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# COMMUNIQUE

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## WOOD DISTRIBUTION REGULATED

### Community Piles To Be Set Up In Each Block Starting Today

Community wood piles are to be established in each block in accordance with a motion passed at the block managers' meeting Thursday. The order became effective today.

Under this ruling, all wood stacked on the outside of apartments must be removed to the community wood pile. Personal supplies of wood must be kept in the apartments.

Distribution from the community wood pile is under the jurisdiction of each block manager.

Katsujiro Keri, chairman of the block managers' group, presided at the meeting.

### UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM WORK TO BE PENALIZED

All unauthorized absence from work will be penalized in accordance with the WRA payroll and timekeeping procedure, James H. Wells, administrative officer, said today.

According to Wells, the penalty for unauthorized absence from work is the loss of pay for the day missed plus the loss of credit for three additional work days. If an evacuee fails to report for duty for five days without authorization, he will be dismissed.

To avoid penalties, the supervisor in charge should be notified of absence. In case of illness, a doctor's certificate should be presented.

A worker is allowed 15 days sick-leave with full pay. If the evacuee is unable to return to work after this period, he is eligible for unemployment compensation. This compensation provides for the paying of 60 per cent of a worker's base pay.

Part time workers are not eligible for excused absence or compensation.

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### Three 'Wood Trucks' Marked

To eliminate the unnecessary confusion which has been disrupting the wood-cutting program, the following regulations have been issued by Paul Taylor, Project director. This notice became effective yesterday:

1. Three trucks are being designated wood trucks and will be used to distribute cut wood to blocks, administration buildings and schools. These will be the only trucks allowed to carry wood under any circumstances. The trucks will be marked "WOOD TRUCK" and any other truck hauling wood will be stopped and the driver reported to Orren Hays, head of the transportation and supply division, for his action.

2. Wood crews will not concern themselves about the distribution of wood. The supervisor of the yard will be the only one who will attend to this detail.

3. An MP will be stationed at the wood yard at all times to keep unauthorized persons out.

### BANKING HOURS SET EVERY WEDNESDAY

To assist residents in handling financial matters, deposits and transfers, G. C. Johnston of the Denfrott state bank will be at 23-12-E from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every Wednesday, beginning tomorrow.

### Block Leaders To Be Permanent

Selection of permanent block managers will be made within 60 days after the occupancy of each block, said John L. McCormick, Employment and Housing division head.

Block 14, the first one to be occupied, will have its permanent manager announced by this weekend, he said.

With the qualification that they be able to speak and understand English, either issei or nisei may hold managerial positions, it was said.

## Indoor Recreation Gets Underway Here

Indoor recreation got underway this week as the following activities were listed:

★ Ping pong equipment is now available at Hall 20 through the efforts of Dick Kunishima and Bill Ishida. Any organized group wishing to reserve the use of this equipment must see Alfred Tsumamoto at 9-8-E or Hall 20.

★ Halls 1, 7, 11 and 41 are reserved for indoor recreation but as yet are

not equipped. Anyone with own equipment may use these halls for recreation.

★ Bridge fans are invited to a get-together at Hall 20 Saturday at 2 p.m. to organize classes and clubs.

★ Any block with chess,

### PRE-HOLIDAY DANCE SLATED FOR TONIGHT

A pre-Christmas dance open to stags and stagettes will be held tonight at Hall 29 starting at 7 o'clock.

checker, bridge, whist, "go" or "shogi" teams wishing to challenge other teams may get in touch with Sam Seno or Alfred Tsukamoto who will act as clearing houses for all challenges. Block 9 has issued a bridge challenge.

★ Anyone wishing to donate the use of any indoor games or equipment will be accorded the fullest cooperation from the indoor recreation department, said Sam Seno.

## OVER 300 NAMES RECEIVED

More than 300 possible names for the Center newspaper-to-be were turned in by deadline, Thanksgiving day noon, for the name-the-paper contest.

These names are now being carefully studied by the four judges and the result will be made public through the COMMUNIQUE as soon as received here.

Judges of the contest are J. N. Heiskell, Arkansas Gazette editor; K. A. Engle, Arkansas Democrat editor; Joe W. Sitlington, Dermott News editor, and Pugh Moore, Associated Press chief of the Little Rock bureau.

Almost ten dollars are available for the purchase of the surprise prize for the winning entry. Much judicious window shopping is being done by the staff of the COMMUNIQUE to guarantee that the winner will receive the best prize ever given for naming a Center newspaper.

## More Stores, Shops Planned

Plans are underway to establish another general store on Block 40 and also a dry goods store.

A school supplies store is also being considered.

Under the direction of Harold Hirata and Roy Takayama, plans are being drawn up for a barber shop and a beauty parlor to be located in Laundry 23, a shoe repair shop in Hall 40 and a radio repair shop.

Ten second-hand chairs have been purchased in Little Rock by the Community Enterprises division for the local barber shop.

### MORE ON

## Work Absence

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If work is halted because of inclement weather, employees will still receive full pay provided they report for work and are dismissed by the supervisor.

Part time help will be paid on the following scale for eight hours work:

Group I, 50 cents; Group II, 70 cents, and Group III, 80 cents.

Enlistees who work 160 hours or more a month will be paid on the monthly scale.

## GIRLS' MEETINGS SET FOR TOMORROW

A series of girls' meetings to discuss possible activities and organizations has been scheduled by the recreation department under the direction of Yoshiko Nakamura, it was announced.

Seventh and eighth graders living in Blocks 40 to 46 are asked to assemble at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Dining Hall 45.

Girls of high school age from the same blocks are to meet at 2 p.m. Friday in Dining Hall 45.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Hachiya, a boy, Nov. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shimazaki, a girl, Nov. 30.

#### DEATH

Still born baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kondo, Nov. 26.

## Evacuees Sought for Work Outside

Many applications to employ Japanese evacuees from this Center and Rohwer are being received by the Little Rock district of the WRA, according to a story in the Arkansas Gazette.

Most of the applicants for labor are farmers of the Midwest, especially in the sugar beet districts.

Officials of the St. Mary's hospital, St. Louis, Mo., said last week they had filed applications with the WRA for employment of 27 nisei workers.

(Enlistment of these workers were completed here two weeks ago and their departure is awaiting official clearance from Washington, D.C.)

Hospital officials declined to discuss the application with St. Louis newspapermen but it was assumed that the workers would be used for domestic duties. A shortage of help is confronting St. Louis hospitals with the problem of maintaining adequate standards of service.

These, and other evacuee workers, may go anywhere in the United States except the Pacific coast from where they were evacuated.

Camell university, Ithaca, New York, has asked to employ one of the poultry specialists now residing in the Center.

## BLOOD DONORS

Voluntary blood donors are being enlisted at the Social Service office in cooperation with the local hospital.

"This is in preparation for any emergency case which may arise within the community," said Seiichi Mikami, head of the service.

Donors are asked to enlist at the Social Service office, 32-6-A.

## WHAT'S UP

### TODAY

7 p.m.--Pre-Christmas dance, Hall 29

### TOMORROW

2 p.m.--Girls' activities meeting (seventh and eighth grades), Dining Hall 45

### THURSDAY

7 p.m.--Variety show, Dining Hall 14

## BLOCK 14 SPONSORS VARIETY SHOW

Block 14 will sponsor a variety show with both nisei and issei performers at 7 p.m. Thursday in the dining hall.

Tokio Yamane is in charge of the program which will include members of the entertainment troupe under Francis Kinishi and local talent.

## SUPPLIES LIMITED

Since no spring clothes pins are available, plain wooden clothes pins are now on sale at Store 2, said Jiro Omata, clerk.

"Hardware supplies made of metal are hard to get due to priorities on metal and it is almost impossible to get coffee since the rationing," he said.

## P.O. Won't Cash 'Em

Departmental rules do not allow the Post Office to cash Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward checks, according to Fred R. Paris, superintendent.

## THREE GOALS FEATURE GRID TILT

More than 1200 residents got their first taste of football in Arkansas when the Center Gridders played an intrasquad game Thanksgiving day on the Block 21 athletic field.

With Coach Dick Kuni-shima freely substituting players from one team to the other, no accurate score of the game could be kept.

The first of three touchdowns came in the first



quarter following a pass interception by Buddy Kasai. Tak Abo passed to Mas Nishibayashi in the end zone for the score and Teizo

Koda carried the ball over for the extra point.

Then for the next two periods the two elevens battled on even terms without scoring.

In the final quarter, Jim Okura received a pass from Sus Ishikawa and rambled 20 yards for the second touchdown. Yosh Tsukamoto dropkicked the conversion.

On the last play of the game, Ishikawa connected with End Nishibayashi in the end zone for the final tally.

Referee for the contest was William C. Love, placement officer.

## INDUSTRIAL PLAN SCRAPPED FOR RELOCATION PROJECTS

Federal plans for large scale industrial setups in the 10 WRA centers have been scrapped, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Salt Lake City quoting Dillon S. Myer, national WRA head.

Instead, Myer said, the government hopes for early permanent resettlement of more than 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry "throughout the length and breadth of the United States."

"We decided to go as rapidly as possible into the fourth stage of relocation, namely, the permanent resettlement. I think it can be done. It is a job very important to our war effort," Myer said.

## Block 6 Vs. 3 In Chess Match

The first interblock chess match will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in Dining Hall 3 when the Block 6 four-man team faces the Block 3 foursome.

Coach Eddie Shimano of Block 6 has lined up the following players: Fred Kato, Paul Saito, Sam and Paul Yokota.

Block 3 will be represented by Frank Inouye, Hideo Endo, Art Nakahara and Roy Kawamoto.

## POSTON STRIKE OVER

POSTON, Ariz.--W. Wade Head, director of the Colorado River relocation center, said last week in a story in the San Francisco News that a five-day protest strike was ended although Army troops still patrolled one large unit of the camp.

Head commended highly the patriotism of American-born Japanese in ending the disturbance.

## MAIL PACKAGES TODAY

Residents were reminded by the Denson Post Office to mail Christmas packages to the Pacific coast states by today for safe delivery.

According to Myer, the basic reason for the evacuation was that too many Japanese Americans were concentrated in vital defense areas. He warned them they "dare not repeat the mistake of concentrating great numbers in any one part of the country again," and urged them to scatter to every part of the country where they can gain acceptance.

Anyone in the relocation centers may apply to settle outside, he said, but first they must have a place to go where they can earn a living and be accepted by the community. They must have satisfactory conduct records in the camps, and after leaving must keep the WRA informed on their activities and progress.

## Hospital Set for 24-Hour Calls

Although a formal schedule has been announced for the newly-opened outpatient department located on the south side of the hospital in Ward 14, emergency calls will be answered regardless of time, said Dr. Fred Fujikawa.

Also relocated in Ward 14 is the optometry clinic. The same schedule which had been in operation at Block 14 will apply.

## Sugar Beetlers Return Here

Eleven volunteer sugar beet workers returned from northern Utah early Friday morning to rejoin their families here.

"The deal was fair and we all enjoyed working in Utah, but this climate here in Arkansas is really cold. We had snow up in Utah, but it didn't get this cold," said George Higa, one of the returning workers.

The others are Lasanori Hirasuna, Peter Giho, Yoshitō Sunada, Gene Nakata, Kamado Arakaki, Joe Yonaki, Yuji Henamura, Tony Nisono, Sanichi Takemoto and Kaoru Tsuneshige.

## CENTER MUSICIANS APPEAR IN DERMOTT

George Seno, vocalist, and Alice Imamoto, pianist, participated in the joint Thanksgiving service last week of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches at the Dermott Baptist church. Grace Imamoto accompanied the two.

Dr. Kazuo Miyamoto, formerly of Hawaii who was recently inducted, has been added to the hospital staff, it was announced.

Dr. Roy K. Tanaka has been appointed Public Health officer.

Dr. Donnell W. Boardman said that visitors to the hospital are requested to stay out of unoccupied wards which are still under construction.

## St. Shinran Services Held

"A little more sharing and a little less taking will help us to lead a better life," spoke the Rev. Gyodo Kono in citing the merits of St. Shinran in an impressive service held Sunday.

The Rev. Shizuo Kai delivered the Ho-Onko sermon in the evening. "By looking at the reflections of our daily lives we can learn to better ourselves," he declared.

Kiyomi Nakamura and Hideo Ito were chairmen at the Sunday School services held in the morning. Special speakers were PFC Seiji Yamane, Fort Houston, Tex., and Roy Kawamoto.

A Bussei board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Dining Hall 15. Persons interested in planning YBA activities are invited to attend.

### CHECK OCT. PAYCHECK

Workers omitted from the original October payroll are asked to call for their wages at the Agent Cashier's desk in the west administration building.

## U.S. Soldier-Visitors Must Pay Fees

Members of the United States armed forces who visit the Center are to be charged subsistence fees in accordance with instructions from Washington, D.C.

### NEW OPENINGS FOR IMMEDIATE WORK

The following openings for immediate employment were announced by William C. Love, placement officer:

- 4 crosscut saw filers
- 4 men to grind and repair axe handles
- 40 men for highway construction

- 30 men for general construction work and laying foundation for buildings

- 12 men to load and haul coal on dumptrucks to dining halls and bath houses

- 2 experienced engineering aides

- 12 mule drivers

### RESIDENTS GO OUT

Two residents left here last night to take jobs in distant cities.

June Kawakami is headed for Lincoln, Neb., while Yeiko Daluzaku's destination is Chicago, Ill.

## 'PEACE NOT ENOUGH,' SMITH

"Peace alone is not enough. We must fight for international brotherhood."

Thus spoke Dr. Frank Herron Smith at the Protestant English-speaking service Sunday in his sermon, "Pioneers in Brotherhood."

Akimi Uyeoka sang the "23rd Psalm" accompanied by Mary Kasai.

At the Japanese-speaking service, Dr. Smith preached on "Fundamental Problems of Life."

An impressive candle-light ceremony was held at

the young people's fellowship in the evening under the chairmanship of Martha Mizuo.

Episcopal communion service was conducted in the afternoon.

This week's schedule:

Today 7 p.m.-- Sunday School teachers meeting, Hall 32

Tomorrow 7 p.m.-- Prayer meeting, Hall 32

Thursday 7 p.m.-- Choir practice, Hall 33, Mary Kasai and Grace Imamoto in charge.

## ALL MUST HAVE I.D. NUMBER

Any resident without an identification number is to see James S. Hancock in the west administration building immediately.

It is vitally necessary that each resident has his number since the I.D. number takes care of persons with the same name; it is used for payroll purposes, and it is similar to work number assigned to a worker by a large contractor.

Hancock also requested that all papers be signed by the signer's real name instead of American nickname since both the administrative register and payroll and checking information uses only the resident's real name.

## Laundry Prices May Be Changed

"Laundry prices in the Center are subject to change since they must be adjusted to prices outside," said Roy Sellers, Community Enterprises head.

Sellers urged residents to take advantage of the new service since the prices are markedly cheaper than those outside.

Laundry bundles will be taken by Mrs. H. K. Chono at Laundry 2 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily except Sunday and also at Stores 1 and 2 during regular store hours.

### TWO JUDOISTS ADDED

Beginning tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., Mamoru Noguichi and Katsumi Uyemaruiko will instruct various holds and methods of throwing to the judo yudansha division in Hall 16.

Toshio Tagami, manager, requests judoists to attend these classes every night.

### LOST

UKELELE in Block 12. Return to 12-9-F.

### FOUND

TAN windbreaker between Blocks 28 and 35. Claim at Internal Security office.

SEARS Roebuck check for Alma Fukuda. Call at Post Office for identification.

### DENSONITAS' STAFF

Keiko Tabata was elected president of the Densonitas, one of the Center's first girls' clubs, at a meeting last week.

Other officers are Meako Ichinokuchi, vice president; Toshiye Nishikawa, secretary; Harumi Sato, historian; Kimi Hiraoka, athletic manager, and Smudge Uyeno, reporter. Yo Shiotsu is the adviser.

Henry Murayama, boys' club leader, gave a short talk on "What we should get out of our club."

# A LETTER TO MR. LYNN HALL, HAZEN, ARK.

Dear Mr. Lynn Hall:

I have just finished reading your letter of Nov. 29 to the editor of the Arkansas Gazette and I am filled with conflicting emotions, predominant of which is the feeling of gratitude for having some native Arkansans understand the meaning of Americanism as it applies to us. We are American citizens accidentally born to parents whose place of birth, in turn, was accidentally in a country now engaged in a war with our nation, the United States.

I gather from your reference to "Americans with Japanese faces" that you have read the book in which this phrase is used as a chapter heading. We are glad to inform you, Mr. Hall, and all the Arkansans, that the great majority of Japanese Americans (and please note that I do not believe in hyphenating Americans) are as American as the one referred to in this book... and many are better Americans, if not more, than some of their white brother-citizens.

The regrettable shooting in Dermott of a Japanese American soldier shocked me, not because the soldier shot at was of Japanese descent, but because the act of shooting an American soldier wearing the uniform of the United States seems to me to be an act of treason!

This is not what we have been brought up to believe--that the measure of an American soldier is by the color of his face, or that the measure of any American, citizen or soldier, is by the differences in pigmentation. The great majority of us regret that we are not allowed as full a participation in the war effort as this soldier is engaged in.

When we were removed from our homes on the Pacific Coast, many of us accepted the evacuation in the belief that this would be our contribution to a total war effort--to eliminate a molehill squabble which in time might have grown to mountainous proportions and thereby disrupted a unified war effort on the Coast. This we did in good grace, sacrificing all but our lives (which many of us are yet willing to do).

We are dumbfounded at the accusations made by people ignorant of these relocation centers that "our government seems to be furnishing these evacuees with some luxuries which some of us native Arkansans never have been able to afford." The only luxury we boast is our claim to Americanism, and our fervent desire to live up to it.

This must be a rare luxury indeed for some people on the outside of these centers who claim the Americanism but dare not pay the price of Americanism which are tolerance, fair play, democratic thinking, and the belief that "all men are created equal."

And so, Mr. Hall, I wish to extend my hand to you as one American citizen to another--in friendship, in fellow citizenship, and in a firm belief that

The following letter was published in the Arkansas Gazette, Nov. 26, under the heading, "Sees No Reason For a Feeling of Racial Superiority."

To the Editor of the Gazette:

If there are people in Arkansas who have felt a bit superior and looked with suspicion on the "Americans with Japanese faces," it seems to me that the letters in this column from these American-born Japanese should prove, even to the most skeptical, that America is a nation composed of many nationalities. Every American should be proud of every other American regardless of race or color. If any of us are feeling a bit superior merely because our skin happens to be white, maybe we should remember that while our race has produced many great and good people, it has produced some demons, including Adolph Hitler. I imagine that every race has its proportion of the mentally deficient and also of the normally intelligent and of geniuses. So where is there any real inequality?

We Americans disdain Germany's claims to "German Kultur" and the superiority of Aryan people, also the claims of imperial Japan that they are divinely destined to rule the world.

We Southerners do feel, perhaps pretty strongly, that races should not mix too freely socially but I don't think that ever should mean a feeling of superiority. Every race should be proud to keep its own distinctiveness, proud to be as God made it and proud to be able to do its own part to prove it equal to any.

If some feel peeved because our government seems to be furnishing these evacuees with some luxuries which some of us native Arkansans never have been able to afford, hadn't we rather that the government make the mistake of being too generous rather than the opposite?

I am sure every sensible white American regrets that one of our race took a shot at a Japanese-American soldier.

I am a native of Arkansas, white race, Anglo-Saxon descent. I always claim that my ancestors came over on the Mayflower but would hate to try to prove it. I hope I never kick a person on account of his color. I want to be accepted--not tolerated--and I'm sure you feel the same. Unless you treat me shabbily, I accept you as a friend and truly believe that all men are created equal. I believe that just about expresses the typical American sentiment.

Hazen, Ark.

Lynn Hall

each of us, in our own way, will win not only the war for democracy but also the peace. The future of America will be dismal indeed if we substitute the "Horst Wessel" song of racial-superiority for the glorious refrain of "the land of the free."

Sincerely yours,

*Eddie Phiman*

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# WRA ANNOUNCES INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPMENT OF EVACUEE PROPERTY

Locations of central receiving warehouses for the shipment of evacuee household goods and personal effects were announced in a WRA bulletin issued over the signature of E. R. Fryer, Regional director, with headquarters in the Whitcomb Hotel building, San Francisco, Cal.

(See bottom of column for list of central receiving warehouses).

Evacuees must arrange for the moving of their property from present storage to the central receiving warehouses. In requesting the forwarding of their property from private storage to the central receiving warehouses, evacuees are to use Form WRA-83 which is now available upon request.

## Shipping from Private Storage

The War Relocation Authority will assume the responsibility of moving property stored in Japanese churches, halls and similar places of private storage to relocation projects where requests have been received from 20 or more families for shipment of their household goods and effects from such places. Such shipments must be arranged so that all property to be moved from any such warehouse may all be handled at one time.

Where such warehouses are under the control and supervision of any organization or individual outside of a project it is desirable that such information be furnished the regional office so that a coordinated plan may be arranged for handling the property.

## Inventory Should Be Supplied

In instances where access to and control of such property may be held by an evacuee it is desirable that such information, together with an inventory of the property and full details in connection therewith, be furnished the regional office. In every case the regional office should have evidence of the consent of the person having control of the warehouse to enter and remove the property. This consent should contain a provision

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information and Form WRA-83 may be obtained at the Legal department in the east administration building.

releasing the WRA and its agents and employees from any liability for loss or damage arising in connection with the removal of the property.

It should be understood that only that property requested by the evacuees will be shipped from private storage warehouses. Property not shipped directly to projects from any private storage warehouse under the foregoing outline will be left in the warehouse and control thereof returned to the individual or organization having control of the warehouse except in instances where the owners of such property have requested the movement thereof to warehouses under the jurisdiction of the WRA.

## Six Private Storage Places

Evacuee property stored in the following places of private storage will be accepted at its present location under the foregoing terms:

YMBA Hall  
12 California Street  
Salinas, California

Japanese Presbyterian Church  
118 First Street  
Watsonville, California

Galuen Hall  
57 Union Street  
Watsonville, California

Japanese Church  
769 Tenth Street  
Oakland, California

Japanese School  
223rd Street and Alameda Boulevard  
Long Beach, California

Maryknoll School  
514 Sixteenth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

## More Warehouses May Be Needed

This office realizes that it may be necessary to establish additional central receiving warehouses as well as to accept privately stored property at locations other than those listed. In order for this program to be carried out promptly and impartially, it is requested that all available information which may assist in the proper establishment of such warehouses be forwarded promptly to the regional office.

For economical reasons, the program and policies outlined in Bulletin 21 and supplements thereto, offered for the handling of evacuee property, will be discontinued on Jan. 31, 1943 unless sooner changed or extended.

## RECEIVING WAREHOUSES

The following warehouses have been established as central receiving warehouses:

### CALIFORNIA

- Fresno . . . . . 414 "P" Street
- Long Beach . . . . . 324 E. Fourth Street
- Los Angeles . . . . . 119 S. Central Avenue
- Sacramento . . . . . Front and "P" Streets ("P" Street Dock)
- San Francisco . . . . . 1595 Van Ness Avenue
- Santa Barbara . . . . . 1025 Chapala Street
- Stockton . . . . . 517 N. Hunter Street
- Watsonville . . . . . Ford and Walker Streets

### OREGON

- Portland . . . . . 733 N. W. Everett Street

### WASHINGTON

- Seattle . . . . . 208-210 Third Avenue, South
- Toppenish. Ritchey & Gilbert Warehouse