

ARMY WILL ADMIT NISEI

EXTRA

WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS COMPLETED

VOLUNTARY INDUCTION FIRST: NEW COMBAT UNIT IS CONTEMPLATED

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MYER'S STATEMENT.

I find deep satisfaction in the announcement today by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that a combat team composed of American citizens of Japanese ancestry is to be recruited by the United States army for active service in a theatre of war. This announcement makes January 28, 1943, the most significant date of the last ten months for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Many have told me, in conversations and letters, of their desire for active service in the armed forces of this country. For many months I have been looking forward with them to the time when their desire might be realized.

All facilities of the War Relocation Authority, both to the relocation centers and in Washington, will immediately be placed at the disposal of the war department to speed the formation of the combat team announced by Mr. Stimson.

Segregation Of Loyal Citizens Proposed

Chairman Albert B. Chandler (D., Ky.) of a military affairs sub-committee announced Wednesday that a proposal is under consideration to remove loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry from among the more than 106,000 Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans now in western relocation centers and put them in the army or in defense plants.

Chairman of a senate subcommittee in-
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American citizens of Japanese ancestry will soon be admitted to the army of the United States, the War Department announced Thursday through Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Plans for admission have already been completed, the announcement revealed.

The action was taken following study by the War Department of many earnest requests by loyal Americans of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit of the army in which they could have their share in the fight against the nation's enemies, it was announced.

The War Department announced that the initial procedure in the formation of the unit authorized by the Secretary will be voluntary induction. Facilities for induction will be made available to the American citizens of Japanese ancestry in the Hawaiian Islands and the War Relocation Centers of this country.

No individual will be inducted if doubt exists as to his loyalty, it was declared.

Upon induction, the nisei will begin training as a combat team for service in the active theater. The combat team will consist of all the customary elements of infantry, artillery, engineer, and medical personnel. No effort will be spared in developing it into an efficient, well-rounded, hard-hitting unit, the announcement said. The new unit will be trained separately from the battalion of Japanese extraction--originally a Hawaiian National Guard Organization--which is already a component of the army, it was revealed.

The War Department's action, it was announced, is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war.

Employment in war production as well as service in the armed forces is included in this program.

The following statement was issued by
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investigating charges of "coddling" in the Japanese settlements, Chandler said "two-thirds of the 106,000 are 'Nisei'---American-born and American-educated Japanese---who are mostly loyal Americans who want to work and want to fight."

"Our problem looks like a problem of segregation---how to separate the good from the bad," Chandler told reporters after an executive session of the subcommittee. "It should have been done long ago."

Chandler went on to say that the subcommittee is to meet Thursday with former Ambassador to Japan Joseph C. Grew to ask about the feasibility of separating the "sheep from the goats."

Pointing out that 2000 Americans of Japanese descent are now in the army, Chandler said: "We're going to put more of them into the army if we find they're loyal."

The military affairs subcommittee was appointed to study charges that the Japanese have been "pampered" by the war relocation authority, which has supervision of the relocation centers. Senator Mon C. Wallgren (D., Wash.) has introduced legislation to place the settlements under direct supervision of the army.

Chandler said that after hearing from Grew and Dillon Myers, head of the relocation authority, the committee will visit the resettlement centers to make a first-hand study of conditions.

The December 7 riot at a Japanese relocation camp at Manzanar, Calif., Chandler said, showed that "segregation is highly important---we've got to get the enemies out of there." One man was killed in the riot, which came during a celebration of Pearl Harbor attack by pro-Japanese.

STAFFORD COMMENTS ON WAR DEPT. MOVE

Project Director Harry L. Stafford had the following to say about the War Department move to admit American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the army of the United States:

"This is a significant development which will afford all Hunt colonists involved an opportunity to further the interests of all people.

"All that can be said now is that we look forward to the time when information and the ways and means will be revealed through which participation in this program by loyal citizens will be made possible.

"What WRA Director Dillon S. Myer has to say expresses everything that I can say at the present time."

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the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War:

"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen, regardless of ancestry, to bear arms in the nation's battle. When obstacles to the free expression of that right are imposed by emergency considerations, those barriers should be removed as soon as possible. Loyalty to country is a voice that must be heard, and I am glad that I am now able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a casualty of war."

TWO DANCES SLATED TONIGHT

Under the direct supervision of each individual block committee, initial sectional "President's Birthday Dances" will be held this evening in Blocks 5 and 29. Voluntary contributions will be accepted at the shindigs for the infantile paralysis drive now being conducted nationally. Other dances are slated for Saturday evening.

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二世の入隊許可となる

當轉任所々長スミス氏は昨日華府 WRA 本部發の急電を受け受したが右に於ては陸軍省では今回相當多数の日系小米人の入隊を許可する事となつたと。電文の大意をの通り。

陸軍省長官ヘンリー・スミス氏は本朝(廿八日)の新聞記者團會見に於て、陸軍省が日系米人の陸軍入隊計畫を完成せる旨本日公表するに至つた事を發表した。忠誠なる日系市民多数より、特別部隊を編成して戦陣に出動したいとの熱烈なる懇請あり、陸軍省では之を研究中であつたが遂に今回その認可を見るに至つた。スミス氏長官の聲明の通り。

國家戰時に際し、予てを執り、戰場に立つは其權利である。かかる權利の自由表示が非常時なるの故を以て、障害されるが如き事あらば、この又障は人々の能く限り可急的速かに除去されねばならぬ。國家忠誠の聲には何處までも傾聴されねばならぬ。本官の欣快とする所は、かかる米國の基調的信念が、戰時下なる故に偶發せりし事で、之に對し確乎たる證を提示し得るに在る。猶前述の特別部隊の編成は、ハワイ島及び各轉任所を含む全米よりの志願者募集の採用によつて行はれる。其忠誠に疑点のある者は起用されぬものと解され