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THE WHITE HOUSE

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

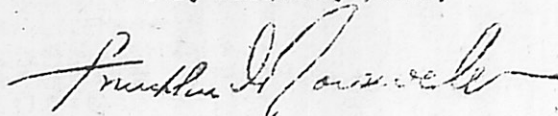
The proposal of the War Department to authorize a combat team consisting of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent has my full approval. The new combat team will add to the nearly five thousand loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the armed forces of our country.

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

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

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

Very sincerely yours,



The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

DRAFT REGISTRATION STARTS IN UNIT III

ARMY TEAM LEADER SPEAKS AT MASS MEETING TODAY

Faced by President Roosevelt's dramatic letter to Secretary of War, Henry Stimson, endorsing the Nisei army combat team and WRA's mass leave program, Poston this week moves swiftly to send thousands of its residents into the stream of American war activity.

Today at 3:00 p.m., Poston III will hold a mass meeting to hear this program unfolded by Lieut. John Bolton, leader of the special Army team sent from Washington to assist in Selective Service and the general relocation plan.

Registration for all male citizens from 17 years of age up will start in Unit III Wednesday morning at Mess Hall 310. A large crew of special interviewers has been trained to assist in expediting handling forms.

Tentative plans call for continued registration in Unit III on Thursday and Friday, with registration shifting to Unit II Saturday and Unit I on the following Monday or Tuesday.

Dates for the registration of all other evacuees in Poston will be announced later, following WRA's new program of attempt to provide jobs on the outside for Nisei and Issei men and women unavailable for military service.

MILITARY TRAINING CREDITS TO BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS

At the meeting of the Educational Staff held last Sat., it was unanimously agreed that the Poston Schools should follow the practices adopted in many states throughout the country for boys who withdrew from school in order to enter the armed forces.

It was agreed that boys who enter the Armed forces will be granted credit for military training providing:

(1) the student was in good standing at the time of withdrawal from school; (2) the student is recommended by his superior officer in the armed forces as having creditably completed as many weeks of military training as would have been required for high school graduation.

This applies only to boys who have finished at least the eleventh grade of school.

SHOE SALES HALTED

According to word released by the Community, further sales of shoes will be discontinued until clarification in regards to the Community Enterprise status in shoe rationing for the Center is made by Washington.

The step is in accordance with the na-

tionwide shoe rationing program launched by the government.

Community Enterprise is expected to wire Washington immediately for further details with conference scheduled to be held at Salt Lake City in the near future.

NET FACTORY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS POSTPONED

Contract negotiations for the net garnishing factory were temporarily postponed today while workers' representatives awaited the return of Contractor John M. Stahl after his consultation with the U.S. Engineers yesterday in Los Angeles.

Stahl and the committees for the workers were unable to reach a complete agreement at their meeting Saturday. Points of disagreement in the proposed contract centered around the provisions for arbitration, wages for non-working help, and overtime pay.

The contractor left Poston for Los Angeles Saturday night to discuss the several points in question with the U.S. Army Engineers. As soon as the U.S. Engineers have rendered their opinions on these provisions, Stahl stated that he would return immediately to carry on further negotiations. He is expected back tomorrow.

Representing the residents at Saturday's meeting were the labor committee of Unit I Council, a Unit II committee headed by John Maeno and George Ono, and a newly elected temporary committee of the net workers, composed of Ray Tanaka, Joe Kobayashi, Bob Shinamoto, and Frank Mima-mura.

Meanwhile, pending the final settlement, the committees agreed to continue work in the Unit I factory. However, until the contract is signed, the committees recommended that only a few workers be added to the 120 who are already on the job.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING

Construction of the school buildings in Unit I are progressing rapidly with an employment of approximately 100 men now being employed at the construction site near the adobe plant I.

Walls up to four feet high have been laid on the south building up to last Sat., one of the three buildings being erected. Cement foundation for the other two buildings are being poured this week.

RUBBISH FIRES MUST BE REPORTED PRIOR TO STARTING

Alert George Kimura, who is stationed at the fire look-out tower sighted smoke near Blk. 39 last Sun. afternoon and dispatched the fire truck to the place which proved to be a rubbish fire.

Steve Mayeda, officer of the day, stated yesterday that anyone wishing to start a rubbish or brush fire to report to the department prior to starting a fire to avoid dispatching a truck.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Unit I employment office today announced an opening for an assistant general manager for Community Enterprises.

His duties are to assume the general functions of office manager, including supervision of the office staff; to coordinate functions of accounting of Community Enterprises, including warehouse; to assist in buying and store supervision as delegated by the general manager; and to help the general manager in other functions.

He must be a male over 30 with a college degree in the commercial field, including accounting and merchandising, or equal in experience. Further, he is required to have not less than 10 years of general store management experience and/or six months experience as store manager in Poston.

Three opportunities for outside employment with F.C. Dahnken Co., in Salt Lake City, Utah, are open. The company needs a diamond setter, a jewelry repairman, and a skilled watch repairman.

Openings for wall washers and dishwashers are offered in St. Louis, Missouri, at \$60 per month for 48 hours per week. Neither room nor board are included. Residents interested in the offers may contact their local employment office for further details.

WHAT'S BUZZIN' FOR TODAY

7:00 p.m.....

United States Social Civics for Isseis and Niseis.

7:30 p.m.....

Beginners Eridge, Rec. 6.
Radio and Electricity, Rec.18.
Issei Red Cross First Aid Class at Rec. 30.

Government Law, Rec. 18.
Advanced Shorthand, Recs.14,42.
College English, Rec. 43.

BLESSED EVENT

To Rev. & Mrs. Masatane Mitani, Blk. 11-1-A, formerly of Bakersfield, Calif., a girl, February 6th.

MUSICAL PROGRAM SLATED FOR SUNDAY NIGHT

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sosnowski, noted musicians, will present a musical program for the local residents this Sun. night, Feb. 14, at 7:30 pm. at the Ad. Mess Hall.

Mr. Sosnowski, prior to coming to Poston was in charge of the Music Dept. of the Junior High schools of Honolulu and for several years was first violinist in the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Sosnowski is an accomplished pianist.

Recently the Appointed Personnel was entertained by the Sosnowski's and according to Dr. Miles Cary, the program was enjoyed by all.

Transportation arrangements from Units II and III are being made for those who wish to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION

A new class in "United States Social Civics" in Japanese, taught by Mr. Sumioka, will be held every Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 in Rec. 19. Everyone is welcome to attend, preferably Issei and Nisei with speaking ability in Japanese, stated the Adult Ed. department yesterday.

BRIEF BEATS.....

Escorted by V.H. Spanswick, Mr. & Mrs. John Kojima and family arrived from Jerome, Arkansas..... Mrs. Hagino Igauye, wife of Sataro Igauye of Blk. 2-6A, arrived from L. A. This is her first view of Poston as she was too ill to be evacuated. At present she is confined in the Poston Gen'l Hospital..... Tamakichi Wada, 30-2-B, returned from L.A. Gen'l Hospital.

Unit II Council Election Today

Poston Two residents will go to the polls to elect their representatives to the Unit II Council today. Candidates are:

207 C: Matateru Hashimoto, James Takehara; A: Hanichi Taketaya, Toshimitsu Nagae, Tom Kimura, Uichi Imoto, Kyujiro Takao.

208 C: David Imahara, Soe Ikegami, Isamu Amiooka; A: M. Fujimoto, J. Hamada.

209 C: George Matsumoto, Mitsuo Matsunami, Yoshino Aramaki; A: R. Nomi, I. Sakashita, H. Yanohira.

211 C: Bob Sakamoto, William Kobayashi, Kiyoshi Sakai; A: T. Nakagawa.

213 C: John Nakamura, Masao Wada, Mas Miyazaki, Harry Sakasegawa; A: T. Shimotsuka.

214 C: Henry Fujii, Ken Sato, Yoshiye Takata, H. Mawatani; A: R. Tazumi, M. Takeshita, K. Takiguchi.

215 C: Susumi Endo; A: T. Shikuma.

216 C: Minato Kawaguchi; A: K. Weda, K. Kurciwa.

219 C: Masato Shintaku, Yoneo Gota, Sumio Nishi; A: S. Kuwano, A. Hayashi, S. Morimoto, N. Yamamoto, Tsuchiya, Y. Ichikawa, K. Murakami.

220 C: F. H. Ito; C. S. Kitamura, K. Takimoto, K. Takizawa.

221 C: Kazuharu Matsuura, George Nishimura; A: S. Fujitsubo, Y. Miyamoto, S. Nishikawa, M. Fukuto, M. Tsutsui, 222 C: Albert Umino, Takaji Miura.

226 C: Kenji Uyeno; A: Jitsuzo Fukuhara.

227 C: Peter Hasegawa, Tats Suelhiro; A: J. Kazato, Shuichi Hasegawa, Yasuichi Kanagawa.

229 C: Takeo Takeuchi, Frank Kusunoki; A: T. Shimizu.

Fumiye Sakoda Becomes Bride Of Seizo Kodani In Beautiful Church Wedding

Wedding bells pealed Saturday afternoon for Miss Fumiye Sakoda and Seizo Kodani who were married by the Rev. K. Noji in a beautifully arranged garden setting at the #211 Christian Church. Calla lilies and tall white tapers entwined with roses highlighted the setting. The altar was approached with sweet fragrant Monterey pine and greenery from the bridegroom's former home in Carmel, California.

NATIONAL SCOUT WEEK OBSERVED

Observing the National Boy Scout Week, Poston Two Scouts made a special effort in attending church services Sunday.

At night representatives of the local troops participated in the program at the Youth Fellowship in a patriotic program.

James Hirokawa, Scoutmaster, arranged the program and also presided as chairman. Hirokawa who has had 15 years of experience in Scouting told the history of the Scout movement and pointed out the rapid progress of Poston Scouts.

Noboru Iwami gave the Cub Scout Law and promise. Harmonica solo was contributed by George Hanaoka.

Members of Jack Ni-nomiya's Troop 121, Tsugio Ikeda, and Burton Endo demonstrated fire-making. Sei Shohara and Arthur Homma of Ben Ohama's Troop 122 signalled Morse code by flashlight while Duke Hatakeda gave the deaf and dumb alphabet communication.

VALENTINE SOCIAL AT SINGSPARATION

"Hearts will be trumps" when the Singspiration night featuring Valentine social takes over the bi-weekly event at the 211 church hall Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Preceding the ceremonies, Tom Masamori sang "O, Promise Me," accompanied by Miss Gladys Onoye who also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of military blue and carried a bouquet of calla lilies. She was given in marriage by her father. Miss Yoshi Kodani in pink was the maid of honor.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. John Gota as best man while ushers were Charles Onoye and Isamu Sakoda. At the reception, Kazuo Oka presided as toastmaster.

The newlyweds are making their home at Block 219-13-H.

CALENDARS ON SALE

Poston calendars will be on sale at the Unit Two News Bureau Office of the Chronicle Wednesday at 5¢ per copy.

The attractive calendar features Poston scenes and activities by contributing artists Lefty Kiyohara, Gene Nakata, May Tsukamoto, Ben Kudo and Gus Nakagawa who is responsible for the make-up.

Mimeographing work has been completed by Frank Wanda, assisted by members of the Chronicle staff. Gladys Onoye acted as business manager.

Reservations may be made immediately.

FLAG POLE TO BE ERECTED

All steel portable flag pole is being constructed in the vicinity east of Ad building A. The pole when completed will be forty feet high and will have a concrete and steel imbedded foundation.

Flowers will be planted in a circle around the foundation, it was learned. Mr. Yamamoto, gardener and his assistants, are now busily engaged in the construction of the foundation and as soon as work there is completed they will commence on the flag pole for school.

Disease Traced To Animals

According to a memo received at the Public Health Dept. from A.D. Pressman, M.D., director of Health and Sanitation, several cases of coccidioides, a disease similar to tuberculosis and spread by wild animals have been diagnosed in Poston. In order to prevent the disease, it was urged that the catching and caging of wild animals be forbidden in camp.

To conform with the memo, the Unit III Public Health Dept. is asking the cooperation of all owners of wild animals, that they release the animals at some distance from the camp immediately. Thus, preventing the spreading of the disease.

S.S. Teachers Enjoy Party

A hilarious time was had by approximately fifty people at the first Buddhist Sunday School teacher's party held on Saturday night at Rec 306, sponsored by Roku I. Mrs. Ann Iwasaki was chairman for the evening, with Mary Tashiro leading the games.

INSPECTION RATINGS REPORTED

The weekly report of the Kitchen and Latrine inspection ratings of Unit III for the week ending Feb. 6 is as follows:

305, 94%;	307, 89%;
309, 89%;	306, 88%;
308, 88%;	310, 88%;
317, 88%;	322, 88%;
323, 87%;	318, 85%;
324, 85%;	328, 85%;
324, 83%;	327, 77%;

The average percentage was found to be 85.81.

Sportsman Hop Scheduled

A gala Sportsman Dance will be refereed by Boys and Girls Athletic on Valentine's Eve, February 13, on Mess 308 with the tip-off at 8:30 p.m. Frank Hiratsuka and his orchestra will be featured. Fee will be 25¢ a couple. Bids are on sale for couples only.

WOMEN LAUDED FOR ADOBE WORK

With 150 adobe workers and builders well ahead of the schedule the erection of the school buildings will soon be a reality.

The women of Unit 7 deserve credit for taking strong initiative in aiding in construction of the adobe bricks.

Mrs. G. Wurnino, who was the first woman to volunteer her service foreseeing the necessity for immediate construction of adobes for schoolhouse, gathered women from her block to help.

Mrs. F. Takeda, also one of the first volunteers, merits the credit of being instrumental in getting the largest turnout of women workers from her block to date.

NOTICE

COMPLAINTS ON PAY

All complaints on 11th member pay must be filed at the Timekeeping Dept. and not at block manager's office.

MESS 310

Due to the fact that registration for selective service will begin Wednesday at Mess 310, it will be closed and all persons who have meal tickets for mess 310 are notified that their present meal tickets will not be honored Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, according to the announcement from the Steward's Department.

Such persons are requested to eat at their respective mess halls.

W.B.A. NIGHT

Tonight the truck load of Bussei are arriving from Poston to furnish the marriage for the W.B.A. YBA "Nite" at the 306 Buddhist Church.

ORCHESTRA TO.....

The up and coming Unit III orchestra for the smooth music furnished at the first Junior Prom. Their grand playing of popular music added much to the success of the evening's dancing.

FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party was given by the residents of block 329 in honor of Marion Sogo, who is leaving for Minneapolis, Yuri Yasui and Mrs. Hattori and daughter, who are going to the Colorado Reformatory Center.

Games, refreshments, and dancing were enjoyed by all attending.

Viola Takeda acted as chairman for the evening.

Sports

Sport Editor for today:
JIMMIE MAMO

February 9, 1948

GOLDEN BEARS EDGE SAN DIEGO CAGERS 36-34

Living up to pre-game predictions, George Mizuno, tricky G. B. forward basketed 18 digits to pace his team to a narrow 36-34 trimming over the heretofore undefeated San Diego quintet of Poston III Saturday afternoon in a thrill-packed casaba contest on high school court, "C".

The first half found the Bears surging ahead with Mizuno scoring 16 points of his team's total of 23. The Die-gans trailed by 11 points scoring only 5 field goals and 2 gratis shots.

San Diego suddenly came to life after a sluggish first half and with Carl Iwashita and Art Kitahara, S.D. forward sinking 10 field goals between them, began to close in upon the opponents. The locals clamped down on George Mizuno in the second half and held him to one field goal.

In the closing minutes of play the score was knotted at 32-32. E. Mizuno broke away for an under the basket shot to chalk up two points to push his team into a momentary lead. Carl Iwashita retaliated with a long field goal to again tie up the count. Then a few seconds before the end of the game, S. Mizuno sank another bucket to give his team the lead and the victory, 36-34.

POSTONETTES CINCHES TITLE

In a low scoring game, the Jr. Postonettes defeated the Jun-iorettes 3-2 to stay the only undefeated team in Jr. league. Guards on both teams played a good defensive game. Bomberettes def. Bluettes 10-5, while Buckaneers trounced Zephyrettes, 16-2.

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DUMPS MUTINEERS

The Poston III High Varsity quintet won its second victory of the current casaba season last Sunday afternoon at the expense of the Mutineers in a 35-27 victory on High school court "C".

The score remained close until the closing minutes when the high school lads began crawling away from their shorter opponents by capitalizing on their under-the-bucket shots.

Matsumoto and Sam Takeshita, Mutineer forward tied for scoring honors with 10 digits apiece.

20 SQUARES VANQUISH MUSTANGES 23-16

In a hard fought game at the 307 court, the 20 Sq's bowled over the 307 Mustangs by the tune of 23-16.

The Squares held a slim 12-9 lead at the intermission but piled up 11 more digits in the second half to walk off with the win. R. Fujinaka led the attack for the victors with 10 points while T. Naito followed close behind with 8 digits for the losers.

SIGMA XI WINS 4TH STRAIGHT

The Sigma XI quintet of 318 romped to its fourth straight casaba contest victory of the season Sunday afternoon as they defeated the 309 team 28-17 on the 318 court.

Sigma XI led throughout the game led by Ken Nishida who accounted for 10 points to win scoring honors.

This victory brings their record to 4 wins and no loss as compared to San Diego, the only other undefeated team in the "A" league, with 3 wins and no loss.

Packers Win Overtime Contest 28-26

The Green Bay Packers handed the Poston III High School "B" team its first defeat of the season Saturday afternoon in an overtime tussle.

Led by Akira Takeshita, the "youngsters" led 13-11 at halftime but in the second half the Packers utilized their height advantage and knotted the score at 24 all before the final whistle.

Then in the overtime period, Himaka bucketted 2 points to push his team into the lead. Takeshita came back again to tie the score at 26-26 until K. Shimamoto sank the winning bucket for the Packers.

Takeshita and the G. B. P.'s Yas Nakamoto tied for high scoring honors with 10 points.

B.I.'s Routs H.S. B's

The 325 B.I. quintet led by the diminutive forward, George Yamagata, won their fifth straight game by edging out the High School B's 24-20.

George Yamagata potted 13 points to pace the winners and K. Nakamura led the losers with 9.