

This May Furnish the Answer to One Of Our Toughest Postwar Problems

UNDER a new Selective Service policy, American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry now are being inducted into the Army from the relocation camps, credited to the communities where they formerly made their homes.

Selective Service officials in this state estimate the order will spare some 10 per cent of the young fathers otherwise destined to be inducted from Washington between now and July 1.

Any reflections on this subject must be tempered by the consideration that policies touching the drafting of fathers are subject to change without notice. Up to this moment, the draft regulations concerning fathers have rarely been known to remain unchanged more than a few days at a stretch.

But if the new policy should turn out to be more stable, its consequences provide suitable agenda for our meditations. Some Pacific Coast citizens and some Pacific Coast communities have expressed strong opposition to the ultimate return of the Japanese-Americans to their coastal homes.

That may be a difficult policy to enforce, come the dawn of peace, in the case of young Japanese-Americans who have been drafted to fight for the country, who have performed the service assigned to them, and are mustered out with honorable discharge as fully accredited veterans of the Great War.