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PERMANENT RESETTLING SOUGHT

Stressing that the entire emphasis of the WRA is now on the fourth stage of evacuation, namely, permanent resettlement of the evacuees throughout the country, tall, grayhaired Dillon S. Myer, national head of the WRA, spoke at length yesterday afternoon to a combined gathering of the Community Council and block managers.

"We are definitely determined to make this the major objective of the WRA," he said. "We hate to move the people again," he smiled, "but the ultimate solution of the entire problem lies in getting the people of Japanese descent resettled throughout the nation."

He stated that one of the reasons for the original forced evacuation was due to the dense congregation of Japanese in vital Coast defense areas.

Four requirements must be met before an evacuee will be allowed to resettle outside: (1) He must have a job waiting for him. (2) The WRA must have reasonable assurance that the people in that locality will accept the evacuee. (3) The applicant's record must be checked by the FBI and his Internal Security record must be clear. (4) He must keep the WRA informed of all activity such as any change of address or employment.

Federal agencies are agreed to cooperate with the WRA on this major objective. The FBI has promised to clear the records as rapidly as possible after they are received, the U.S. Employment service will assist in employment and the WRA will set up offices in localities where needed to clear applications for evacuees.

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CORRECTION MADE ON WOOD SITUATION STORY

To correct a mistaken impression presented in the previous issue of the COMMUNIQUE, W. O. Melton, acting Project director in the absence of Paul A. Taylor, issued the following interpretation of Project Administrative Order No. 1. (Project Administrative Order No. 1 is published in full at the bottom of the page.)

Since Administrative Order No. 1 has been misinterpreted and misunderstood, I take this method of clarifying its meaning. This order is intended, first, to establish a block wood yard from which the residents of the block will secure their supply of wood; second, to direct that a supply of wood is not to be stacked outside the apartments or barrack buildings, and third, to give the block managers jurisdiction and supervision over the block wood yard in order that each and every family in the block will be assured of an adequate supply for their needs.

The "personal supply of wood" referred to in the order is the supply of the individual apartment. This would ordinarily be a one-day supply.

Since the discussed location of the block wood yard was misunderstood and

most of the wood yards stacked off in the wrong location, the engineers have been requested to stake off a location for the wood yard in each block and the landscaping crew has been requested to put up the

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PAY TOMORROW

Payment of the November wages will begin tomorrow with the Community Enterprise and administrative workers receiving their pay first, announced Thomas B. Lyle, Agent Cashier.

Payees are to call between 9 a.m. and noon at Dining Hall 36.

Kebo Heads Center Council

In the second meeting of the Temporary Community council, Johnson Kebo, representative from Block 14, was elected acting chairman Tuesday.

Kebo's first official act was to appoint three councilmen, Frank Ishii, James Hashimoto and Dr. T. T. Yatabe, to serve on the organizational committee.

These three councilmen, together with Kebo as ex-officio member, will be joined by two non-citizens to be appointed by the block managers.

(This is in full accordance with the WRA regulation which allows non-citizens to hold appointive positions.)

These two non-citizens will be chosen to represent the north and the south side of the Center, respectively.

It was voted to open all subsequent council meetings

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1

It is hereby ordered that a community wood pile be established in each block on December 1, 1942.

On this date all wood of every description now piled in front of and around apartments in the block will be removed to the community wood pile and all distribution of wood from this community pile will be under the jurisdiction and supervision of each block manager.

The personal supply of wood must be kept in the apartment.

Strict adherence to this order must be observed.

(Signed) Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

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labor. Men will also be sent out to contact key people in cities and industries to educate them and the general public to accept the Japanese.

"We are all a little afraid of the unknown," he explained, "and only a small percentage of the public has ever had contact with the Japanese Americans."

No one is forced to leave the centers, Myer stressed, but he hoped that several thousands would be permanently settled in hundreds of localities in a year's time.

"The speed at which we are working may astound you," Myer said, "but we must move ahead to make us, you and I, most effective in the war effort. The Japanese American must be accepted now while war is going on, first, to add to the manpower of the United States, and second, because if we wait until the war is over, employment dislocation will make it harder for them to be accepted."

Another immediate objective of the WRA, according to Myer, is to clarify and simplify the problems of relocation centers. This includes completing construction of stores, school and administration buildings and general living facilities; to maintain schools as good as or better than the average school outside, and to maintain the best internal security setup.

"There will be no large industries in the centers," Myer continued. His investigation of six projects on a recent

field trip proved to him the infeasibility of the plan--too complicated, he said, adding that the wage scale in all centers will remain as at present on the 12, 16 and 19 dollars a month basis.

In answers to questions from the floor, Myer clarified several points. As to non-citizens being ruled from holding elective offices, he said that throughout the United States, only citizens could hold elective positions and there was no reason why the situation in relocation centers need be different. Also, two-thirds of the evacuees are citizens with the largest stake in the future and it was the nisei who needed the organizational experience involved in the council and other elective positions.

As to the status of alien evacuees, he said that they were in the same class as other enemy aliens, the only difference being that these evacuees were in relocation centers. If they go out, he added, they are subject to the same regulations as other aliens.

"You are very definitely not 'prisoners of war'--very definitely not," he emphasized.

In an interview with the COMMUNIQUE following the meeting, Myer stressed that although the WRA does not "want a mortgage" on the people after resettlement, the agency will expand its overall interest to actively discourage passing of discriminatory laws against the Japanese, once they are resettled, which may force them again into "Little Tokios."

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Wood Situation

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necessary markers for the yard.

We also find it advisable to alter our general plan of wood supply to the extent that a supply of pole wood will be placed in each block directly behind the laundry and bath building near the road. It is anticipated that this source of wood will serve emergencies should we find that it is difficult to maintain the supply of chunk wood in the established block wood yard.

The majority of the blocks have furnished their six-man crews for wood cutting. It is believed that when these crews become better organized they will be able to furnish large amounts of wood. However, if, after their organization, it is found that the number is not adequate, additional men will be added.

In view of the fact that Administrative Order No. 1

WHAT'S ON

TODAY

- 7 p.m.--Troop 68, Hall 5
- 7 p.m.--Chess and checkers organizing meet, Hall 20

TOMORROW

- 1 p.m.--Sumo tournament, Block 21 arena
- 2 p.m.--Bridge club organizing meeting, Hall 20
- 7:30 p.m.--Scout committee meeting, Hall 29
- 7:30 p.m.--Dance, music by Dancers, (couples only), Hall 17

MONDAY

- 7:30 p.m.--Adult forum, Hall 4

was misunderstood and misinterpreted and that the wood yards were incorrectly located, I deem it advisable to extend the date for clearing the blocks of wood--to Dec. 15.

Please explain to the residents of your block the full meaning of Administrative Order No. 1 as clarified by this interpretation and emphasize the fact that the blocks should be completely cleared of wood by Dec. 15.

MORE ON

Council Meeting

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to the public with, however, the council reserving the right to call closed sessions whenever deemed necessary.

The council also went on record as being a policy-making, deliberative body, acting as an advisory board and that it would not receive individual complaints.

PROJECT HEAD ILL

Project Director Paul A. Taylor returned to his home last night from the Lake Village hospital where he had been confined with a cold since Tuesday.

Taylor is expected to return to his duties within the next few days.

Chick Sexors Sought

Since the chick-sexing season begins in January, interested local segregators should make application to leave immediately, said William Q. Helton, assistant Project director.

Sewing Project Moved to 36-1

The clothing alteration department has been moved to 36-1, announced Mrs. Ed Tsukimura, sewing project director.

Main work of the department is clothing alteration, but new clothes will be made if necessary providing the person furnishes his own materials.

Since this is a community welfare enterprise, there is no charge for the work, but the residents must bring their own thread.

Mrs. Tsukimura has a staff of 22 seamstresses and five supervisors. The supervisors are Hatsuye Habara, Mrs. Tatsu Kai and Akiko Kamikawa, room monitors, and Masayuki Godian and Masumi Monose, tailoring directors.

A total of 117 items were handled during the first five days of operation, it was reported.

Persons are requested to call for their altered clothing promptly. More than 25 items are still unclaimed, it was said.

Class To Open In Wood Carving

Wood carving classes will begin Monday at Hall 2 under Oscar Inouye, according to the Community Activities section.

Sessions will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Interested persons should report to Hall 2.

Extension Courses Offered

Through arrangements with the University of Arkansas, extension courses have been made available for residents who wish to continue their college education, announced Beryl Henry, curriculum director.

Sessions in four courses will begin Monday at 9 a.m. at 23-12-A, it was stated. Each to be held three hours a week, the four courses are Principle of Secondary

THE MAN WITH THE LANTERN

I am walking around the area with a large lantern. But my search cannot stop merely at Truth.

The goal is Truth with a Ph.D. degree. Not necessarily a Ph.D. on sheepskin, but certainly a potential alphabetical postscript.

Certainly a yearning after what makes things tick. A nose insensitive to the dust of research. A little boy's delight in regimentation. A graybeard's respect for history. Humanitarianism. Executive ability.

The Jerome Relocation Center is to be documented. Its activities. Its accomplishments. Its successes. Its failures. Its fears. Its reactions. Its contributions.

The man or woman who will spark that large and heart-breaking job will need a scholar's zeal, an executive's force, a broad understanding. He should be blessed with a strong current of straight American humor. He should be proud of his Japanese heritage, hopeful of his future in America.

That man or woman probably has never visited the Administration Building. He is needed by his fellows and by the WRA. He can find me sometime during almost any day.

(signed) Chas. R. Lynn

(Editor's note: The foregoing was turned into the office of the COMMUNIQUE by Charles R. Lynn, head of the Reports Division. We don't know what it means either but the man who can understand it is the man Lynn wants.)

Senior Scouting To Begin Soon

Open to older boys, a Senior Scout program including Air Scouting, Explorer Scouting and Scout Fraternal organization will be started in the near future.

Boys 15 years of age and older will be eligible to become Air Scouts and Explorer Scouts. The Scout Fraternal organization is open to boys who have received Eagle badges.

Another organization for those 17 years and above who have passed First Class rating is also planned.

All boys interested in the Scout program are asked to call for membership applications at 6-3-F, 15-7-A or 44-2-B. Former Scout members may also apply for membership.

Center School Opening Pushed

Everything possible is being done to hasten the opening of schools in the Center, assured School Superintendent A.G. Thompson.

Textbooks have been selected and are expected to arrive shortly. Other necessary equipment has been requisitioned, he said.

New school offices are at 33-1-F for high school and 23-12-F for elementary schools.

BSA COMMITTEEMEN MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of all Scout committeemen will be held at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Hall 29.

"District Operation and Policy" will be explained to the block representatives who are to be troop committeemen.

All blocks will be divided into sections for the immediate formation of troops.

A committee chairman will also be appointed.

CONFERENCE HONORS GO TO NISEI

Chester Maeda, ace left halfback for the Colorado State college football team, was selected for all Big Seven (Rocky Mountain) conference honors by the Associated Press.

Maeda, a 130-pound Hawaiian-born Irish Japanese,

starred throughout the current season and was responsible for much of his team's success.

Also an able basketball player, Maeda was an outstanding end on the Los Angeles City college grid outfit for two years.

AMACHE GIRL WEDS LOCAL BOY

Journeying from the Granada relocation center, Amache, Colo., Dassie Shigeko Yasunaga arrived Sunday to be united in marriage with Toshio Matsuo of this Center on Monday.

The marriage ceremony took place at the well-known "marriage parlor;" the home of A. G. Thompson, Community Services chief, in Lake Village where Justice of Peace H. R. Sessions performed the rituals.

Accompanying the couple were A. G. Thompson, Byron Thompson and Toshio's father and two sisters. The newlyweds live at 4-1-F.

WRA Work Is Forum Subject

"WRA Work Corps" will be the subject of discussion at the adult forum Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Hall 4.

John L. McCormick, Employment and Housing division head, will speak on general WRA policies regarding industrial and agricultural enterprises, trust fund for private employment and regulations concerning labor unions.

Placement Officer William C. Love will elaborate on the work plans for this Center, the Fair Practices committee and training for post-war vocations.

The third speaker, Robert A. Allison, acting occupational coding officer, will explain the purposes of the individual record survey now being conducted in the Center.

Ayako Noguchi will be chairman.

WORK ATTITUDE MARKED

Beginning immediately, each worker's ability and attitude will become a part of his Center work record.

The mechanics of the new procedure, announced to the COMMUNIQUE immediately following a meeting of administrative department heads, are simple. Department heads agreed to consider fully the space provided on termination forms for "remarks."

The plan will work a definite hardship on indolence, un-cooperative attitude and lack of ability. But the administration feels that it will mean protection and reward for the vast majority of workers--those who take an interest in their work as a part of the Center's job, those who conscientiously try to fulfill the duties they accepted when they signed their work orders.

The department heads, the COMMUNIQUE was assured, realize the seriousness of the undertaking, the trouble an individual would have getting assigned to another job if his termination slip were to show, for instance, "This man refused to accept work suggestions, showed no interest, repeatedly stirred up unrest."

They promised the Center, through the COMMUNIQUE, that they would be sure of themselves before they signed an unfavorable termination. But at the same time they promised they "would call indolence, indolence."

The administration hopes the plan will decrease the large number of daily turnovers among workers and help to stabilize the Center's various industries into more efficient organizations.

The procedure, they added, will work no hardship upon conscientious workers who for one reason or another are working in a capacity for which they are not fitted. It will work the other way, to the benefit of the individual and the Center, if "square pegs are in this way removed from round holes."

No More Tea or Eggs in Near Future

Tea, which has been a favorite beverage among the residents, will be eliminated from the menu after the present stock has been consumed, said Dee Jay Eudson, Mess Management head.

All available tea will be used by the Army and will be difficult to purchase. However, coffee will be served indefinitely.

'COUPLES ONLY' DANCE; MUSIC BY DENSONEERS

A dance will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Hall 17 with music to be provided by the Densoneers.

Couples only will be admitted, warned Edwin Funahashi, who is in charge of the Recreation department dances.

ly although it is being rationed.

Eggs may also be missing from the dining tables beginning next year. Meat rationing will begin soon.

Center Recreation Park Under Way

Work on a 40-acre recreation park for Center residents was started this week, according to William O. Melton, assistant Project director.

The project is expected to be completed in time for use in the spring.

The park will be located immediately east of the Center residential area and north of the road to the sewage disposal plant.

Residents were requested by Melton to refrain from cutting designated trees.

Girls' Activities Meet Continues

Girls' activities planning meetings will continue through next week, according to Yoshiko Nakamura who is in charge of girls' clubs.

Those living in Blocks 40 to 46 who are out of high school will meet in Dining Hall 45 at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Seventh and eighth graders from Blocks 19 to 38 are to assemble in Dining Hall 32 Monday at 2 p.m. On Tuesday girls of high school age from the same blocks will meet in Dining Hall 32 at 2 p.m.

"We hope to make the park a desirable place for picnics, entertainment programs and other recreational activities," Melton said. The locale is to be complete with benches.

ASSEMBLY CENTER FREIGHT CHECKUP

Persons who have not received their freight from assembly centers are asked to leave their names and family numbers at 2-11-A in care of Teichi Naritomi.

Senator-Elect John McClellan Visits Center

"This is my first visit to this Center, and I think the residents are showing a fine spirit and are doing a fine job of cooperating with the Center administration," said Senator-elect John L. McClellan, upon his visit here Wednesday.

"The people of Arkansas welcome the evacuees," he added. McClellan was enthused over the progress made in the Center, and was

anxious to know about the welfare of the residents of the Center. In an interview with a COMMUNIQUE reporter, he asked, "What is it that the residents want most?"

He was also interested in knowing the proportion of American citizens in this Center, what many of them were doing prior to evacuation, and the function of the Community Council.

Other visitors with Mc-

Clellan were Dillon S. Iyer, WRA national director; E. B. Whitaker, WRA regional director, and Miller Johnson, McGehee implement dealer.

C. R. Lynn, Information division head, accompanied the group on the tour of the Center.

After visiting the Rohwer relocation center at McGehee, the party went to Little Rock.

DENTAL CLINIC ESTABLISHED HERE

Established in the north wing of Ward 14 of the Center hospital is the Dental clinic under the direction of Dr. Henry K. Kawamoto. He stated that due to the lack of supplies,

only emergency cases can be handled at the present time.

Hours are from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Buddhist Religious Activities

John Hirohata and Kikuo Ogawa will be the speakers at the regular Buddhist Sunday School services to be held Sunday in Dining Halls 42 and 23 at 9 and 10 a.m. respectively.

The Rev. Shizuo Kai will deliver the sermon at the first service while the Rev. Gyodo Kono will speak before the second group. Fujiye Jitsumyo and Laura Yamaguchi will preside at the respective services.

A children's class will be initiated with the Rev. Kono as the speaker at 9

a.m. in Dining Hall 23. Youngsters of kindergarten to eighth grade age are expected to attend. Roy Kawamoto will act as chairman for the group.

The issei services will begin at 2 p.m. in Dining Halls 41 and 23 with the Revs. Kai and Kono delivering the sermons.

ORGANIZERS SOUGHT BY REC DEPARTMENT

Persons interested in organizing clubs of any age group under the Community Activities section of the Recreation department are requested to contact either Henry Murayama or Jimmie Kato in Hall 20 between 9 a.m. and noon.

Social Service Office Moves

The Social Service office announces the opening of its new location in the administration recreation hall (south of the west administration building) where permanent work will be maintained. The office was originally at 32-6-A.

There being an urgent need for blood donors, voluntary onlistees are asked to contact the office at once.

Assistance is also being given to persons requesting Form WRA-83 concerning instructions for the shipment of evacuee property, it was said.

LOST

BLUE-ORANGE college beanie with initials Y.C. Call at Internal Security office.

Protestant Activities

The Rev. Hideo Hashimoto will preach at the Sunday Protestant English-speaking service in Dining Hall 32 at 10:30 a.m.

The issei will hear Major Masahide Inai, Salvation army, in the same hall at 2 p.m.

Episcopal communion will be conducted by the Rev. John M. Yamazaki in Dining Hall 32 at 1 p.m.

Regular Sunday School classes for all ages will be conducted at Dining Hall 32 beginning at 9 a.m.

At the young people's fellowship at 7 p.m., A.G. Thompson, Center school superintendent, will give the talk.

Church officials and the church committee will meet at 7 o'clock tonight at 33-1-F.

Martha Mizue is the new secretary for the Community Protestant church.

First Center Boys' Club Starts

"Success or failure in life depends a great deal upon one's personality," said Henry Murayama, boys' club director, at the installation meeting of the "6-10 Toppers," the Center's first boys' club to organize under the Recreation department.

Jimmie Kato, Recreation department leader, briefly outlined the purposes of the club.

Officers of the new club are George Suguchi, president; Tad Muranaka, vice-president; Royal Salanaka, secretary; Himeji Sakaniwa, treasurer, and Joe Oyama, adviser.

The club meets regularly at their meeting place at

6-12-F every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. Those interested in joining the club should see Suguchi at 6-6-D.

CO-OP STUDY CLASS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Beginning Monday, a co-op study class will be conducted by Kiyoshi Hamanaka, resident organizer of cooperative education.

The class will meet Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Hall 4.

Methods to convert the present community enterprises into cooperative enterprises and similar organizations in other relocation centers will be studied.

WATER SHUT OFF FEW DAYS

Water lines will be shut off within the next few days to make adjustments on the water main, according to Brayton and company, contractors.

Kitchen chefs will be notified in advance so that they will have sufficient water supply on hand for cooking.

Water will be shut off about five hours daily for five or six consecutive days, it was stated.

No definite date for the shutoff was disclosed.

Chess, Checker Players To Meet

Chess and checker players, and those wishing to learn to play chess, will meet at Hall 20, tonight at 7 p.m.

There will be a short talk on the background of the game, the names and moves of each piece and the fundamentals of play.

Formation of a chess and checker club will also be discussed. Those who have playing equipment are asked to bring them to the meeting.

Boxers Practice

A new practice period between 2 and 5 p.m. at Hall 13 will be initiated in the boxing program Monday, the recreation department announced.

Kearney Kunishige will be in charge of the new class while Jim Monji will remain with the 7 to 10 p.m. sessions. All boys interested in boxing are asked to attend the practices.

ANY WASHING MACHINE?

Anyone who has a family or business washing machine for rent or sale is asked to contact either Wayne Foster or Harold Hirata at Store 2 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

UP TO RESIDENTS

"It will be up to the people of this Center to decide whether they want a printed newspaper or not," said Gerald Richardson, visiting national superintendent of the Community Enterprise office.

Richardson, in speaking before a meeting of the

Stores Operate Own Warehouse

Expanding rapidly, the Community Enterprise division recently opened a warehouse in the south section of the administration area, according to Harold Hirata, organizer.

The personnel of the warehouse includes Soichi Henmi, buyer; Sam Harumoto, accountant, and Henry Kobo, acting manager. Henmi was recently transferred from Store 1.

A large supply of school supplies for both the elementary and high schools were received last week. The warehouse also receives groceries, fruits, drugs and cosmetic supplies for the Community Enterprise division stores.

First Sumo Tourney Held Tomorrow

Sumo activity will get underway tomorrow with the first tournament slated for 1 p.m. at the Block 21 arena.

All wrestlers are invited to participate by instructors Joe Miyahara and Shintaro Natsuhara. Suitable prizes have been arranged for winners.

Wrestlers will be matched according to age and ability.

JUDO SIGN-UPS AGAIN ON TAP IN HALL 16

Judo sign-ups have been resumed in Hall 16 between 3 and 5 p.m. and 7 and 10 p.m., announced Min Osako, head instructor.

The judo mat has been lengthened to 65 feet to provide sufficient room for an enlarged enrollment.

Co-Op Seminar Scheduled

A seminar on co-operatives will be open tonight to all persons interested at 7:30 in Hall 4.

personnel of the Jerome Community Enterprise division on Monday evening at Store 2, said that funds for the printed newspaper would be financed by the Community Enterprises.

He also explained that until a trust is formed the stores are still under

ALL VISITORS TO BE CHARGED

Civilian Japanese who visit evacuees here will be charged subsistence, James H. Wells, administrative officer, revealed today.

No charge will be made for living quarters already assigned to relatives or friends of the visitor, but a charge of 20 cents a night will be made for apartments which must be furnished for the visitor.

A charge of 20 cents a meal will also be made.

Block 20 Gives Social Tonight

Block 20 will sponsor a get-acquainted social tonight in the dining hall at 7:30 with Block 29 young people as guests.

Hawaiian numbers, a skit and jitterbug exhibitions will be presented by the hosts.

Yoshiko Nakamura is chairman for the affair assisted by Mino Kariya, Rumiko Hatashita, Masaye Masuda, Keg Hatashita and Toki Ohta.

Sellers Switched

Roy Sellers, head of the Community Enterprise division, was transferred by the Regional WRA office to the Rohwer relocation center Nov. 30.

At Rohwer, he will serve in the same position as head of the Community Enterprises there.

Wayne Foster is now acting head of the Community Enterprise division.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

A 30-day contract was made by the Center laundry to take in clothes from the 329th Military Police escort guard company stationed at Denson. Daily pickups will be mailed.

the supervision of the WRA. The trust, which is being formed, will be the go-between, or act in an advisory capacity, until the cooperatives are setup. When the people's cooperatives are organized, the stores will be turned over to them.