeda, Shigeru Ishihara, Elsie Itashiki, Teruko Kaneko, Keiko Kanzaki,

Shizuko Kashiwabara, Tomoye Katayama, Sachiko Kinoshita, Naomi Kitagawa, Kingo Kotake, Clara Mubuchi, Asako Maruyama, John Miyagawa, Florence Nagano, Kazuko Nao, Dorothy Nomura, Raymond Nomura, Emili Otsugi, Fred Sadao Otsuji, Ichiro Ozawa, Masaki Jim Sakaguchi, Toshiaki Sakaguchi, Yaeko Sato, Ellen Setsuko Shimada, Harvey Shimada, Meriko Shinoda, Joe Suyemoto, Michi Takahashi, Aiko Takita, Mary Tamaki, Lily Tamura, Yumi Tsugawa, Aileen Yamate, Yutaka Yoshida, Shizuo Yoshiura.

LOST

Joseph M. Jones of the finance office will pay a \$5 reward for the return of a small bunch of keys, pocket knife and key chain lost Monday morning in the vicinity of the post office, ad building A, or the gate house.

EVACUEES MAY RESUME FISHING ON WEST COAST

LOS ANGELES--Japanese American fishermen returning to their former homes on the Pacific Coast from relocation centers, have the assurance of the War Relocation Authority that they will get their vessels back and be allowed to resume fishing.

Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, said in a press conference that federal agencies are prepared to protect the rights of those evacuated after Pearl Harbor. He said the Coast Guard has assured the WRA that the returning evacuees will be allowed to fish under the same regulations that affect other fishermen.

VISITING RULES

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terprise.

The requirements that the visit must be requested by the center residents with whom the planning is to be done will be retained.

No change has been made in the policy prohibiting visits exclusively for social purposes, even by evacuees living in nearby communities who wish to visit the center over weekends or during the day.

The project director is authorized at his own discretion to deny admission at the gate to any visitors who have not secured advance approval.

WRA officials are preparing a comprehensive explanation of the thinking underlying the whole visiting policy.

SOLDIERS ON REAR

Pvt. Shiro Ouye, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Pfc. Mac Fukasaki, Wakeman General and Convalescent Hospital, Indiana

LOST: Eyeglasses in brown case, between blocks 26 and 32 on Tuesday. If found, please return to office, ad building A, or Yoshiko Manabe, 19-6-E. Reward.

LOCAL BUSSEI TO PLAY HOOP SERIES IN SALT LAKE CITY "EVACUEES RETURNING TO COAST MEET NO VIOLENCE"

The Topaz YBA basketball team left this afternoon to trek to Salt Lake City for a three-day series on January 18, 19, and 20. They will meet the three strongest teams in the Salt Lake JACL league.

The locals are slated to battle the Cubs Thursday evening in the main event at 9 o'clock; The Cubs are reported to be holding down third place in the JACL loop.

On Friday, they will lock horns with the first-place S. L. Bussei in the main event at 9 o'clock. In their last encounter on the home court last month, the Topaz Busseis downed the visitors, 41-36.

The last game of the series will be played against the Trojans Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The game will be followed by a dance in honor of the local YBA at 9:30.

A special church service for the locals has also been tentatively arranged at 11 PM Sunday.

RAMBLINGS TO SHOW "LADY IN THE DARK"

The '45 Ramblings staff will present a movie, "Lady in the Dark", Saturday afternoon and evening in the auditorium, it was disclosed today.

The matinee will start at 2:30 and the evening showing at 7:30. Tickets for the movie may be obtained from Rambling staff salesmen at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children under 12 years of age. Children attending the evening movie will be charged the regular adult admission price.

"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"

"Princess O'Rourke", co-starring Olivia DeHaviland and Robert Cummings will be shown January 23 in the auditorium under the sponsorship of the high school, it was reported today.

Admission charge for the general public will be 20 cents.

BULLETIN SHORT TERM LEAVE RULES EXPLAINED.

Short term leave regulations will be explained in a new bulletin soon to be issued by the leave office.

New instructions state that the purpose of the short term leave is to permit a resident to leave the center for a short period of time to attend to affairs requiring his presence outside the area, particularly to investigate relocation opportunities.

The length of such leaves is determined by the purpose for which it is issued, and the resident is expected to return as soon as this purpose is accomplished, or in any case by the time and date specified on the leave permit. Extensions may be obtained upon written application to the project director, or upon recommendation of a field relocation officer, when such extension is necessary to the accomplishment of the purpose of the leave. Short term leave cannot be extended to cover a total period of more than 30 days.

Short term leave can be converted to permanent leave without return to the center upon the recommendation of a field relocation officer, or by notifying the project director.

Short term leave will be converted to permanent leave if the person does not return when his leave expires or if a person on such leave enters into employment.

There have been no instances of violence involving persons of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the West Coast, Robert B. Cozzens, assistant WRA director, informed Acting Project Director Roscoe E. Bell by telephone from San Francisco yesterday.

Reports that one Japanese American was killed and five others attacked in California proved wholly unfounded, Cozzens declared.

Neither have there been any cases of undue discrimination, he added.

Robert Akamatsu, in a postcard to friends here, said:

"I've been in California 10 days now and have no trouble. I am enjoying every minute of it; I've been to Alameda, San Francisco, Berkeley and Stockton and have found the general atmosphere far from hostile."

ASAKO MAIDA AND TOKUNO BETROTHED

Mr. and Mrs. Torayoshi Maida, 30-6-E, formerly from Richmond, California, announced the engagement of their second daughter, Asako, now in New York, to Shiro Tokuno of Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Tokuno, former resident of Palermo, California, is the son of Mrs. Suye Tokuno of 19-9-C.

The engagement was announced at a party held at the home of the bride-elect on January 11.

Baishakunin for the couple are Mr. and Mrs. S. Fukushima, Mr. and Mrs. K. Ono and Mr. Ichiji Sugiyama.

BK. LEAGUE DISCONTINUED

The inter-block basketball league which was scheduled to be held soon in the center, will be discontinued until a new supervisor takes over, it was disclosed today.

WANTED: Single man or couple with one or two small children, issei or nisei, to work an issei-owned laundry in Nevada. For couple, will provide furnished house rent free and will pay about \$250 per month. For single man, will pay at least \$115 month with room and board, it was stated.

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NEW AND ALTERED REGULATIONS ABOUT ALIEN TRAVEL, ASSISTANCE, ETC. GIVEN

Administration officials have received the following miscellaneous information regarding WRA post-exclusion policies:

ALIEN TRAVEL PERMITS:

For a short period after December 17, some United States Attorneys were apparently under the impression that they had no authority to issue travel permits to Japanese aliens for travel to the evacuated area. This misunderstanding has been called to the attention of the Justice Department, and instructions are being sent out to all US Attorneys that they are authorized to issue permits in such cases provided the applicant has not been individually excluded from the evacuated area.

TRAVEL PERMITS FOR HAWAII AND ALASKA: All evacuees desiring to travel to Hawaii or Alaska should hereafter be advised to submit their requests to

the Japanese American Branch, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Presidio, San Francisco, California.

ELIGIBILITY OF REINDUCTEES FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE:

The WRA regulation providing that all relocated evacuees must secure advance approval of the appropriate relocation officer for return to a center went into effect on July 20, 1943. Consequently, all center residents reinducted or admitted into the centers without such approval at any time after that date are ineligible for relocation assistance. Those reinducted previously are, of course, eligible on the same basis as other center residents.

GROUP RELOCATION: Regulations dealing with group relocation are being modified to eliminate a provision prohibiting travel assistance covering investigatory trips where more

than three families are to reside on contiguous farms or in an immediate neighborhood. The War Relocation Authority will, however, continue its policy of not encouraging the relocating of groups consisting of more than six families except in cases where the relocation officer feels it might be advisable.

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOCATION PLANNING:

Because of the acute housing shortage in the evacuated area and the difficulties being experienced by evacuees returning to the West Coast without prior housing arrangements, WRA will require evacuees to show evidence of housing arrangements before approving their relocation plan. These arrangements may be temporary, but should be for a long enough period of time to permit the evacuees to obtain permanent housing.

Time Reports On Evacuee Return To West Coast Says Racist Activities Make Them Undecided

The following are excerpts appearing in the January 15 issue of Time:

As the time approached, thousands of levelheaded citizens caught the tension on the Pacific Coast, talked of "The Day the Japs Start Coming Back" as though it were in capitals, like a play title. But by the time the Army lifted its 22-month-old Japanese exclusion order last week it was already apparent that there was going to be no westward rush of Japanese Americans from the camps.

ONLY 27 RETURN

At week's end only 27 had started for the coast. Most of them were men making temporary visits, like Indian scouts moving warily into another tribe's territory.

Many a West Coast citizen believed, with Dillon Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, that the Japanese could resettle in coastal areas with

little real difficulty. There were signs that most Pacific Coast citizens recognized the right of the Japanese to return and live in peace. Thousands more were warmly sympathetic toward the evacuees, indignant at the speeches against them.

RIGHTEOUS FRIENDS

There were dozens of instances of friendliness: Ray Sato, a 27-year-old nisei from Hood River, focal point of Oregon racial intolerance, received 30 reassuring letters from former neighbors when he decided to go home. When Bruce McGill, a wealthy Sierra Madre (Calif.) businessman, ran an anti-Japanese advertisement he found himself virtually ostracized by other citizens, who promptly ran a second ad, welcoming evacuees.

But the anti-Japanese feeling of a raucous minority still flared along the coast.

In Washington's coastal White River valley, directors of an organization known as Remember Pearl Harbor League, Inc. ate a steak dinner, voted to boycott returning Japanese, listened with admiration to a member's opinion of nisei in the US Army: "They're all loyal to Hirohito."

UNFRIENDLY RACISTS

Farmers crowded into the flag-draped town hall at Gardena, Calif., and applauded vociferously as Austrian-born John R. Lechner shouted: "We know the Japanese have super-submarines which carry 1,000 men--they're waiting for the return of California Japanese to start their invasion. They'll come in through the fog banks, led by 10,000 officers trained in American universities."

It was no wonder that among the dispossessed still in the camps there was indecision and bewilderment.

「デトロイト市のホステルは 所帯持轉住者の爲め炊事 場附室を設備せり。」

日系人家族持の転住の最近クリブラント
往を容易ならしむ爲め及シンシナターの両市の
最近デトロイト市のホステルに於て右同様
エロシツポホステルに於ての方法が実行せられた
ては特に炊事場附室に鑑みて是等に倣
ト式の室を準備してつた譯であらうと。尚
あり、そして其の特別上述の事に關し田辺
の宿泊料は週十二軒 牧師は若し今復相
五十仙也で滞在期間 寺多教の家族持の人
に制限なく何ヶ月間々々から斯様なる貸室
も随意に滞在するの 御注文が有りますな
とが出来ることとて らば是から次々と用意
ある。今右同市(轉 して御希望に意する
住せんとする家族持 積りでありますと語
の方々同ホステルに就 けられたる由。

て此の新らしい方法
を取ることになつた

「ライフ」の新年号で眼を押しられた
を見てゐたら... 行のを見え。自分も熱い
衛不明か或は「戦死」の眼から落ちるの
と印してそのまゝ、後を禁じ得なかつた。
送せられたる贈物が... 人々がお祭気分
或郵便局の一室に無になつてゐる中に...
雑作に山と積上げら... こんなに痛い胸を押し
化てある写真があつ... へつ、クリスマスとお正月
た。

無楽時の 悲話

龍は郵便局居住者
部主任家城秀三氏が
感想として寄せられ
たものなるが、紙面
の都合上掲載するこ
ととする。 〇

路を物語るかのやうなる説明を興へたさ
に破壊した包の表面
には「戦死」と印して
ある。差出人は私のお
向いに住んでゐられ
る戦後兵士のお姉さ
らである。戦争が身
に迫つた様な気が
する。

さんか佛國戦線にあ
る獨息子に郵送する
贈物の小包を持つて
る戦時の悲惨事であ
した。翌日のクリッ
ランドプレスには一
段に報道員の感想が
任んで現所内イビー
宮川氏御家族七名及
びサクラメント出身
所内イビー在住の
馬村氏御家族六名は
孰れも其一部が既に
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感謝と案内

野口氏(名々)篤志
刊行の「人道の大事な
語」は讀む人に深い
感動を興へつ、ある由
なるがこれは一に杉山
開教師の懇なる導に
依りしとして野口
氏は感謝して居る。
各區長事務所に一
部宛置であるから諸
氏のお目通しと希望
する。尚世余評談本が
ネラルハムスヨークに
験があり、推薦状所持
者たるを要す。長じた
娘があつて仕事を欲
するならば余分に支
拂ふグラッ分の上に居
室あり。

再會の豫定

元華盛頓州オーバンの
任んで現所内イビー
宮川氏御家族七名及
びサクラメント出身
所内イビー在住の
馬村氏御家族六名は
孰れも其一部が既に
デト

- 1. DETROIT HOSTEL
- 2. HOLIDAY SEASPN
- 3. BUDDHIST SERVICE IN CLEVELAND
- 4. ACCUCHI'S PAMPHLET
- 5. REFUGIATES UNITS
- 6. WANTED - A COUPLE