

NISEI CITIZENSHIP

(Since the following article deals with a subject of vital concern to all nisei, it is reprinted in part from the Pacific Citizen.--Editor)

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The agitation which has been waged by the race-baiters of the Pacific Coast against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country has served the purpose of undermining confidence and morale. This may have been the ultimative objective since then the charge of disloyal could have been lodged. Evidently the nisei and the issai have fallen for this stra-

tegy, considering the number who are to be residents of the Tule Lake Relocation Center after segregation takes place.

The nisei on the whole were very much perturbed about the various bills in Congress and the movement for constitutional amendments to deprive them of citizenship. Our friends were rather amused at the forebodyings I had expressed. They stated that California was not the United States and that the nation as a whole would not stand for an amendment which would make a mockery of the noble ideals expressed in the Constitution and

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MUST RETURN GOVERNMENT GOODS BEFORE DEPARTURE

When evacuees are moved from this center to others, it must be remembered that all government property is to be returned prior to their departure.

In order that the residents may do this before inspections take place, it has been arranged that all government property be turned in either through the section chief where they worked, to the block managers' offices, or at the receiving warehouse no. 369.

R. R. BEST
Project Director

MANY RESIDENTS SEE RELOCATION MOVIES

Wednesday evening the high school grounds, behind 66-15, and on Monday evening, at the new high school auditorium. Mr. Corky Kawasaki will explain the pictures briefly in both English and Japanese, to supplement the remarks of the screen commentators.

These programs are free. Everybody is invited to see them.

Thursday night the same program, which centers attention on Chicago and the Middle West, was given at the high school grounds, and it will be repeated tonight in the new high school auditorium.

The next program, presenting Ohio in color, will be introduced at the outdoor stage, Saturday evening, Aug. 21, at 8:45 p.m. On Sunday evening, at the same time, it will be given at

ler, executive officer, commanded the troops.

Observers commented favorably on the crack appearance of the nisei soldiers as bespeaking exceptional aptitude and excellent progress.

Raffle Tickets Being Sold STAGE PARADE AT CAMP SHELBY

Labor Day raffle tickets are now being sold at 5¢ a piece by the Ward Recreation Commissioners, Boys & Girls Activities and the Ward Recreation Leaders. Drawings will be held on Sunday, Sept. 5 and the holders of the winning numbers need not be present to receive the awards.

The Ward Leaders have announced that \$150 worth of prizes will be given out. A trunk set valued at \$35 is the first prize award, while the other prizes are: suitcase, second prize; night stand, third; garden hose, fourth; garden hose, fifth.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

--"I'd take these men into war" was the terse summation of Col. W.C. Pence, commanding officer of the 442nd Combat Team, to a group of visiting newspapermen and invited guests Tuesday afternoon, as he expressed pride and confidence in the Japanese Americans in his unit.

Staging their first formal parade as the feature of an open house day for national, Hawaiian, and local press representatives and invited guests, the Japanese American Combat Team marched in review before their Commanding Officer Col. Pence, Lt. Col. Virgil R. Mil-

Two Robberies At Canteens

The Internal Security Dept. reported a robbery committed at Canteen #3 on the night of August 16, and another at Canteen #2 the following night. Damages were slight on both robberies.

It was disclosed that the burglars entered the canteens by hiding inside the fence where pop bottles were kept, and drilled several holes near the window latch with a press drill, thus entering through the window. Judging from the merchandise stolen it was indicated that the burglars were youths.

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NISEI CITIZENSHIP STATUS

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the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Dillon Myer, the WRA director, before the Dies Committee hearing in Washington, D.C. made the following statement:

"Lawyers will readily agree that an attempt to authorize such confinement would be very hard to reconcile with the constitutional rights of citizens."

Mr. Myer also quoted Mr. Justice Douglas, who stated: "Detention for reasonable cause is one thing. Detention on account of ancestry is another...Obedience to the military orders is one thing. Whether an individual member of a group must be afforded at some stage an opportunity to show that, being loyal, he should be reclassified is a wholly different question...But if it were plain that no machinery was available whereby the individual could demonstrate his loyalty as a citizen in order to be reclassified, questions of a more serious character would be presented."

The bills which worry nisei most likely are those which aim to take away citizenship rights away from those declared to be "disloyal" or to deport all Japanese, aliens and citizens alike, after the war. The Shepard and Johnson bills, both by California Congressmen, are along this line.

The Nationality Act of 1940 has the following provisions on the question of "Loss of Nationality." Section 401 states "A person who is a national of the United States, whether by birth or naturalization, shall lose his nationality by:

... (b) Taking an oath or making an affirmation or other formal declaration of allegiance to a foreign state; or

... (g) Deserting the military or naval service of the United States in time of war, provided he is convicted thereof by a

court martial; or

... (h) Committing any act of treason against, or attempting by force to overthrow or bearing arms against the United States provided he is convicted thereof by a court martial or by a court of competent jurisdiction."

Section 403 states: "(a) Except as provided in subsections (g) and (h) of Section 401, no national can expatriate himself, or be expatriated, under this section while within the United States or any of its outlying possessions et cetera.

... (b) No national under eighteen years of age can expatriate himself under subsections (b) to (g) inclusive of Section 401!"

As the law exists today, citizenship cannot be taken away from even those nisei who answered "No to Question 28 of the now famous WRA questionnaire. To attain this purpose, a new act must be passed, making it one of the conditions for losing citizenship if a citizen refuses to swear loyalty to the United States while residing in this country.

It should be fairly obvious to the nisei as a whole that the clouds which hovered over their citizenship status resulting from the mass evacuation and war hysteria are clearing. The Supreme Court justices have stated that even the grounds of "military necessity" must be within reason.

Every nisei must frankly face the future if he expects to remain in this country after the war. There is no denying that a new start must be made sooner or later. A new life in a new place and environment is bound to have its difficulties. But the issei came to America under more adverse conditions, without knowledge of the English language, without money, and without friends. Now that there is no necessity of worrying about the nisei's citizenship status or a

There is an opportunity for four men to learn a trade and earn substantial wages while learning at a Chicago firm manufacturing biscuits and crackers for the army. No experience required. They will teach a trade in a few months which formerly took two years apprenticeship. 50 cents an hour to start with 5 cents increase weekly to 90 cents an hour plus a bonus. Forty hours pay week, now averaging 55 hours work with time and a half pay for all work over 40 hours.

Good man can easily make \$40 a week the first week. Average pay of workers with over time \$69.25 a week. Many more in this plant are earning \$85 a week. Union clearance guaranteed. See Miss Mercer Placement Office. (Burry Biscuit Co.)

The Agar Container Corporation of Kansas City, offers jobs to 10 husky men as factory hands. The salary is 60¢-90¢ per hr. and overtime pay for all work over 40 hrs. Persons interested in this type of work should apply at the Placement Office.

Family with five children may have permanent furnished farmhouse across the road from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Straight 40¢ hour for all work done. Canned foods and all farm foods available. Families interested should apply at the Placement Office.

AT PLACEMENT

- ...4 typists
- ...3 steno-typists
- ...12 warehousemen
- ...18 swamper
- ...1 watchman

about deportation after the war, every nisei must think of resettlement, since this is the only road to salvation for the large majority, who have no property on the Pacific Coast.