

## GILA DIRECTOR DENIES RUMOR

L.H. Bennett, project director at Gila Relocation Center, and T. I. Reynolds, general manager of the Poston net garnishing project, today categorically denied that net workers will be paid WRA wages of \$19 and \$16 after March 1.

Basis for the rumor in Poston was an item appearing in yesterday's Chronicle stating that word received from a Gila resident indicated that the WRA plans to pay net workers its standard wages in lieu of present salaries.

"There is absolutely no truth in the story, Reynolds declared after checking with the Gila project director and telephoning the chief accountant for the contractor in Los Angeles. "Net garnishing workers will be paid prevailing wages," he assured.

Meanwhile, contract negotiations were progressing between Reynolds and the Labor Committee of Unit I, composed of Akira Aizawa, Joe Nakai, Earnest Kozuma, Franklyn Sugiyama, and Frank Kuwahara, and workers' representatives from Unit II. Final decision on the contract awaits the arrival of Contractor John Stahl, who is expected in Poston next Sunday.

But while the representatives for the workers and the employer were discussing the provisions for an agreement, an advance group of 40 weavers began work in the Unit I garnishing net factory, and more will be hired this week until the quota of an initial

## NISEI REGISTRATION TO START NEXT WEEK

A general registration at relocation centers of all evacuees who are 17 or more years of age will start next week, R. M. Rowalt, acting director of the War Relocation Authority, announced here today.

At the same time, the War Department announced that teams of army representatives left Washington on yesterday for the Colorado River and other relocation centers to obtain questionnaires from all male American citizens of Japanese ancestry who are 17 or more years of age.

The War Department's action follows the announcement that Thursday by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that a combat unit of American citizens Japanese ancestry will be formed for active service on a theatre of War.

All Nisei at the Colorado River project who desire to volunteer for service in the combat unit will have an opportunity to do so while the army representatives, are there. Nisei who do not desire to volunteer at this time or who are beyond military age will be considered for jobs in agriculture or industry, including jobs in plants producing war materials.

Included in the WRA registration to be made at the same time will be all females, regardless of citizenship, who are 17 or more years of age, and all alien Japanese men over 17. No registration will be made however of persons who have applied for repatriation.

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"We are not trying to force any person to relocate who does not desire to do so," Mr. Rowalt said. "But there are increasing opportunities for evacuees to get jobs and if we can get a backlog of registrations on which we can be working, we should be able to get clearance for indefinite leave for many people who later will want to relocate."

Heading the team of army representatives who will visit the Colorado River project is Lieut. John H. Bolton. He will be accompanied by Staff Sergeant Samuel Bass, Sergeant Ralph V. Woodsley and Technician, 4th Grade, Hisato Kinoshita. Similar teams will visit all other relocation centers to start the registration not later than February 10. Final plans for the registration at the Colorado River project will be made after a conference between the army team and Project Director W. Wade Head.

trainee crew of 150 is filled. By yesterday, Unit I had 200 applicants; II had 45 and III reported two dozen workers.

## DEMOCRATIC POLICIES DESERVE SUPPORT

Free elections and a partial voice in the governing of the relocation centers we reside in are fair examples of democratic principles actually at work here as elsewhere throughout the United States. Thereby is revealed the utterly sincere effort of our Government in carrying into practice at every opportunity the ideals it upholds. For this an unstinting support is well deserved of every person with faith in the enlightened rule of, by and for the people. But always democracy must be protected from those who have no patience with anything but strong arm methods.

Against censure from any source, it can be pointed out that there is nothing "experimental" in the sound policies of democracy behind the administration of the War Relocation Authority. It is a matter of genuine pride to our nation that a minimum of enforced action and a maximum of positive results have been attained at relocation projects. This in spite of the fact that continued months of incarceration in concentrated enclosures is hardly conducive to developing a peaceful and prosperous community. The intelligent handling of this most difficult task, it can be attested without exaggeration is a tribute to the wisdom of the basic policies of the W. R. A.

There are politicians, however, who would twist the facts of good government at the centers in order to urge the replacement of the civilian administration with military control of the army. This drastic step is advocated in spite of every reasonable evidence the evacuees involved are wholly innocent of crime and, in the main, admittedly loyal to America. A majority, indeed, are citizens of good standing and education with full claim to the rights given all Americans through a sagacious Constitution.

When the facts are examined in the light of impartiality, there is evidence to suspect that some critics of the W. R. A. are slipping into the murky flood of racial hatred which is covering a large portion of the globe. Perhaps it can be reiterated that when profound and precise thinking is desired, prejudice must be cast away. Manifestations of emotional attitudes toward problems of evacuee centers must be opposed whether it comes from the outside or from within the camps.

The simple and self-evident truth that only by humane action can worth-while results be achieved holds up in this case. The strengthening of morale through guided self-expression rather than forceful military discipline among residents would be a beneficial result well worth the patience sometimes required of democratic method.

As far as residents are concerned, we can continue to prove our deep interest in the democratic procedures by at least participating in every free election that is held. Beyond the interest of personalities and issues involved, an election is important to all lovers of freedom in that it is symbolic of the prin-

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## VOTING SOON ON CO-OP ISSUE

Immediate plans of the Co-op Congress call for a definite formulation of a co-operative set-up which will be put before the people so that they can collectively accept or reject the proposal; it was agreed at the last Congress meeting held last Sat. afternoon at Rec. 36.

## MUST WORK SATURDAY

All Notices of Assignment for employed evacuee workers must be in the Timekeeping office not later than Mon., Feb. 15, 1943. This request must be compiled with or employees will not receive credit for time worked after that date.

Attention is also called to the fact that in order to receive thirty days credit for the month of February, the employee must either work Sat., Feb. 27, or have sufficient accumulated overtime to apply to that date, stated H.W. Smith, Fiscal officer.

ciples which our nation is fighting to perpetuate. And Always our answer to outside criticism of the W.R.A. should be a whole-hearted support of our Administration. I.F.

Hail and farewell ye well loved friends of Poston. I am leaving for Chicago with only one regret. That sole regret is that I was unable to bid all of you, my friends and comrades, farewell.

My permit came in Wed. and due to reasons beyond my control I had to leave the same night. Therefore I was so rushed that I was unable to see you all before departing.

I hope this will serve as my goodbye to each and everyone of my friends.

---Mac Oike

**AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE SAFETY MEASURE**

Under the sponsorship of the American Red Cross of Poston I the much-anticipated and essential accident prevention program was launched in an effort to promote accident prevention for the citizens of Poston.

According to Homer Matheisen, Ag. head, a similar program is now in the stage of promotion for those employed as operators of mechanical machineries such as tractors and trucks. During the past months the operators of the tractors have used the same for canteen trips and joy rides around the blocks at a high rate of speed which is considered dangerous to the school children. Truck drivers are requested to take all possible precautions in an effort to prevent accidents in the dept. which is beneficial to the drivers as well as the residents.

**COMMERCIAL DEPT. NEEDS TYPEWRITER**

Mrs. Nelson, head of the Commercial Dept., announced that they are in dire need of a standard typewriter for office use, and anyone wishing to rent a typewriter to the dept. are asked to contact her at Rec. 32. Standard rental prices will be paid and good care of the typewriter will be guaranteed.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

Miss Chiduyo Imoto, recently arrived from Manzanar, has been added to the local library staff. A graduate of Glendale Junior College, she has had experience in the library there, and did supervisor work in the northern relocation center. She has also written for Japanese vernaculars.

**WHAT'S BUZZIN' FOR TODAY**

- 7:15 p.m... Singspiration, Rec. 19  
"Louisiana Lunatics"
- 7:30 p.m... General Chemistry, Rec. 36  
Business Law, Rec. 18  
Music Appreciation Class, Rec. 26
- 8:15 p.m... Rev. Cuthbertson, speaker at Rec. 19. Everyone invited.

**BLESSED EVENT**

To Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sasaki of Blk. 53-4B, formerly of Brawley, Calif., a girl, Feb. 3rd.

**"LUNATICS" TO PRESENT SHOW**

A unique ministerial show from Camp III, "Louisiana Lunatics", which is under the directorship of Paul Nagano, who is in charge of the novel singspiration will be presented tonight at Parish 3, Rec. 19.

In order to avoid the conflict of the dates of the singspiration, this arrangement has been made, to make it possible for those who wish to attend Rev. James Cuthbertson's message at 8:15 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SHIBAI TO BE PRESENTED AT BLOCK 4 STAGE**

The Issei Activity shibai of Camp III will give a performance at Blk. 4 this Fri. and Sat. night at 6:30 p.m., according to the latest report received by the Chronicle, provided it doesn't rain.

**OBITUARY**

Baby Miyoko Fukushima, 1, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tajiro Fukushima of Blk. 13-6A, formerly of Redlands, Calif., Feb. 2.

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL**

Sat., 9:45 a.m. Rec. 19  
"Beginning of Sin, Suffering and Death"

Teachers: Dr. P. Sumida  
Rev. A. Okohira  
and Mrs. Suzuki

Sermon 10:45 a.m.

"The Hero of Babylon"---Rev. A. Okohira.

BRIEF BEATS.....Mr. & Mrs. Taguchi and child are in Phoenix for special medical care.....Ted Haas, Pro. Att'y, left on official business for Sells, Ariz., Thurs.

## Scout Troop Receives Flag

The Flag of United States of America was received by James Kumaki's Scout Troop of Poston II, which was donated by Takeo Miyake, Block Manager of 221.

## Symphonic Music Saturday

First in the series of bi-weekly Music Appreciation Hour will be held Saturday night at the 222 Rec Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Unit Two Music Department, the hour of classics will feature records loaned by Mrs. Kikuo Endo of 215, according to Margaret Miyake who will preside as chairman.

Interested music lovers are invited to attend the series.

## U.S.C. Sends Girls' Gym Uniforms

Donation of gymnasium costumes from the University of Southern California to Unit II Community Activities was acknowledged yesterday by James Hirokawa, head of Community Activities.

139 white shirts and 262 bloomers were sent by Eleanor Metheny, director of physical education of USC.

Mrs. Charles Onoye, director of girls activities, disclosed that the costumes will be altered into Girl Scout uniforms.

### WANTED

To buy a Diesel tractor and a John Deer cultivator. Also Caterpillar or an International tractor. Contact Albert Ikeda, 209.

## Kansas City Dentist Gives Cash Donation To Poston II Community Activities

That youth movements in relocation centers will not be forgotten by former residents of W.R.A. projects came to light in the following human interest story:

An evacuee, from an undisclosed relocation center, who had just resettled in Kansas City was in need of dental care went to Dr. K. Furuichi, 908 North Fifth Street, Kansas City, Kansas to receive treatment. Dr. Furuichi, in

## Block 226 Tops Adobe Making Records

With more than 70 volunteer workers aiding at the school adobe project, Block 226 topped all previous records by manufacturing 1682 bricks Wednesday.

Machinery trouble in the morning impeded the progress, preventing the workers from passing the 2000 mark. The adobe meter reads as follows:

Blks.	Wkrs.	Bricks
229	60	1378
227	75	1448
226	70	1682

## NOVEL HUT NOTES...

Just arriving Thursday morning were the following best sellers: Ursula Parrott, "Heaven's Not Far Away"; Warwick Deeping, "I Live Again"; Rose Franken, "Claudia"; Kathleen Norris, "Come Back To Me, Beloved"; Hartzell Spence, "One Foot In Heaven"; Helen McInnes, "Above Suspicion"; Nancy Hale, "The Prodigal Women"; Agnes S. Turnbull, "The Day Must Dawn"; Marcia Davenport, "The Valley of Decision".

The Crime Club selection, "Nobody's Vineyard," by H.C. Bailey was also included in the new shipment.

WANTED: A typewriter by Community Activities at 220 Rec Hall. Willing to pay express charges. To

the course of conversation with this evacuee was greatly interested in the life of the relocation center. The trend of the conversation drifted to youth movement which this doctor was greatly interested.

The evacuee, while living in the center, was an active leader in the youth organization. The dentist charged this evacuee \$5.00 for his services and donated this sum to the Community Activities of Poston Two.

The donation was gratefully acknowledged by James Hirokawa.

## S. Hasegawa Named Police Commissioner

Shuichi Hasegawa, 227-12-A, upon recommendation of the Judicial committee, was appointed by Adm. James D. Crawford to serve in the newly created office of Police Commissioner of Poston II.

## POSTOFFICE STATISTICS REVEALED FOR QUARTER

Huge sums of money have passed through the Unit Two Postoffice during the period of November 27, 1942 and January 30, 1943 which included receipts from the Christmas rush.

\$8918.23 was totaled for C.O.D.'s and \$22,970.61 money orders for that interval.

buy or rent.

## APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS IN NET FACTORY BEING TAKEN

Applications for several positions in the garnish net factory which will make its opening in Unit I are now being taken at the Unit III Employment Office. Among the positions is an opening for a foreman from U-

## WOMEN EMPLOYED IN ADOBE PROJECT

One of one hundred and thirteen laborers employed at the Adobe plant forty are women according to the foreman, Mr. Nishi. The first woman workers to volunteer for adobe work were Mr. G. Wumino, Blk 305 and Mrs. F. Takeda Blk 329. "I wish to thank the women folks for their interest and their fine cooperation," Mr. Nishi declared.

An average of one thousand bricks are turned out daily.

## SCHOOL SOCIALS TO BE RESTRICTED TO STUDENTS

At a recent meeting, the student council of Poston III High School passed a ruling that henceforth all school socials will be restricted to students with one exception. That being in the case of couples, of which one must be a school student.

This ruling will be strictly enforced at all times.

## SHIBAI CAST TO PERFORM IN UNIT I

The Unit III Shibai case will perform before Unit I audience on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Shibai's entitled "Kanzaki Yogori" "Shinkan Taikoku" and "Ichinichi no Okusama" will be presented.

nit III. Applicant must be twenty-one years of age. His duties are to supervise all personnel and work in each operating unit. Positions for one hundred and fifty weavers, six reefers and a handy man are also open. Applicant for handy man must be 18-45 years of age and over 140 lbs.

## BUDDHIST S. S. TEACHERS PARTY

Sponsored by the Sunday School teachers of Roku I, a combined Roku I, II and III teacher's party will be held on Saturday night at the Buddhist Church in 306 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ann Iwasaki will be chairman for the evening. All Bussei members affiliated with the Sunday School are invited to attend.

## DOCTOR TO LECTURE

Dr. Wada of the local clinic is scheduled to lecture before the Mothers' Club group at an important meeting this Sunday, 3:30 p.m. at the 329 rec hall.

## DENTIST VISITS GILA FOR DENTAL CLINIC CONFERENCE ON

Dr. Taniguchi, Dr. Kita and Dr. Takao of Unit 1, 2 and 3, respectively visited the Gila Dental Clinic and hospital last week. Conferences were held

## CAMP II BUSSEI TO ENTERTAIN YBA NIGHT

A grand surprise of gala entertainments are in store for all Busseimembers of Camp III on February 9, Tuesday night, when approximately fifty to seventy Bussei members of Camp II arrive here to present a surprise show.

The locals will be the Buddhist Church in 306, and the starting time is 7:30 p.m. #11 Busseis are urged not to miss this event.

## POST OFFICE ISSUES NEW REGULATIONS

Outgoing insured parcel post or registered mail will not be picked up at the Block Managers' offices. Such matter should be taken directly to the Post Office.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Department announces that Differential and Integral Calculus, Classes will be held in 324-12 B hereafter. Classes will convene as usual on Tuesday and Thursdays.

## MARBLE TOURNAMENT

There will be a marble contest for boys of all ages in the near future. No marbles will be needed and everything will be furnished except your shooter. There will be prizes awarded to the winners so hurry and sign up boys at the 309 Rec.

with the Gila dentists. Doctors Suda, Moriya, Hayashi Yusa, Takahashi, Uyeno, Minami, Kamamura, Sakaguchi, Sugiyama, Sonoda, Yamamoto and Nishii. Dental and other problems common to all relocation centers were discussed and numerous ideas of improvements were exchanged.

## - WANTED -

Standard and portable typewriters. Contact Press office, 310 2-D.

