

FARM EXPANSION PLANS PROCEED DESPITE DELAYS

By TAKEICHI KADANI
Recently held manpower conference in Unit I emerged with official statement that Poston agriculture under the present program cannot supply the subsistence needs for 16,000 people. In order to ameliorate the acute manpower shortage caused by influx or garrisoning workers, leave clearance for outside employment and Army enlistment, manpower commission was established as final conclusion to the two and a half days of conference.

Agriculture expansion in Poston relative to subjugation has progressed beyond expectation in view of the unfavorable conditions during the winter period. "What has been accomplished as far as truck crops are concerned in the adjoining area to date, according to statistics, is below normal progress, mainly due to lack of water and grading by engineers. The failure in the two stages can only be recalled to the adverse conditions, namely, labor shortage and material. "With more than 700 acres subjugated the areas are now partially utilized by the poultry project located on an 80-acre site in Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 21 West, in Unit I, where 6,000 chicks are being raised with anticipation of attaining the 20,000 goal as egg and meat source of the Center, which has been estimated as one egg per person per day in addition to 5,000 meat birds per week. Under the present outlook this goal is underlined by the labor supply which is being curtailed continuously under the WRA resettlement program and Army enlistments. The

major project is under the supervision of Roy and Fred Kobayashi and Min Nitta.
Slaughter House Ready
Hog project today is taking the spotlight in the agriculture program with meat shortage becoming acute. The project is currently raising 600 hogs for slaughter, some of which will be ready for consumption in the first part of April. With little meat expected from the steward's office in April the construction of the slaughter house is the most important phase of the meat supply. Presently every division of the Agriculture Department is assisting, including office workers and field advisors. Progress of construction so far is up to schedule with the boiler and slaughter chamber completed. Construction of the cooling compartment is underway, adjacent to the slaughter chamber, which is expected to require 1,000 pounds of ice daily. Water tower and pump for the well have been set up with the power lines yet to be completed. Two hundred feet square slaughter house is under construction. The cooler as last unit completing the slaughter plant. The project is located on 160 acre site in Section 10, Township 7 North, Range 21 West, approximately midway between Units 1 and 2, with Bill Kobayashi as supervisor.

Vegetable Supply
Every available and suitable land within the city has been utilized by Truck Crop Division in an effort to augment the fresh vegetable supply. Harvesting of broccoli on recreation area 3A during the past few weeks have been normal with fair quality. Largest acreage of watermelons and cantaloupes, located on the Day School Lot, eight miles north of Unit I, consisting of 40 acres and 4 acres on plot north of Lot 12A in Unit I. Other vegetable plantings are eggplants on Lot 1B 1A and icicle radish and "gobo", north of Block 26. Vegetable plantings are scheduled in staggering program in order to avoid over-production of one variety, with 94,000 tons of vegetables per acre. Subsidies for requirements, pending upon canal and manpower conditions.

Plan Black Gardens
With limited amount of seeds available for planting the Nursery Department in full cooperation with the Truck Crop Division, started giving suitable varieties of seeds to conserve maximum seed requirements. Currently, the department is growing 1,000 big and 1,200 mulberry cuttings for beautification program, which is well underway. In addition to truck crops, 20,000 zinnias and marigolds are growing in flats ready for distribution to block gardens. The department, which is under the supervision of Harry Kikuchi, is now assisting the guerrilla rubber project in an effort to promote the much-needed product, which is expected to grow well in the desert climate.

New Procedure Set Up to Handle Applications for Leave Assistance



Women as well as men help make adobe bricks which are being used for the construction of public school buildings at the Colorado River War Relocation Center. The above picture was taken during the busiest day in the adobe production work.

Photos of Women At Work On Adobe Project Swing Big Lumber Deal for School

Photographs showing Poston women at work making adobe bricks for school buildings to be constructed on the project made possible an order for 650,000 board feet of Douglas Fir Lumber, it was told by Charles Popkins, senior construction engineer, who recently returned from a business trip to Portland, Oregon.

Considerable difficulty had been encountered in efforts of the War Relocation Authority to purchase lumber for school buildings, and, according to Mr. Popkins, when officials learned that the lumber was for a Japanese relocation center they pointed out that there were other important needs which had to be filled. Not to be discouraged, Mr. Popkins took out a number of pictures of the adobe work which Colin Collins, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, had taken last summer. He showed them to George Carpenter, administrator of the WPB limitation order on Douglas Fir lumber.

Mr. Carpenter, who knew little about relocation centers, expressed surprise at seeing women working on the adobe project. "Yes," Mr. Popkins explained. "The residents are so anxious to have their children educated that even the women are helping to make adobe bricks for school buildings."

Deeply impressed, Mr. Carpenter vowed he would do everything possible to make the needed lumber available. And through his efforts, Mr. Popkins was able to return with the order for 650,000 board feet of lumber fulfilled.

Baltimore Sun Sends Chronicle Congratulations

Congratulations to you on your transition from multigraphing to printing, but more particularly on the fact that your publication has, from the beginning, urged upon Americans of Japanese ancestry their complete support of America's war program. One evidence of America's greatness is that all her sons who are worthy of the name are ready to give to America not half their devotion, but nine-tenths of it, but every bit of it, without reservation.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Hamilton Owens
Acting Editor-in-Chief,
The Baltimore Sun.

Fiscal Department Warns Of Delay Before Cash Grants Are Issued

New procedures for handling applications for cash aid to evacuees departing on indefinite leave have been set by the Fiscal Department and Leave Office.

Applicants who qualify for assistance will be asked to fill out a regular form at the Unit Leave Office. This will then be attached to the leave docket and forwarded to the Leave Office for processing.

For further information see your Unit Leave Officer.

CAPITAL NEEDED FOR OPERATION OF CENTER CO-OP

When the campaign for organizing the cooperative corporation was in full swing last October, suggestions were made that \$1.00 memberships be issued. This was done because many members of the community could not afford \$5.00 shares even though shares can be repaid to the Co-op, but membership fees are not returnable. Figures and facts can be shown that a \$5.00 share is the least costly for everyone.

A Co-operative should be operated on the best business principles. No successful business can be operated without capital. The Poston stores have been using capital advanced by wholesalers which we return in the form of payback after the goods are sold. In addition, we have accumulated some capital from profits on sales but market conditions are changing and now we find that wholesalers demand cash when they deliver merchandise (they do not permit holding the payments until after we have sold the merchandise).

This means we have to raise our own capital without which we won't be able to stock our clothing stores, etc. (We now have a clothing order for \$40,000 held up because we can't pay cash on delivery.) If we can't stock the merchandise that customers want, then the people send their orders to the Mail Order houses or some other outside company, and that profit is lost to the enterprise stores which are owned by the people of Poston. With only \$1.00 memberships we won't have very much money for capital and we can't operate as a good business.

If we sell \$5.00 shares, we might have 9,000 members or \$45,000 capital to buy more merchandise. This would allow us to stock items which customers could buy at Poston stores and thereby keep the profits in Poston. In using the Co-operative method of returning net profits or overpayments on purchases to the owner-customers, we shall have probably \$54,000 to divide among people who share and turn in their cash register receipts in June. If there are 9,000 members, the average amount will be \$6.00 per member. If profits are returned to members according to their purchases, as shown by the purchase receipts issued by the stores and turned in by the customers, there is no income tax on the \$54,000. If we don't return the profits by this manner we will have to pay a heavy income tax on the \$54,000.

If a person can't afford to pay the whole \$5.00 for a membership share he will have to pay \$1.00 on account, buy at the stores and turn in his purchase receipts and have his share account.

Lively Newspaper

A congratulatory letter to the Poston Chronicle for its plans to turn out a printed paper was received recently from Eleanor Williams, acting director of information for Indian Affairs. It read: "I am very glad to hear the Poston Chronicle will be printed soon. It is a lively little newspaper, interesting in its coverage of local news and well written. Certainly printing will enhance its appearance and probably add many new readers to your list. I read it regularly."

Weavers Race for New Marks 4,000 Feet Daily Production Goal Sought at Plant

Net garrisoning crews at the Unit I cannulaugh factory raced against each other to set astounding records in the number of square feet produced daily per individual, with the latest record reaching 3,801.6 square feet. This was set by Bob Dutak in ten and a half days after Bob Kinoshita's gun registered 3,744 square feet per man. Before long the 4,000 mark might be attained, it was observed.

The above marks were compared with the best crew's average of 2,223 square feet on the opening day last February 3, when operations started at 412 mechanics. During the first few days, the 1,000 square feet mark was a high goal to be sought, but which was reached by a fast crew on the third day.

Progress continued rapidly after the first week and a crew captained by Bob Shimamoto, reached the 2,000 and 3,000 records within a few weeks. The weavers receive \$4.80 for each 1,000 feet of netting. The gross earnings for a weaver who maintains a 2,500-square feet average at 412 mechanics, working 30 days, and 35 per cent for the community dividend fund, the workers still receive a substantial sum for their efforts.

Contrary to observations at Gila, where an all-male crew is the fastest, the all-female crew at Poston are among the fastest in Poston. In fact, Grace Kurisu is rated the fastest weaver in the entire factory. The over-all average and the production also are mounting daily. Latest figures hover around three-quarters of a million square feet daily. With the opening of the Unit III factory workers are looking forward to the milestone of one million square feet per day.

account. If he buys as much as the average buyer, he will back \$6.00, of the profits credited to his share as shown above, so he will have \$2.00 to his credit above his membership of \$5.00.

However, if we don't raise capital by this method (Granada, Manzanar, Jerome, and at Jerome most members have bought 2 or more shares at \$5.00 each) we won't be able to stock our stores and, of course, not selling the merchandise won't be able to pay percentage dividends. This will force the person who can't even start to buy a \$5.00 share to buy many items on the outside, and everything bought outside means he loses that much more money. So does the community. Consumers Co-operative stores means customer owned stores and customers operating the stores through elected representatives who appoint the management. Co-operative stores also means adherence to the best business principles and therefore we should provide capital through purchases of \$5.00 shares of stock to run our stores in the best possible manner for the good of all members of the community.

Church Hostel To Accept Ten Monthly

Ten residents will be accepted monthly from Poston for the Church of the Brethren Relocation Hotel at Chicago, it was announced by Roscoe Vaniman, representative for the Church of the Brethren.

Employable evacuees are selected for the hostel from all ten relocation centers, it was stated. At Chicago, they have access to several employment agencies, and most applicants are able to obtain suitable positions within a few days.

Applications are being accepted by Mr. and Mrs. Balderston and Mrs. Matsuda at Unit I, Mr. Vaniman at Unit II, and Miss Starkey and Don Iwashashi at Unit III.

RECORD TURNOUT

Four wood carvers in Poston III had their record month in January, turning out 26 plaques, 12 figurines and a number of name plates.

BETTER SIGHT PROGRAM FORMED FOR POSTON SCHOOL CHILDREN

EDITOR'S NOTE: Material contained herein has been prepared by the staff of the Poston Department of Health and Sanitation.
Eighty-three per cent of all impairments come through the eye, so good eye-sight is important to people of all ages. Near-sightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism are the most common causes of discomfort in the use of your eyes. These conditions can usually be corrected by proper lenses or what is commonly called glasses. In the health examinations of Poston's school children, many have been found whose sight is not perfect. These children are referred to the Out Patient Department where their eyes have a careful examination by an oculist. Poston is fortunate in having the services of Dr. Perry Sumida, who has post-graduate study and is well qualified as an eye specialist.

His clinics are held at: Poston I, Monday and Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m. Poston II, Thursday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Poston III, Monday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. He sometimes makes eye examinations also for additional tests after the first examinations at Poston I, Tuesdays and Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. When drops are used in children's eyes, they may continue in school but cannot use their eyes to read for several days. Dr. Sumida also sees trachoma patients—9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. There are very few cases in Poston and there has been considerable success in their treatment. Poston also has the valuable services of Ophthalmists, Dr. Tetsuya Ishimura being in charge of this department.

All school children are being tested for visual acuity by Miss Grace Takahashi, also ophthalmist, who refers such cases as need attention to Dr. Sumida.

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POSTON CHRONICLE WINS LAURELS FROM PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

One of Poston's major accomplishments has been the publication of a lively and interesting newspaper, the Poston Chronicle, since May. To accomplish this, the staff has encountered many difficulties which would seem incredible stumbling blocks to newspaper organizations elsewhere in America. Yet the job has been done and each morning we have found that the Chronicle—even in its mimeograph edition—is an essential part of our Center life.

Another step in the newspaper's first year to be led by a WRA project in a Center print shop. In behalf of the administration, our heartfelt congratulations go to the Chronicle editors, reporters, circulation men, managers and printers. We hope your facilities will increase during the next two or three months so that you may be able to realize your program for printing the Chronicle on a daily basis.

RALPH GELVIN, Associate Director

FAITH - THE MOTIVATING FORCE

By Kaz Oka

Words, as such, are something which we all use to express our ideas, our thoughts, our desires and our feelings. It is a sound, or a combination of sounds which we daily utter or write without giving it a thought. But take the word "faith." The dictionary defines it as follows: (1) The assent of mind to the truth of what is declared by another; (2) Firm and earnest belief on probable evidence of any kind; (3) A doctrine or system of doctrines believed; (4) Fidelity, and (5) Belief in what is given faith as an elevation of man's relation to God and the infinite.

A SIMPLE WORD As a word, "faith" is, on the face, a simple word. But a moment's reflection, a brief thought on the significance of that 5-lettered word in relation to the lives of the Nisei and their parents may tend to dispel the gloom and shabby uncertainty as to their future welfare which now seem to be coursing through their veins. For "faith" is what motivates man to continue his earthly existence as long as possible. It was FAITH that created the United States of America.

If the American Japanese will recall, the future of this country at its founding was vague and uncertain. Its state as a democracy has been with doubts and untold hardships its nation, up to the 19th century, had not been truly the tabernacle of free-dom-loving mankind. There were no charters, no constitution, or set patterns whereby a nation may be "governed of, by, and for the people."

FAITH OF PIONEERS

But our founding fathers had FAITH in the concepts of an autonomy, in the establishment of a nation where "all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable and unalienable rights." Wash-

ington and his men at Valley Forge, Nathan Hale at New York City, and John Paul Jones on the seas, to name only a few, willingly gave their lives because of that "asset of mind to the truth of what is declared by another." Yes, they emigrated from England to wild and unknown lands, and lived and fought and died, because they had a firm and earnest belief in a doctrine, a belief in man's relation to God and the infinite.

This Nation, created under God and for which those pioneers died, is still passing through its baptism of fire as the arsenal of democracy. Lincoln and Wilson were put thru that test, Roosevelt has his hands full today to uphold his faith in our democratic way of life. There is no guarantee that our nation will not be lost to us, any more than that anyone shall live to see a hundred years. But it is the fire of faith that smoulders in the bosom of liberty-loving men that made them take up arms to fight and die, that today faces millions of men to evacuate temporarily from their peacetime duties to pass that test and justify the vision of Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Hancock.

FAITH IS CREATIVE

No, our fighting pioneers didn't ask for any guarantees or assurances. They knew that the only way they could win was to go to DO THE JOB THEMSELVES, PROVE IT THEMSELVES. And while Hitler and his treacherous Axis cohorts would have you believe otherwise, it is the consensus of opinion that a democracy has not failed.

Other instances of what faith could create are Edison and his incandescent lamp, Fulton and his steamboat, Marconi and the radio, Alexander Bell and the telephone, and an endless list of others. They had

none to guarantee them success, but they stuck to their FAITH with a determined will.

The Japanese Americans and their parents have been, understandably, downhearted and disillusioned, frustrated and bewildered by the events of the war. But no one will attest to the theory that our way of life, Americanism, if you will, is perfect. Comparatively speaking, our nation is young. Errors are bound to occur, especially under the stress of a fight for its life. The point for evaluation is whether that nation is willing to take the steps toward rectifying its mistakes. Our government has definitely made those moves for amelioration, as far as the loyal Americans of Japanese descent are concerned.

UP TO NISEI

Uncle Sam and his millions of nephews, have offered "probable evidence" of their sincerity in being concerned with the future welfare of the Nisei and their parents; which, in essence, may be construed as sufficient evidence for the loyal American Japanese to harbor a firm and earnest belief for an assurance, as much as it is humanly possible to offer, of security. The rest is up to the principals concerned, which, in this case is the Nisei, as to whether their future status will be one of peace and happiness or not.

Yes, "faith" is a simple word. But its significance is much more than appears on the surface. "In God We Trust" is merely so many words meaning "faith." But that is the basis for the founding of this country; that is the reason for man's existence, as much as it is humanly possible to offer, of security. The rest is up to the principals concerned, which, in this case is the Nisei, as to whether their future status will be one of peace and happiness or not.

dentally, rhymes well with "Hitler" have been antagonistic to every plan which concerned the welfare of Americans of Japanese descent. They have publicly criticized President Roosevelt and the War Department for permitting the Nisei to exercise their inalienable right of defending their country, their families, their wives; and, following an Axis theory, they have proposed the conscription of evacuees for farm labor under armed guard, among other resolutions which could well have been taken from the paper of Adolph Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

AMERICANS' APOLOGY

This particular column was not intended to be an apology by the Japanese Americans. But it is indeed an apology all true Americans for the impious berations of such as Webb, Lechner, and other Allies of our ours whose physical characteristics are not "white." For the good American, as President Roosevelt so aptly defines it: "... 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 OUR CREED OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY."

DEMAGOGUES NEVER WIN

Yes, that's America. For while it may not always have followed that theory, nevertheless the "state of this nation is good, the heart of this

SMALL TALK

By Hisaye Yamamoto

Twenty-two year old Mitsui Michel Kamimoto of 316-B, erswille machine shop instructor, left the other day for Nevada with the "Carrot Ranchers." Already a volunteer, he hopes to re-enter the Air Corps once outside.

As far back as he can remember, Michel had wanted most to fly, and he officially achieved that aim when he turned 20 and got his flying license in San Juan Bautista. He prepared for the Great Day by majoring in aeronaut cal (ACA) studies at Salinas and Hollister (JACE) STEWART'S MATE

He was in the Army Air Corps at Moffet Field, California, and as an Army Flying Cadet was transferred to Thunderbird Field, Arizona, for basic flight training, and was finally at the Air Corps Basic Flying School in Merced. At Moffet Field, he was a squadron-mate of Jimmy Stewart, whom he described as being "very humble and very simple." At Thunderbird Field, where he was the only Japanese American with the Chinese Flying Cadets, he was puzzled with the seeming lack of friendliness among them 'till he discovered that their coming from different parts of China made it difficult for them to understand one another's dialect. He found them to be very stable emotionally, and fond of American food, especially ice cream.

INVENTIVE

Always of an inventive turn of mind, his first product was an important self-bladed autopilot which he tried to make as a senior in high school. He has submitted a few inventions to the government for consideration, and some of these have an airfoil section; an improved design on a hammerhead propeller; a magnetic riveting hammer; and a shock cable tensioning device on the last named he has civilian patent rights.

After his arrival in Poston, having been discharged from the Air Corps in which he made an excellent record, he was somewhat bitter. Though he was entered on the release lists, and though his prospective, I believe structure of the greatest products of this war will be the increased use of aviation in transportation and communication, and I want to show that Japanese-American can contribute to the development of aviation. I want very much to see Japanese-American participate actively in this development after the war," he declared to his family would enable his conscience to let him go back. But time must have lent him perspective, for Mike Kamimoto is going back.

PROMISE

It's two in the clouds this trip, because Susie Yamashita, fellow reporter, says that George Maruyama of the Vandals has promised to donate his amazing T-shirt to me if I will come after it. He doesn't need it anymore because of AA basketball season is over. Susie interviewed him once and it seems he, too, has been interested in flying. I hope to see him again. The nation is sound, the spirit of this nation is strong, the faith of this nation is eternal." That is why the kind of people represented by Webb, Lechner, Hitler and Tejo shall always be in the losing minority.

ARGUMENTUM

BY K.T.

There are two ways in which to advance your contention on any given subject matter. One purely factual and the other, hypothetical.

An attempt at psychoanalyzing reveals that the contentions and questions advanced by a few residents here through the Poston Chronicle lately show that these people have been much affected with mental disturbances when writing. Otherwise, they wouldn't have employed such insinuating and sarcastic methods in presenting their respective views and opinions. And now, I see I have to have a school-marm's patience and doubt very much if I have that most excellent quality with me.

In the first place, I have not advanced my point of argument on the 35% base but on 65% in favor of trust fund. And this figure was purely hypothetical and therefore, hypothetically, I have gone into discussion with myself. I would like to advise these people to read my article once more and read it carefully and digest it thoroughly and then see if any further elucidation on said article is necessary.

We should know that a legislative body of any municipality is not only empowered to make laws but repeal or revise any laws if and when and where the enforcement of such laws may jeopardize or hinder the smooth running governmental functions. In other words, any law which does not suit a particular situation, can be repealed or revised as the case may be. In direct and round about

ways, the legislative body can always reorganize any department of municipality.

A pattern of a municipal government for a population of ten thousand would be intended for that many people. The pattern should be made larger or smaller according to the increase or decrease of the population. And now that the leave clearance can be granted to a large number of people here, the size of our community will naturally get smaller by days. Consequently, the status quo of our municipal government cannot be held out much longer.

The shortage of manpower resulting from the re-evacuation of some residents and exodus to the Campagna plant at others can only be remedied by making the pattern smaller. Flexibility of governing laws of any municipality should be so made to meet the ever-aging ebb and flow of human tide. In the case of Poston, it will be an ebb and tide from now on. Purely to glimpse into the chaotic future and try to build up something solid or stability? It might be worse than seeing a nightmare. Everything is changing constantly and nothing stands still. We must retool ourselves and make ourselves fit for a new world to come.

This writer does most sincerely wish for the gentlemen of the T.C. not to consider the solving of the problem of man-power shortage as an ordeal but as a test for their ingenuity and adaptability.

never get the plane to go up. He must have worn clean shirts in those days.

Who was it that told me that this same George Maruyama says he used to fly over Poston before evacuation and wonder what all those buildings were going up for? Anyway, someone can go up to him now and wobble a forefinger roughly under his nose, and whisper, "We know now, don't we?"

JUST -- INCIDENTALLY

BY KAZ OKA

I don't claim to be much of an expert on the subject of this war is concerned. So I shall not take up any more space here to chastise the errors committed by our "greens" forces a while back in the mire of North Africa, nor offer any advice, pertinent or otherwise, as to just how Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower should out-fort the Desert Fox, Rommel, and ram him into a foxhole dead or alive (preferably alive, of course), or advise Gen. MacArthur as to the shortest route back to the Philippines. For I am firmly convinced that the citizens on the Churchill, Roosevelt, Montgomery, Marshall, Chennault and other Allied military and naval leaders are well aware of what and how to conduct the battle, without my two cents worth of written foliage.

But I do most wholeheartedly agree that the citizens on the home front should be more cognizant of what we're fighting for, and what we're up against. Capt. Eddie Rick-enbacker "hit the nail on the head" when he said that the men on the home production lines should tighten up their collective belts and really get down to business.

DEMAGOGIC CITIZENS

In this respect, such demagogic citizens (if such they be) as John R. Lechner, head of the so-called Americanism Educational League and of the American committee of the Los Angeles American Legion, U. S. Webb of the Native Sons among others, require more than a bit of pertinent advice as to what we're fighting for and what we're up against.

While citizens on the home front are buying war bonds and our men on the fighting front are giving their lives, all in the name of democracy, Lechner, Webb & Co. are spending their dollars and "sacrificing" their time and effort toward dis-uniting a great body of freedom-loving people whose only desire is carrying this present global conflict

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CANARDS CIRCULATED

At any rate, none of Lechner's arguments in his campaign of hate, of ostracizing and persecuting of the American Japanese, when held in the light of impartial government actions of truth and justice, is either convincing or unfindable. Yes, Mr. Lechner and his bigoted cohorts are definitely concerned about their stand and are endeavoring to check public sentiment by attempting to create a mass concern concerning the Nisei on an accelerated scale. By his own admission, Federal officials from Washington, D. C. have been checking on individuals and organizations who are opposed to the Japanese in America. The likes of Lechner (which, incli-

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SPORTS HIT & MISS

By JIMMY MANO

TOTS ISHIDA MISAO ODA

Three months of casaba tilts, with dusty wind never failing to blow on through dirt courts (how we miss the smooth maple wood floor in a cool modern gymnasium with hamburgers and milk shakes or China mesh) with a movie thrown in afterwards) under a winter sun that bellowed like valley summer, but it's nearly all over now. Through there were some boys and girls who did not know how to play a clean friendly game and lose sportsmanship, but as a whole, the teams displayed a good sportsmanship throughout the season.

Looking back over the recently past round of casaba contests, one justifiably can say that Unit III boasts excellent talent in that line of sports.

In our intra-unit contests, our aspirations emerged victorious in the majority of the games played and exhibited an unblemished record against Poston II.

20 SQUARES CLASSIEST BALL HANDLERS

For the classiest ball handling club in the circuit, yours truly tabs the 29 Square outfit, which boasts some of the best ball handlers in Camp, such as the Yamane Bros. from Oakland, Leo Minami, Paul Miyano, and John Miyabe.

The pick for the best dribbler in the league would probably go to the San Diego's Carl Iwashita, stellar forward on that team, who made many an opponent look silly by his fancy dribbling.

ALL STAR SELECTIONS

Since the first round of the current cage race is over, we are making our unbiased double "A" selection for our All-Star mythical five. The Press staff picks the following players according to their playing ability and sportsmanship: Center, Carl Iwashita, former San Diego State center; forward, Leo Minami, formerly of Gardena; Forward, youthful Frank Yamagata, formerly of Redley High, Guard, Mineto Shimizu, former all-conference Redley layman; Star Guard, Frank Maruyama, former Visalia varsity flash; and utility player, Ken Nihiida, formerly of Redley-Dinuba, and Art Kitahara, formerly of Santa Cruz.

BEST PLAYER IN POSTON

Basketball's Number 1 player, when you get right down to it is a diminutive forward of the Golden Bears, named George Mizuno. He

Playing a substantial role in aiding the youngsters in this new environment of camp life and the building-up of youth character and leadership, the Boys' Group Work Division, under the capable personal guidance of George Chida, is doing a most commendable piece of work.

To carry on their activities, the Division raised funds with several concessions at the Poston County Fair last August.

Their Midget League, composed of teams with boys under 16 years of age, has been a great success. During the past softball season, there was a total of some eighteen teams. Therefore, it was necessary for it to be divided into two, American and National Leagues. It's their rule that "Sportsmanship is Greater Than Victory." The first Sportsmanship award went to the Iroquois team.

Last Halloween, the Boys' Group Workers in conjunction with the Girls' Division, put on a colorful Bonfire party. Games, story telling, group singing and refreshments provided a merry evening for the young lads and lassies.

Earlier this year a Marble Contest was sponsored. This was divided into two divisions: a 9-13 group and a group for 13-17 year olds. Inexpensive but yet worthwhile prizes of merchandise bands were awarded the winners. Tosh Haru, Blk. 15, won the A Division Marble Crown; while Jimmy Arisawa, also from Blk. 15, took the B Division title.

With the coming of the casaba season, a school of basketball was started with the cooperation of the PCAA. The Midget League teams responded with as much enthusiasm as they showed during the softball season. The first Elimination Tournament was won by the Apaches.

In the first round of the regular loop competition which ended last March 6 (the Cardinals and the Iroquois wound up on top in the American League while the National League likewise found two teams

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was recently chosen as the most valuable player in the Unit I sportsmanship league and he was the Ken Kato trophy as the most valuable player. After witnessing a few of the intra-camp games he played, we know why he received such a high honor. Incidentally, we hear that he has six brothers and they are all "A-1" casaba tossers. However, what a classy cage quiet it would be, if the whole team was composed of the Mizuno Bros.

Boyle Heights Indians Blast Valley, 10-2

POSTON CAGE KINGS



First Row, left to right: "Mayer" Miyata, Toeh Okuma, Yogi Esaki, Mac Okuma, Tak Esaki, Tok Yamada. Second Row, left to right: Kar Sato, "Hypro" Tatsuno, Eddie Nakamura, George Nakamura, George Tatsuno, Shig Eddow.

FINAL SPORTSMANSHIP 'A' LEAGUE STANDING

Teams	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PCT
Indians	12	12	0	405	225	1.000
Bakersfield	12	10	2	387	268	.883
Blackjacks	12	10	2	351	202	.883
Falcons	12	7	5	426	226	.750
Valley	12	9	3	293	223	.750
Golden Bears	12	6	6	222	246	.500
Ramblers	12	6	6	343	268	.500
Bruins	12	5	7	290	308	.417
Firemen	12	5	7	266	273	.417
Tob-pas	12	4	8	248	327	.333
Royal Flushes	12	3	9	288	397	.250
P-38	12	1	11	236	476	.083
Tobacco Road	12	0	12	0	0	.000
Panthers	13	13	0	153	436	.636
	152	76	76	3809	3809	

FINAL TEN TOP SCORES - "A" LEAGUE

Players. Team	Pos	GP	FG	FT	PTC	TP
Haruh Kobata, Valley	C	12	67	17	12.6	151
Tarzan Yamamoto, P-38	C	11	56	17	11.7	129
Geo. Nishamura, Bkrsld	C	12	50	20	10.0	120
Noboru Fujimoto, Rambler	F	12	52	10	9.05	114
Jackie Nakahara, Valley	F	12	45	20	9.3	110
Fred Nishizawa, Indians	F	12	42	9	7.8	89
Larry Onda, Bakersfield	F	12	40	10	7.5	90
Bill Shigekawa, Blackjacks	C	11	39	10	6.0	88
Ben Noguchi, Bruins	F	12	33	13	6.9	79
Max Mori, Golden Bears	F	11	34	9	7.0	77

FINAL SPORTSMANSHIP "B" LEAGUE STANDING

Team	GP	W	L	PR	PA	PCT
Panthers	13	13	0	350	196	1.000
Valley "B"	13	10	3	284	184	.769
Blackbirds	13	9	4	291	254	.692
Breeze	13	8	5	333	294	.615
Equire	13	8	5	314	292	.615
Lobos	13	8	5	329	258	.615
Green Hornets	13	7	6	312	270	.538
P - 38	12	6	6	255	297	.500
Red Devils	13	6	7	293	268	.462
Oceanside	13	5	8	269	301	.385
Teh-Ages	12	3	9	178	228	.250
Falcons	13	3	10	251	347	.231
Ramblers	13	3	10	255	394	.231
Mavericks	13	1	12	225	366	.077

FINAL TEN TOP SCORES - "B" SPORTSMANSHIP LEAGUE

Players. Team	Pos	GP	FG	FT	PTC	TP
Max Kunimura, Red Devils	F	12	70	11	12.6	151
Teru Morinishi, Blackbirds	C	13	52	13	9.0	117
Isao Neishi, P-38	F	12	46	23	9.6	115
Bill Omoto, Panthers	F	12	51	12	9.5	114
Frank Mori, Green Hornets	F	13	45	19	8.4	109
Kay Matsumoto, Oceanside	F	13	49	1	7.5	97
Frank Mori, Green Hornets	F	13	45	19	8.4	109
Tosh Kanagawa, Equire	C	13	41	10	7.1	92
Johany Miyawaki, Lobos	C	13	39	8	6.6	86
Ramblers	F	13	35	12	7.5	82
Tak Kichui, Valley "B"	F	11	35	12	7.5	82
Jiro Namatame, Mavericks	F	12	36	5	6.4	77

BIGGEST PROJECT

Biggest single farm project within Poston I is 11-acre patch east of Block 17, devoted to Daikon, Turnips and Napa.

FIRST IN POSTON

Shigero Nakashima of El Centro, Calif., and his brother-in-law, Bobbie Maeda, were the first evacuees to arrive in Poston with the voluntary group. Date was May 10, 1942.

POSTON MADE DRESSES

First Poston-made dresses were shown at a Fashion Show staged by Mitzi Sugita on August 2, 1942.

SECOND WIND

By JOE TOI

With many of the boys either volunteering in the armed service or leaving for various "outside" employment in ever-increasing numbers, it is evident that athletics will not be of the same competitive caliber that we have enjoyed in the months past. Consequently, now that basketball season is completed, Sports takes on a drastic descent in public interest.

Hashimoto, Kawano, Ito Clout Homers In Initial Tilt

Teams throughout the camp are beginning to trim up for the coming softball season and the Boyle Heights Indians are no exception. In the first pre-season exhibition game, the Boyle Heights Indians bat welders scalped the Valley nine, 10 to 2, on Powell-Evans Field recently.

Theatrical fireworks started in the last of the second inning when Ich Hashimoto of the Indians slammed a four-bagger to be credited for the first run scored this year. But from the fourth frame on the Heighers really began to click. They tallied 9 runs on four hits, 4 walks and one error. George Ito and Yosh Kawano also hit homers for the Indians. Valley scored their 2 runs on 8 hits and 7 misses.

Hashimoto, playing the "hot corner" for the Indians connected for a homer and a triple in three times at bat. Valley's basketball sensation (Continued on Page 4)

Locking now, the Golden Bears—Viata Panthers softball duels, City-Wide "Open" Basketball Tournaments, New Year's Festival Sports-O-Cade, Bakersfield-Golden Bears cage battle, and the Inter-camp Poston Championship Tourney, just to name a few, has made a glorious chapter in Poston's colorful Sport classics.

But then let's glance at the outlook on the possibilities that lie ahead in the field of sports. With the coming of the "heat wave," twilight baseball and softball is gradually coming into the limelight. It's doubtful though, whether softball will fare as well and as long as it did last season.

It enough fire of enthusiasm can (Continued on Page 4)

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BUDDHISTS OBSERVE WESAK DAY

We are commemorating in midst of this turmoil of strife and war the 2511th anniversary of the Birth of our Lord Buddha. He was of noble lineage, his father being the King of the Sakyas, King Suddhodana, and his mother the noble and beautiful Maya-Devī. When Maya-Devī knew that the time had come for her confinement, according to the old custom of her country, she planned to return to the home of her father and mother. On the way she stopped at the beautiful Lumbini Garden and there gave birth on April 6 to the little babe who was to give the world a universal Teaching of Love and Mercy, of Charity and Tolerance and Peace.

This year we celebrate the joyous occasion of His Birth in a spirit of sombre contemplation and determination. Twenty-five hundred years after he birth of the Buddha he world is today in flames, all the nations and peoples of this earth being engaged in the vortex of a world war. We are being tried as never before in our lives. Life in the confines of a relocation center is not conducive to a well-rounded, well-balanced life. Nevertheless, despite the immeasurable obstacles and privations the Americans of Japanese descent have thus far borne their tribulations with a fortitude and courage that speaks well for the Nisei.

However, the war is now entering its most critical stage. The length of the conflict is as yet a mystery. Responsible spokesmen have declared that we must expect a long hard war ahead of us before ultimate victory is ours. The acid test is, yet before us.

As the war is prolonged, as more and more privations are to be borne by the peoples of the warring nations, the Americans of Japanese descent who we must expect to lose our faith in the common cause of justice and freedom and liberty, we must steel our hearts and minds to greater sacrifices of blood, sweat and tears.

UNIT III NINE OPENS SEASON, TIES PARKER HI

In the opening ball game of the coming season, the Poston III High School nine tied the Parker High school team, 10-10, under a blistering heat, last week on the Parker High School diamond.

In the first three stanzas, with A. Takashio on the mound, the local went into an 8-3 lead. Coach Nob Honda of the Unit III high sent in all his reserves for trials for the coming title and the host team being closing the gap in the score, which stood at 10-7 at the end of the fifth frame in favor of Poston III.

In the final inning, the Parkertes with a walk, a single, and a triple, tied up the count at 10-10. Chucking for Parker was Gus Wade, who struck out one batsman and allowed 10 hits, while affixing the duties on the mound for Poston were Takeshita, Fujimoto and Honda with 5 K's and allowing 9 bingles.

TOTU PRODUCTION

Estimated monthly production of the Unit II Totu factory has been placed at 4,000 cakes.

Ever since the evacuation, evacuees have been repeatedly hampered with the "requisite" idea of creating goodwill and favorable public relationship with our fellow American citizens on the "outside." Particularly has this notion been stressed with the promulgation of the relocation program. In this respect, evacuee residents of Poston are afforded numerous opportunities in fulfilling their social and economic needs. It is sad to see that the people of Parker and at the same time contribute a bit of service to our country's fighting men.

Parker, while seemingly an "out-of-the-way" community, is nevertheless, the crossroad for thousands of soldiers. And yet, it has been reported that Parker is sadly lacking in rest-room facilities for our fellow citizens in the uniforms of our armed forces while waiting at the railway station. It seems an unnecessary shame that anyone, especially a soldier, be forced to stand outside in that blistering summer heat with which Postonians are unfortunately familiar.

NOTHING DONE

While this subject has been a topic of conversation in Parker, nothing, to date, has been done about it. The lack, or rather, the scarcity of labor seems to be one of the barriers toward the construction of such a waiting-place. Postonians, here is an unneeded opportunity to render outstanding service.

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Boys' Division

the Apaches and Falcons, tied for first place honors. The second round of play is still in full swing.

The newly formed Cub League for boys under 13 sponsored and organized by the Cub League committee is meeting with equal amount of success.

Looking ahead, the next activity in line and destined to be popular before long with the fellas, is the Model Airplane Club. Possibilities seem very favorable if enough interest is stirred. For George Chida has contacted a firm in Chicago for a 40 per cent discount on model sets.

The Boys' Council, composed of officers from each Midget League have their weekly meetings on Wednesdays. At present it is being presided by Masaki Hagiwara.

This is a tribute to George Chida, Tak Yamada, Leonard Ueki, and Bill Ito for their accomplishments and service rendered to this community.

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Second Wind

be kindled and provided that facilities and material equipment can be had, it's our conception that Truck may soon materialize as our next major sport. Among many a fine track and field stars in the three units, speculation of a superlative Poston Relays or even a Poston Olympics can be cultivated to enliven sports. But obviously, the main bottleneck in these plans lies in material.

The Poston Community Athletic Association may well be worthy of a lot of credit in meeting the recreational needs of the community.

Backward Glance

By Tak Kadani

It's like this: first you are requested to get a job, then your leave clearance will come from Washington in three weeks, with the Army registration completing your initial stanza. But after waiting for two months, your job lost, it finally arrives. Well, when you finally succeed in securing a job you turn out to be a physical weak trying to get your work records, clothing allowances and ration cards. One thing about leaving is you will get an opportunity to contact for the first and last time the large number of offices in the Ad. Bldg. Last jump of the leave is your transportation worry.

It is perplexing at times to understand whether the meat shortage is true, since the Center is receiving meats by "so much a ton." The war has created the "so much a ton" meatless meat class which proved to be confusing in posting the shipments received since the document sheet has no column headed lists "bones or meatless meat."

When living outside money did the talking for you but here it's different since we all get \$16.00 or \$19.00. If you want something done to get a thing it all depends upon who you know, not what you know, because that doesn't cut in camp. One thing we all learn in common is how to pass the "buck around."

Another thing we acquired here is how to solve a difficult problem if a problem . . . props up just call

INTERNEES

Attorney General Francis Biddle has announced that 4,163 aliens of enemy nationality have been interned since the declaration of war. The figure covers fifteen months. During the same period, 3,257 were paroled and 1,151 released after thorough investigation.

Mr. Biddle said that 500 individual cases remain to be disposed of through the usual channels.

The young soldier found standing solitary sentry in the guard house at the south end of the Poston "Highway" seemed to join the mind lines. Since he couldn't make the physical requirements, he was in due time, inducted into the uniform he sported that fresh spring morning as he chatted.

We girls had come to visit, wondering what could be on the mind of one who kept nightless vigil over the Blythe-bound trail. Reading helped pass away time, and the phone was also a diversion, he said. But just talking to him made me wonder what he thinks when his eyes ache from dust, glare, and too much print. Does he dream of dear ones and of his home town, Tucson, Arizona, where "there's no dust or wind," or does he ponder on the turns of world events, and his fortune or misfortune to have his company based in Poston, or toward the room where the deceased had lived. A ring of wavering flame weaved and quivered before that door. Unsuspectingly the observer of this supernatural phenomenon went back into his barracks with the assumption that a light was being burned for some religious belief or practice. Inquiry later in the morning proved that no earthly hands had caused such flames to appear.

Three men dining in the Saratoga in Phoenix, were approached by an important looking individual who seemed to be unusually happy despite the worries of today. Flourishing credentials, this personality revealed himself to be a key man of one of the leading airplane manufacturing plants in the state. In reciprocal courtesy, the three introduced themselves as Messrs. Fong, Cheng and Wang. The gentlemen insisted upon their visiting his factory so that he might show them through the entire plant.

Thereupon one of the three good naturedly remarked in mock warning that "japs may be about." No, he could tell a Chinaman when he saw one, he insisted, so the three bet it back to Poston before they should begin believing that themselves.

Between the shadow barracks of 317 Ghost Town, next to 316 Collin Corner, was the appointed time and place of the appearance of the cheerful spirit of a black resident who had passed away several days before.

The widowed lady was staying up late into the night, waiting for the arrival into camp of her son in the early morning, giving up, she retired. Not many hours later, a man sleeping in a near by room, but still under the same roof, found himself awake and unable to fall back asleep. In desperation this man stepped into the cool air of the very early morning.

At the same time, an elderly lady who also lives under that roof was having a dream which strangely collaborated with the eerie events. His senses cleared a drowsiness by the brisk freshness of the outdoors, the man happened to glance toward the room where the deceased had lived. A ring of wavering flame weaved and quivered before that door. Unsuspectingly the observer of this supernatural phenomenon went back into his barracks with the assumption that a light was being burned for some religious belief or practice. Inquiry later in the morning proved that no earthly hands had caused such flames to appear.

Some interpret this ghostly appearance to be the return of the spirit of the lately deceased person to greet his son. Others explain the appearance of the "hino tama" as a desire of the dead to convey some message to those he left behind in this terrestrial world, where there are still others who explain it in terms of science.

Latest report, yet unconfirmed, is that the ball of fire was seen again by another resident of the same block.

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