

X-DAY

The Army Says:

The effect of the public proclamation . . . is to restore to all persons of Japanese ancestry who were excluded under orders of the commanding general, Western Defense Command, and who have not been designated individually for exclusion, or other control, their full rights to enter and remain in the military areas of the Western Defense Command. The people of the states situated within the Western Defense Command are assured that the records of all persons of Japanese ancestry have been carefully examined and only those persons who have been cleared by military authority have been permitted to return. They should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded other law abiding citizens or residents.



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Reaction in California Shows Assorted Opinions But Many Support Nisei

Reaction of Californians to the army's proclamation rescinding the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command was varied as the topography of the state itself, a survey of newspapers received here shows.

Most opposition to the return of the former residents was expressed by the "anti" group which has opposed the evacuees from the start while a number of powerful groups supported and applauded the army's decision.

Daniel Marshall, chairman of the strong Catholic Interracial Council and well known attorney who has fought for the constitutional rights of the evacuees, said:

"The army's decision is a happy and courageous one. To thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry, including 15,000 in our army, democracy is vindicated at last.

"It will add immense prestige and evidence to our claims for democracy throughout the world. It is a damaging blow to Hitler's racism and Tokyo propaganda.

"Californians can be counted on to accord the returning evacuees all their rights under a courageous and intelligent leadership by west coast authorities and citizens of all racial groups, Marshall concluded.

William Carr, chairman of the Friends of the American Way, Pasadena, issued the following statement:

"We are relieved that America no longer will banish people on a racial basis. To our returning Pasadena neighbors we offer friendship and help in



finding housing and employment. To the army and local law enforcement agencies we promise every assistance in apprehending criminals who intimidate or harm these loyal people."

Gov. Earl E. Warren issued a statement urging "cheerful compliance" with the decision of the military. His statement said:

"I am sure that all Americans will join in protecting the constitutional rights of the individuals involved and will maintain an attitude that will discourage friction and prevent civil disorder.

"Any public unrest that develops from provocative statements, or civil disturbances that result from inopportune action will of necessity retard the (Continued on Page 5)

Proclamation of Army Considered Vindication

X-Day—the end of exclusion of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their law-abiding parents from the Western Defense Command — brought to more than 100,000 persons Sunday their greatest Christmas gift: freedom to trod the streets and fields of the nation with the same rights and privileges of others.

Thus after two years and seven months of confinement in hastily-constructed camps in six states, American citizens and their alien parents again had the opportunity to return to the flowing stream of life.

Although the announcement of the army's proclamation was greeted here with deep gratification, the number of persons planning to return to their native states of California, Washington and Oregon was small, according to an early survey of center residents.

Most community leaders considered the lifting of the ban a vindication.

Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, announced the army's proclamation and gave stern warning to West coast residents that the military would handle any disturbances that civil authorities could not handle.

Although the Pacific states will not actually be "opened" until Jan. 2, machinery was immediately set up to assist those who plans to return to their former homes.

Simultaneously with the X-Day announcement, the War Relocation Authority announced that all relocation centers, except Tule Lake, would be closed within the year and probably in about six months. In no case will residents of any center be given less than three months notice, it was announced.

In the meantime essential services at the centers will continue to provide food, housing and medical care. Schools will be maintained through the present school year.

The expected reaction to the army's announcement was shown on the coast with the "anti" group continuing to protest while scores of others considered it a "happy and courageous" decision.

General Pratt said he expected coast residents to accept the

return of evacuees calmly, with perhaps "some minor incidents, but nothing that will require military intervention."

He said any disturbances will be handled by civil authorities but sternly added that the army would step in if military security was endangered.

The proclamation addressed to the people of the western states was based on "military considerations."

"Those persons of Japanese ancestry whose records have stood the scrutiny of army tests during the last two years," the general said, "will be permitted the same freedom of movement throughout the Uni-

ted States as other loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens.

"It can no longer be said, as it could in 1942, that an enemy invasion of the West coast on a large scale is substantially possible," he added.

The War department has repeatedly declared that when the time comes for the return of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, "the people of the Pacific coast will accord them all the considerations to which they are entitled as loyal citizens and law-abiding residents," the general said.

The department pointed out that it has been possible in the (Continued on Page 4)

Machine Is Set in Motion To Aid Relocating Residents

Simultaneously with the lifting of the army's ban against persons of Japanese ancestry, machinery was set in motion here to assist residents in making plans for the future and for the dissemination of accurate information.

Project Director Guy Robertson's first act was to appoint Joe Carroll as coordinator of the program which will lead to the total relocation of residents and the closing of the center. In the meantime, Claud C. Gilmore was named acting relocation program officer, in order that all of Carroll's time might be devoted to the new program.

At the request of Carroll the community council and block managers selected representatives of the center to serve on a committee with key members of the appointed staff.

The coordinator's committee, Carroll pointed out, is temporary and may be changed to provide more complete representation of the community as a whole. Representatives will be selected by residents themselves, he said.

Members selected by the coun-

cil and managers include: Minejiro Hayashida, Kumezo Hatchimonji, Tom Yamasaki, Shijii Fujimoto, Genichiro Iwasaki, Dave Yamakawa, Kiyochi Doi, Minokichi Tsunokai, George Nakaki and Sam Nagata.

Appointed personnel on the committee includes besides Carroll, Assistant Project Directors Douglas M. Todd, M. O. Anderson and Victor J. Ryan, Byron Ver Ploeg, project attorney; Claud Gilmore, acting relocation officer; Adeline Keil, welfare director; Harvey Burnett, evacuee property officer; Asael T. Hansen, community analyst and Vaughn Mechau, reports officer.

At the first meeting of the committee on Thursday, it was agreed that all information disseminated must receive the approval of the coordinator and the committee if necessary, before distribution to the residents. This move was made, it was explained, to curb unfounded rumors. In order to provide accurate information as quickly and completely as possible a series of notices, entitled Coordinator's Bulletins will be issued. (Continued on Page 4)

Court Upholds Evacuation But Rules in Favor of Endo

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. Supreme Court Monday upheld the validity of the original evacuation orders in reviewing the findings in the Korematsu case. Justices Roberts, Jackson and Murphy dissented from the majority opinion.

In the Endo case the court unanimously ordered habeas corpus action for Endo, holding invalid the provisions of WRA leave regulations requiring applications for indefinite leave and proving means of support and community acceptance at the destination of travel.

The Court's opinion did not pass upon the validity of detention pending loyalty clearance or detention of persons of doubtful loyalty.

With The Churches

6 a.m. morning prayer meeting, both churches; 9 a.m. Sunday school for beginners and primary classes, 12-25, 16-26; 9 a.m. Sunday school classes for juniors and intermediates 28-26, 9-25; 9:30 a.m. Japanese morning worship, 22-26; 10 a.m. seniors and young people Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. worship south church; 11 a.m. adult English church, 22-26; 1:30 p.m. Happy Time Club, 22-23-N; 6:30 p.m. Chi Sigma Lambda meeting, 22-26; 7:30 p.m. Japanese C.E. meeting, both churches. Dec. 25, Christmas Episcopalian holy communion services with Father McLaughlin, 8 a.m. 22-26.

Heart Mt. Buddhist Church
9 a.m. Sunday school, 8-25, 15-26, 23-26, 29-25; 10:30 a.m. Junior and senior YBA service, 17-25; 2 p.m. adult service, 8-25, 15-26, 17-25, 29-25; Dec. 27 mid-week services, 17-25.

Catholic Church
All functions at 14-25-N with Father R. D. Petipren. Dec. 23, 7-9 p.m. confession; Dec. 24, 9 a.m. mass; 2 p.m. Christmas party; 12 p.m. midnight mass; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. mass; Jan. 1, 7:15 a.m. mass.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Tokuechi Hashimoto of Hilo, Hawaii, brother of Mrs. Tokuechi Uyeno, is asked to contact Mrs. Haruyo Kawahara, 8-9-C, Heart Mountain, Wyo.

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Friends are notified of the death of Kakichi Nakawatase, 1-14-E, 5 a. m. Friday, Dec. 22 at the local hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Toyo Nakawatase, wife
Seichi Nakawatase, son
Block 1 residents



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Daitaro Mishima, 29-23-F

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We wish to express our grateful thanks to Block 30 residents and friends for the many kind remembrances and send-off given John, prior to his departure for active duty in the army.

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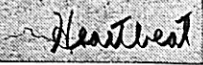
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Contributions totalling more than \$1100 from center residents have made possible the sending of gift books, cards and games to wounded isel patients in 10 hospitals throughout the country, according to George Nakaki, general chairman of the USO special committee.

Included in the list of hospitals were Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah; Dibble General hospital, San Mateo, Calif.; Torney General hospital, Palm Springs, Calif.; O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo.; Gardiner General hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Vaughn General hospital, Hines, Ill.; Moore General hospital, Swannanoa, N. C.; Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, Colo.; Walter Reed General hospital, Washington, D.C.; and Halloran General hospital, New York City, N. Y.

Each gift package consisted of 17 books, six twin-decks of bridge cards and 1 set of checkers. Appropriate nameplates with the name of the Heart Mountain USO were placed in the books.

Kojima, Tanaka Married in Cody

Simple wedding rites, united Toshiko Kojima, daughter of Mrs. Shin Kojima, 12-21-F, and Ken Tanaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tomitaro Tanaka of Rohrer, Ark., Monday at Cody. The Rev. Clyde J. Keegan of the Cody First Methodist church officiated.

The bride attended Roosevelt high school in Los Angeles prior to evacuation and completed her studies at the Heart Mountain high school.

Tanaka was graduated from Anaheim high school in Norwalk, Calif., where he resided prior to evacuation. He also attended Frank Wiggins Trade school in Los Angeles.

Attendants at the wedding included Mrs. Kojima and Rose Kojima.

The couple plan to reside in Denver.

Cadet Nurse Weds Snelling Soldier

Nadine Nakahara, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hisachi Nakahara, 24-21-C, and Pvt. Tom Yamamoto, son of Mrs. Yumi Sato, 24-18-C, were united in marriage Dec. 10 at Minneapolis, Minn., according to word received here. The only attendants were friends from Fort Snelling, Minn., where Private Yamamoto is stationed.

Mrs. Yamamoto is enrolled as a cadet nurse at Bellevue General hospital in New York. She is a graduate of Heart Mountain high school. Her pre-evacuation home was in San Jose, Calif.

Private Yamamoto resided in Mountain View, Calif., where he owned a grocery store. He was graduated from the high school in that city.

Vows Exchanged By Local Couple

Betty Higashihara, daughter of Mrs. Shika Sekitani, 6-3-B, and Ted Kubota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sometaro Kubota, 6-16-E, were married Dec. 15 in Billings. Mont. Justice of the Peace Emil Borberg officiated.

The bride is a former resident of San Jose, Calif., and attended the State Teachers college there. Prior to her marriage, she was a block secretary. Kubota was graduated from the Orting, Wash., high school.

Attendants included Toshiko Honkawa and Kazuo Uriu.

A reception for the newlyweds was held Wednesday at 6-50, Balshakunin for the couple were the Rev. and Mrs. Shuzei Aso and Mr. and Mrs. Takeshita.

The couple reside at 6-18-C.

Corbett Speaks To Ex-Residents

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Former Heart Mountain residents now located here held an informal get-together Dec. 10 at the local hostel, and listened to news of the camp from Jack Corbett, who is in Washington on WRA business.

A buffet supper prepared by Clarice Chase and Mrs. Cecelia Guth Poole was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Takeshita, Joy Takeshita, Frank Hlga, Mrs. Klni Higashiluchi Jimbo, Miss Chase, Mrs. Poole, Corbett and John Kitasako.

Matinee Dance

A matinee dance was sponsored by members of the journalism class yesterday at the high school gym. Theme of the last girl-date-boy affair this year was "Last Leap".

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Gala Dance Slated New Year's Eve at High School Auditorium

A gala "year-out" social will be sponsored for the community young people 8 p.m.-1 a.m. New Year's eve at the high school auditorium, according to Bob Yamamoto, general chairman. Dick Fujioka will be emcee.

The entire proceedings will follow as closely as possible a night club motif, with tables reserved for groups and couples. Decorations composed mainly of multi-colored cellophane, will be made by Al Sako athletic department and the Penguins.

Refreshments prepared under the direction of Yuri Kawakami will be served by the Exclusive Juniors throughout the dance.

Music will be furnished by Tetsu Bessho and his newly-organized band, supplemented with a regular P.A. system. During the in-

termission, a program of novelty entertainment has also been arranged, which will include the Aloha Serenaders. Yuki Nishiyori and Dale Morioka are co-chairmen of the entertainment program.

Broadcasts from other parts of the country announcing the new year will be picked up by the receiving set installed in the auditorium. At each hourly broadcast, door prizes will be given.

To add to the New Year spirit, noisemakers, caps and serenities will be distributed to the revelers. Novelty prizes will also be awarded.

Bids are now being sold at community activities headquarters 16-N, through Mary Fukuda. Approximately 300 couples are expected to attend.

Parade

Xmas Social Planned

The Block 22 YPC will sponsor a Christmas social Monday at 22-27. Invitations have been extended to the YPCs of blocks 8, 15, 21 and 27. Guna Fujita is general chairman, assisted by Yuk Abe, decorations; Mits Kaikuchi and Setsu Teramoto, refreshments, and George Nakaniishi, clean-up. Yoichi Hosozawa will be emcee.

Staff Changes Made

Mrs. Mary Umemoto has been named Intermediate Girl Scout coordinator. New volunteer leaders are Evelyn Johnson and Setsuko Okada, Troop 15; Mrs. Betty Yoshida and Mrs. Otto Yamaguchi, Troop 16; Toshiko Hamamoto and Sadayo Nakashima, Troop 20. Brownie volunteer leaders are Toshiko Okada, captain, and Clara Sugiyama, assistant, Troop 2; Shizuko Maruyama, captain, Troop 4; Jane Sugura, captain, and Yuriko Yasui, assistant, Troop 6.

Juniors Organize

Akko Kurashita was named president of the Block 8 "Little 8 Balls" club, composed of boys under 14 years of age, at a recent meeting. Assisting him are Tsutomu Takeuchi, vice-pres.; Donald Hirose, sec.; Isao Ohashi, ass't. sec., and Andrew Okamoto, treas. The club has been in existence for the past six months and has sports and craftwork as their main purpose.

Cubs Win Prizes

Airplane kits were awarded as prizes to winners in the model airplane contest sponsored by the Cub Scouts recently. First prize went to Fred Tsuda of Pack 30. Runners-up were Chiaki Uchida, Pack 30, and Yukio Urushibata, Pack 31. Judges were members of the troop committee consisting of George Tokushige, Henry Sasahara, Masakichi Takata, Yutaka Hamamoto and the Rev. Roy D. Petipren.

New Club Formed

The newly-organized Debutantes will sponsor a social Sunday night at 17-26. The dance will be informal and strictly invitational. Cabinet members of the new club are Hideo Makiyama, pres.; Eileen Yamakoa, vice-pres.; Helen Okubo, sec.; Sadie Makiyama, treas.; Annie Inouye, rep.-hist., and Kiyoko Sakatani, ath. mgr. Adviser is Kaoru Eml.

Tri-Ys Give Party

The Junior Tri-Y will sponsor a Christmas party for handicapped children this afternoon at 15-26S. Skits will be presented by the children. Christmas gifts sent from the Portland, Ore., YWCA business girls will be distributed to the guests. Emily Tsuruda is in charge of games. Elizabeth Sugita will be the refreshment chairman.

Carolling Set Tonight

Seven Camp Fire Girl groups, the Horizons, Tandans, Odakos, Otoyokas, Wicnaks, Weconkiyas and the Blue Birds, will carol tonight in the hospital, old folks home, personnel and M. P. areas. Frances Uchida will lead the group. June Morioka was in charge of the carolling practice.

Secretary Appointed

Mrs. Shizuko Ikeda has been named executive secretary of the local Red Cross unit, succeeding Mrs. Chiyoko Aoki, who relocated this week to New Jersey. Kayo Hayashi is Red Cross secretary.

Plan Homecoming For Servicemen

Servicemen returning home for the holidays will be greeted with a gala homecoming social Dec. 27 at the USO lounge, according to Yukichi Nishiyori, director.

The lounge will be colorfully decorated in red, white and blue colors. A program will be presented by local talent and Santa Claus will present each serviceman with a gift.

Special invitations have been extended to Guy Robertson, project director, and Douglas Todd, M. O. Anderson and Victor J. Ryan, assistant directors.

The following have been named for the various committees: Jimmie Aklya, Dick Fujioka, Mas Morioka, Texie Watanabe, decorations; Alice Nagata and Kaoru Eml, tree decorations; Tamiko Nakao, recordings; Jack Furumura, enacee and Bill Teramoto, Santa Claus.

Lily Nishimura Wins Queen Title

Lily Nishimura, contestant in the basketball coaches queen contest, won the title of "Casaba Queen" from six other entrants last week at the Cowley-Heart Mountain basketball game. The selection was made by popular applause with referee Ralph Manors announcing the results.

Each contestant was presented with a box of candy by her sponsor. The winner was awarded a grand prize donated by the community activities department.

Following the selection, "Queen Lily" presented Mas Hamamoto, captain of the Eagles, with a basketball.

Other contestants included June Zaiman, Tokuko Kamel, Ruth Otani, Mary Fukuda, Helen Yamamoto and Katherine Mikami.



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Editorial

The Greatest Gift: Freedom

After two and a half long, trying years America's children of Japanese ancestry and their aged, law-abiding parents have been vindicated and soon will be able to enjoy the privileges and freedom of all other citizens regardless of race, creed or color.

No finer, more significant and impressive Christmas gift could be given any people.

With the lifting of the army's ban against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West coast, allowing privileges and freedom of other people, a great many impressions of the last two and a half years flash before us illustrating the manner in which we won that concession: Our right to return to our former homes on the West coast was not lightly given—we earned it as no other group of our nation has been required to do.

Even the army admits that from the standpoint of loyalty, Americans of Japanese ancestry have been investigated "probably more thoroughly than any other segment of our population."

We have won our vindication in many ways, and we have done it in the face of vicious and vindictive opposition that would have, had it carried out its desires, shipped us all to uninhabited Pacific islands, disfranchised us, send us back to Japan despite the fact that thousands of us have never seen that country and have no desire to visit it.

At no other time in the history of this nation has any group of people, on the basis of race alone, been subjected to the humiliation that has been heaped upon us. No other race, accused of no crime other than their national origin, suffered the loss and privation and unwarranted suspicion that went hand in hand with our removal from homes and properties.

But, we are proud of our record. We are proud that we have had the fortitude to fight back and by our honest desire, despite disappointments and persecution, proved that we are fundamentally American in thought and spirit.

Despite barbed wire fences and the accusing finger of powerful searchlights, we have done our share in developing new land that can never be ours; we have worked and provided a large share of our food in order that the nation's flow of supplies could go unhampered to the armed forces.

Despite the closing of the armed services to our sons, they insisted and fought for the right to defend our country and now almost 600 men from this one community—some 15,000 in all—are serving bravely and gallantly in every theatre of the war. Many of them have given their lives in defense of the principles for which America stands. And, they were the boys, who were a short time ago, classified as enemy aliens.

The future is bright with our victory but we realize that many problems are before us. One of the chief problems, naturally, is the resettlement of our aged parents in normal communities after more than two years of confinement in an atmosphere of deadening stagnation. Many of our parents have neither the financial resources nor the physical strength to begin life over again. However, the total effort of all of us who remain, can never equal the sacrifice of any one of our boys who fell on the field of battle. And, it has been the sacrifice of our boys which has been one of the determining factors in lifting the ban against us. Their lives was the price they paid for the return of our privileges and rights.

The world is brighter this Christmas. The barbed wire fences, the guard towers, the suspicion soon will be forgotten and let us hope that no other Christmas will find any part of America's children held behind barbed wire fences simply because they had the wrong ancestors.

SORRY!

For some unexplained reason—probably the Christmas glutted mall, or having stepped on one of Mike's toys, or having had to walk the floor with Susan Joy, Bill Hosokawa's column "On the Outside" failed to reach The Sentinel. We're sorry and we hope Bill is also.

Plans Are Made For Relocating

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Each bulletin will be numbered and evacuees are urged to keep them as a source of information.

A desk will also be established at the relocation office as a clearing house of information. Residents can obtain first-hand information from the attendants or receive directions for obtaining more detailed instruction.

Following the army's announcement, four military personnel arrived at the center to interview residents. They are Majors Newmann B. Smith and Gerald Tison, Tech. Sgt. Emmett J. Foley, Jr., and Pvt. Leland S. Weaver. The officers will interview residents Saturday, Sunday and Monday, regardless of Christmas, it was announced.

While Heart Mountain made its plans for expediting relocation and closing of the center, the Washington office of WRA announced a number of personnel changes to aid residents who plan to return to the West coast.

R. B. Cozzens, assistant director in San Francisco, will be in charge of the relocation program in the former evacuated area. C. E. Miller, relocation supervisor in Denver will become Cozzens' assistant. Area offices will be opened immediately with Harold S. Fistere, former New York supervisor, at Seattle; Walter Mewing, former Salt Lake City supervisor, San Francisco; Paul Robertson, former assistant project director at Tule Lake, Los Angeles.

Raymond Booth, former Chicago district director, will be in charge of the Los Angeles district office; Fred Ross, former Cleveland district director in charge of the San Francisco district office and Sheldon Hagen, former Seattle property officer in charge of the Seattle district office.

Additional district offices will be established at key points as needed, it was announced.

Leaves

ILLINOIS — Kikuyo Ohnoki, Tokie Pat Ohnoki, Jun Tomita, Chicago.

MONTANA — Cho Nomura, Hyoshiro Nomura, Hardin.
NEVADA — Takeyoshi Omura, Nobuko Toga, Elko.

NEW YORK — Tom Y. Shimabukuro, Sumiko Matsushima, New York City.

OHIO — Shigeru Ota, Cleveland; Toshio Irving Koshiba, Columbus.

OREGON — Shueyemon Takehara, Nyssa.

WYOMING — Mari Yoshida, Evanston.

DOING THEIR PART

SAN FRANCISCO — Before leaving for his home, Gov. Ingram M. Stainback of Hawaii, spoke of the splendid work done in Hawaii by American citizens of Japanese ancestry. "They are doing their part in the war—in fighting, working, bond-buying and blood donations," he said.

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case of Japanese Americans even more than in the case of German or Italian, to determine their loyalty because of the very fact that they have been put through relocation centers.

"I consider of great importance that the people of the West coast understand and appreciate that the most careful scrutiny of the vast amount of information now available has led to the conclusion that the great majority of Japanese Americans have severed all connections with Japan and are prepared to assume all the responsibilities of their situation as Americans," he declared.

The text for Proclamation No. 21, follows:

"The revocation order provides that any person of Japanese ancestry about whom information is available indicating a pro-Japanese attitude will continue to be excluded on an individual basis. Those persons of Japanese ancestry whose records have stood the tests of Army scrutiny during the past two years will be permitted the same freedom of movement throughout the United States as other loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens.

"The decision to revoke the exclusion orders, first applied on March 24, 1942, was prompted by military consideration. Since the evacuation, our armed forces steadily have pushed the enemy in the Pacific farther from our shores and closer to the Japanese home islands. Although hard fighting is ahead in the Pacific, it no longer can be said, as it could be said in 1942, that an enemy invasion of the West Coast on a large scale is a substantial possibility.

"In 1942, it was impossible to make an immediate determination of which persons of Japanese ancestry were loyal and which were not. Mass treatment of all Japanese Americans, therefore, was a necessary military precaution. Since that time, persons of Japanese ancestry who

were evacuated from the coast area have been thoroughly investigated from the standpoint of loyalty, probably more thoroughly than any other segment of our population.

"As a result of these investigations, it has been possible to make progress in separating those who may be dangerous from those who are loyal to the United States. One of the first steps in this direction was taken by the army itself in selecting those persons of military age among the persons of Japanese ancestry who were acceptable for the army, initially as volunteers and later under selective service. Many of these men were recruited from relocation centers and many of them have families in the centers. The outstanding record which these men have made fighting for the United States in Italy, in France and in the Pacific has shown conclusively that it is possible to make sound judgments as to their loyalty.

"The War department is aware that the decision of mass exclusion will create certain adjustment problems beyond military consideration. It believes, however, that adequate solutions for these problems exist. The Department of the Interior has informed the War department that it intends to put into effect a program based on a gradual and orderly return to the West coast and a vigorous continuation of its efforts to relocate persons of Japanese descent throughout the United States.

"The War department believes that the people of the Pacific coast area will accord returning persons of Japanese ancestry all the consideration to which they are entitled as loyal citizens and law-abiding residents."

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — An American girl of Japanese ancestry relocated from Gila center and an American girl whose father is in a Japanese internment camp in Manila are classmates and close friends at Western Michigan college, according to the Gazette.

One Year Ago This Week

Approximately 4,000 youngsters enjoyed the Christmas at the second annual block parties for children under 19 years of age. Registration in adult education classes for the second quarter was held for new students and present enrollees.

Completing six months of basic army training in military government, Captain Clifford D. Carter resumed his position here as superintendent of schools.

With ideal Christmas shopping weather prevailing, approximately 2000 customers per day passed through the dry goods store.

A full evening of play, tableau and music was presented to the residents at the community Christmas program held at the high school auditorium.

To "greet the New Year and watch the old year die" was the motif of the gala social sponsored by the CA at the high school gym.

The Brenda Starrs were crowned city girls' volleyball league champions when they came through with a rally to defeat the favored Timekeepers in a play-off match for the title.

Sparked by substitutes forward Tosh Asano and guard Tas Yamada, the fast-breaking Heart Mountain all-stars opened their season with a 44-21 win over the Lovell Westward Indians.

The local Girl Scouts of Troop 15 sent Christmas gifts to the Girl Scouts in Cheyenne.

The addition of 60 hogs has boosted the project hog population to 848.

Visitors

SERVICEMEN—Pvt. Katsumi Komatsu, Cpl. James Okida, Fort Snelling, Minn.; Pvt. Teisuo Asato, Camp Shelby, Miss.; T/S Ryo Komai, Camp Barkley, Tex.; Pvt. Mitsuyoshi Sokioaka, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif.

CIVILIANS—Mike Fujishin, Hideo Shintaku, Boise, Ida.; Hattie Wakabayashi, Frank Matsumoto, Mike Miyahara, Caldwell, Ida.; Richard Wakano, Eden, Ida.; Masagoro Yamasaki, Minidoka; Mr. and Mrs. Ki-yoshi Higashi, Frank Sakaguchi, Jean Sekiguchi, Asako Shima, George Tanabe, Wesley Chinea, Ichita Tonokawa, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Chieto Fujinari, Battlecreek, Mich.; Toshiko Kawano, Adrian College, Mich.; Masayoshi Jinguji, St. Paul, Minn.; Yuki Takei, Northfield, Minn.; Isao Kashiwabara, St. Louis, Mo.; Donald Akashi, Seiji Horuchi, Mary Inouye, Eddie Noda, Tadashi Sasaki, Henry Fujita, Seichi Hasegawa, Logan, Mont.; Melvin Sato, Ted Kubota, Richard Yamasaki, Famiko Yamasaki, Ontario, Ore.; Dick Yoshikane, Hisakichi Nishi, Vale, Ore.; Howard Otamura, New York City; I. Hasegawa, Tsuguo Kyokawa, Philadelphia, Pa.; Richard Mimaki, Mary Mimaki, Payson, Utah; Ethel Uesugi, Annabelle Uesugi, Ray Minoru Kato, Salt Lake City; Harry Ito, Ray N. Miyakawa, Harry Noda, Fred Uchida, Spokane, Wash.; Atolu Takahashi, Cody; Alice Ezaki, Emiko Ezaki, Akiko Ezaki, Sheridan.

Red Cross clemobiles—theaters on wheels—are in the battle areas of France for entertainment of soldiers near the front.

Greetings from YWCA

(The following message from the YWCA arrived too late to be included in the Christmas issue of the Resettlement Bulletin, and is being reprinted below at the request of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, publisher of the Resettlement Bulletin.—Ed. Note.)

The Christmas star shines in the sky, beautiful and eternal. Clouds may cluster and hide the steady light, but only for a time. Who can doubt, even in this world's deep grief of war and dreadful desolation, that some day we shall learn to walk a brighter path together—all the peoples of this earth.

To all of you, our Japanese American friends in relocation centers, the Young Women's Christian association sends very special greetings. Before we raise our eyes another year toward the Christmas sky we dare to hope with you that those valiant ones who have fought our battle on far-flung fields can be coming back—not to fences which shut away, but to American communities across this land and to American homes warmed with sturdy faith and courage, with neighborliness and shining dreams of the future.

Christmas joy we send to you, and high hopes for a New Year that shall be life's best.

Coast Reaction Shows Variety

(Continued from Page 1) war effort, and particularly the flow of needed materials to our boys in the Pacific, who are moving steadily but at great sacrifice toward their ultimate goal—Tokyo.

"Most California families have a son or daughter in the armed forces. Military decisions such as these are designed for the ultimate success and speedy return to the mainland.

"As citizens," he concluded, "it is our duty to comply with such decisions as loyalty and as cheerfully as they do."

E. C. Farnham, former secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, declared:

"This courageous act will go far toward validating the prin-

ples of democracy to the peoples of newly liberated lands who are reaching for a better political and social order."

Mrs. Ruth W. Klingman, executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, said:

"We think the new order was inevitable in light of the remarkable courage, loyalty and devotion of Japanese American servicemen in combat areas in all theatres of war plus the excellent record made by Japanese American civilians in war and food production in the midwest and east."

Chief among the opponents of the evacuees return were Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director, Americanism Educational League, who is foreign-born and Walter H. Odemar, grand third vice president, Native Sons of the Golden West.



ROHWER, Ark. . . . Rohwer's second memorial services honoring the soldier dead of the center were held in the auditorium . . . reputedly the first issei to return to California from Rohwer, Tanajiro Kori is now a resident of Grande Vista. . .

POSTON, Ariz. . . . the Poston honor roll has been set up before the post office and the administration building in Unit 1. . .

MANZANAR, Calif. . . . making his final appearance before his departure for Hawaii, Pvt. Thomas Higa, issei veteran of the famed 100th infantry battalion, spoke before approximately 700 residents. . .

GILA, Ariz. . . . a variety of hand-made gifts for Christmas were sold at the YWCA bazaar

TOFAZ, Utah . . . following completion of its work, the statistics office closed its doors permanently. . . 40 servicemen visited the center on their furloughs. . .

HUNT, Ida. . . . the annual Christmas tree decoration contest was held for blocks under the direction of the CA. . . 17 Boy Scouts attended a meeting of the Green Bar conference at the Twin Falls high school. . .

AMACHE, Colo. . . . seven more Amache issei casualties in the European theatre of war were disclosed. . . the farm section celebrated the successful harvest season and the official closing of the Keen ranch mess hall with a banquet. . .

Happy Christmas Wishes!

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| Department Store | Administration Area |
| Food Store | Block 8 |
| Food Store | Block 20 |
| Personnel Store | Administration Area |
| Shoe Store | Block 24 |
| Shoe Repair Shop | Block 24 |
| Fish Store | Blocks 6 and 21 |
| Barber Shop | Block 8 |
| Barber Shop | Block 17 |
| Barber Shop | Block 22 |
| Beauty Shop | Block 8 |
| Beauty Shop | Block 25 |
| Dry Cleaners | Block 24 |
| Dry Cleaners | Block 8 |
| Radio Repair Shop | Block 14 |

Nakawatase Dies

Kakieni Nakawatase, 58, of 1-14-E, died at 5 a.m. Friday at the center hospital after a lingering illness.

A former resident of Pasadena, Calif., he is survived by his widow, Toyo; two sons, Seichi and Shizuo; a daughter, Sayo, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Chlye Watanabe and Kiyu Hayashi.

Last Rites Held For Block 30 Man

Funeral services for Yasutaro Kato, 64, of 30-19-E, who died last Sunday after a prolonged illness at the local hospital, were held Thursday at the Buddhist church, 17-25. The Rev. Jyokai Kow conducted the rites.

A former resident of Los Angeles, Kato is survived by his widow, Tsuchino, and a son, Katsumi.

Councilman Picked

Kiroku Bepp was elected block 2 councilman Thursday, succeeding Harry Tanaka, who has relocated to Spokane, Wash.

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By EDDIE YAMAOKA

This season the Eagles have over 10 home games. In most cases the gym will be packed as was last week. It just shows that the interest in basketball is extremely keen. Now, why can't those in charge arrange a better system of admitting the crowd?

It was officially announced that the curtain-raiser was to start at 6:30 p.m., but the crowd had to stand in line amid all the pushing and crowding until 7. What was really griping was the fact that a few "privileged characters" were allowed to go in and out of the gym during all this commotion.

Another thing: the gymnasium has five entrances, and yet only two were used. Wouldn't it be considerably easier, not only for the fans but on the part of the ticket collectors, if every entrance was used to admit the crowd in an orderly fashion?

Hats Off

Coach Talbot S. Rudolph had visions of converting the people "on the hill" into casaba fans when he thought up the idea of a casaba queen contest. He had hopes of having them sponsor contestants and at the same time getting them interested in community activities.

The idea more or less backfired, but just the same he deserves credit for trying. The contest went over swell and it really added color to the tussle last week.

The selection of Lil Nishimura, was just and unbiased and the ear to ear grin on referee Ralph Manors, acting judge for the affair, showed he, too, was "ticked pink" over the idea.

Bear Bid Refused

At the managers meeting Tuesday night, it was unanimously agreed that Heart Mountain will not invite the Denver Bears. It seems that the Bears wanted to come up around the 2nd of January. Basketball in Denver has been going full blast since November, while here in Heart Mountain the teams are just organizing. In other words,

Eagles Bow to Thermopolis Five

Seven Cage Teams Join Local Loop

The Heart Mountain center basketball league, under the sponsorship of the C.A. athletic department will officially get underway Jan. 6. Feeling the "pinch of manpower through relocation and the draft, this year's loop will be composed of only seven teams, as compared to last year's nine.

Gone are the Zebra Poops, the Bachelors, the powerful Sportsmen, the Sportsmen JayVeets and the Aristos. Although the teams themselves are now extinct, there are several key players who are cavorting for newly-organized outfits. Dick Miyakawa, formerly of the Sportsmen, is now a Zebra, while Hiro Sentachi of the Aristos switched to the Quesada Knights.

Returning to haunt the maplewood floor again this year will be the JayBees, the Zebra JayVeets, and the perennial champions of the center, the Zebra Ayes. Newcomers to the league are the Knights, Block 20, Double Cees and the Amateurs.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To the Kiyoshi Morimotos, of 23-1-F, a girl, at 3:46 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16.
To the Tokyo Shimizus, of 9-19-D, a girl, at 11:57 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16.
To the Selchi Nomuras, of 27-17-E, a girl, at 11:43 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18.
To the Bob Kitagawas, of 2-23-A, a boy, at 11:41 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21.

DEATHS

Yasutaro Kato, 64, of 30-19-F, at 5:03 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17.
Sukejiro Kakimoto, 75, of 28-17-E, at 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20.
Kakichi Nakawatase, 58, of 1-14-E, at 5 a.m., Friday, Dec. 22.

the Bears have a decided advantage.

Furthermore, we understand that the Denver Bears will not be the San Kwo Low Bears, but a team composed of Denver's best. It was a wise move on the part of the managers to ignore the offer—for the time being at least. Perhaps a bit later in the season when the C.A. league has gone one round and the teams are in condition, an invitation may be considered.

Kalamazoo Five Has Two Nisei

The Kalamazoo, Mich., college basketball team has two nisei on its startling lineup. Which probably explains why it has the shortest team in the nation. The team's average height is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches. Paul Miyama is the leading scorer of the squad, having tacked up 36 points in three games. The other nisei on the team is Tom Sugihara.

Eagles Trounce Cowley Cage Team in Season Opener, 45-11

A capacity crowd of 1500 rabid casaba fans jam-packed the high school gymnasium as they saw the Eagles soundly trounce the Cowley Jaguars, 45-11, in their opening game of 1944-45 interscholastic cage competition.

Prior to the game, the colorful and bolsterous Cowley pep girls gave a military demonstration, marching and prancing to the songs of different branches of service. The game got underway as Lil Nishimura, crowned "Casaba Queen" among seven contestants, tossed the ball to Captain Mas Hamamoto.

Employing a devastating fast-break, Hamamoto scored a drive-in setup to gain an early lead for the Eagles. Kellechi Ikeda, hotter than a firecracker, came through with two buckets in quick succession. Before the bewildered Cowley five could pull their defenses together, Ham Miyamoto drove in for another setup and the crowd went wild.

With eight points to their zero starting, straight in their faces, the visitors called time, but in vain as Ikeda and Miyamoto were unstoppable. Miyamoto rang up another two points and then Ikeda utilizing speed, drove in three times and scored on each attempt. Hamamoto made the score 16-0 before Mel Smith of Cowley tanked one.

From this point on, Coach Shimada used his regulars only sparingly. The second string's close man to man defense continued to baffle their opponents. At the half, the Eagles enjoyed a comfortable 22-7 lead.

During the intermission, the Heart Mountain Pep girls, not to be outdone by the Cowley girls, marched and serpented around the court spelling J for the Jaguars and then an E for the Eagles. The noisy crowd responded enthusiastically.

At the start of the second half, the Eagles were still hot, as Hamamoto with his one-hand push-out one through. The completely outlasted, but stubbornly fight-

Ikeda-Hatfield Scoring Duel Thrills Crowd as Bobcats Nose Out Locals

The fighting Bobcats from Thermopolis outlasted the Eagles of Heart Mountain, 38-33, in a thriller-diller of a contest here Thursday. Big Bob Hatfield, tower of steel at center for the invaders, proved a mite too much for the Eagles, as he brilliantly maneuvered the offense and the defense of his team.

The Bobcats started fast as diminutive Radovich swished twice just as the game got underway. Norman Yasui brought the Eagles right back with a two-handed swisher. Kellechi Ikeda, the "McCoy" of the Hatfield feud, broke through to bring the Eagles into the lead temporarily. Hatfield tied it up for Thermopolis and from there on the Bobcats held the lead to the final whistle. "Sky-scraper" Radovich, 5-foot 4-inch forward, then ran wild, driving in time after time making setups. At the half the Bobcats held a comfortable 22-10 lead.

At the start of the second half, Hommel and Hatfield both hit the bucket, and the game looked like a walk away for the Bobcats. Ikeda was the solution as he went on a rampage, and the scoring duel between Ikeda and Hatfield went on. Ikeda playing his heart out, tanked baskets from all corners of the court and Hatfield did likewise for the Bobcats.

Watanabe Cops Badminton Title

Texie Watanabe was crowned Heart Mountain badminton champion by eliminating Keli Bessho, 15-10, 5-15, 15-5, in the final of the two-day tournament concluded Wednesday at the high school gym.

The results:
Semi-finals: T. Watanabe d. T. Kelmi, 15-2, 15-8; K. Bessho d. T. Nomura, 15-3, 15-1.
Quarter-finals: T. Watanabe d. T. Ito, 15-1, 15-2; K. Bessho d. G. Ishitani, 15-2, 15-3; T. Kelmi d. D. Morloka, 18-16, 15-9.
First round: T. Watanabe d. T. Bessho, 14-16, 15-1, 15-4; T. Ito d. T. Shimamoto 15-12, 15-4; G. Ishitani d. M. Kozen, 15-7, 15-7; K. Bessho d. J. Sato, 20-1; D. Morloka d. M. Kataoka, 15-5, 15-5; T. Kelmi d. R. Yamamoto, 15-2, 15-3; T. Nomura d. Y. Kimura, 15-6, 15-3.

Block 20 Five Clips Eagles

The Heart Mountain Eagles bucking against a case of "off night" bowed to the Block 20, quintet, 32-27, in a practice tilt Monday. The usually deadeye forwards, Kellechi Ikeda and Ham Miyamoto, just couldn't find the range, although they showed a little of last week's form spasmodically.

Hank Sakauye, hook shot artist of Block 20, hooked all night as he garnered 12 points to the teammate Tak Ikeda (no relation to Kellechi Ikeda) for high point honors. Both players utilized speed and clever ball handling in breaking through the Eagle defense all evening.

For the Eagles, Ham Miyamoto hit the hoop for 7 digits, followed by Kellechi Ikeda and Mas Hamamoto with 6 points apiece. Scrapy Tabo Shimizu, reserve forward, and guard Norman Yasui played a brilliant defensive

game, although Yasui tallied 4 points.


In the preliminary game, the Eagle junior varsity tasted its second straight defeat as the Block 20 Bees eked out a narrow 18-16 victory.

Big Jack Funo, tower of strength at center for Block 20, scored 10 points to take high point honors. Babe Fujjoka was high for the Eagles with 6 points.

Things looked bad indeed for the Eagles at the start of the final period. The score was 31-18 against them. Then the Eagles staged a rally with Ikeda sinking 7 points in that quarter. With two minutes to go, the Eagles were 7 points behind. The cagey Bobcats then switched to a game of keep away, determined to hang on the lead. The speedy Eagles stole the ball on several occasions, and cashed in on points, only to have flat-footed retaliate right back. The game ended with Ikeda snagging the twine twice.

Ikeda pushed in eight baskets and made good one charity throw out of two attempts for a total of 17 points. He took high point honors for the evening. Bob Hatfield swished five baskets and six charity throws out of eight attempts for 15 points, making him high point man for the Bobcats. Little Radovich stole the show with his clever antics on the floor. He scored all of 8 points in the first half.

In the preliminary contest, the Timber Wolves walked all over the Eagles junior varsity squad, 23-14. Big Jack Funo led the Timber Wolves with 7 points while Shig Yokoyama hit 5 for the junior varsity. On Dec. 28, the Eagles will test the strength of the visiting Rawlins squad. Nothing is known definitely of the preliminary contest as yet.



PAGODA (29-26)
"Hostages" (Louise Rainer, William Bendix) and "The Clutching Hand", Chapter 12, "Hidden Danger", Dec. 26, 27, 28, 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
"Show Business" (Eddie Cantor, George Murphy), Dec. 29, 30, 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., Dec. 31, 7 p.m.

DAWN (9-26)
"Show Business" (Eddie Cantor, George Murphy), Dec. 26, 27, 28, 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
"Hostages" (Louise Rainer, William Bendix) and "The Clutching Hand", Chapter 12, "Hidden Danger", Dec. 29, 30, 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., Dec. 31, 7 p.m.



STYLE SHOP
Powell Wyoming

Center-wide Yuletide Celebration Slated

3100 Children to Attend Holiday Parties; Church Program Set for Sunday

More than 3,100 children, 18 years of age and under, will participate in the Christmas parties sponsored jointly by the Community Christian church and the community activities division 7 p.m. Monday in each block, according to Vernon Ross, general chairman of the Christmas committee.

Because of new emergencies, such as war relief and gifts for overseas distribution, there was an appreciable decrease in the number of gifts which have poured in from all parts of the country. However, letters accompanying the 313 boxes of gifts gave assurance, that their interest in evacuee welfare is as great as ever, Ross said.

Cash donations totalling approximately \$1,000 have also been received by the committee. This money has been used to purchase additional gifts to be given the children.

A Sunday School Christmas program will take place 6:30 p.m. Christmas eve at the high school auditorium. Invocation will be offered by the Rev. J. Yokoi and a choral anthem by the youth choir will be led by Kay Kumal, director. Presentation of essay awards will be made by Janette O'Brien. Various members of the block primary groups will sing songs and recite.

A drama entitled "The Gift of Myrrh" will be presented by the Chi Sigma Lambda, under the direction of Joy Katner. Ross will deliver the closing benediction.

For the past three weeks, 30 members of the Fujin-kai volunteered eight hours a day to tag, assemble and wrap the thousands of items that came to the church office from the outside. Delivery of the gifts will be made to the block managers shortly before the block parties Christmas day.

The program will open with a sing-along, followed by games and relays. Santa Claus will then make the gift distribution. The commissary division will supply the refreshments. Approximately 4,000 stockings were made by the sewing project and these will be filled with candy, nuts, apples and oranges and given to the children.

During the week, more than 140 trees were distributed to mess halls, administration area, USO schools and other public places. Popcorn strings and paper ornaments made by children will be used to decorate the trees. The community activities division has also ordered fire-resistant crepe chimney paper for artificial fire places. Cellophane and crepe paper ornaments will also be distributed.

Many of the block young peo-

ple's clubs are planning dances after the children's parties.

Members of the committee include Kay Kumal, recording; Mrs. H. Hatakeyama, tagging; Peter Osuga, handling; Rev. J. Yokoi, distribution, and the following volunteer helpers: Paul Yokota, Victor Takagi, Kay Shibata, Haru Yamaguchi, Margaret Osuga, Mrs. Dave Yamakawa and Mrs. Louise Imokawa.

AF of L Lauds Nisei Soldiers

NEW ORLEANS—The powerful American Federation of Labor at its 64th convention here last week threw its weight against "intolerance and oppression, strongly condemning the unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The resolution follows in part: "Whereas, in 1942 by Presidential order No. 9066, all persons of Japanese origin resident on the West Coast of the United States were ordered evacuated inland in the interest of national security and,

"Whereas, of 126,947 persons of Japanese origin, more than 85,000 are citizens of the United States by birth, and of these more than 8,000 Japanese youths are serving our country splendidly in every theater of war and,

"Whereas, the strong tide of just hatred against Imperial Japanese barbarism and brutality has been turned without reason against loyal Japanese American citizens resulting in innumerable incidents of unjust persecution and unjust discrimination.

"Therefore be it resolved that, this 64th convention of the American Federation of Labor in session in New Orleans, in reaffirmation of our great tradition of the struggle against intolerance and oppression, strongly condemns the unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

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Local Christian Church Plans Christmas Services Monday

Community-wide Christmas services will be held by the Christian church 11 a.m. Monday at the high school auditorium. The program is open to the public.

A choral prelude, "French Carols", by the youth choir under the direction of Kay Kumal will open the program. Organists will be Ray Egechira. "Joy to the World" will be sung by the congregation.

Scripture reading will follow the invocation and the Lord's Prayer. Guest soloist for the

Nisei Will Sing On 'Army Hour'

One of the features of the Army Hour, Sunday, Dec. 24, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., will be Christmas carols sung by 100 nisei WACs and GIs from Camp Snelling, Minn. It was announced today. Pick ups from every theatre of war where American troops are fighting will feature the Christmas program.

Corbett Named School Principal

John K. Corbett, local high school principal, who returned Tuesday from Washington, D. C., after an absence of a month, has been named principal of the Laramie junior-senior high school, effective next July 1.

Corbett, Laramie high school and University of Wyoming graduate, has been school superintendent at Glendo and Lingde and taught in other high schools of the state.

Detroit Hostel Opens New Suites

DETROIT—In order to make it possible for families to relocate to Detroit as complete units, Fellowship House, the hostel here, has set aside suites including cooking facilities for use by the family. A special rental of \$12.50 a week will be charged for the rooms and no time limit will be placed on the length of occupancy.

Inquiries regarding this suite should be made to the Rev. Shigeo Tanabe at the Fellowship House located at 130 East Grand avenue, Detroit.

Weather Report

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| Dec. 15 | 43 | 24 | 0 | |
| Dec. 16 | 41 | 17 | 0 | |
| Dec. 17 | 32 | 27 | 0 | |
| Dec. 18 | 30 | 14 | 0 | |
| Dec. 19 | 51 | 21 | 0 | |
| Dec. 20 | 47 | 21 | .01 | |
| Dec. 21 | 45 | 27 | 0 | |

Secretary Stimson Criticizes Legion Post for Discrimination

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Post Commander J. B. Edgington of the Hood River American Legion had "no comment" in reply to the condemnation of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and various American Legion posts protesting the action of the local group in erasing the names of 16 nisei soldiers from the memorial honor roll at the court house.

Stimson told his press confer-

\$1084 Worth Sold In War Loan Drive

A total of \$1048.20 in bonds and stamps were sold by the Pep club and the Girls Athletic association of the high school in the community-wide sixth war loan drive last week, Kaz Narita, co-chairman of the drive, announced.

The Pep club led the sales with \$621.20 and was awarded a cash prize of \$30. The GAA received a \$20 cash prize for selling \$427.20 worth.

Yuri Uno of the Pep club won the individual sales contest with \$192.10 and was awarded the first prize of \$10. The second prize of \$5 went to Nori Yamagiwa of the GAA, who sold \$152.80 worth of war bonds and stamps. Mary Mouri of the Pep club won the third prize of \$3.75. The awards were presented by Narita at the school assembly Friday afternoon.

The sale of bonds among the appointed personnel reached 123 per cent of its quota with a total of \$21,314.14, according to Viola Nelson, chairman. The project management won top honors among the personnel divisions with purchases totalling \$1793.75 or 200 per cent of its cash quota through the payroll deduction and the buying of additional bonds.

The administrative management with \$2306.25, community management with \$1050, education department with \$6059 and operations division with \$2923 have all surpassed their quotas.

REPORT FOR DUTY

MILWAUKEE — Called from the enlisted reserve corps, Tetsuo Fujikawa, Heart Mountain, and Don Sato, Yuba City and Central Utah, reported for active service on Dec. 11 and 12, respectively, to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

From The Nation's Press

New York City

The New York Times on Dec. 9, editorially criticized the Hood River, Ore., post of the American Legion for recently removing from its war memorial the names of 16 nisei soldiers. Following is the complete text of the editorial:

"The Hood River, Ore., post of the American Legion may have reflected local prejudice when it recently removed from its war memorial the names of sixteen American citizens of Japanese descent who have served honorably in this war.

"In certain parts of the West the old and understandable opposition to Japanese immigration has survived in a dislike of native-born Japanese Americans because of the color of their skins. And so the Hood River post may have found some support in taking this way of letting the Japanese American veterans 'know we don't want them back here.'

"It was not majority support, either on the Pacific coast or elsewhere. Fair-minded Americans know that discrimination on account of racial origin is the enemy's weapon, not ours. The Portland Council of Churches has answered the Hood River post by calling upon ministers to aid loyal Japanese Americans in returning to their homes and denouncing racial discrimination as a denial of the very principles of Americanism which our boys are fighting to preserve."

"Japanese American units have done splendid service in Italy. Japanese Americans have been of great help in the Pacific war. They do not ask recognition beyond that given to German Americans and other sorts of Americans who have served faithfully. They are entitled to as much recognition. Hood River owes them an apology."

Detroit, Mich.

A Detroit Free Press editorial of Dec. 7 praised the Wolverine Post 360, the American Legion, of Reading, Mich., for sending notice of its "disgust and alarm" to the Hood River, Ore., post of the Legion for its recent "indefensible act in removing the names of 16 Japanese Americans from the Hood River community honor roll."

The editorial continued: "It suggests to the Hood River commander that you and your post review the reports of the actions of the Japanese American regiment in Italy, where the larger per cent of the personnel hold the Purple Heart medal, and their decorations for valor exceed most other organizations."

"It proposes, too, that the constitution of the American Legion be re-read to see if your reported action conforms to the spirit of tolerance, democracy and 100 per cent Americanism as set forth in that document.

"Strong words, these; but no stronger than the occasion merits. It is acts like that reported from Hood River that make one wonder when, if ever, democracy will truly flower everywhere in America."

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