

### Registration Will Arrest Future

Guy Robertson, project director, issued the following statement today regarding registration:

"Let me again bring to the attention of the people of Heart Mountain that your response to the present registration will have an important bearing on your future. The eyes of the nation are upon you. Your loyalty to this country will be judged by your answers to questions 27 and 28 on forms 304A and 126 revised.

"All men 17 years and older will be given the opportunity to complete their registration this week. Please do not fail to go to the designated registration place and fill out the registration forms."

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### Saturday Deadline for Registration

Every effort will be made to complete registration of all Heart Mountain men 17 years of age and older by Saturday. Registration blanks have been distributed to block managers in all blocks.

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### Block Elections to Be Held Monday

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This step is in accordance with a proposal made Feb. 15 by the block chairman's council. In a memorandum to the project director, Minejiro Hayashida, chairman of the council, pointed out the difficulties under which his group worked because of its temporary nature.

"It is to the best interests of the project as well as to that of the residents if a firm foundation for the evacuee government is laid at the earliest possible moment," he wrote. "The best way, of course, is the election of a permanent council under the provisions of a Heart Mountain charter, whose drafting have already been completed. If, however, prospect of adoption of the Charter is not particularly imminent, some emergency measure, such as adopted in the case of Community Enterprises should be taken."

The following rules for the election were announced:

1. Candidates to be selected by a selection committee of at least five appointed at the block meeting. Blocks not having done this at their last meeting are to call a special session before the end of the week.



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2. Candidacy to be open to both nisei and issei. Incumbents to be eligible for re-election.
3. Names of candidates to be posted on mess hall bulletin boards at least one day before election.
4. Voting by secret ballot; ballots to be cast at the regular Monday evening block meetings Mar. 1, 1943.
5. Chairmanship of this particular meeting to be entrusted to block managers.

Hayashida's memorandum pointed out that since the inception of the Council, "residents have not been given any opportunity to express their confidence or non-confidence to the council members."