

AMECHE POPULATION CHART
 January 2, 1945 .. 6,263
 August 16, 1945 .. 3,493

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LA NISEI ATTACK RUMOR FALSE

THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOR that Japanese Americans were attacked and molested in Los Angeles on and after V-J day, stated James G. Lindley, project director, yesterday.

Lindley talked to the supervisor of the Los Angeles WRA office by telephone yesterday morning and can say that this rumor is an unqualified falsehood.

The good residents of this center should be on the lookout for such malicious and cowardly lies, said Lindley, as they have been started and spread in the center before. If you will report the people who tell you these things to me, I will take care of the offenders, the project director added.

44-HOUR WORK WEEK SET HERE

In accordance with a Washington directive establishing a 44-hour work week for Government agencies, Project Director James G. Lindley has announced the closing of all center offices on Saturday afternoons.

This order goes into effect today.

VOTERS MAY GET RACE EQUALITY PROPOSAL

SACRAMENTO--Proposals to erase racial discriminations, which were brought up by the state administration and the Democratic assembly minority, and which met legislative defeat this summer, may go before the voters in the form of an initiative measure at the

general election next year.

Such a move has been discussed in various parts of the state. The CIO's California Council has announced its willingness to back "all possible steps," including the initiative plan, to establish a state fair employment practices commission.

Governor Earl Warren's recommendation for the creating of a state commission on political and economic equality was rejected by the legislators. And a much stronger AB9, by Democratic Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles, was also turned down. The Hawkins' proposal would have set up a state fair employment practices commission and directly prohibited employment discriminations against persons because of color, race, national origin or creed.

Governor Warren told the legislature during its session last June that social and economic welfare might suffer from racial frictions during the period of transition from war to peace

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NISEI HEADS GI SCHOOL COUNCIL

FLORENCE, Italy--President of the student council at the University Study Center here--the "GI college"--is Pfc. Isamu S. Aoki, a Salt Lake City truck farmer.

This tribute to nisei troops generally is considered the soldiers' reply to the home front hecklers of Japanese Americans.

Aoki is a typical overseas Nisei GI, having an excellent battle record. He is taking an agricultural course and is top man among the 1300 GI and officer students on the campus.

MAKE RELOCATION PLANS!

As stated in my message in the PIONEER on Aug. 8 and in Mr. Myer's notice published in the PIONEER Aug. 11, the scheduling of departures will begin on Sept. 1. This means that if you have not made a plan by that time you will probably be returned to the place from which you were evacuated. This is not a punitive measure; it is intended to enable us to do a good administrative job.

The war lords of Japan have been humbled; the Axis has been broken; the enemy has surrendered; the war is over! There is now no reason for even the "die hards" to stay in the center. Make your plans immediately for immediate departure. I am through talking; from now on I must take action. There will be no residue of center residents in this center on Oct. 15.

Block 9K still leads in relocation. To blocks 9E, 8E and 10E goes the doubtful honor of trailing in the dust.

James G. Lindley
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 Project Director

Following is a chart of block populations on Jan. 1 and Aug. 11, 1945, and the percentage of relocation

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56 SIGNED UP FOR MONDAY CAR, NEXT COACH SET

As of yesterday afternoon, 56 evacuees were signed up to return to California on this Monday night's special coach, according to Mario Vecchio, assistant relocation program officer.

Several more returnees may sign up, he added, but in all probability there won't be more than 60 passengers.

About 30 evacuees have already made reservations to date on the next special car, which is scheduled to leave Granada on Aug. 27, Vecchio disclosed. He expects to have a full car well before the end of next week.

NISEI POTPOURRI

by ROY YOSHIDA

GRACE

GRACE is one of main social ingredients that adds charm to the recipe of life. But it's not in having it so much as attaching it to our daily contacts with others that counts.

This is particularly true in a center where you daily dispense, as well as receive, service. Therefore, if you lack grace in both instances, you fail to realize the full meaning of serving, and worse still you lack the humility in being served--which is true appreciation. To serve and to be served with grace also adds to one's personality.

THERE is one person in Amache who has this quality of character.

Ask any nisei serviceman who has visited Amache just who has done the most for his enjoyment while incamp. The answer without hesitation is Mrs. Molly Wada, who has served graciously and efficiently these many months as the executive secretary of the local Blue Star Service club.

Mrs. Wada, the last of the local USO's senior hostesses, has been one of the leading figures in nearly every program sponsored by the Blue Stars at the USO servicemen's center at 11G. In fact, she is the "Mrs. Big" of the Amache USO.

Always on the job and ever-willing to do everything possible for the entertainment of visiting servicemen, Molly has been a jovial, funful and gracious hostess more times than you can shake a stick at. And true testimonial to that fact are the number of appreciation letters the local USO--senior and junior hostesses--has received from thankful Nisei GI's.

TOO ENGROSSED

TOO MANY of us are too engrossed in our own interest and fail to understand why the other fellow does what he does. We deplore the faults of others and forget our own failings.

Furthermore, we all too

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Letter

TO THE EDITOR

TO THE FRESNO BEE:

Editor--Sir: Today I opened my copy of the Stars and Stripes and settled back to read and enjoy the news from home. In a few moments I was filled not with pleasure but anger and shame as a result of reading two articles--about veterans restoring a desecrated Japanese graveyard at Stockton, and about a Walnut Grove woman being jailed for a tirade against the Japanese.

What possible excuse can there be for such blind stupidity and senseless hatred among American people? These are not the first such articles I have read about such activities from that part of the country. When I left California I hoped to return some day in the future. Now I am not so sure.

Since newspapers all over the world have praised the exploits of the Japanese American soldier, I will not repeat them here, but I will say that no man should dare ever to berate one of these boys in front of any of the survivors of the now famous "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division. I assure you it would not be healthy.

No one who was there and saw that valiant rescue could say anything but praise for those men who had one of the dirtiest

often accept other's opinion of others. This brings up prejudices. And these prejudices are nothing but a shortcut to disapproving somebody or something without reasoning why.

All of us can do well to be less hasty and more understanding.

jobs of the war and who carried it out in such a fine manner.

This is not intended to be a preachment, nor is it an attempt to voice the noble sentiments of a politician. It is merely the protest of an ordinary citizen soldier who protests most heatedly against such actions by people who must be ignorant if not actually stupid.

1ST. SGT. JOHN W. HILDEBRAND
Care of Postmaster, New York.

MOOT RETURN OF EVACUEES

IVANHOE, Calif.--Another mass meeting was scheduled here last Sunday night by the Ivanhoe Citizens League on the question of the return of evacuees.

John R. Lechner, vociferous anti-Japanese executive director of the Americanism Educational League, was to be the principal speaker.

A. A. Boswell, chairman of the citizens league, said Lechner would discuss the need for legislation regulating American-born Japanese after the war.

NAMED AREA SUPERVISOR

Jamos R. Walter, former adult education supervisor here, was recently named acting relocation supervisor of the Southern Area, with headquarters at New Orleans, La.

He replaced Jesse H. Lewis, who resigned.

VISITING SOLDIERS

Pvt. J. Kitahara, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Pfc. Frank Tomita, Italy; Pvt. Tetsuo Murata, Camp Maxey, Texas; Pfc. Ryoji Iwanaga, Yosh Inouye and Minoru Okano, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; T/5 Alice Kaneko, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

REPORTS NEW TERRORISM ACT

FRESNO--Chief of Police Dan Lung recently received a report that a new case of terrorism had been attempted against the property of a Japanese American returnee.

Tom Inouye, who recently returned here from Rohwer (Ark.) relocation center with his family to reopen his garage business, informed Chief Lung that a bullet had been fired through the front window of his garage during the night.

Police investigators said the shot, .22 caliber bullet, was apparently fired from an automobile on the street.

EQUALITY PROPOSAL

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"After every war let-downs occur and during these periods there are likely to be upsurges of racial prejudices," the governor asserted.

Secretary Mervyn Rathbone, California CIO Council, said:

"All of us have a responsibility as citizens to recognize the contribution which members of the minority groups have made to victory in the armed forces and in war production."

BLOCK RELOCATION CHART

—continued from page 1— by blocks during this year up to Aug. 11, as released yesterday by Project Director James G. Lindley:

BLOCK	POPULATION 1/1/45	POPULATION 8/11/45	RELOCATION NUMBER	SINCE 1/1/45 PER CENT
9K	185	74	111	60.0
7K	200	89	111	55.5
12E	202	91	111	55.0
6E	185	85	100	54.2
12B	207	100	107	51.8
10H	216	115	101	47.3
9L	208	110	98	47.0
9H	204	109	95	46.6
11H	211	113	98	46.4
12K	225	122	103	46.0
6G	199	109	90	45.1
12F	212	119	93	43.9
11F	241	137	104	43.2
12H	211	120	91	43.1
6F	192	114	78	40.6
6H	201	122	79	39.7
11G	198	120	78	39.4
11E	214	131	83	38.8
8G	208	127	79	38.0
8K	188	119	69	36.8
8F	242	154	88	36.4
11K	213	136	77	36.2
7G	232	150	82	35.4
7E	234	155	79	33.7
7F	217	147	70	32.2
7H	219	152	67	30.6
9E	204	144	60	29.4
8E	218	160	58	26.6
10E	239	177	62	25.9
MISC.	128	13	115	89.9
TOTAL	6253	3616	2637	42.2

LOCAL NISEI GI'S CITED FOR COMBAT IN ITALY

Ten Amache nisei servicemen, members of the 442nd Infantry, have been cited for fighting in Italy with

the Fifth Army and awarded the Combat Infantryman badges for actual participation in combat against the enemy in Italy.

They are:

Pvt. Kaname B. Kurihara, 6K-3G; Pvt. Toshio Mori, 11K-10B; Pvt. Masaru Nakagaki; Pvt. Junius J. Matsu-moto, 7K-12E; Pvt. Ira M. Kiyoi, 12E-2A; Pvt. Tom T. Kashiwabara, 12E-4B; Pvt. Tadao Murakami, 11F-5CD; Pfc. Masaji R. Yoshinaga, 6G-6D; Pvt. Jiro P. Kurihara, 7F-5A; Pvt. Edward Y. Mayeda, 7G-8A.

Pvts. Murakami and Kashiwabara are medical technicians with the 442nd Infantry.

HIKIDO AIDS RETURNNEES

James J. Hikido, former Amache Co-op official and recent returnee to San Francisco, is now serving as a special relocation officer for the Northern California area.

Hikido announced that he would be glad to render every assistance possible to evacuees contemplating resettlement in his area.

Those interested should write to him at his office, 461 Market street, or at his home, 2780 California street, San Francisco.

USES OFFICER HERE TUESDAYS

Evacuees are reminded that E. A. Walsh, manager of the Lemar USES office, is on the project every Tuesday morning, 9 to 12 o'clock, to assist relocatees in obtaining jobs in Colorado. He will be at the relocation project office for consultations.

TO RECRUIT FARM FAMILIES

Lowell Ayres, Seabrook Farms representative, will be here Monday to recruit families for work on New Jersey farms.

Adequate housing for families and splendid school facilities are assured.

Ayres will be available for consultation at the relocation project office.

Vital Statistics

BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Bunzo Sato, 6F-5D, a girl, Aug. 14.

DEATH:

Mrs. Masano Yoshioka, 8K-1D, age 57, Aug. 15.

HOLIDAY HALTS EXTRA

Owing to the fact that all Federal employees, including WRA evacuee personnel, were granted a two-day holiday (Wednesday and Thursday), it was impossible to get out a PIONEER EXTRA on the announcement of the war's end as planned.

The Wednesday's edition had been set up and run off before the news was received in time for publication.

Melvin P. McGovern
Acting Reports Officer

PIONEER NEEDS WORKERS

THE PIONEER needs more workers immediately to keep up publication on present basis. Anyone interested in working even for a short while are urged to apply at the PIONEER office during work hours.

There are openings in all types of work, so you may be able to help out in some capacity.

ON DISPOSAL OF WRA SURPLUS

Disposal of supplies and equipment which are surplus to the needs of the WRA are being handled in the manner outlined in regulations issued by the Surplus Property Board, according to Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director.

All serviceable property will be declared by the Department of the Interior to disposal agencies, i. e., Commerce Department, RFC, WPA, and other concerned agencies for disposal either by transfer to other agencies or by sale.

Sales are conducted by the disposal agencies in the manner outlined by law and regulations.

Vacuees wishing to make inquiries on these sales should write to US Department of Commerce, Office of Surplus Property, 1013 15th street, Denver 2, Colo.

MOVIES

TONIGHT

7:15 p.m.--7F Mess hall

8:00 p.m.--3E Mess hall
(International Lady)

TOMORROW

7:15 p.m.--11R Mess hall

8:00 p.m.--10E Mess hall

WEDNESDAY

7:15 p.m.--7H Mess hall

TUESDAY

No movies

An intriguing spy thriller, "International Lady," begins its regular run tonight. Leading roles are handled by George Brent and Ilona Massey.

There will be only one showing on Monday night.

YBA SPECIAL SERVICE SET

A special YBA service will be held tomorrow night, 7 o'clock, at 7G Buddhist church. Rev. T. Shirakawa will deliver the sermon.

All Bussei Members are urged to attend as this may be the last YBA service in Amache. Important announcements will be made on the YBA liquidation plan.

Unosuke Karatsu will sermonize on "The Education of Reality" at the Seicho-No-Iye meeting tomorrow night, 7 o'clock, at Off recreation hall.

CIGARETTES BY CARTONS LAST BIG SALE NEXT WEEK

A bargain sale that promises to put any bargain basement sale to shame will be held by the local Co-op next week--Aug. 20 through 25--in all sales departments, announced Asaka Takata, sales manager.

At this fourth and last preliquidation sale, most of the merchandise will be sold at cost or below cost--depending on the article. The low prices offered are in form of "rebates" to the customers, it was said.

Good news for Amache cigarette smokers. During the sale, as long as the surplus lasts, cigarettes will be sold by cartons, disclosed Asaka Takata, sales manager.

However, each customer (over 13 years of age) will be limited to one carton a day. Equitable distribution will depend upon the honesty of buyers, as cigarette tickets need not be presented for carton sales. The Co-op reserves the right to refuse a sale, if such is necessary to enforce the limit.

Takata pointed out that the sale by cartons will continue only as long as the present surplus supply holds out. Co-op will not dip into the supply reserved for customers holding current cigarette tickets, which will remain in force as issued.

Cash register receipts issued during the last sale will be good for rebates.

Co-op members are warned that all receipts must be turned in by closing time, Aug. 31. Receipts held after date will automatically become void after that date, it was reported.

Cash register receipt booth will remain open all day during the last week of this month.

ARE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN

Katsu and Makoto Hori, formerly of Amache and Los Angeles, opened a decorative flower business in Chicago in April and are now employing 60 nisei and issei women. The Hori brothers are sub-contractors, receiving orders to package novelty items and stationary products from other packaging services.

Approximately 24 workers are from this center.

MAN IN CENTER, SO WEEDS GROW

SAN DIEGO--The local city manager, investigating a complaint to the city council that ball weeds on lots were a fire hazard, found the owner to be a Mr. Arakawa.

"I wrote that he must clean the weeds off his lot," the city manager reported. Just like that--and the owner, Mr. Arakawa, is in a relocation center in Arizona.

FOUND:

A black (University) fountain pen at Terry Hall. Claim at PIONEER office.

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY		
Event	Time	Place
SEICHO-NO-IYE Service	7:00 p.m.	9H
PROTESTANT Sunday school	8:45 a.m.	8H, 9H
English service	10:15 a.m.	8H
CATHOLIC Mass	9:00 a.m.	7F
Benediction and Prayers	10:00 a.m.	7F
Catechism for children	10:00 a.m.	7F
Confessions	4:00 p.m. (Saturday)	7F
NICHIREN Service	9:00 a.m.	11H
BUDDHIST Sunday school	8:30 a.m.	7G, 12G
YBA service	7:00 p.m.	7G
Adult service	2:00 p.m.	7G, 12G
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Young People's Bible class	7:00 p.m.	9H