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Amache, Colorado

#### RESIDENTS CONTRIBUTE \$1.841 TO RED CROSS

Local evacuee residents gallantly answered the call "the greatest mother on earth" -- the Red Cross -- and contributed \$1,847.45 in the recent 1944 Red Cross fund drive sponsored by the Amache chapter. This information was released by Shinshichi Fujino, chairman of the block managers' Red Cross fund drive committee.

Incidentally, this sum greatly surpassed 1943 drive

which netted \$1,289.83.

In a similar drive which ended Apr. 8, the appointed personnel staff raised \$500.01 to make the grand total for the center \$2,347.46. Last year's combined sum was \$1,840.

Residents; of Block 7G won the distinction of contributing the largest sum--\$87.45, with 8K in the runner-up spot with \$76.25. Blocks, 11F, 11H, 8G and 6H

all vied for third place, each giving little over \$71.

The evacuee sum represents 1951 individual contributions, of which 1703 were for memberships.

Amache chapter's share the fund will be used in fulfilling the varied functions of the Red Cross organization, such as:

Communicating with relatives and prisoners-ofwar in foreign countries;

Helping servicemen and their families;

Conducting first aid and home nursing courses;

And other equally im-

portant services.

The Amache Red Cross unit extends thanks to all center people who gave so generously, and to block managers and the Silk Screen shop for their untiring efforts and cooperation in making this year's campaign a huge success.

#### GIVES PROCEDURE TO ENTER MARITIME **FMPIOTMENT**

Procedure for clearing nisei for maritime employment in the Atlantic has been completed by the Coast Guard and application blanks will be available here soon, according to teletype received by James G. Lindley, project director. Inexperienced persons under 26 years of age will not be considered for Atlantic shipping by the Coast Guard or the War Shipping Administration.

# **SEASONAL LEAVES ISSUED** FOR APPROVED WEA

Seasonal work for this year will be strictly regulated by the War Foods Administration and will be for farm work only, stated Jario Vecchio, relocation

advisor, yesterday. It will be under contract basis which places certain obligations on the employer as well as the employee for mutual protection. The contract will be signed between the WFA, known as the "Administrator," and the employee, known as the "worker." No changes will be allowed subsequently unless approved by the WFA.

In the

### GERRILD ATTENDS COUNSELOR CONFAB

Jacob Gerrild, counselor, left here Friday to attend an all-center counselors' convention in Washington DC. according to Sara A. Brown, assistant counselor, Monday.Gerrild is expected to return next Wednesday from the one-week confab.

procedure a prospective employer applies to WFA for an approval to hire a certain number of " seasonal workers, in which he may list the name or names of persons desired. Or he may just specify the number of workers needed. If approved, then the WFA either recruits the workers or in the case of a relocation center request the local relocation officer to do the recruiting.

> Some of the contract agreements are as follows: Worker frozen to job accepted until end of contract, unless released by

the WFA; Employer to pay for transportation and subsistence to and from center;

Worker guaranteed 75 per cent employment during period of contract and will be allowed \$3 for each idle working day. And the work required by the employer must be approved by the -continued on page 3-

## TRANSFEREES FROM JEROME TO ARRIVE HERE JUNE 115

Trainload of transferees from Jerome relocation center is expected to pull into Amache onor about June 15, announces James G. Lindley, project director, who returned Sunday from Denver after conferring with Malcolm E. Pitts, assistant WRA field director, in that city.

Lindley also stated that the first contingent of Amacheans bound for Tule Lake in the third segregation movement will leave here Friday, May 19. Approximately 100 local segregees are listed, but the exact number is yet to be determined.

Willis J. Hanson, assistant relocation program officer, accompanied Lindley on his two-day sojourn to the Mile High City.



Last Thursday morning's farewell scene with its countless tear-jerking sights at 7E mess hall when 43 local Florida - bound draftees left here brought a couple of lumps in my throat. Some 700-odd people who were sleepy-eyed future inductees, girl friends, issei and nisei friends, parents and family members shoved and squirmed in their hurried and frantic efforts to reach their respective Joe Nisei and bid him "the best of luck."

Mothers of the departing sons who were too proud and ashamed to let their "little boys" see them weep, fought valiantly to hold back tears from running down their tired-looking faces.

Fathers firmly gripped their sons hands and in their eyes, messages that no words in the entire dictionary could convey or express were delivered.

Brothers and sisters who used to fight and argue with their departing brothers suddenly found themselves tongue-tied and unable to express their true feelings and thoughts. Friends could only mutter or mumble Take it easy, or Take good care of yourself. In all the parting words uttered, not a soul mentioned anything in reference to the Army and its life.

Midst the picture of all the farewells, good lucks, and goodbyes, for the first time I fully realized that this is nothing new. Everywhere in America countless similar scenes are continuously unfolding daily, and Amache is no longer an exception, but one of them.

The most touching and heart-tugging sight was when the convoys slowly pulled away, a mother of two draftees burst into tears which she had so bravely held back. The grim reality of war that all American homes are experiencing has struck into the homes of Amache.

As I watched those 43 departing nisei doughboys' faces, I could read in their bewildered eyes that they

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# Future Of The Nisei

Up in Great Meadows, NJ, last week, Ed Kowalick was forced by community pressure to discharge five Japanese-American farmers who had been furnished by the War Relocation Authority to help him work his land on a share-cropping basis.

Kowalick thought he had found a solution to the vexing problem of farm-labor shortages. The very fact that the Japanese Americans had been released by the WRA was proof that they were loyal; nearly all those who are disloyal or of doubtful status--some 18,000 of them--have now been segregated in the Tule Lake, Calif., camp.

But the crackpots of Kowalick's community forced him to give up, using such terrorist methods as anonymous telephone threats against his children, planting of dynamite under a bridge, and the burning of a shed on his farm to gain their point.

A few weeks earlier, in January, Norton Terry and his family were driven from the home they had rented at Martinez, Calif., on the northern end of San Francisco Bay. A white American, Norton had come there to work on a war construction project for the Associated Oil Co. His crime was that he happened to be married to a nisei girl (American of Japanese parentage) and brought her and their 2-year-old son to Martinez.

Stories such as these account for the fact that the WRA is having a very difficult time getting the 70,000 or so loyal Japanese and nisei who are still parked in drab "relocation camps" out West to leave, even when employment at necessary work is offered in advance. After two years of seclusion, they can hardly be blamed for hesitating about leaving the relative security of their camps for the unknown. So far only about 21,000, mainly nisei of the younger adult-age group, have ventured out.

All of which renders the postwar problem of the Japanese Americans in this country the more acute. Last summer the National Opinion Research Center interviewed 600 Japanese in a Western relocation camp asking the question, "After the war, what do you think would be the best for the Japanese in the United States to do?"

of those who were American citizens, 62 per cent said. "Live in all parts of the United States," 32 per cent, "Live where they did before the war," and only 4 per cent, "Live outside the United States." But of the noncitizens, mainly older persons who had strong ties on the Pacific Coast, only 16 per cent wanted them people to scatter over the country, while 14 per cent wanted them to leave the United States and 65 per cent preferred to return to their former homes.

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will undoubtedly be lonely at first. For a short time they probably will sit on their cots at nights, talking of rumors, their hopes, their superiors, homes, jokes, girls and even making predictions as to what may

happen to them in the end.
And those who remained behind I could see in all their sadness, there still remains hope and faith for a better world to come when they will once again reunite with their loved ones.

# MOVITESS

7:00 p.m.--12H Moss hall 7:45 p.m.--11K Moss hall ("Beau Geste")

TOMORROW

7:00 p.m.-- 7K Mess hall 7:45 p.m.-- GH Mess hall FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. -- 7E Mess hall 7:45 p.m. -- 6F Mess hall

"Beau Geste," a Paramount production packed with suspense and thrills, is the screen attraction now showing. The story centers around the missing "Blue Water," a precious diamond, and of the Geste brothers -their early inseparable childhood days and exciting adventure in the Foreign Legion. The superb cast features Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, Robert Preston, Brian Donlevy, Susan Hayward, Albert Dekker, J. Carrol Naigh and Brodeick Crawford.

Starting tomorrow evening is the 12-chapter serial, "Sky Raiders," a thrilling air adventure co-starring. Donald Woods and Billy Halop.

#### GHA TO RECEIVE 2500 JEROMITES

Between 2000 and 2500 residents of Jerome relocation center are slated to transfer to Gila River relocation center in Arizona during the latter part of Jungaccording to the Gila News-courier, center newspaper.

# CAMP SHELBY NISEI WITNESS STAR-STUDDED VARIETY SHOW

"ATTIESBURG, Miss.--A variety show of top-notch entertainers was given for the Japanese American Combat Team at Camp Shelby on Apr. 10. A packed house called the star performers back for one encore after another. To top off the evening the staff of Service Club No. 5 gave the men a supper.

Sgt. Murray Zion, radio entertainer, acted as master of ceremonies and made a big hit with his "Latrine Orderly" monologue. Popularity honors were divided between Ruth Talbot, ten year-old singer with her version of "Blue Hawaii," and Loretta Wayne, beautiful acrobat who has been a big time circus performer since she was three years old. Laughs were pro-

#### WAIT FOR MOVIES AT YOUR BLOCK

Moviegoers' cooperation in waiting until the show arrive in their respective mess halls or sections is urgently requested as the first two nights' showings of each new picture are overcrowded, according to the cinema section of the CA division. This plea is being made in order to comply with the fire and safety regulations.

Each new picture is scheduled to cover every section of the center during its four-day run. vided by Julie Austin, former night dub entertainer, and Cpl. Eddie Carber who was in the original Broadway production of "Hell's-a-poppint". Fritz Kobayashi, Combat team member from Washington, gave a sleight-of-hand performance.

An army swing band played for the show. Frances Nataline, pianist, was with Sammy Kaye for eight years. Vocalists were Frank Gelines, Columbia Broadcasting System soloist, and Virginia Bolton, a blonde with a golden voice. Hillbilly tunes were presented by Texas Slim Hirl, who was formerly with Gene Autry.

### PROGRAMS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT ON SALE

Center's one and only concert artist, Miss Chiyoko Matsuda, who has gained fame along the slopes of the West Coast with her talented voice, will present her first recital Saturday evening at the high school auditorium, 7:30 o'clock, according to Roy Nikaido, chairman of the musical extravagan-

# PETITION CIRCULATED TO AMEND CALIFORNIA ALIEM LAND LAWS

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 21-Initiative petitions for Amendments under Japanese Exclusion association sponsorship to put more teeth in the California alien land law are to be circulated throughout the State, said E. A. Murray, campaign director, today. The proposal requires 173,000 signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

The proposal, which has the indorsement of the Mative Sons of the Golden West, would prevent alien Japanese from owning land or boats in the names of their American-born children or other persons with dual citizenship. In other words, the amendments would forbid land ownership by "persons of Japanese ancestry (nisei) ineligible to citizenship under naturalization laws of the United States to any foreign government, emperor, prince or potentate."

The law now applies only to persons ineligible to citizenship.

It would also ban such persons from acquiring, possessing, leasing, chartering, enjoying or transfering any water craft or interest therein.

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About 20 keys on ring in vicinity of farm time-keeper's office. Finder please return to farm office immediately as the keys are urgently needed for daily work.

Sixteen operatic numbers including six Japanese vocals are scheduled on the program. Programs are now on sale at the SFCA office and the block information offices.

#### SEASONAL LEAVES

\_\_continued from page l\_\_\_Administrator.

In addition, all evacues seasonal worker must comply with WRA leave regulations and eligibility requirements for seasonal leaves are the same as for indefinite leaves.

Vecchio has received several WFA contract in the last few days and expects more to come in soon. All attractive seasonal contract offers will be made public in the PICNEER, added Vecchio.

### RESOLUTION DEPLOKING MI FARMERS' ACTION PASSED

NEWARK, NJ, Apr. 21--A resolution, deploring the action of Warren county farmers who recently forced the departure of five relocatees on a Great Meadows



APR. 24, 1943 -- Amache bowl is site for sunrise Easter service Sunday .... MP sentry, who shot and killed James Wakasa, 63, at Topaz center recently, is held for court-martial (upon the recommendation of military board of inquiry) ....For 'their part in the war effort, students of Amache junior high school will start a victory garden just south of the center gate .... Softball season officially opens this week end as "AA" and "A" leaguers swing into action.

Q. APR.28,1943 -- Paul Takemura, 14, of 11K-2C, meets death when a roof of a cave they were digging collapses on top of him and two other companions, his brother Arthur, 12, and John Otera, 11, IlK-7B, in the vicinity of their block. Arthur and John suffered minor shock .... Amache's 28-page booklet, which briefly describes history, figures and functions of center, to be given to interested visitors.... Took" photographer shoots various angles of Amache center life last week.

#### 8G ELECTS NEW REPRESENTATIVE

Miss Lily Nakawataso was recently elected 8G block representative. placing Miss Anne Takamatsu, according to W.Ray Johnson, chief of community management.

#### TWO UNCLAIMED PACKAGES LISTED

Two unclaimed packages have been listed by the local post office. A COD package awaits Sate Monta, no address given, from Rays Photo Service, La Crosse, Wisc. Other article is for Mr. Kawahara without any address from Superior Optical Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Please call for the above-mentioned articles immediately.

farm, was passed unanimous-ly by 200 New Jersey clergymen at the 87th annual conference of the Methodist Church today.

The resolution was introduced jointly by Rev. Chester E. H. Hodgson Newark and Rev. Karl K. Quimby of Ridgewood.

The conference members were "greatly disturbed by the citizens! action in denying the right of others to work and produce for the good of the entire nation."

They also indorsed the WRA effort to resettle the people of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from their West Coast homes to various relocation centers.

#### RAY GIBBONS VISITS CENTER

Ray Gibbons, director of the council for social action of the Congregational Christain Churches of America, expressed his interest in the relocation problems and welfare of the Japanese Americans in the center during his visit here over the week-end from his New York office. This is Gibbons' initial visit to a relocation center.

#### EXTENDS THANKS

In sincere appreciation of all thoughtfulness and kindness shown during my recent illness, I extend to my friends, my deepest gratitude.

Kichitaro Kawase 12F-1B

### TO IOCAL MEMBERS TO ATTEND MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY

Seventy members of the Amache high school's music department is scheduled to take part in the Southeastern Colorado Music Competition Festival in Pueblo Friday, according to Miss Noreen Klein, high school glee club instructor.

Making the trip will be the girls glee club, the junior high school trio, Misora Miyake, Shizue Osuga and Florence Makita, companying the group will be Principal Herbert K. Walther, Miss Coradell Crain, Charles Hinman and Miss Noreen Klein.

# RELOCATION

Dorothy S. Momii, Las Vegas, Nev., Apr. 21.

Shigeo Murakami, Detroit, Mich., May 2.

Rose Murakami and child,

Detroit, Mich., May 2. Yaeko Yotsuya, Longmont,

Colo., Apr. 20. Denjiro Hiraiwa, Colorado

Springs, Colo., Apr. 25. Joe Abe, Elko, New:

May 2. Akiko Abe, with son

Joseph Eiichi, Elko, Nev., Katsusaburo Abe.

Nev., May 2.

Elko, Kura Abe, May 2.

Lily Shoji, Cleveland. Ohio., Apr. 26.

Shinji Saito, Rocky Ford, Colo., Apr. 26.

George Sugita, Rocky Ford, Colo., Apr. 26.

Yoshio Matsuura, Chicago, Ill., Apr. 29.

Tomoki Ogata, Butte. Mont., Apr. 25.

#### AMACHE CHURCH SERVICES Event Time Place SEVENTH-DAY-ADVENTIST 7:00 p.m. (Tonight) 9H Fellowship Vespers 7:30 p.m. (Friday) Children's Sabbath school 8:30 a.m. (Saturday) 9Н 9H Adult Sabbath school 9:00 a.m. (Saturday) 9H 11:00 a.m. (Saturday) 9H Bible study PROTESTANT 4:00 p.m. (Friday) 8K Neighborhood Bible class Neighborhood Bible class 9:00 a.m. (Saturday) 9E SEICHO-NO-IYE 7:00 p.m. (Tomorrow) 12G Service

A round-table discussion, "Gratefulness," will be conducted by Unosuke Kara - 7 o'clock at the 123 church.

tsu at the Seicho-No-Iye services tomorrow night,

# POPOURRI by Roy Yoshida

MINORITY'S DILEMEN.

LIFE magazine carries a very timely editorial--Negro Rights--in its Apr. 24 issue, which is of great interest to all minority groups. Altho this article deals primarily with the southern Negro problem, there are many phases in the discussion that parallels the Nisei wartime plight.

For instance, it states in part: "Never before have Negroes been so outspokenly bitter about America's refusal to give themequal status in the Army, the Navy and industry, and never before have Negro leaders been so active in behalf of Negro rights."

That is a statement of extreme candor, but nevertheless true. And the Nisei in a certain sense and to a certain extent have been attacking the same problem with vigor but with little successdue perhaps to methods employed. Also, our leaders have been active in behalf of wisei rights but not active enough—due perhaps to lack of support on the part of laymen Wisei.

The editorial goes on to say: "The dilemma, of course is this: The basic tenets of the American creed make all men free and equal in rights. Yet in fact we deny equal rights to our largest minority, and observe a caste system which we not only criticize in other nations, but refuse to defend in ourselves."

That is a clear-cut picture and certainly selfexplanatory as to why we continue to have minority problems. Therein lies the root of all minority grievances. The minority may fight from here to doomsday for its rights but no tangible result will be enjoyed unless the majority condescends. And the majority will not see the light to condescend as long as"all phases of the problem are woven together into a single flag emblazoned 'white supremacy.'"Because "That flag conceals the only rational method by

# MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER AMACHE COUNCILMAN HELD IN MY

NEW YORK--A memorial service for George Watanabe, young nisei writer who died here recently at the age of 26, was held at the JACD auditorium on Apr.14. The Memorial was sponsored by his personal friends and by the JACD and the Art Council of Japanese Americans for Democracy, of which he was a member.

Watanabe was a councilman in the Granada relocation center before relocating and was editor of the Sangyo

Nippo, 'Los Angeles vernacular daily, prior to evacuation. He is survived by his father Chikazo Watanabe of Heart nountain, Wyo.

George had completed "The City Is Sleepless," the first book in a novel-ized trilogy of the growth of fascism in Japan, together with many short works before his death.

#### ROCKY SHIMPO'S OMURA DISCHARGED

DENVER, Colo.--James Omura, English section editor of the Rocky Shimpo, a Denver tri-weekly, was reported to have been discharged last week by the Alien Property Custodian in control of the Denver newspaper.

One other employee of the Rocky Shimpo was also said to have been discharged. The Rocky Shimpo is the only one of the three Japanese vernacular papers published outside of war relocation centers to be in the custory of the Alien Property Custodian.

Omura had been charged by the Heart Mountain sentinel with "wrecking the lives" of 53 draft delinquents at the Wyoming center.

# PLANS TO SUPPLY 2500 LABORERS

PORTLAND, Ore.--War Relocation centers will supply 2,500 workers for the farm harvests in Oregon, Idaho and Utah, according to plans of the War Food Administration, it was reported here.

The WFA office of labor, however, said the Tule Lake segregation center in northern California would not be among the centers supplying labor.

### THE REAL STORY "GEHIND THE STORY"

All sorts of version of a lady in Block 9L who was struck and paralyzed during last Saturday's thunder and lightning storm have been floating around the center, especially among the issei folks. Well, the so-called inside dope on this rather fantastic tale was willingly given by Yoichi Nakamura, evacuee police chiof, this week.

According to Nakamura, a lady named are. Kumagai in 9L was washing dishes in that block mess hall around 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. All of a sudden a terrific thunder and lightning crackled thru the dark sky above. The hot water in dishwasher Kumagai's sink rose to the ceiling and poor Mrs. Kumagai was scared stiff and then fainted.

(id. note-Latest reports from a reliable source show Mrs. Kumagai, the unfortunate victim, will be up and around as soon as the shock wears off.)

which the Negro problem can be ameliorated: the method of dividing it into manageable parts."

That "rational method" would also apply to the complex Nisei problem. Only in the Nisei case it would be much easier to solve once the machinery is put into operation. But at the same time the difficulty of putting that machinery to operation is manifold because the Nisei lack the political strength

to push it thru.

Our only hope is to divide our problem into "manageable parts" so that the people will understand "what parts of it are primarily of federal concern, and what are primarily a community or personal responsibility." But first of all we must give reasonable assurance that such considerations are truly merited by our behavior as good American citizens.

# DEMOCRACY DOWNS PREJUDICE AS HUGH KIINOS MAKE GOOD

Another chapter in the success story of relocation was sketched in a feature on the Hugh Kiinos, former Jerome, Ark., relocation center couple, and their twoyear-old son Carl in the Apr. 23 edition of the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Colo. The three had ventured out into a Caucasian world containing an undue number of thoughtless persons inclined to feel that "a Jap's a Jap."

Hugh is now foreman of a cake mixing department in Kalamazoo, Mich., having six nisei working under him. Though he did not know anything about baking, officials claim that "he's 100 per cent in every way."

Though business transactions were jeopardized when the Japanese Americans were employed, the bakery stood by its guns. Local ministerial, teachers' associations and many of the more thoughtful people supported the democratic move. The whispering campaign gradually died down and was soon smothered.

ing important papers at the Everybody's nice." canteen, Apr. 22. Finder please deposit it into the mailbox at the canteen.

Everybody goes out of his way to be nice to the trio, and Ruth, Hugh's wife, sums it, "We have been ac-cepted in every place and A brown wallet contain- under every situation.

> Hugh majored in political science in college and Ruth in bacteriology.

# PAMPHLETS ON NEW YORK CITY, STATE RECEIVED HERE

Pamphlets giving facts about New York City and New York State have been received here and copies are available at the local relocation office. In addition several copies have been issued to each of the 29

The new sixteen-page, The new illustrated pamphlet entitled, "Facts About New York City," provides information regarding the city's population and climate; cost-of-living facts about housing, food, clothing, public utilities and transportation; a description of the educational and recreational facilities; and data regarding job opportunities and placements already made by the New York relocation office.

block information offices.

On the other hand, the booklet on New York State highlights pictures of center residents who have already relocated in this state, gives facts on types of farming and industry carried on, a brief history of the state, facts about its geography, climate and population, and also a brief description of the more important cities in the state.

#### MONETARY DONATION

PIONEER extends sincere thanks to Kichitaro Kawase for his monetary donation to the staff.

#### YP FELLOWSHIP AT 9H CHURCH

"The Word of God", is the topic of Yutaka Koga's sermon at the Seventh-Day Adventist YP fellowship tonight, 7 o'clock, at the 9H church.

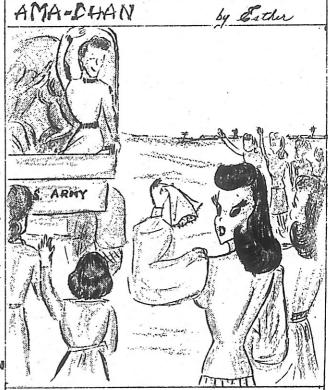
The public is invited.

AMACHIE 000 SCHOC

Miss Irene Reiser of the local elementary school spoke on relocation center before a meeting of the First Presbyterian Church Women's Society of Colorado Springs Friday afternoon. -E-

Miss Frances Shuck, supervisor of student teachers, returned to her desk Monday morning after spending a week of annual leave at Ellensburg, Wash., where she visited friends and schools.

-E-A movie, "Camera Thrills," was shown to the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils of the elementary school Monday morning at Terry Hall, according to Miss Frances Shuck.



RESERVE CORP OR NOT. . HE PROMISED TAKE ME TO THE DANCE TONIGHT ...

# 23 LOCAL STUDENTS BECOME HOROR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Fifteen seniors and eight juniors were introduced as new members of the local chapter of the National Honor Society at an assembly held Friday, announced Mrs. Retty Tinsman, advisor.

Twenty-three persons were selected by the students and the faculty staff for their leadership, character and service to the school and approved by the honor society council consisting of Dr. Lloyd Garrison, Principal Herbert K. Walther,

Miss Grace Good and Mrs. Betty Tinsman.

The new members are Edna Amamoto, Hiroko Asano, Mary Furuta, Kiyoshi Hattori, Toshio Kawasaki, Momoyo Kinoshita, Mary Mayao, Gladys Nakagawa, Tad Ono, Kiyoshi Sanui, Toshiko Tahara, Howard Taniguchi, Yayoi Uyesugi, Russell Yamaga and Kay Yonemura, seniors.

Yas Hirano, George Hinoki, Johnny Mizoue, Florence Nagasugi, Ruth Takata, Joy Takeyama, Sadayo Washino and May Yoshioka are the junior probational members.

#### KAMPUS KANTEEN AT GWM FRIDAY

A special "Onlooker" Kampus Kanteen will be presented Friday evening, to 11 o'clock, at the auditorium by the Girls Athletic Association for the benefit of the high school annual, announced wiss Grace Lewis, vocational advisor.

#### LAUGHLIII OF WRD VISITS PROJECT

Miss Anne Laughlin, special assistant to the directors of the War Refugee Board, arrived here sonday, according to W.Ray Johnson, chief of community management. The WRB is headed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of War Henry L.Stimson and Secretary of Treasury Henry Morganthau, Jr., and is concerned mainly with the treatment of war victims in the occupied territories.

Miss Laughlin, who has visited the Gila River and Jerome relocation centers, left for Washington DC yesterday.

### **BADMINTON TAKES** SPOTLIGHT AGAIN.

Starting tomorrow evening, badminton will be resumed every Tuesday and Thursday nights at the high school gym, 7 to 9 o'clock, according to the CA athletic division.

Although the rackets will be furnished by the CA division, players are urged to bring their own since a majority of CA's rackets are damaged. Shuttlecocks will be sold by the person in charge at the gym; players are required to wear rubber soled shoes.

#### STARTS ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Two more beginners' English classes to be held every morning, Monday thru Friday, at 10 o'clock were started this week, according to George Miyama, acting night school director for the adult education section. Instructors are Miss Sadako Nakano and Harry Ioka.

### FORMER MISSIONARY IN CHINA ARRIVES HERE ON HER TOUR

Miss Martha Prentiss,

and one of the internees to return on the

former missionary in China Gripsholm, arrived here for a visit over the week-end, according to W. Ray Johnson, chief of the community man-

Miss Prentiss agement. was nursing at a hospital in Tsien-Sen, China, when she was interned, first at the British concession in -Shanghai for 35 days aind then in an internment camp for seven months.

Miss Prentiss related that she met the Rikimaru families, former Amache residents, during the exchange of repatriates at San Fernando in the Philippine Islands. She said that the children Mary, Masako, Yasuyoshi, Satoshi, Takashi and Ken, Reiko, Kazuo and Akira sent their best wishes to their friends

\_STATISTICS \_

in the center: Although arrangements have not been completed as yet, Miss Prentiss plans return to her hospital work in China shortly.

# WIITAL

BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Kimura, 8F-12D, a girl, Apr. 22.



#### TO THE EDITOR

(The letter printed below appeared in the Apr. 21 issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer with the heading, "Still Have Faith," is interesting, but certain statements are rather confusing .-- ed note.)

To The Editor of the Inquirer:

Being a citizen of this country I would like to take this opportunity to make my thoughts and feelings clear to you. My parents were born in Japan. They came to America 28 years ago. But because of certain rules and regulations they were not permitted to become naturalized citizens until about a year before the war with Japan. Because of the war the process of their becoming naturalized citizens was dropped.

I have asked them time and again if they loved America. The answer was always the same. They would love the country that we, their children, loved. And we have always loved America. There can never be a flag other, than the Stars and Stripes to which we would pledge our allegiance. We have known no other country

but America in all our lives.

Despite our being evacuated to a relocation camp, despite all that we have suffered, from the beginning of this war, despite a few prejudiced persons who have made our resettled lives a little difficult, we still have faith in America and God.

A US Citizen Philadelphia, Apr. 17

# SSS TO ARA

Amache Recreation Association extends its sincere thanks to the Co-op for its generous monetary donation of \$53.89 which was used to purchase stage curtains.

# SELECTED AS MAIN

Sadayuki Mouri, former Heart Mountain resident and now a 22-year-old nisei senior at the University of Kansas City, was given the honor of being the principal speaker at the student award assembly recently.

Mouri, who is treasurer

# CO-OP DONATES FIVE EVACUEES DRIVEN FROM NJ FARM SECURE NEW JOBS

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 18 -- Five Japanese-American laborers who were driven from their farm jobs near Great Meadows, NJ, a week ago by public indignation have been relocated in this area but their location will not be disclosed until they have been accepted in their new community, Henry C. Patterson, regional director for the WRA, announced yesterday.

Meanwhile, the establishment of a temporary hostol on ASSEMBLY SPEAKER Chestnut St. 32d, for the Japanese evacuees was causing some unrest in the section, with two residents preparing a petition calling for the removal of the Japanese.

> of the senior class, spoke on "The Importance of a College Education." This nisei student lives at the home of Dr. Clarence R. Decker, president of the university.

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A Gallup poll made some time ago, however, reported that only 3 persons in every 10 in the Far West favored allowing all evacuated Japanese to return to the Coast when the war is over. At the other extreme, an equal proportion would allow none to return and two-thirds of these thought that all Japanese should be sent to Japan.

Since the publicizing of Japanese atrocities, which were exploited to the fullest by the Hearst press, opinion is probably even less favorable to the Japanese. A recent poll by the Los Angeles Times showed a ratio of 5 to 1 of its readers in favor of barring them per-

manently from the Pacific Coast.

Even if the Japanese do return, the Gallup survey showed that 69 per cent of Far Westerners thought they would be unwilling to hire Japanese servants after the war, and 59 per cent said that they would not trade at

Japanese-owned stores. Nor is the rest of the country any too friendly. recent poll of Iowa farmers by Wallace's Farmer asked, "If there were a chance to bring 40 American-born families of citizens of Japanese ancestry and farm experience from camps in the West to take farm jobs in your county, would you be in favor of doing it?" Only 10 per cent said yes, 75 per cent said no and 15 per cent were undecided.

The hatred we felt for the Germans in the last war seems to be reserved mainly for the Japanese in this one. It is based on racial feeling, enhanced by the shock of the attack on Pearl Harbor and subsequent atrocious acts. But it should not be directed against Japanese

Americans.

More information is needed regarding the nisei whose predominant loyalty to American institutions despite the treatment they have received is a tribute to their pa-.triotism. These Americans who have cast their lot with us must be given their full civil rights. Otherwise they will eventually lose their faith in democracy.

It would help if more publicity were given to the fighting nisei soldiers. Sgt. Ben Kuroki, for example, has flown 30 heavy bombing missions over Europe, including the first costly raid on the Ploesti oil fields of Rumania. He wears two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the coveted Air Medal with four oak-leaf clusters.

The Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion took San Michele in a night attack and got to Cassino with the first American units. And nisei soldiers were among the Americans who captured Kwajalein Atoll--from the Japanese themselves. Too few people know these facts. --By Sheldon Menefee in "America At War"

-- Washington Post, Apr. 20

Miss Clara Campbell, who with her sister, Loretto, lives at Chestnut St., declared yesterday that: "Our people interned in the occupied countries are not allowed to be relocated and we can't see why these Japanese should be treated with Kid gloves,"

Patterson of the WRA called the removal of the five evacuees from Warren county "minor sabotage" and said that the evacuees. brought here from the West, were all farm experts and capable of showing the native farmers how to do a better job of producing crops.

#### DIES" MEMBER ATTACKS WRA POLICY IN LETTER

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18--Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R., NJ) in a letter to Secretary Ickes, released today, said the WRA's program of resettling Japanese in this country "has now become a menace to the security of life and property, both of Americans and Japanese."

Thomas, a member of the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities, said disturbances in Delaware and at Great Meadows, NJ, were caused recently by transfer of Japanese citizens to those communities. He contended that the program "has gone far beyond the state of silly coddling and social experimenting.

"I implore you, therefore," Thomas wrote, "to take cognizance of the dangers involved to immediately recall your ideological field men before they have opportunity to cause any more harm. In addition, for the good of all concerned, don't release any more Japanese into sections where they are not wanted."

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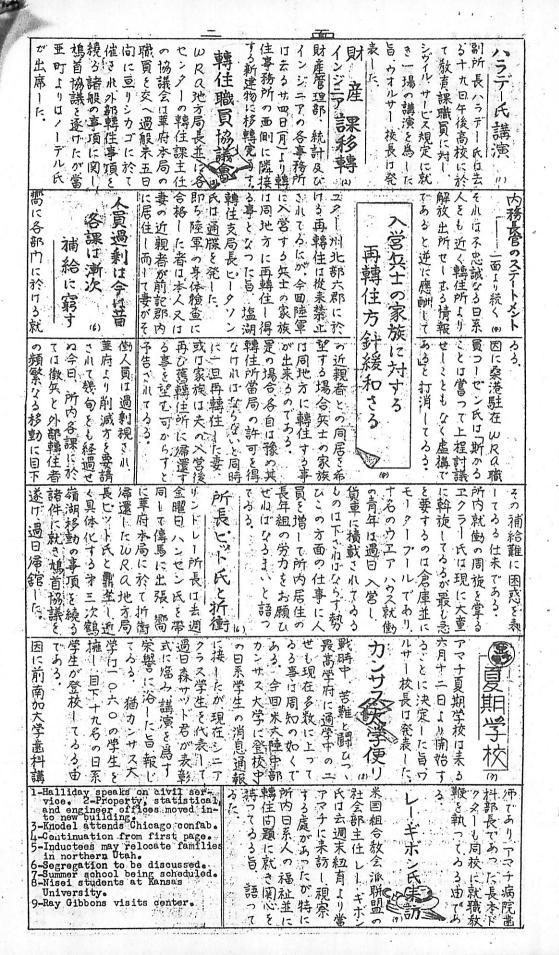
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