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## COUNCIL CANDIDATES NAMED

### THIRD BABY BORN

Coming in third to take show money in the Center's baby derby was Dennis Yamamoto, born Nov. 10, the first child of Mr. and Mrs. George Yamamoto.

Dr. Fred Fujikawa attended the birth at the Dermott hospital. The Yamamotos live at 6-3-E.

### Many Local Nisei Enlist

Qualified nisei, eager to avail themselves of the chance to enlist in the armed services of the United States, crowded into the temporary recruiting office at 23-1-F when it opened Wednesday afternoon.

Major Earl T. Gould, Personnel director at headquarters at the Military Intelligence Service language school, Camp Savage, Minn. and in charge of the Center recruiting office, stated that this opportunity was made possible through amelioration of rulings under the Selective Service act.

"The response in this Center to the Army's call was heartening," the major said. "I appreciate great."  
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### Forum Stresses Health Problems

Dealing with the Center's health problems, a panel of medical doctors will discuss "An Ounce of Prevention" at the adult forum Monday evening at 7:30 in Hall 4.

Dr. Tom Abe will preside as chairman.

Speakers will be Dr. Fred Fujikawa, "Personal Health"; Dr. Kikuo Taira, "Public Health" and Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, "Center Hospital and Clinic."

Since the discussion is of paramount importance to the well-being of the residents, all block managers have been requested to send representatives to the forum.

### Election To Be Tuesday, Nov. 17

A total of 162 candidates were named for block representative posts in Tuesday night's nomination meetings held in the various dining halls of the Jerome relocation center.

Twenty-nine out of 30 occupied blocks held nominations. Block 9's meeting was postponed until last night.

Fine out of the 162 candidates are women.

Election of nominees to the Temporary Community council of the Center will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17. Polling booths will be open in the offices of the respective block managers from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All candidates are American citizens, 21 years old or over and are residents of the blocks which they represent.

A citizen may run for block representative, providing he has a petition signed by 10 eligible voters.

The petition must be filed with the Project Director by tonight.

All residents of the Center, 18 years old or over, may vote in Tuesday's election. Provisions are being made to assist voters who do not read English.

A complete list of block nominees on page 2.

### GYPSON WALLS UP

Starting with Block 1, the installation of gypsum board walls in each apartment began today, announced John L. McCormick, Employment and Housing head.

### Ade Features School Meet

"Education is the balance between action and reflection. Education must build individual character, the intellectual, the emotional and spiritual. Education begins at the first cry and ends at the last sigh."

Thus spoke Dr. Lester A. Ade, US Education department consultant, who highlighted the Pre-School conference which started Tuesday in Hall 3.

Although he pointed out that the government has given a priority rating of AA3 on all materials for the construction of schools, he challenged the Education staff to use ingenuity where equipment and facilities are lacking.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe and Frank Ishii representing  
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### All WCCA Checks Received Here

All paychecks for former assembly center workers have arrived, according to James Tabata, assistant to Agent Cashier Thomas B. Lyle.

Payees are asked to call immediately for their checks at the north window of the Post Office between 1 and 5 p.m. daily.

A check is being held for Tomichi Minemoto, it was announced. Since all unclaimed checks must be returned to San Francisco, Minemoto is requested to call at once.

### RULES FOR NAME CONTEST

Long-awaited details of the name-for-the-Center-newspaper contest are slowly rounding into shape. Here are the few, simple rules:

1. The contest is open now and everyone is eligible.
2. Bring or mail your entries to the COMMUNIQUE office at 23-1-A. And don't forget your own name and address.
3. Deadline for the name contest is Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, Nov. 25.

There will be more details about the contest in the next issue of the COMMUNIQUE.

# NOMINEES FOR BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

- BLOCK 1:** Gene Arakaki, John Arakaki, Masao Hikiji, Gunji Matsui, Tadashi Takeoka, Thomas Toyama, Kenji Wada.
- BLOCK 2:** George Abe, George Doi, James Imahara, Satoru Kebo.
- BLOCK 3:** Frank Ishii, Leo Toyama, Chiyeiko Matsuoaka, Masaki Hoshi, Hideo Endo.
- BLOCK 4:** Akira Matsuura, Shugo Seno, Hideo Takayama, Shigeru Uyeda.
- BLOCK 5:** Rhoda Hasegawa, Paul Kanow, Sam Sasaki, George Yuasa, George Nakaji.
- BLOCK 6:** Eddie Shimano, Joe Oyama, Masaki Hironaka, George Nobe, Paul Yokota, Mrs. Joe Oyama, Yulcio Kobayashi, Yoshiko Hanato.
- BLOCK 7:** Mrs. Ruth Yomagida, George Nonji, Dr. Tom Abe, Jack Nakashima, Mrs. Fusako Odagiri, Mrs. Tom Abe.
- BLOCK 8:** Alfred Tsukamoto, Yoshio Kiino, Harold Ouchida, Sam Nakano, Charles Nishi.
- BLOCK 9:** (Postponed)
- BLOCK 11:** George Nobori, Kiyoto Fujiwara, William Yamamoto, Tokio Kadoga, Richard Ochiai, Susumu Taniguchi.
- BLOCK 12:** Larry Kataoka, Harold Higashi, Jimmy Yasukawa, Ted S. Yamada, George Kawaguchi, Ted K. Yamada.
- BLOCK 14:** Bob Itanaga, Don Arata, Johnson Kebo.
- BLOCK 15:** Jim Kawano, Shoichi Dobashi, Kozumi Ikeda, Tilly Ikeda.
- BLOCK 16:** George Shigeyasu, George Arita, Tom Seno.
- BLOCK 17:** Mrs. Kiyoshi Minami, (Mr.) Kay Kawachi, Haruko Tagami, Alice Okada.
- BLOCK 18:** Masato Shimatsu, Tommy Hamada, Masaru Masuoka, Kiyoshi Takahata, Mitsuyoshi Uyeda.
- BLOCK 19:** Michio Kaneko, Mas Ikeda, Takeshi Tabata, Fred Kameoka.
- BLOCK 20:** Henry Ema, Minoru Kariya, Masaki Shimatsu, Satoshi Tado.
- BLOCK 28:** Mo Domoto, Shiro Omata, Yone Satoda, Ernest Takeda.
- BLOCK 29:** Lester Ueyemura, Mamoru Takemoto, Rev. Shizuo Kai, Sumio Kono.
- BLOCK 30:** Jack Yanagihara, T. Fujikawa, Frank Toshima, Dick Iwamoto, M. Matsumoto.
- BLOCK 31:** Joe Ishii, Hideo Kawamura, Dick Kunishima, George Kuratomi, Henry Murayama, Frank Ono, Joseph K. Sano, Ted Stephenson, Sho Tarumoto, James Yoshinobu.
- BLOCK 32:** Ryoji Fujii, Kunizo Tatsukawa, James Sakota, Tokio Nomura, Eddie Nakatsuna, Teruo Tsuruoka, Sam Shinagawa.
- BLOCK 38:** Junichi Nakagawa, Iohiro Takeuchi, Paul Sumida, Henry Kebo, George Shiraga, Yoichi Kamikawa.
- BLOCK 41:** Shuichi Kawaoka, Toshio Nakagawa, Hayomi Arakawa, Kungo Fukuhara, Frank Fukuda, Hideo Sninkawa.
- BLOCK 42:** William Ishida, Charles Mori, George Miyake, Teruichi Inoue, George Nishio, Hisashi Arie, Kazuo Domoto, Tamotsu Arase.
- BLOCK 43:** Masao Nakata, Hisamasa Kimura, Kaoru Inami, Rene Miyake, Masao Taniguchi, Kaoru Kamikawa.
- BLOCK 44:** Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, George Morimoto.
- BLOCK 45:** Minoru Ichinose, George Oba, Shoji Kaku, Yoshio Asari, Ayako Ellen Noguchi.
- BLOCK 46:** James K. Ichinaga, Tom Shimasaki, James Yamagata, Kiyomi Nakamura, Howard Renge, Harley Nakamura.

## HUSBAND VS. WIFE IN POLLS

"Who is the better politician, the husband or the wife?" This question may be answered at next Tuesday's election for block representatives when two married couples, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oyama, Block 6, and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Abe, Block 7, compete against each other.

The oldest of the 162 candidates is Kunizo Tatsukawa, 53, a world war veteran who became a naturalized citizen in 1918. In contrast, Masao Hikiji and Thomas Toyama, both of Block 1, and Paul Yokota, Block 6, all 21 years old, are the youngest candidates.

Fetticoat rule may prevail in Block 17. Three of the four nominees from that section are women.

Block 31 lists the greatest number of aspirants, ten, while Block 44 has the fewest, two.

## Girls' Meeting Rescheduled

The girls' get-togethers have been rescheduled so that junior girls will meet at 9 a.m. while senior girls will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Hall 5.

Games have been planned to help evacuees get acquainted, according to Bessie Nakashima, committee head. Future recreational activities will be outlined at this meeting.

## HOSPITAL UNABLE TO TREAT OUT PATIENTS

Although part of the hospital is open, there are no facilities to treat out patients yet. Residents are requested to contact the clinics in Blocks 7 and 14 first, said Catherine Lerner, chief nurse.

## BOYS' CLUB LEADERS

Young men interested in boys' club leadership work are asked to see Jimmy Kato at 6-2-C.

## MORE ON

## Nisei Enlistment

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ly the cooperation which the nisei here have shown."

Qualifications other than physical fitness for enlistment, open to both single and married men, are high school education in this country and fluent command of the English language and adequate command of both oral and written Japanese language.

The duties entail absolutely no spy or espionage work, Major Gould assured the enlistees, but will be with regular combat troops.

Assisting Major Gould in the recruiting office which closed today were Capt. Paul Stormer and Staff Sgt. Richard Novak from the Recruiting service, Texas.

"There is a remote possibility that another chance for qualified nisei to enlist may come in about six months," the Major added.

## BENEFIT AID CLARIFIED

To clarify the situation in regard to benefits under the Social Security act and unemployment compensation, Project Director Paul A. Taylor issued the following statement:

The Social Security act provides for payments to eligible parties who have reached the age of 65 years, or for dependents of deceased workers. Claims for these benefits may properly be filed with the office of the Social Security board in Pine Bluff, Ark., by those individuals who live in Drew county. Those living in Chicot county should write to the Social Security board, Field office, El Dorado, Ark.

Unemployment compensation is to be paid to workers who have become unemployed through no fault of their own and who are available for work and ready and willing to accept work. The office which handles unemployment compensation benefits is the United States Employment service at McGehee, Ark.

It should be noted, however, that the California Unemployment Compensation commission has taken the position that the evacuees are not available for work and for that reason are not entitled to unemployment compensation payments. An effort is being made by the War Relocation authority and other federal agencies to get the California Unemployment Compensation commission to change that position.

## Center Infant Feeding Plan Explained to New Residents

The infant feeding plan of the Center is again explained for the benefit of newly-inducted mothers at the request of Catherine Lerner, acting chief nurse.

The plan has met the approval of all mothers as the most satisfactory method considering the present unsettled conditions.

All formulas for infant feeding for the 24 hours will be prepared by the mothers with the block mothers' supervision at their designated kitchens.

Mothers will assemble at 7 p.m. sharp to sterilize bottles and prepare the formulas which will be preserved in refrigerators.

At 15 minutes before the regular feeding hours of 10 a.m., 2, 6 and 10 p.m., mothers will call for their bottles at the side door of the kitchen where they will be distributed by the block mothers. The 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. feedings will be distributed the night before at 10 p.m.

Mothers are requested to bring their own containers for the additional feedings (pabulum, fruit juices, eggs and vegetables) during the regular meal hours at a special table.

## War Bonds To Be Sold

As soon as War stamps and bonds and postal savings services are available, residents will be notified, said Fred R. Paris, superintendent.

## Kimura Heads Police Force

Kitsubo Kimura was appointed captain of the Internal Security officers at a meeting held by members of the organization recently under the direction of Chief J. B. Cook.

Susumu Yamanaka, George Monji and Sam Shinagawa are lieutenants while Roy Ote, Toshiaki Suminaga and Yoi-ohi Kamikawa are the dispatchers.

The Internal Security office is now located on the west end of the Housing and Employment building.

## Kansas To Use Japanese

TOPEKA, Kan.--Governor Rafter approved the use last week of Japanese labor to help harvest sugar beets in six western Kansas counties and transmitted his approval to the WRA.

He acted at the request of county officials in Kearny, Finney, Scott, Pawnee, Hamilton and Ford counties, who asked that 305 nisei from the Granada relocation project be allowed to work in the beet fields.

The Governor described "a critical labor shortage, endangering the harvest" in the Arkansas river valley area and said great losses would result unless emergency labor could be obtained.

All Japanese brought into Kansas for the emergency must be returned to their relocation centers not later than Jan. 10, he said.

Several months ago, when Kansas was being considered as a possible site for a Japanese internment camp, Rafter said he wanted no enemy aliens in the State. He pointed out that last week's action was to meet an emergency and was requested by local officials in Kansas.

## YMCA VOTES EVACUEE ASSIMILATION

CLEVELAND, Ohio--Cooperation with the War Relocation authority in aiding the assimilation of Japanese evacuees by American communities was voted recently by the National Council of Young Men's Christian association.

## Electricians for Emergency Calls

AREA 1, comprising Blocks 1, 2, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

George Cura, 2-9-F, or Oscar Fujii, 2-3-D.

AREA 2, comprising Blocks 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Edward Morinaka, 3-3-F, or Mas Katsuoka, 5-5-B, or Cecil Koyama, 5-10-D.

AREA 3, comprising Blocks 9, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Hilton Nagata, 32-11-B, or Tak Yamaguchi, 30-3-F.

AREA 4, comprising Blocks 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40.

Mas Kata, 31-8-B, or Kiyo Sato, 31-8-B.

AREA 5, comprising Blocks 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

George Teraoka, 41-3-F, or Yosh Watanabe, 38-9-A.

AREA 6, comprising Blocks 23, 28, 35, 36, 38 and 39.

Iok Takeuchi, 38-12-B, or John Tanabe, 38-9-F.

AREA 7, Hospital group.

Kiyoto Uveoka, 38-4-C, or Jun Xunita, 38-5-D.



## Chefs To Do All Hiring, Managing of Dining Halls

Chefs are responsible for all hiring and managing of the dining halls, said Dee J. Hudson, mess management head, in speaking of the recent confusion in the dining halls about the personnel.

### LOST

GOLD pendant with blue stone, seed pearl and filigree work, on last Santa Anita train. Return to 13-1-A.

BLACK suitcase with initials T. D. Return to Tomi Donato, 28-4-D.

### FOUND

PLAID shirt in Block 41. See Block Manager G. Miyamoto, 41-3-D.

BLACK Waterman fountain pen. Florin Y. BA inscribed. Also another Waterman fountain pen. Postage stamp book. Owners please call at Block 9 and see manager Hugh Kienc, 9-5-C.

## Buddhists Set For Two Services

With Roy Kawanoto serving as chairman, the regular Buddhist Sunday School service will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday in Hall 4. The Revs. Shizuo Mai and Gyodo Kono will deliver sermons.

The issei service will begin at 2 p.m. in the same hall.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERS NAMED

The Center firemen are now on duty 24 hours a day, William S. Brown, head of the department, revealed.

Two platoons of 18 men each, captained by George Mobe, George Tabata and Larry Witta, work on alternate days. Kunchi Sumida and Kosaburo Ogata are the fire inspectors.

## STUDENT NURSES MAY GET MORE TRAINING

The National Student Relocation council together with the National Nursing council for War Service has made it possible to place eligible student nurses who wish to continue with their nursing courses in reliable schools. All interested should see Catherine Lerner, acting chief nurse, at the hospital office building to fill questionnaires as soon as possible.

The difficulties in these dining halls have been satisfactorily settled," Hudson stated.

"It is my wish that block managers and chefs cooperate, but it should be understood that the chefs will do the hiring and managing of the various dining halls," he concluded.

## MORE ON

## Education Meet

the residents pleaded for democratic education.

Faculty members were told of the background and needs of the Center by Ralph B. Jones, State Commissioner of Education; Dr. J. B. Hunter, Rohwer Community Services chief; Minnie Lee Payhan, of the guidance, and C. H. Reeves, Adult Education director.

Yesterday's program featured Miss Millie A. Lawson, Arkansas Education association executive secretary, who stressed the professional responsibilities of the participants.

In preparation for the school program which is expected to start next week, today's and tomorrow's sessions will be devoted to the development of a suitable policy and procedure.

Appearing on the program today will be Japanese dancers from Rohwer, pupils of Fujima Kansuma, popular classic Japanese ballet dancer.

Arrangements for the appearance of the Japanese dancers were made by John Ty Saito, head of the community activities department at Rohwer.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for the kindness and sympathy extended us on the death of our beloved husband and father, also our deepest thanks for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Sanguchi Okimoto  
and family

## WHAT'S ON

### TODAY

9 a.m.--Pre-School conference, Hall 3

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7 p.m.--Community songfest Hall 3

7 p.m.--Boy Scout Troop 68, Hall 4

### TO MORROW

9 a.m.--Pre-School conference, Hall 3

9 a.m.--Girls' get-together (12-15 years), Hall 5

1:30 p.m.--Girls' get-together (16 years and over), Hall 5

2 p.m.--Little theater, Hall 4

7 p.m.--Dance (couples only), Hall 3

7 p.m.--Issei program, Hall 41

### TUESDAY

7 p.m.--Community songfest (South block residents only), Hall 41

## Protestants To Hear Dr. Hunter

Dr. J. B. Hunter, Community Services chief at Rohwer, will preach at the Protestant English-speaking service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Hall 3.

The Protestant issei will hear the Rev. Kuni-shichi Inori at 2 p.m. in the same hall.

Musical talent will be featured at the young people's fellowship at 7 p.m. Mary Tsukamoto will be the speaker for the evening.

Protestant Sunday School classes will be held at the same times as scheduled before.

## POWER-DRIVEN SAW OPERATORS NEEDED

At least 15 men are needed at once, the Employment section stated, to operate power-driven saws for cutting fire wood and four men to drive mules for hauling. Twelve men are also being sought to assist in hauling the logs.

A qualified dietitian to work in the hospital is also wanted.

## WOOD CARVING FANS

Persons interested in wood carving are requested to see Oscar Inouye at Hall 2 some time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week.