

Combat Team Plays Return 'Show'

WRA Lends Furnishings For West Coast Hostels To Cut Housing Shortage

WASHINGTON, D. C.—To help overcome the housing shortage, WRA will lend furnishings from surplus center stocks to non-profit hostels offering temporary shelter to 20 or more persons, Dillon S. Myer, director, announced.

Loans of bedding, chairs, kitchen utensils, and tableware will be made to hostels in the states of California, Oregon and Washington only. Loan agreements can extend through Jan. 1, 1946. The temporary use of this excess government equipment will be made available only to hostels operated by responsible committees of representative groups other than evacuees or in addition to evacuees.

Transfer of beds, mattresses, blankets, pillows, straight chairs, cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery will be made at government expense. Dependent on the locality of the hostel, loans will be made from stocks at Colorado River, Manzanar or Minidoka centers, provided items are on hand.

Except in hardship cases which will receive special consideration, no evacuee may stay at such a loan-aided hostel for more than three weeks. Sponsors will be permitted to charge only what it costs to operate the hostel.

Such hostel operators will not be permitted to practice any discrimination, and housing must be made available to members of any religious group.

The supervisor in the area of the hostel's locality must approve the sponsors of the hostel and the utilization of facilities before transfer of furnishings is made. These hostels must be open for inspection by authority employees, and their books and accounts available on request of a government representative.

Kondo Family To Join 'Papa'

Through a sympathetic news story in the Chicago Sun, James Kondo, 37, an Honorably discharged veteran, has found an apartment for his wife, Masse, and their seven-month old son, Mitsuru, whom Kondo has never seen. The mother and child live at 27-4-B.

A week ago The Sun published a story recounting the discharged soldier's attempts to find an apartment. After 50 attempts the veteran gave up and appealed to the newspaper.

As a result a four-room apartment was offered him and his family will join him in the near future.

A carpenter by trade, the husband is employed in the receiving department of the Associated Distributors, a cosmetic firm.

Center Mourns Sudden Death Of President



Franklin Delano Roosevelt Americans of Japanese ancestry and their loyal parents today mourned the passing of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, commander-in-chief of the nation, who died at Warm Springs, Ga., at 3:35 p.m. Thursday, fighting on the world's frontline for peace. News of his death Thursday virtually halted all work on the project when it was received by radio tribute.

All flags at the center were immediately lowered to half-mast and will continue to be flown at mourning during the prescribed period.

Special services for the President will be held here by the Community Christian, Maryknoll Catholic and Buddhist churches during their regular programs on Sunday, it was announced here yesterday. A special service will be held today at the Community Christian church at 2 p. m. Rev. Donald Toriumi announced.

All WRA offices, except those required for essential operations, will be closed from 12 noon.

The Heart Mountain Sentinel sent the following telegram to the President's widow, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, at the White House:

"Speaking for all Americans of Japanese ancestry and their loyal parents, we wish to express our profound sorrow on the passing of our great leader. Unforgettable to us are his words 'Americanism is a matter of mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry.' These words express in our minds the fundamental honesty, integrity and belief of the world's greatest (Continued on Page 2)

Revised Gate Policy Starts Here Monday

Revised main gate procedures will become effective Monday, it was disclosed by R. E. Ulmer, statistician, following a conference between Guy Robertson, project director, and representatives of the statistics and other sections last Thursday.

Because the military police are charged with the responsibility of preventing entrance and departure of persons unauthorized, and because they have indicated that the "depot pass" now in use will not be accepted on and after April 16, a revised form of such pass was decided upon at the conference.

Relatives and friends wanting to see others off on the bus should get their passes on the previous day. No "last minute" passes will be issued.

Use of the new pass becomes effective on that date, according to Ulmer. Similar to the pass now in use, it will be somewhat larger, of a distinctive color, and will provide spaces for the applicant's surname, Japanese and English given names, center address, family number, date of required by the military police issue, and signature of the issuing official, which information is for checking purposes.

All applications for depot passes must be made to Mrs. Dorothy Chambers, Sentinel building, as they will not be available from any other source, said Ulmer.

The new passes, like the old, will be numbered on both the stub and the body, and are to be picked up by the military police at the main gate, as at present. The stub is detached and given to the one presenting the pass and must be surrendered on return from the depot.

Absence from the center on a depot pass is limited to one hour and violators of the time-limit shown on the pass will be referred to the project director's office, it was said.

Four Washington WRA Aides Here

Four representatives from Washington, D.C., have arrived in the past few days to aid in the liquidation of the center. They are Allan Markley, liaison officer from the reports division; Dr. George Young, from the relocation division; Lloyd Webb, welfare consultant, and Margaret Miller, statistician.

Crack Infantrymen 'Take' Belvedere, Smash Enemy In Forgotten Front Drive

(After having performed brilliantly, winning its second Presidential Distinguished Unit citation in France, the 442nd infantry combat team has been moved back to Italy, the scene of its first heroic work, press dispatches revealed this week. In Italy, the team which was described by Brig. Gen. Ralph Tobin as "magnificent", almost immediately broke through German defenses on the "forgotten front." Following is the first dispatch covering their action on their return engagement in Italy. Ed. Note.)

ROME—Crack Japanese American infantry, spearheading the United States Fifth army's drive on the western flank of the newly-active Italian battlefield, have captured 3,000-foot Monte Belvedere and driven within two miles of Massa, allied headquarters announced Sunday.

Writer Hails Nisei Effort In Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO — That Americans of Japanese ancestry, serving with the Pacific assault forces have proved their loyalty to the United States through heroism that has won the praise of all who have seen them in action is the message Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer whose photograph of U. S. Marines raising Old Glory on Iwo Jima won nationwide acclaim brought back with him, according to Charles Gotthardt, New York correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.

Rosenthal, whose daring in making the historic picture of the Marines raising the Stars and Stripes at the center rim of Mount Suribachi after the bloody battle for the island caused Navy Secretary Forrestal to remark that Rosenthal was "as gallant as the men who raised the flag", told Gotthardt:

"There are thousands of Japanese Americans in United States service in all theaters. All of those with whom I can get into contact are anxious to prove their loyalty to this country. Often their anxiety is

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The Nazi grip on Massa and nearby Carrara, centers of the world famous Italian marble quarrying industry, was threatening the Fifth army's surge northward near the Ligurian coast. An apparent objective of the offensive is the enemy's important naval base of La Spezia, 14½ miles northwest of Massa.

The Americans of Japanese ancestry, members of the 442nd infantry regiment, gained four miles in 48 hours, wiped out one company of Germans, virtually destroyed two others and took more than 100 prisoners.

Through infiltration and with the aid of Italian patriots the Japanese Americans discovered a secret mountain trail the Germans had been using to send spies to Fifth army positions, Associated Press Correspondent Sid Feder reported from the front. Monte Belvedere's cloud covered peak was taken after a battle of several hours.

Other elements of the 442nd regiment stormed Cerretta ridge southeast of captured Monte Folgorito. Fifth army headquarters said the doughboys were meeting increasing resistance from enemy artillery and mortar positions.

Big enemy coastal guns on Ponte Bianca—a promontory

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Rev. Yokoi Returns to Center With Story of Coast Reception

Rev. Jutaro Yokoi, former chairman of the Christian church board, will return here soon to aid evacuees who are desirous of returning to their former homes in California.

Writing from his home at El Monte, Reverend Yokoi said that he wanted to return to Heart Mountain to "tell the folks what I really saw and experienced."

Following are excerpts of his letter.

"This is the third week, since I returned to my home in El Monte. During this short time I have made many contacts with local and Los Angeles men and women. There are opinions expressed pros and cons in regard to the return of Japanese into these Western States, more particularly into this little commu-

nity. But I can assure you that the people of a metropolitan city like Los Angeles are more tolerant toward us than country or rural district folk. It is quite natural and understandable, because the city folk in general are more progressive, while those of a rural district are more conservative. It has been so from the time immemorial and it will remain so for centuries to come. I hardly think that there is a farm to be rented.

"For these reasons, I believe that it is easier to live in the city of Los Angeles or Pasadena than in the town of El Monte, because a Japanese is very noticeable in a little community, while a few hundred or even thousands of us in a large city (Continued on Page 5)

With The Churches

Community Christian Church
 8 a.m. morning prayer meeting, both churches; 9 a.m. Sunday school classes for beginners and primary, 25-26, 12-25; 9 a.m. Sunday school classes for juniors and intermediates, 28-26, 9-26; 9:30 a.m. Japanese morning worship, 22-26; 10 a.m. Sunday school classes for seniors and young people; 10:30 a.m. worship, south church; 11 a.m. adult English services, 22-26; 1:30 p.m. Happy Time club meeting, 22-26-N; 6:30 p.m. Chi Sigma Lambda meeting, 22-26; 7:30 p.m. Japanese C.E. meeting, both churches.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 April 14, all meetings and services at 23-26-N; 9 a.m. Sabbath services for kindergarten, primary, junior and senior; 10:40 a.m. church services; 2 p.m. YPMV meeting at 23-3-C; 3 p.m. Bible study at 23-3-E; April 18, 8 p.m. prayer meeting, 30-14-B.

Catholic Church
 All functions at 14-25-N with Father R. D. Petipren officiating; April 14, 10 a.m. Chi Rho junior choir practice; April 15, 8:45 a.m. confessions; 9 a.m. mass; 9:45 a.m. catechism senior class; April 18, 6:30 p.m. Chi Rho senior choir practice; April 19, 7:15 a.m. mass.

Visiting Minister Conducts Services

Dr. J. E. Cobb, Methodist minister from Spokane, Wash., will arrive Sunday morning to conduct a series of sermons in the center.

Cobb was invited to Heart Mountain by the ministerial council and plans to stay approximately a week. He will conduct the Sunday morning service 11 a.m. at the Christian church, 22-26. In the evening at 6:30 p.m., he will address the Chi Sigma Lambdas at the church. The rest of the week he will conduct the local services.

CLASSIFIED

FARM FOR RENT—55 irrigated acres. Deaver, Wyo. Contact Lauren Waldorf, 704 South Spring street, Los Angeles, Calif.

WANTED—Experienced couple. Wife to cook for family of four. Husband to do gardening. Mountain ranch fifty miles south of Buffalo, Wyo. Modern California type house. Want reliable couple with references, if possible. Salary \$150 per month to start. Mrs. Kelly Howie, Hat Ranch, Buffalo, Wyo.

JUST RECEIVED — Limited quantity. Found box delicious chocolate caramels. Brand new army trunks. Buyer's Service, P.O. Box 2031, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Just received. Wire record racks, holds fifty records, mounted on wood base. Limited supply. \$3.70 plus tax and postage. Japanese Folk song album 4 records, 8 sided. \$3.70 plus tax. Write for record list. Jerry Bergers, 1821 Capitol Ave. Cheyenne.

A book you all must read for 1945. Facts of our monetary system. The book "The Ghosts of Wall Street". A sensational, daring and simply astounding truth about actual facts behind the smokescreen of today. Written by a former congressman and statesman, a champion of a true democracy and a democratic system. Send \$1.50 to the "Constitutional League of America". Minden, Neb.

Special Church Services Will Be Conducted for President

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 leader against intolerance, bigotry and fascism."

The telegram sent by the council and signed by Minejira Hayashida, chairman, to the widow follows: "Entire community here shocked and grieved by news of our great leader's passing. His breadth of understanding, courage and essential fair-mindedness in considering the Japanese American problems will be remembered and cherished with sad but grateful heart. In behalf of the residents of Heart Mountain Relocation center may we extend to you our humble and heartfelt condolences to you in a loss shared by the entire world."

Despite that fact that the evacuation was carried out during his administration, Japanese Americans did not hold him responsible, instead, laid full blame on the army for what they believe was unnecessary and unjust.

On several occasions both President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt expressed faith in Americans of Japanese ancestry. Twice the President awarded the famous 442nd combat infantry team with citations for outstanding performance of duty.

Community leaders express the feeling that in the President's death, all persons of Japanese ancestry had lost a good and faithful friend.

Osteopath Opens Office in Iowa

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia. — Dr. George Shimoda, osteopathic physician, recently started private practice here and became the second nisei osteopath to open offices in Iowa.

The other is Dr. Sam Kuramoto, in Webster City, who now has more business than he can handle. Dr. Kuramoto formerly practiced in southern California.

OHIO BOOKLET OUT

CLEVELAND — The ten-page pamphlet, Ohio Farming, has just been translated into Japanese and is now available at the relocation program office, announced Joe Carroll, relocation program officer.

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FAREWELL-THANK YOU

We wish to express our grateful thanks to friends and neighbors for the many courtesies accorded us during our residence here. We have relocated to Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tokusaburo Tokuhisa

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May we take this means to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the courtesies extended us during our residence here. We have returned to our former home in San Jose, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Taisuke Sugishita

THANK YOU

May I take this means to express my sincere appreciation to doctors, hospital staff and friends for the care and consideration given me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Masako Tamari, 20-19-E

FAREWELL-THANK YOU

To our friends and neighbors we wish to express our grateful thanks for the many courtesies extended us during our residence here. We have relocated to Ogden, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Senyen Kuze

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Kimiko Nariko
 Donald Tokinori Nariko

Evacuees Raise \$90 for Red Cross

CLEVELAND—At a dance attended by over 200 evacuees, last week at the Central YWCA, a net profit of \$90.00 was made and turned over to the current Red Cross Drive.

The dance was sponsored by a young Cleveland nisei group which included the following committee members:

Jimmy Akiya and Nappy Sekiguchi, formerly of the Heart Mountain Relocation center; Joe Shigazane from Gila; and Craig Ikami and Riki Momii, who came to Cleveland from Central Utah center.

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Funeral Services Held for Bando

Lost rites for Satoru Bando, 35, of 22-12-A, who died last Saturday at his home, were held Thursday at the Christian church, 22-26. The Rev. Nyogen Senzaki conducted the services.

A former resident of Los Angeles, Bando is survived by his widow, Hatsu.

Troop 379 Winner

Troop 379 eked out a narrow 23-22 victory over Troop 313 to annex the Boy Scout B league cage crown last week. In taking the title, Troop 379 also defeated Troop 333, 24-9; Troop 323, 24-5; Troop 343, 2-9, and Troop 345, 17-15.

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Henry Ushloka

FAREWELL-THANK YOU

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for the many courtesies extended us during our residence here. We have relocated to Walla Walla, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Akira Hoshiko and family

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Mr. and Mrs. Sukechiro Miyakusu and family

FAREWELL-THANK YOU

I wish to take this means to express my sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the many courtesies extended me during my residence here. I have returned to my former home in Seattle, Wash.

Tomekichi Katagi
 81 Washington St., Seattle, Wash.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to doctors, hospital staff and friends for the care and consideration given our daughter, Toshiko, during her recent stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kumeichi Washio, 20-20-D

THANK YOU

May we take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation to Heart Mountain residents for attending our Nagauta recital. We also wish to thank them for their generous donations.

Nagauta Hatsuueki

THANK YOU

I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks to my students and Heart Mountain resident, who have made the Nagauta recital a great success.

Hatsune Baba, 28-24-A

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Editorial

The Functional Church

Today's church, besides ministering to the spirit and soul, is a practical function as well; and, persons of Japanese ancestry are daily being made more conscious of this fact. Just before evacuation, during evacuation and while we have battled with many things beyond our reach in the centers, we have had stronger spiritual and material support from the Christian churches than from any other source.

Today the church is carrying on a greater fight and there is no evidence that there will be a let-up in any way.

Stepping forward among the groups favoring just treatment of us, the Southern California Council of Protestant churches and the Church Federation in Los Angeles, recently went on record, declaring that we "should be received generously."

Speaking of us, the organization stated that "many have distinguished themselves in scholarship, industry, science, religion, the arts and humanities and as members of our military forces. Although of Japanese background, they are of America, the great democratic melting pot, and are therefore to be differentiated from natives and citizens of Japan who are at war with us because they hold to a different ideology."

"We have held," the church points out, "that the agencies of our government were capable of discovering those with disloyal attitudes, that the disloyal should be kept in custody, and that those who are permitted to return after this investigating process of two years' duration should be received generously. We hold that as Americans they are entitled to a place of dignity and opportunity and that it is possible to give them such a place in the life of our commonwealth just as much as to any other people."

The Sacramento Council of Churches pledges itself to full cooperation in "helping to integrate the returning individuals into our community life, and calls upon the churches and church people . . . to recognize their Christian responsibilities and to help in welcoming the returning evacuees into our community and Christian fellowship."

At Stockton, a statement of 18 Unitarian and Universalist ministers announced that they "believe that a grave and largely irredeemable injustice has been done to these loyal American citizens, and that America owes it to herself, as well as to them, to make such reparations as are possible."

Even at the height of the local squabble in Hood River, Ore., over the removal of nisei names from the honor roll, the ministerial association stoutly defended the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"We are agreed," the association declared, "that if any serviceman is willing to suffer and die for the principles of the United States, he is worthy of having his name on any service honor roll and to have unhindered freedom to live among us."

In Seattle, the Council of Churches went on record "favoring the integration of Japanese people into our regular, established denominational churches with a ministry to meet special needs as they arise, such as holding special church services for those who cannot speak the English language . . . and where needed to add Japanese ministers to existing staffs."

Such is the belief and action of the Christian churches of the West Coast. Although not as closely aware of the problems confronting us as are the ministers of the West, scores of churches in the Midwest, East and South have already thrown open not only their doors but their hearts as well.

We can be sure the desire to help will always be present among the church people, but it is doubtful if even a sincere Christian heart can continue unwaveringly unless there is response on our part.

ON THE OUT-SIDE

DES MOINES, Ia.—Lest someone get the impression from our recent columns that the average evacuee is nothing but a spineless parasite, let us not overlook the 30,000 and more issei and nisei who have led the voluntary exodus from the centers.

For many, relocation was an every sense a pioneering experience. Some went into communities where Japanese Americans had never been known, and where they had to break down community reserve or even hostility.

Others have had to win acceptance from employers, employees and unions, and this was not always easy.

For many pioneer relocatees, the way has been rough and with many a heartache.

But for each one who found himself in serious trouble, there are hundreds who have never been more satisfied than in their new homes.

The successful record of relocation thus far is a tribute to the courage, perseverance, ingenuity, personalities and all-around acceptability of the individual Japanese Americans.

That so many have found their own little niche in wartime America is proof of their right to a place in this nation, whether the individual concerned is citizen or foreign-born.

And if further proof be needed, there is the record of the relocatees in war plants, in government jobs, in factory and field and everywhere else, that a pair of eager, strong willing hands was needed.

But perhaps the finest thing that can be said for the evacuees is that their faith in America has not faltered. It would have been easy for them to have been alienated, as so tragically many others have, for they have been put to a test asked of no other group by the country.

Nor must we forget those who have defied the west coast's arsonists and nightriders and have gone back to reclaim their homes and property.

There is a note of quiet confidence, as of a man who has come home and knows that it is his castle, in the words of James Takeda of San Jose who wrote:

"The report that we had left, or were about to leave our home is entirely without foundation. We are here catching up the threads of our lives where we left off and it would take much more than the incident reported (an attempt to burn the Takeda home curing which several shots were fired at the house) to convince us that we are not wanted in the community."

Foolhardy? No, no more foolhardy than the early American pioneers who fought to protect their homesteads from hostile Indians, bandits, claimjumpers and natural disasters.

The first to go back to the coast are trekking the way for those less well equipped to take the lead and who will, in time, return to familiar territory. They are pioneers, just like the first hardy souls who in the fall of 1942 headed eastward under WRA's resettlement program.

These are people who can hold their heads high and proudly in any company.

—Bill Hosokawa

Washington News-Letter

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mrs. Ruth Kingman, executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles of Fair Play, and one of the outstanding champions of nisei in the West, was in Washington last week conferring with WRA officials on various problems arising in connection with the return of evacuees to the Pacific area. Her husband, Harry Kingman, on leave as director of the University of California YMCA, is currently serving as West coast regional director of the Fair Employment Practices committee. That gives you a pretty fair idea of what kind of people the Kingmans are.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Kingman at the regular Saturday night nisei USO party, where over 300 GIs were having their final fling before shipping out. Seeing such a large body of nisei GIs was a shot in the arm, she said, and she wished that many West coasters could have the opportunity to see nisei in uniform. It would do them a lot of good.

To Mrs. Kingman, all nisei GIs are "her boys," for they have been the one big factor responsible for breaking down West coast prejudice. She corresponds with many, among them Ben Kuroki and Yori Waga out in the Marianas, and Mike Masooka over in Europe.

Mrs. Kingman is a firm believer in exhibit A's and B's, etc., in the form of nisei in the flesh to help overcome West coast prejudice, and for that matter, prejudice anywhere.

The chief disadvantage which the Fair Players labored under in their fight to quell anti-Japanese sentiment and to break the West coast ban, during the period since evacuation to the re-opening of the Pacific coast, was the absence of nisei. The

Fair Players were fighting for people who were hundreds of miles away, some half way across the continent, and when you haven't got the objective you're battling for right there in person, it's a pretty tough assignment all the way around. It was like operating in a vacuum, as Mrs. Kingman put it.

Now, although the evacuees are permitted to return and serve as ammunition to blast away at the opposition, still another problem has arisen, and the lack of housing. The housing situation is tight, and there is no prospect of its loosening up. That is one of the chief reasons why Mrs. Kingman came east to confer with Dillon Meyer.

The Fair Play committee is concentrating its effort now toward setting up some sort of a hostel plant to be used in communities up and down the coast. Since it is impossible to rent or lease buildings for hostel purposes, the Fair Play committee will try to secure social halls of churches to serve as temporary living quarters.

This plan is as yet tentative, but already the WRA has stated it will supply cots and blankets, as well as dishes and utensils, if necessary, in support of this plan.

Although a number of Negroes have moved into homes formerly occupied by nisei, there has been no trouble, outside of a few instances perhaps, in getting the colored tenants to vacate to make room for the returnees. The colored people understand the plight of the evacuees, and while it is doubly hard for the Negroes to find housing, they are not putting up any fuss when they are asked to move out. As one colored man said to Mrs. Kingman, "We know how it is to be pushed around."

—John Kitasaka

Letters to the Editor

(The Sentinel will not attempt to answer in detail the varied charges of the Community Council. The editors of The Sentinel have judged the transactions of the council solely on its own reports, and naturally, have not had access to the complete information regarding the background of its actions.)

We maintain that The Sentinel is published in the interest of center residents, and also in the interest of thousands of Heart Mountain people who have turned to normal living on the outside. The fact that more and more residents are relocating emphasizes the need for broader coverage of affairs involving persons of Japanese ancestry.

The council stated that it "disagrees" with the administration. The Sentinel, too, has disagreed with WRA but the editors feel that this agency has done more, and is doing more, for all evacuees than any group or agency, ever has or ever will. It is the policy of The Sentinel in view of these facts to support everything progressive in the policy of WRA. The Sentinel is more than willing to support the Heart Mountain Community Council in all manners which will lead to the benefit of the majority of the residents.

After having discussed with members of the Council their intentions behind some of their

actions, we agree that we are hasty in saying that the council is "deceiving the public" and that it "has rendered disservice to the residents." However, in the interests of all persons of Japanese ancestry, The Sentinel will continue to be alert regardless of the council, the WRA or any other group or individual.

The Editors

To the Editor:
The Sentinel of March 24 carries an article, "Rattle the Old Noggin", in which the editor of the paper viciously attacks the community council of this center.

(1) The editor says: "At this point we are beginning to be doubtful of the purpose of the community council and its function of representing the residents of the center . . . we feel that it does not have the interest of all the residents at heart."

The editor seems to have forgotten that this center has a charter, or may we call it a constitution? The council is elected in accordance with this charter and shall be held responsible only when it fails to carry out its provisions. The editor also seems to think that the council should wholeheartedly support the administration and its relocation program. That it does not do so is because, he says, "the council fails to take a real- (Continued on Page 5)

Former Head of Japanese American Joint Board Awarded Legion of Merit

Major Joseph D. Hughes, corps of military police, was presented the Legion of Merit last week by Major General Archer L. Lerch, U. S. army, the provost Marshal general, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service while chairman of the Japanese American joint board, the War department announced.

Major Hughes formerly was assigned to the provost marshal general's office but now is on duty with the headquarters, Selective Service system, Pennsylvania.

Major Hughes was made chairman of the Japanese American joint board upon its creation in February, 1943. The board's main function was to find a solution to the treatment and disposition to be accorded Japanese Americans and determining the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry to the United States.

The citation reads: For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As chairman, Japanese American joint board, composed of representatives of the War department, Department of Justice, Navy department, and Department of Interior he exhibited outstanding characteristics of leadership and great initiative in ascertaining the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry to the government of the United States.

The segregation of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry from those who were loyal to Japan was made possible by the work done by Major Hughes and his associates on the Japanese American joint board. Major Hughes has greatly contributed to the war effort by his leadership and superior performance of duty in connection with other important fields of activity involving persons of Japanese ancestry.

The employment of persons of Japanese ancestry in army posts and establishments; the employment of persons of Japanese ancestry in plants and facilities important to the war effort; the recruiting of Japanese American volunteers for the 442nd infantry regiment; the enlistment of women citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry in the women's army corps; the reinstatement of selective service for citizens of Japanese ancestry; the issuance of arman identification cards to Japanese Americans; and the return of Japanese Americans to the West coast and to Hawaii are programs which he has helped to develop.

Major Hughes has his devotion to duty and his keen conception of the delicate nature of the problems involved has contributed materially to the prosecution of the war.

Major Hughes was called to active duty from the officers' reserve corps as a second lieutenant on Aug. 18, 1942. He is a lawyer by profession and served with the Department of State, Treasury department.

C.E. Liquidation Committee Named

A liquidation study committee has been appointed by the community enterprises board of trustees. Members of the committee are Tainojo Tomita, Rokusuke Otomo, Tomochi Hirazawa, Tamachi Asano, Kairi Isari, Yoshichi Hirooka, Sosaki Suzuki, Yoshinori Ideishi, Kanzo Nishida and Yoshio Hayashi.

Discharged Veteran of Italian, French Campaigns Visitor Here

S/Sgt. Robert Afuso, one of the original members of the famed 100th battalion and recently discharged, is visiting his niece, Mrs. Shinobu Ige of 29-22-D.

Afuso has been in frontline action in Italy with the 34th "Red Bull" division and in France with the 38th division for 18 months. He participated in the initial baptism of fire of the 100th at the beginning of the Italian campaign. In France he fought in the Vosges mountains before being hospitalized for trenchfoot.

This slightly built, almost fragile-looking veteran wears the blue and gold Distinguished Unit badge, the combat infantryman's badge, the European theater of operations ribbon with three major campaign stars, pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with battle star (Pearl Harbor) and good conduct ribbon.

In his many months of frontline action, Afuso has nary a scratch, which is all the more remarkable considering the fact that the 100th has been in the thick of several important engagements.

Afuso was afflicted with trenchfoot and hospitalized on four different occasions and finally discharged. The boys suffered terribly from the cold, said Afuso, and casualties from trenchfoot were very high. The terrain in Italy differs from the terrain in the Vosges mountains of southern France.

In Italy, went on Afuso, there was very little foliage, a few scattered clumps of olive trees planted by the inhabitants, but mostly rocky ground bare of greenery. One of the persistent nuisances was enemy snipers. They would conceal themselves so well behind rocks that it was very difficult to locate them and their fire was deadly accurate.

In southern France, however, the terrain was mountainous and heavily wooded. There the primary danger was tree bursts. The weather was also much colder than in Italy.

Places Third In Des Moines

DES MOINES, Ia.—Kazuko Kita, 13, 8-A student at Washington Irving Junior high school, placed third in the 20th annual Des Moines city schools spelling bee last Saturday. Kazuko is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kita, former residents of Calistoga, Cal., who came to Des Moines in June, 1943, from Poston WPA center.

College Aids Wounded Nisei

SAN JOSE—Wounded American soldiers of Japanese ancestry hospitalized at Dibble General hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., are the special project of the San Jose Bible college, 306 So. Fifth street, San Jose.

To make sure that the nisei are not lacking for entertainment, workers from the college have instituted a program for the veterans which includes entertainment in homes of persons of Caucasians and Japanese ancestry in Santa Clara county, seeing to it that flowers are placed in the men's rooms, taking them for automobile rides on sunny days and making available to all of them transportation so that they may attend church services.

Among those working with the Rev. W.L. Jessup, president of the college and minister of the Church of Christ which sponsors the college, are Mrs. Alice Stillebauer, Audrey Isaacs, Eleanor Still, Mrs. Maynard Kennedy and Rachel Carlton.

The work is being coordinated so that no American veteran of Japanese ancestry is overlooked and that everything within financial means of the group is done to entertain them.

Agriculture Head Accepts Army Post

Alden S. Ingraham, farm superintendent, has been named war food administration special liaison officer for the army's Ninth service command with headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Ingraham will leave today for Washington, D. C. to receive instructions. He will assist the command in planning prisoners of war in farm work under agriculture extension divisions in Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

Prior to his arrival here in October, 1942, he was a beet specialist for the University of Wyoming.

Gene Miyakawa, Former Driver, Is Now Working on Texas Farm

NEW ORLEANS—Gene Miyakawa of Heart Mountain has relocated on a farm near Rose Hill, Texas. A most congenial arrangement which also promises to be a very profitable one, was worked out and Gene took over last month. Miyakawa formerly worked in the motor pool.

As soon as the center schools close, Mrs. Miyakawa and their three children will join Gene in their new modern fully furnished 4-room home which fits among tall shade trees, has a nice lawn and ample space for flowers.

A screened in porch, gas, electricity and shower bath; pleasant surroundings, ideal weather and the use of a nice automobile are some of the other good things awaiting their arrival.

Gene's mother and sister will relocate on the same farm. His mother will assist the farm owner's wife with her work. A separate cottage within a few steps from Gene's place is being refurnished and furnished for them.

Miyakawa started immediately preparing ground for both late spring and late fall crops of vegetables. He will also plant several acres of sweet potatoes. He was so happy over his successful arrangement and the opportunity to once again be a part of the great civilian army in the vast outdoors that he is wishing the day had more than 24 hours.

Word from the people with whom he made the contract indicates the happy feeling is mutual.

Recounting one of his narrow escapes, the veteran said that at one time he was lying in a ditch as the enemy was sending over an artillery barrage when a mortar shell landed only a few feet away from him, killing a buddy, but leaving him untouched.

"German soldiers are on a par with, if not better, than our men," Afuso said. "They are wily, experienced and well-equipped. They fight hard and seldom surrender unless the situation is hopeless or they run out of ammunition."

The desire, to be with their buddies makes the boys impatient to return to the front even while hospitalized, according to Afuso. There is the greatest confidence among fellows who have been in action together. Incidentally, stated Afuso quietly when he last heard there were only three of the original boys left in his company.

Afuso plans to relax for a few weeks in the center before leaving for Chicago to visit friends.

Complete Root Cellar Work

With the completion of root cellar work, all produce accounts have been closed by the agriculture department, according to Alden S. Ingraham, farm superintendent.

Out of an estimated 1,652,531 pounds of produce which were stored in the root cellars, 1,285,329 pounds were delivered to the commissary, 218,927 pounds were lost through spoilage and shrinkage, and 148,275 pounds were sold to outside sources.

A total of 742,740 pounds was transferred to the commissary, followed by 117,410 pounds of dry onions and 102,800 pounds of daikon. Cabbage and seed potatoes totalling 21,975 pounds and 126,300 pounds, respectively, were sold to outside buyers.

With the termination of the root cellars, another step was taken toward the impending completion of agricultural enterprises on the project, Ingraham said.

'Bronzeville's' 5 & 10 Now Open

LOS ANGELES—An important additional test of reception in Los Angeles was met successfully recently, when the first business establishment to be owned and managed by a returnee in Bronzeville (formerly "Little Tokyo") opened its doors.

The Bronzeville Five and Ten Cent Department Store, at 240 East First Street, is the business venture of Kichii Uyeda, who served as a buyer at Manzanar where he was a popular resident.

Uyeda had his store front and interior attractively painted and he had succeeded in getting together "as a starter" a small, but complete, stock of notions, ranging from "unbreakable" kite string to "holeproof" socks.

The proprietor has made many friends in Bronzeville, including Negro leaders who presented him with floral pieces to celebrate the opening of his store. "But," he says, "you can't just leave friendship to chance — you must actively go out of your way to cultivate it in this neighborhood."

From The Nation's Press

Des Moines, Iowa

The Des Moines Register editorial of March 28 finds "unshakable" loyalty of majority of Japanese Americans most touching, since we ourselves are largely responsible for antagonism toward them." The post-Pearl Harbor propaganda playing up "treachery" element, and evacuation of all Japanese and Japanese Americans, bred suspicion against anyone with a Japanese face, the editorial added.

Noting that all suspects were picked up by FBI long before evacuation, the Register declared: "In time, we found several thousand more who were at least passively disloyal, but we shall never know how much of this disloyalty and fear we created by our mass evacuation and confinement of people."

Now that evacuees are "about to lose even the security of the relocation centers," the older ones, according to the editorial, are faced with hardships, and some are asking repatriation to Japan "out of despair."

"It would have looked to an outsider as if we were determined to make those people disloyal. Yet about 95 per cent have remained loyal through it all," the editorial concluded.

Flint, Mich.

Noting reports of "reign of terror" by hoodlums, arsonists and night-riders against returning Japanese, the Flint Journal editorially declared that the "feelings of West coast residents are understandable" but the problem of relocation can hardly be solved by "tactics which smack of the barbarism of the Japanese and the Nazis."

Aware of loyalty of Japanese Americans in armed forces and in civilian life, the writer expresses hope that the San Francisco conference "will not have its inception in an atmosphere of intolerance."

Salem, Ore

Despite Hood River legion post's reversal of policy on nisei names on honor roll, the Salem Journal notes that "There is no repentance shown and no apology for this exhibition of hysterical prejudice," since the post commander said the post is still opposed to return of Japanese Americans to Hood River valley, which is a "defiance of the constitutional rights" of both citizens and veterans.

The editorial points out that nisei soldiers fighting both European and Pacific areas, and mentions the 14 nisei with Merrill's Marauders.

DEFECTIVE WIRING
MADERA, Calif. — The sheriff, district attorney and state forestry fire department officials investigated a fire which destroyed a tool shed that belonged to Fred T. Kumagai. They said that defective wiring probably was the cause.

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LEAVES THIS WEEK

Temporary 27
Permanent 89

LEAVES TO DATE

Temporary 51
Permanent 4767
RESIDUE 7733