

# TO RECRUIT NISEI

## MYER PLEASED BY ARMY PLAN

Expressing his gratification over the War Department's decision to recruit a combat team from the nisei, Dillon S. Myer, national WRA head, sent the following message to Topaz:

"I find deep satisfaction in the announcement by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that a combat team composed of American citizens of Japanese ancestry is to be recruited by the United States Army for active service in a theater of war. This announcement makes January 28, 1943, the most significant date of the last 10 months for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

"Many have told me in conversations and letters of their desire for active service in the armed forces of this country. For many months I have been looking forward with them to the time when their desire might be realized.

"All facilities of the WRA, both at the relocation centers and in Washington, will immediately be placed at the disposal of the War Department to speed the formation of the combat team announced by Mr. Stimson."

## SIX RESIDENTS GIVE TO JACL NATIONAL FUND

Contributions to the National JACL fund from 6 Topaz residents were acknowledged this week by Hito Okada, treasurer, of Salt Lake City.

The contributors were: Y. Sakai, \$25; D.T. Uchida, \$25; S. Suzukawa, \$5; Kay Hirao, \$5; Nobumitsu Takahashi, \$2.50; and James Odagiri, \$1.

## WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ORGANIZE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMBAT TEAM

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 29--At a press conference in his office yesterday morning, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson issued the following press release:

"The War Department announced today that plans have been completed for the admission of a substantial number of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the Army of the United States.

"This action was taken following study by the War Department of many earnest requests by loyal American citizens of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit of the Army in which they could have their share in the fight against the nation's enemies."

The initial procedure in the formation of the unit authorized by Secretary Stimson will be voluntary induction, the War Department announced. Facilities for this will be nation-wide, including the Hawaiian Islands and the War Relocation centers in this country. No individual will be inducted if doubt exists as to his loyalty upon induction.

The nisei will begin training as a combat team for service in an active theater. This combat team will include the customary elements of infantry, artillery, engineer and medical personnel. No effort will be spared in developing it into an efficient, well-rounded, hard-hitting unit.

The new unit will be trained separately from the battalion of Americans of Japanese extraction--originally a Hawaiian National Guard organization

**PRINCIPLE OF ACTION GIVEN**

The basic principle prompting the War Department's latest action was given by Secretary Stimson in a statement released with the Department announcement as follows:

"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen, regardless of ancestry, to bear arms in the nation's battle. When obstacles to the free expression of that right are imposed by emergency considerations, those barriers should be removed as soon as humanly possible.

"Loyalty to country is a voice that must be heard, and I am glad that I am now able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a casualty of war."

--which is already a component of the Army.

The War Department's action, it was announced, is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war--through employment in war production as well as military service.

## NISEI SOLDIERS VISITING CITY

Nisei soldiers now visiting this City include Private First Class Fred Nomiya, Camp Walters, Tex-

as, visiting his family; and Private First Class Yoshio Tomino, Kentucky, here to see his cousin.

# 日本谷新聞

## 號外

### 志願制採擇に関する 轉住所長宛報告全文

米國陸軍省の日系第三志願入營制度採擇決定に関する陸軍省発表は十八日WRAより當轉住所長宛到着した加内容全文次の如し

WRA就職斡旋部長

EMERWOLT

トバク轉住所長

CFアーンスト殿

スチムソン陸軍長官は二十八日午前長官室に於ける新聞記者團との會見において次の發表を行へり

「軍に於いては日系米國市民の米陸軍入營許可案を採擇するに決定せり。本決定は枢軸敵國と戦ふべき特別部隊編成に関する日米國市民多數の熱誠なる要請

について種々検討を加へたる結果なり」

陸軍長官

談話發表

更にスチムソン陸軍

長官は前記新聞記者

者團との會見席

上次のステートメントを

發表せり

「忠誠なる市民がそ

の祖國の戦ひに武器

を執るのはその先祖

の如何を問はず当然

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「國家に對する忠誠の聲は聞き届けられねばならぬ

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證を興へ得ることを

甚だ欣快とするもので

である」

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部隊を編成

陸軍省當局の發表

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市民部隊の編成は義勇志願の者

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陸軍省發表に依り

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ロンドン及び轉住所に於ける一切の機関方針若し陸軍省發表にかゝる日系市民戦闘部隊編成の急速實現現化に切り換へ努力せらるべし

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