



### WAR DEPT., WRA PLANS TO BE HEARD TONIGHT

A thorough presentation of the recent War Department proclamation, as it affects male citizens 18 to 38 years of age in this Center, and of the War Manpower Commission plans, as they affect all residents here, will be given tonight at a special invitational meeting in Dining Hall 1 from 7:45 PM.

The meeting, called by the administration, will be attended by the War Department representatives now in the Center and some 300 representative Topaz residents.

The War Department representatives, headed by Lieut. William L. Tracy, have since their arrival last Friday evening been in a series of conferences with administration officials settling details of the volunteering program.

### ART SCHOOL HEAD AND WIFE SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY

Professor and Mrs. Chiura Obata of this city last week presented an illustrated lecture on painting and flower arrangements at Brigham Young University in Provo under the auspices of the college art department and extension division.

According to Dr. Laverne Bane, head of the Topaz adult education program the purpose of the lecture was to foster public realization of the presence of many college graduates, professional men and artists in the relocation centers.

WEATHER REPORT		
Max. (Fri. night)	52°	F.
Min. (Sat. morn.)	8°	F.
Max. (Sat. night)	63°	F.
Min. (Sun. morn.)	15°	F.
Max. (Sun. night)	62°	F.
Min. (Mon. morn.)	42°	F.

## PRESIDENT ENDORSES COMBAT TEAM PLANS

The following is the complete text of the letter from the President of the United States to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, endorsing the recently announced War Department plan for a combat team made up of American citizens of Japanese descent:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1943

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The proposal of the War Department to organize a combat team consisting of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent has my full approval. The new combat team will add to the nearly five thousand loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the armed forces of our country.

This is a natural and logical step toward the re-institution of the Selective Service procedures which were temporarily disrupted by the evacuation from the West Coast.

No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of his ancestry. The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy. Every loyal American citizen should be given the opportunity to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contribution--whether it be in the ranks of our armed forces, war production, agriculture, government service or other work essential to the war effort.

I am glad to observe that the War Department, the Navy Department, the War Manpower Commission, the Department of Justice and the War Relocation Authority are collaborating in a program which will assure the opportunity for all loyal Americans, including Americans of Japanese ancestry, to serve their country at a time when the fullest and wisest use of our manpower is all-important to the war effort.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

### DINING HALL TO COOK DIET FOODS

All dining halls are being equipped and systematized for the preparation of all infant and soft diet foods, according to Brandon Watson, chief project steward. Parents of these children should consult their block nurses, who will make necessary arrangements with the dining hall chefs. The aged and all others in need of soft diets are also urged to contact their block nurses.

