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Miscellaneous

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OCTOBER 15, 1981 Talk with Clifford Uyeda -

Tells me that in Bay area - people who have been at Tule Lake keep together and do not associate much with other ~~JR~~ Japanese. So if I want recommendations - must get them from people who were at Tule Lake. Also told me of a celebration they had - in SF - ~~at~~ which many Japanese Americans came - - but the people from T. Lake all stayed together -- ~~syk~~ still feel separated.

for 10 days

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YOUNG
CASE HISTORIES OF/NISEI ~~AT TULE LAKE~~

I was never able to develop ~~what might have been a regular existing~~
~~routine~~ a genuine social^{young} relationship with any/Nisei at Tule Lake,
~~xx~~
By young, I met Nisei in their teens or early ~~late~~ twenties. On rare
occasions, a ~~Nisei~~ young man might grant me an interview, but these young
men were ~~also~~ employed in the administrative offices and would talk to me
there. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I had frequent, but ~~xxx~~ usually very brief
encounters with seven young Nisei girls. Six of these worked in the
administrative section where we could have brief encounters. One of them
was my secretary,

At Tule Lake I had relatively frequent but usually ^vvery brief con-
versations with seven Nisei girls in their teens and early twenties.
We usually encountered each other in the administrative section where they
were employed, I could not easily visit them at ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xx~~ home in the evening, because Caucasian
women were not supposed to enter the "colony" at night. In any case, ~~xxxxx~~
the presence of their
parents would probably have put a damper on the conversation. Again,
because of our age difference, we did not have much to talk about.

It was not until ~~the lifting of the exclusion orders and the emphasis on relocation began~~ the
lifting of the exclusion orders and the emphasis on relocation ~~began~~
that these young women began to
see me as someone to whom they could pour out their confusion and anxiety.
In consequence, the ~~xx~~ conversations that
took place in January, February, and March ^{of 1945} and longer and sometimes very
moving.

~~Ka~~ Asaka Oda, my ~~xxxxxxxx~~ typist, was an unusual respondent, be-
cause she was the only young ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ woman I talked ~~xxx~~ with, whose
parents were, for a period, ~~xxxxxx~~ devout members of the Resegregation
Group. She was also one of the few who went to Japan. Subsequently,
she returned to the United States.

Asaka Oda,

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May 22, 1944

~~MAY 22, 1944~~ 22, 1944

[I had my first meeting with Miss Oda on May 22, a few days after the ~~Administration's~~ Administration's attempt to get the ~~evacuees~~ evacuees to nominate ~~an~~ an arrangements committee to nominate a permanent representative committee had failed.]

May 22, 1944

Miss Oda told me that she heartily approved the action taken by her block (7) which was to put up no nominees. She said that people felt that as long as the men whom ~~they~~ they had once elected were in the stockade, there was no reason to elect another committee. The block manager had gone about from house to house, trying to get people to come.

May 25, 1944, Day of Mr. Okamoto's Death.

[Early on the morning of the 25, I called on Mr. Kurihara and learned that Mr. Okamoto, the man shot by the sentry had died. Mr. Kurihara began to cry and I myself was so upset that I decided not to visit and more people and "collect their attitudes about the shooting". But I had an appointment with Miss Oda and when I arrived she seemed ^{so} glad and so reassured by visit, that I decided to continue my calls. (Everyone I talked to seemed to welcome my visit.)]

I called on my secretary to take her some work and received the same impression of calm. However, she seemed very glad to see me and eagerly told me that people were talking a great deal and had had a meeting that morning. They did not as yet know who was in the right, but thought the soldier had been too quick with his gun.

JUNE 30, 1944

Elections of Re Evaduee Police Commissioners

I have been unable to find anyone with the slightest enthusiasm or interest for this election. Inquired about the results today from a Nisei girl in block 7 (~~Kayo Iida~~). I was told that she knew nothing about it. She didn't know anyone who attended the nominating committee. She said that in her block no one said much about the men having been taken to Santa Fe.

JULY 18, 1944 [Fifteen days after murder of Mr. ~~Hitomi~~ ^{Noma}.]

~~Asaka Oda~~ Asaka Oda,

the young girl who lives in block 7 and does some typing for me called on me in my room this morning. She assured me that there was no increase of ill feeling toward Caucasians or toward Japanese visited by Caucasians in her block. This young woman exhibits a "pro-status quo" feeling remarkable in a young Nisei.

7-I took this opportunity to interview her.7

Attitudes of People from October 1 to 14, 1943

The thing that struck us was, I think, the first appearance of the camp. The comparison with Topaz was very poor. The latrines, the mess and the apartments were so poor in condition and so different.

We noticed the people here were so easy going and let everything up to the Administration, and didn't bother to put in their viewpoints or anything.

Especially about the Co-ops it was so different from the other Co-ops. We were shocked to see all the vegetables, potatoes and luxuries like cosmetics and desserts, because at Topaz we just had simple cupcakes and one kind of cookies and things like that. We didn't have varieties there and yet that was adequate for us there.

At first it was so new to us and so long since we had gone to a store that we were glad. But as time went on we noticed that it wasn't so good. That was one way of wasting our money as well as giving the government an opportunity of not feeding us.

Another thing that struck us was the great number of Yes-Yes people and people who hadn't registered who were here. We had expected just one group and had expected to run this camp as we wanted to. We had high hopes of that.

Organization of the Daihyo Sha Kai:

I think personally that the farm accident came too soon. When we first came here we were disappointed and knew it had to be changed. If the farm accident had not come so soon we could have made the changes gradually. It was going along smoothly enough, but was spoiled by the farm people from Topaz [evacuees from Topaz, brought in to harvest the crop when the farm crew went on strike]. When the harvesters came that made the people angry. Especially when they found out that our food was being shipped to them.

Norma Hitomi's Death:

This might sound awfully heartless but nobody had sympathy for him. The whole camp felt that way. It had a lot to do with the Co-op and people felt he was really behind all the things going on with the Administration and especially for the people sent into the stockade - especially the most recent pick-ups. The people began to hate the Co-op, especially after Akitsuki was transferred from the Co-op head to the Coordinating Committee. Akitsuki and Hitomi were suspected. When people kept being put into the stockade after the Coordinating Committee was put into office, the people became angry.

Sasaki Norma

The New Co-op Board:

Well, as far as our block is concerned they were very satisfied with the New Board representative. The people expect some improvement now, although some people think that maybe it will not go on as smoothly as I hope it would.

Arrest of Draft Evaders:

I haven't heard much about that. They all expect them to come back. People who are repatriates say, "After the trial they'll all be back soon." The Yes-Yes people just don't give a hang about them anyway.

Reactions to Acquittal of Soldier *who shot Mr. Norman*

There were very harsh reactions. It was very shocking and disappointing news. It seemed so unfair and unjust.

Asako
(~~Kayo~~ had not heard of the visit of the Civil Liberties Union Representative.)

General Feelings:

We think the best way would be for the people in the hospital and the stockade to shake hands and have Mr. Best leave and Mr. Robertson take his place.

JULY 25, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

Rape Rumors:

I think it's mostly rumor on the part of Internal Security. They have to make it sound bad so that we'd demand to have Internal Security back. It sounds so wild and fantastic. Most of it - like covering a girl with blankets and throwing her in a ditch. I think that's rumor.

But in ward VII a girl is supposed to have been attacked by some of the boys. Some of the boys in camp are bad.

According to the man who lives next door there is a bad bunch of boys in camp. One of the boys has been outcast from his family for things that he has done. He was so good for nothing.

~~APPENDIX 20~~

AUGUST 30, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ~~Ed~~ ODA

On Noma Murder

I never understood why Mr. Noma had to be killed. My parents knew him and feel sorry for him. I can't feel one bit of this hate that made someone stab him. Nobody seems to know why he was killed.

In camp there were so many rumors at that time. People believed what they heard was true. To prove its credibility they always said, "My friends say it." It makes almost everybody believe the story.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

According to this young girl there has been no let up in the resegregation rumors. She said that she had heard even more in the last week. She said that there were also rumors about many of the Yes-Yes people relocating. She had heard that 30 had left Tule last week. (I have asked for information about this at the Administration office but have not been told anything as yet.)

"I think that those are the people who had hearings. But there are still some in here like my girl friend who want to go out. I think there still are a great many who want to go out."

Asako
(~~Key~~ made no mention of the renunciation of citizenship.)

[Early in September many people told me that there were rumors of ~~that the~~
~~change after the presidential election of November 8, 1944~~
~~that Mr. Dewey would be elected in~~
~~the~~ "a big change" that would occur next month or after the
~~the~~ presidential election.]

SEPTEMBER 7, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

Miss Oda also greeted me with the rumor of the "big change". According to her, a girl friend had heard from a friend's father, who ~~it~~ had it direct from ~~the~~ a member of the Appointed Personnel, that something big is going to happen in the next month.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1944

[Early in September, the District Attorney of Modoc County came to the camp and undertook an intensive investigation of the Noma murder. Several Japanese Americans were taken to the County seat for questioning.]

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

Hanami This pro-status quo Nisei girl friend told me that her father had heard that ~~Kai~~ *are* and ~~Kuratori~~ had been taken in and that according to law the authorities ought not to keep them. She had heard they were taken to the Klamath Falls jail. Later, she heard from another source that they couldn't keep them there and that they were back in camp. She knew no other details, nor did she know why they had been taken.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

ASAKO ~~XXXX~~ ODA

KAYO

~~May~~ May - loyal to stockade

May 25 - first to show me how glad to see me after ~~Hitomixword~~
Okamoto shooting -

On July long talk -

very hard on Hitomi - (check for later) -

one of ~~xx~~ few who openly said Hitomi an in u - I would suspect
many felt this but did not tell me -

But on Aug. 30 - sympathetic to Hitomi -

Sept. 30 - I suspect this is unlikely -

Begins to speak critically of Hokoku on Dec. 11.

Dec. 18 - Opening of coast - really upset and bewildered.

Dec. 24 - Mother really against Hokoku - or appears so

Kayo - not worrying, - but a little later - worried -
this/ is pretty good -

Jan 2- good too -

Opening of coast copy set p 11.
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/ On September 24, the Resegregation Group ~~sixxx~~ distributed a pamphlet and circulated a petition for the signature of "those who truly desire to return to Japan at the first opportunity". ⁷

Asako told me that she had not seen or heard of the resegregation ~~paper~~ ~~xxxx~~ paper ~~xxx~~ passed around. She said ~~that~~ it was probably because her father had just read it and passed it along to the next barrack.

OCTOBER 5, 1944

Asako ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ said: "Most of the people in block 7/d/ [her block] don't seem too enthusiastic about it (resegregation ~~paper~~ petition). But in block 8, I hear there are quite a few strong backers."

OCTOBER 9, 1944

Talk with Asako ~~xxxx~~ Oda

On the subject of the Sokoku Kenkyu Seinen-dan meeting held last night, ^{Asako} ~~this~~ young Nisei girl said:

The speeches were quite impressive and they are very educational for the young people and they impress the older men too.

^{Asako} ~~Kayo~~ also told me that the girls and the younger children who drill in the morning are the school children from ward III. The Sokoku Kenkyu Seinen-dan boys drill separately from these and are the ones who yell WASHO - the rhythmic bellowing which disturbs the sleep of the Old Tuleans, and mine too for that matter. I asked what "Washo" meant, but ~~Kayo~~ did not know. ^{Asako}

[Washo has no verbal meaning. It is a rhythmic exclamation made while running. The closest English approximate ~~is~~ would be, "Hip! Hip!"

OCTOBER 16, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

Chatted with this young lady for some time, but nothing interesting was said, except that she remarked that the entire camp was all excited about the war news - the reported attack of the Japanese fleet. Many persons are sure that Japan will win and have been waiting anxiously. This attack is expected to ruin the American forces, having drawn them into a trap.

She asked solicitously if my brother was on his way home yet from India.¹

/1. I had previously told most of my friends about my brother who, at this time, was serving in the U.S. Army in India./

Asako Oda

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OCTOBER 17, 1944

MEN BEATEN - 11:00 P.M.

Baker
Was informed by Mr. ~~Harper~~ of Internal Security that some people had been beaten Sunday (on October 15) for refusing to sign the petition (or, as I suspect) for talking against signing. At first, the colonial police (Japanese) were going to handle the case, but they have now refused to do so, and Mr. ~~Harper~~ has been given the detail. Yesterday, the news of this beating had not spread widely, or Mr. Kurihara would have told me about it. I wonder what he's going to do when he hears about it.
Baker

OCTOBER 23, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

Beating of Sunday:

We have heard very little about it. Very few people seem to know about it. All we hear is just that they were against the petition. They didn't sign for it. They were beaten up in block 54, ward VI. Ward VI is always getting into fusses like that. They have their own Japanese school, you know.

Asako
Kayo also remarked that her father didn't agree with Kurihara. Kurihara was too American. He could never understand how Japan is or how Japanese think. (I gather that Kurihara is being criticized for his criticism of the Resegregation Group. Kayo's father, I believe, is a member.)
Asako

DECEMBER ~~MMMMMM~~ 11, 1944

TALK WITH ASAKO ODA

[During December I had heard that ~~some~~ of the leaders of the Resegregation Group were urging the Nisei and Kibei members to renounce their American citizenship en masse, and those solidify their status as "disloyals".
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I asked Asoka ~~if~~/she had heard of the renunciation of citizenship.]

Asoka

said she didn't know anyone well who was applying for renunciation of citizenship. Evidently she is not going to renounce hers. We ~~got into a talk on the~~ *legon to talk about* ~~Stokoku~~ *(Hō Koku)* boys, and I noted that her previously favorable attitude had changed.

"To my mind they are not acting for the good of the people."

They are trying to do everything in a spectacular way, such as cutting their hair. They are overlooking the really important thing. I believe there are ~~a lot~~ of people in camp who wish more sincerely to return to Japan but aren't making such a noise about it. I think it's selfishness.

"Most of the educated men are being quiet here."

DECEMBER 18, 1944

On December 15, Mr. Matsubara, who had been expelled from the Resegregation Group, demanded an explanation from Mr. Miyamoto, the nominal head. Words led to a ~~gi~~ fight with a mob and a stick, and many of my respondents were very interested in this open challenge to the Resegregationists. Asoka, ~~xxx~~ however, appeared uninterested and preferred to express her anxieties about the opening of the coast. I

TALK WITH ASOKA ODA

Fracas in block 54

According to the ~~xxxxx~~ announcement made in the mess hall it sounds as though Mr. ~~Mameto~~ and his son was for the Hokoku and that the people who beat him were not. But I hear that some members who are also Hokoku are also in it.

~~(Asoka had not heard any hint of the fact that gamblers were supposed to be implicated.)~~

Opening of the Coast

One little girl knowing that I'm from San Francisco asked me, "Are you going back there?" I said, "Oh No." She said, "Why do people want to go there anyway?" She means ~~that~~ they (Japanese) seem to be having a tough time there.

People like my father were very surprised. They didn't expect it. Knowing how the mayor of Los Angeles feels and that that group is still strongly against us. We were very surprised.

We all thought it's going to be a very bad thing. Knowing the shortage of housing, father says they would have to open some sort of camps for the Japanese to go back to if they wanted them working where they used to work. Knowing how the people still feel, except for the church people.

[Residents of California]

The ordinary laborers like the farmers and nursery men - they will be against it. For the people have preferred Japanese up till now for laborers and janitors because they worked so hard. The farmers too; all the Japanese farmers were considered better. When evacuation came up, all the people thought "Good riddance to the Japanese". If they come back, they'll resent it.

[of California]

It really was a shock though. I wonder if they're receiving grants and if the government is paying for their transportation. They'll have to do something about it like permitting only those who have been promised positions to go back - but it still will be hectic.

The kind of discrimination they ~~will be receiving~~ they got before the war won't seem like anything compared to what they will receive.

~~Asako~~ also asked me anxiously if I knew anything about whether the Dept. of Justice would take over the camp and how they would be treated if this took place.

SUNDAY

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CALL ON KAYO IIDA - Nisei girl

Paid two calls today, chiefly to break the monotony and see what I could pick up on reactions to the ~~monotony~~ announcements on opening the coast and to the hearings. I didn't have much luck because, as I expected, the situation is not one in which it can be forgotten that I'm a Caucasian.

Miss Iida had heard that the 11 boys were released but gave no opinions. Her Issei mother however, laughed heartily when I mentioned a few of the details of the ^{trial} ~~hearing~~ which showed that the Hopkoku had received a rough deal. Her ^{attitude} ~~sympathy~~ is definitely against the Hopkoku. When I led the conversation around to the hearings and possible expulsion from Tule Lake, (which is not easy to do), Kayo said that she and her families weren't really worrying because they considered themselves genuine segregees and knew that they were among those who would be left at Tule. A little later though, she asked me if I really thought the WRA was going to try to push them out of camp. She seemed worried by the results of some of the hearings to which some of the young men she knew had gone. In spite of their very pro-Japanese statements, they were not told that they would be segregated. She remarked also that she heard they were just pushing them through - they talk only a few minutes to each boy.

CALL ON LILLIAN MANJI'S SISTER ^{and brother - Nisei} ~~and brother - Nisei~~

This young woman's ^{views were} ~~reaction~~ ^{that} very like that of Miss Iida, ~~was~~ ^{is} definitely on the leftist or "red" side. She, however, did not appear so confident that she would be left in Tule Lake. "What shall I do?" she said, "What would you do if you were me." Her brother, who had been called for his hearing, ^{tried me} ~~remarked~~ that the soldier had just asked him if he wanted to renounce his citizenship. So he said he was going to renounce, because he figured he could then stay in Tule. He was somewhat worried by a story he had heard from a friend who had told the soldier he was loyal to Japan ^{and} a repatriate but was still handed a permit to

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It was all understood by the Daihyo Sha that after this recommendation was made that the names would be brought up before a mass meeting of the people and that the people would have the final say. If any man of the committee was unfitted, ~~that~~ that position could be reelected by the people. The Daihyo Sha had to disband after this approval by the people. We had left the making of by-laws and anything like that to the new permanent representatives.

"We wanted to be released of the responsibility as fast as possible. I wanted myself to get the center church organized. That was my primary thought at this time. ~~(Personal), I think this sounds a bit scary, but it may be so.~~ If I went into this kind of a thing I couldn't take my hands off. I wanted to be done with it, and let time take care of itself.

(We then went off on another discussion of ~~Spicer's~~ Spicer's content on that the ~~business~~ ^{November uprising} had been plotted by leaders. I ~~stated~~ ^{said} that I knew that small groups of dopey boys had come into camp with the intent to cause trouble, but that was about as far as the contention was true. K. ~~agreed~~ ^{agreed} absolutely and added, "The worst bunch of boys came from Topaz. They really had a tough group. Ask Tsuda. They broke up the chairs.

p. 85 - question by ~~Nishimoto~~ ^{Nishimoto} - "That was the Negotiating Committee. ~~Hogawa~~ ^{Hogawa} was on it too. Volunteers were added to bring things to a favorable solution. Anyone who had an empty hand was asked to help it. These men were able volunteers who held some important position in the coming permanent body.

p. 85 - line 25 - They weren't delegated. We had to do it in an arbitrary manner.

TALK WITH KAYO IIDA * NISEI GIRL

"There's a rumor going around that there going to pick up 200 more men from the Sokoku ~~(Reseg. group)~~.

"The people are all sort of puzzled. They didn't know the real reason for the pickups. They are guessing it was done by picking up the leaders of a big organization that would arouse another incident in the center.

Leaving Camp

"Many of the people here feel that they're safe yet, for at least another six months. They don't think anything will start till then. They feel they would have to start with the other camps first.
(forced relocation)

"Everything they (WRA) do is so inefficient. They don't seem to plan or think things through, which makes it very inconvenient for us.

"We wouldn't mind going back to San Francisco if we had everything as when we left. We'd jump right out. But we've lost everything.

(I then said I thought that the least thing that could be done would be to give the people some compensation for their losses.) Said Kayo:

"My father keeps on saying that we must fight for compensation."
(~~So the idea is nothing started~~)

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"When you think of it, it (compensation) wouldn't be so much because they are closing all the camps anyway.. It wouldn't be so much.

"A girl from Topaz wrote me - it was so funny. She said, 'The Caucasians told them two weeks before Christmas and they thought it was such a wonderful Christmas present. It was so funny because they didn't show any enthusiasm at all. Only 50 families in all are leaving.'"

~~RUMOR~~ - Some people are saying that Kai was responsible for the pick-ups.

TALK WITH NOYES

Found out from Noyes that Imachi had been sentenced to 90 days in ~~the~~ jail. Of this 60 days was suspended and the remaining 30 had the alternative of ^{a dollar} 20 fine. Six days ^{or} 4 dollars was cut from the sentence because of previous detention. Imachi paid the fine. He got 60 days for assault and battery and 30 days for disturbing the peace.

Miyamoto got a severe reprimand because he was a leader of an organization ^{and conducted} ~~conducting~~ himself in an ungentlemanly manner, unbecoming to an officer of a group of people. Had he been courteous and informed Mr. Imachi that he could meet with the committee, the whole incident probably would not have occurred.

~~Unyamsusaid~~

Kimura got 60 days suspended and Yamamoto, Mikio) 30 days suspended.

Noyes said that all of the boys had come in their best clothes. Kimura, especially was resplendant. He was evidently prepared to go to jail in style. (There is very little chance that Imachi will have to pay his own fine. A lot of people will be glad to contribute.)

Noyes also told me that Masao Sakamoto is the new head of the Hooshi-dan ~~(Sakamoto)~~. (I'll have to check up on him.) ^{Noyes} ~~He~~ also believed that Kai, Kuratomi and Tsuda are circulating the rumors that the members of the Hooshi-dan had been picked up because they were hoodlums and gangsters.

The New Hooshi-dan never did send a telegram to the Sp. ^{amb} Consul, although they could have done this Saturday.

Only 84 of the 70 men sent were members of the cabinet of the "Association of Applicants for Repatriation" which is how the group translates "Sokunji Kikoku Hooshi-dan." Six men taken were Hooshi-dan members but ~~not~~ of the cabinet. 18 of the 70 were Issei.

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"The people are liable to create a disturbance just to be able to stay here."

"If there was some one way that they were really trying to help me, I'll go out. But if they just show me, 'There's the gate - Go.' - NO SIR?"

"They have a 50 ton job with a ten truck. They've got to buy a little better equipment. The people don't believe the personnel.

"A lot of people will say they want \$5,000. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ a head. But I don't feel that way.

"By telling us that there is a stop list, a lot of people will try to get on it."

CAL FROM GUINERSON

Gunderson, acting P. M. in Best's absence called me into his office late this afternoon to ask me about the Marital Law in Winidoka rumor. ~~He asked me why I had not notified him.~~ I told him what I knew about it, i. e., that it started Friday and that I believe it started in camp. He asked me why I had not notified him. I said I had spoken to Noyes. (It seems Noyes didn't tell him.) (I did not say, "What are you paying Opler for?") ~~He then~~ Gunderson is taking the matter very seriously and told me he had telephoned to San Francisco for information. They say there is no foundation to it.

TALK WITH KAYO IIDA

Kayo told me she had heard the Martial Law rumor about Topaz and Heart Mountain also.

TAK IN BEAUTY PART 2

[Helen Sasajima

My operator had nothing on her mind today except her worry about being forced out of camp. She asked me if they really would be forced out. She complained bitterly about the fact that her family had lost everything and they did not see how they were going to make out. She said everybody is saying they won't go out.

(Feeling is rising ~~any~~ higher every day in camp. In fact, in all my stay in any camp I have never witnessed a phenomenon like this, where almost everyone is getting ^{more ambitious and angry} ~~more~~ every day.) ~~The more the situation improves, the more the situation improves.~~

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R. Donkey - Notes - Tule Lake

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special application blanks for renunciation of citizenship for her two daughters. ~~Now I can get it myself.~~ It seems Mrs. Y. made application ^{himself} on one of the types forms produced in quantities by her husband.

Miss Iida
Director, Justice

When I called for some material, Miss Iida asked me ^{if} there were any truth in the rumor everyone was repeating that Justice was soon to take over the camp.

Information
from Burling

I asked Burling for ~~the~~ specific information of renunciation you requested. He says the ^{gov. & Justice} ~~Ed~~ has upwards of 6,000 applications for renunciation and about 1,000 are in process of being approved. About 3,000 of these are from Tule Lake. He has no data here on how many of the others come from the various camps. As to his policy and attitude, I gathered last night that very very few applications from Tule Lake will be refused. Even the matter of draft dodging will be given little consideration here. It will be given far more in the applications from other centers. As you have no doubt gathered from my previous remarks, his own policy is by no means crystallized, though I still think he will recommend to Biddle that Tule ^{lake} be left open and that those who have renounced citizenship will not be allowed to relocate. The crew Burling has here now ~~with~~ is intending to handle about 700 cases this ~~days~~ visit.

TALK WITH KAYO TIDA

NEWS OF Exchange Ship

We were all very pleased as far as our family was concerned. We were particularly happy about the fact that they mentioned Tule Lake. I think that's the sentiment most of my friends are feeling.

"One man was just saying today. In that case, it seems as if we are going back before the people in Santa Fe. It's a joke about the other people making so much fuss and thinking they were going to go first."

"Now we feel we can't be pushed out of camp with the exchange ship coming.

"I hear that even in quiet Toraz the people have been distributing papers about the announced ~~war~~^{link} at night, so that the Administration couldn't know it.

Renunciation of Citizenship

"Quite a few of my girl friends are renouncing. I guess it's because they're repatriated and had a purpose for coming here. Most of my friends I meet at Japanese school; ~~we~~ we all have the same sort of feeling. You know why the boys are renouncing. (~~Another~~ delicate hint about the draft.) Kayo, when asked, said she thought that the Hoshi-dan and Hokoku had been very influential in causing the people to renounce citizenship.

On my way to the Yamashiro^s I met Lillian Hanji. We made an appointment to meet this coming Saturday. I brought up the news from Japan ^[about the exchange ship]. Lillian said everybody felt very relieved over it. (I don't think there's been so ~~much~~ ^{happy} a feeling in some since the Administration attempt to get a representative body was so thoroughly defeated last May.) The ~~two~~ ^{Yamashiro's} were not at home, so proceeded to see Mrs. Nakano.

TALK WITH MRS. NAKANO ~~Japanese~~ Nisei woman.

Mrs. N. ^{Kane} has been so busy organizing her clubs that she said she had not been worrying much about anything. She remarked:

"We hear they (the Japanese) are having so much trouble on the outside. That's certainly going to slow down relocation. I've heard they can't even buy food but have to get other people to buy it for them. If they kick me out of this camp, California is the last place I'll go."

Caucasian People's Club and Japanese Orchestra

The Beck ^{design} wanted us (I'm. He is business manager for the orchestra) to play for nothing for the Jan. 30th dance.

(Miss Judith Norton appears to be the chairman of the program and
the other two are the speakers. They are both women.) No card

Japanese

TALK WITH NISHI GIDE - ~~to~~ Kays Iida

Statement by Department of Justice

According to the people who belong to the Hokoku, naturally, they are not very happy about the tone of the letter, but, on the other hand, they are ~~unhappy~~ happy because of how angry the Department of Justice felt.

Even the people who didn't belong to the Hokoku-dan thought it was awfully unfair of the government to make this a relocation center and say we couldn't do this and that.

I think instead of sending the people out, the quickest thing would be to make this an internment camp and get rid of the loyal people. Wasn't the purpose of Mr. Burling's letter to make people stay here? It seems as if he felt the Hokoku-dan were encouraging people to stay here.

Release of Teachers

The group that belonged to the Hokoku-dan thought it was awfully spineless of the teachers for getting off the train. Other people felt they should have gotten off because they were only teachers. I think the teachers of that group are against the Hokoku group.

I should think the wisest thing to do is to get those people who are loyal to America out. They won't be so hot-headed then if this is a camp of people of one mind. The biggest mistake that they made was to allow the volunteers to come along with the segregationists. Trouble was bound to happen with that.

Hokoku attitude

The Hokoku group were all glad to get sent to Santa Fe. They have this one feeling that now their status is sure about the draft. If they're here there's still a slim chance.

Dept. of Justice
Statement

(statement)

I read the Japanese and what he says in the Japanese is not wholly included in the English version. The translator said some things that the English didn't.

It seems that the government is taking it out on them (Hokoku) when the government itself was lacking.

Is it true that there will be another pick-up in two weeks?

Now they are doing the demonstrations for spite. I have a friend who says, "I'm going to be the next one picked up." He is very happy about it. They have the whole thing planned and are very tickled about it.

Hokoku letter to Burling

I thought the letter the Hokoku sent to Mr. Burling was a mistake. They put in such petty details - like about the man whose mother was ill. That shows that they needed kindergarten material.

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Due to the fact that the enormous pick-up today was handled with remarkable dispatch I missed seeing the great^{est} part of it. Much of the efficiency was due to the efforts of Kawada, the latest president who was interned with the rest. Rothstein, of ^{Dept. of} Justice, says that Kawada showed himself to have so much sense and organizational ability that he was tempted to leave him in Tule Lake. The usual shouting and bugle playing took place but the temper of the farewell bidders was markedly different from that of January 26. The ~~people were subdued~~ non-Hokoku members were subdued. After the last contingent left - and all left in two groups, one at 8:30 and one at 9:30,, a remnant of about 200 boys under 18, many of them children stood in military formation ^{and} ~~and~~ faced the rising sun, ~~which was rising round here for a change.~~ About 75 adults stood with them.

Later I talked with Rothstein of the Dept. of Justice and learned that another big pick-up of adults is scheduled soon and also a pick-up of the women leaders of the Joshi-dan. The boys picked up today are ~~not~~ being taken to Bismark. I pity those who ^{have shaved heads!} ~~came with a shaved head~~. I heard from Mrs. ^{Deschin} ~~By~~ that Mr. Oda's friends had been left out but I have to check this yet. In any case, a considerable number of the boys who had left the organization in late January were removed from the list and allowed to return to the center.

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^{no page}
^{yes. -7} Kayo ~~Bida~~ ^{manuscripts}
Did not visit in the colony today, but went to pick up some of my ^{has interned} ~~my~~ ^{manuscripts}
Kayo had two girls visiting her whose fathers had ~~gone~~ yesterday. ~~Shameless~~

I said I was very sorry, but Kayo said, "But they were glad to go." She also ^{said} ~~said~~ that everybody expects another pick-up on the 24th.

husband. As I have told you, she is expecting in May; she is not in any worrying condition. Poor kid, I feel so sorry for her, she has no one to talk, since everybody in the family is going crazy. She said someone is giving them the crazy ideas and influencing them that way; they are in a trance. I have wrote to them, but they never told me the real facts; only thing I got out of this is, don't worry. Letter will not do them any good, because you cannot express yourself. The only way to wake them up before it is too late, is to go there and talk to them personally. I asked the WRA if I can go to Tule on business; the answer was no. Only persons are soldiers and emergency, so at this time I am asking you, whether you can get in touch with the lady you have mentioned who is going a confidential work, and get a special permit to enter a camp thru her. I thought of writing to the Justice Department explaining the whole thing to give me the permits but Miyake thought it was best for me to ask you to write to the lady all the details of the situation and if this lady goes to the Justice Department for the permit it would be easier. What do you think? This thing is just about driving me nuts. Even between Miyake and I, we have unnecessary quarrels and arguments. If both of us go; it might be better than just myself. We don't know how far we are going to get by going, but we are gambling and taking a chance.

I am awfully sorry to ask you to do me a favor whenever I am in a tight fix. Tsu-mara nai imoto wa ~~metate~~ ^{motte} to omotte akiramate kudasai. 1

one word

Love, Shizue

P. S. Will you please tell this lady not to go to their place. If she has to talk to someone in the family, call someone to her office.

Miyake is writing to Henry about the same thing in Japanese.

 (I ~~thought that~~ ^{thought that} these people ~~cannot~~ ^{can't} get a permit to come here to Tule Lake for any reason but a death. I'll write to the relatives mentioned though, on the slim chance that talking to them will do any good.)

TALK WITH ^{Kayo Sida} ~~KI~~ NISEI GIRL

Kayo said that the rumor was not that you had to join the Hokoku to get your renunciation of citizenship, but that if you joined, your renunciation was guaranteed. "You are safe if you join."

"I've heard and know of several people who wanted to join and begged the organization to include their sons in as members. In the cases where the parents were in the Desegregation Group, their sons were accepted into the Hoshi-dan."

The Raid of Hokoku Headquarters

What is the purpose of taking that step? I think the Japanese people feel that the Administration should have asked for things instead of taking them secretly.

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Asako
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TALK WITH ASAKO HIKAGI - conservative Kibei girl - Akitsuki's sister-in-law

I visited ~~Asako's~~ ^{Asako} home for the first time today and chatted for over an hour with her family. They were, of course, affected by the general tension in camp, and were strongly of the opinion that very little could be done about the Hokoku. The Hokoku were going to defy anything that Justice or the WRA did. Asako also mentioned the rumor about the Hokoku losing their jobs. (One thing is certain, the ~~real~~ ^{genuine} conservatives of Tule, are not rushing madly into the arms of the Hokoku. In fact, I'm inclined to believe that the ~~stir~~ ^{stirres} of the rush for membership are somewhat exaggerated. The people who are in danger of being pulled into the Hokoku ranks are the folks who were inclined toward the idea or those utterly blinded by panic.) Asako told me several pitiful stories of men who were interned leaving their pregnant wives or their wives and small children. Many people taken in the last big pick-up did not want to go. Her mother and an Issei woman friend thereupon began to talk in Japanese. Asako translated: ~~Many of the~~

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TALK WITH ~~MI. NISHI~~ *Kayo Tida*

Kayo remarked that in spite of the pick-up of Sunday, things were very quiet in camp now.

I know some friends that have withdrawn from that organization (Hokoku) because they didn't want to go (to be interned). His wife had objections.

Another Rumor on Kai and Kuratomi

There is a rumor that Kai and Kuratomi are starting some kind of organization. It's going to have studies and exercises but they don't ~~go~~ as far as shaving heads.

TALK WITH KURIHARA

~~Rumor~~ Rumor in camp about Resegregation of Super-Patriots

A man from block 70 came here this morning and also one from 82. One of these persons I visited the day before yesterday. He was rejected. At the time the crowd was taken Sunday, he was told to get packed but he was sent back. I visited him because I know him well and had tried to convince him that Santa Fe or Bismarck was not the place for him. ~~He~~

Like the person who visited me this morning, he told me the WRA is now carrying out ressegregation and ~~the~~ the internments are the preliminary step and after ressegregation is carried out, the rest here will be chased out.

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K said he had no idea how this rumor started but it has been very widespread in camp for the past week. I said I did not see how the WRA was going to kick out people who had renounced their citizenship. He then said:

If that is the case then those who renounced their citizenship and were sent to Santa Fe and Bismarck will never be given parole and allowed to relocate. There is also a rumor that there are boys who are already applying for parole.

Hokoku Enthusiasm for Internment subsiding

Many of the young boys are not now so enthusiastic. It is true that the Hokoku-dan seem to have been encouraged by the pick-ups because they felt they were obtaining their object. But with your statement that they feel stronger I do not agree because I have been gathering information. I came to the conclusion that they are ~~thinking~~ now worrying their heads off fearing they'll be picked up. They are showing rather visibly that they better not irritate too strong. Many are waiting to break away. Even the strong agitators who were causing rumors, to some extent they are backing out. Both the Hokoku-dan and the Hokoku-dan leaders are not so vigorous as they were before. It plainly shows that they are on the downgrade.

If it's possible for the administration to make a definite statement

TALK WITH ~~MI - NISHIMOTO~~ Kayo Tida.

There is a big rumor that there's going to send out another group soon. There is something about the Administration trying to get rid of everybody - all the members of the Hogshi-dan. I was worried because some of the older Issei might be taken. My father might be taken. (This is the first I knew of ~~my~~ Kayo's father being a member of the Hogshi-dan.) My father signed. There is no headquarters or anything now. ~~They~~ He doesn't know how to withdraw.

The way he signed for it was like so many other people. They thought it was a quick way of going to Japan. Now that there's no exchange ship or anything coming . . .

Is it true that Reverend Tsuda has asked to be relocated from Santa Fe^{ta}?

I heard that Mr. Tsuda and some people had been out in the stockade too.

Yamato Seindan-dan

I heard they were conducting exercises and that they had even bought bugles and that their leader is Mr. Tsuda. That's why Tsuda was sent to the stockade. (Gad - this is really the hey-day of crazy rumors!)

Relocation

Gee I sure pity the people in the other camps. They want to stay until the end of the war.

~~Why~~ Why do they want to stay till the end of the war? I asked, since

this very common attitude is one I do not completely understand.

Kayo said only:

"It's not because they like the camps."

TALK WITH ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ KURIHARA

~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Kurihara told me that there were several questions he wanted to ask me. They concerned some very strong rumors which had arisen in the past few days.

"The prevailing rumor is that Wakayama has made an application to be returned to Tule Lake. There is also a rumor that Rev. Tsuda has already left Santa Fe - has relocated.

"I had two persons visiting me this morning. Both mentioned these rumors. They wanted my opinion of the Hokoku-dan and the Hogshi-dan. They were contemplating leaving the organization. They brought up the rumor. I told them that if Wakayama comes back I'm going to see him directly myself. ~~Well, poor fellows will have to wait a while.~~

Letters from Santa Fe

"They even write back here that they are carrying on exercises as they used to have them here in camp.

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TALK WITH ~~Kayo~~^{Iida} Nisei girl - parents former Hoshi-dan members

Kayo assured me that her family had withdrawn from the Hoshi-dan. They had written a letter to Mr. Best, but had not yet received any assurance that this letter had been received by him or that they were considered out of the organization. Kayo spoke more harshly against the resegregationists than she ever had before.

"It seems that there are so many people in the organization who feel that they should listen to Mr. Best and stop the marching and bugling. But so many of the hot-headed young ones feel it would not be true to the people who have gone to Santa Fe to ~~continue~~ stop.

"Quite a few people are getting disgusted. They are getting out or they are speaking of trying to get out as they did not do before. To begin with they didn't have very good leadership material and now they (the leaders) are worse.

"The people attend the meetings and nothing definite comes out of it. The subject is still floating in the air."

~~K. is a very good informant on the Resegregationists and I~~
believe that my visits of the week to come will corroborate her statements. The trend had already started before I left in March. To start to conciliate this bunch now, as Hoyer is doing, looks pretty crummy to me.

"We have not heard anything about the Immigration and Naturalization people. I guess people who came in illegally would be worried, but we don't know any of those people.

"I heard Mrs. Wakayama and her husband were both going to Crystal City."

OLD
INFORM FROM SCHOOL TEACHER

Miss R. ^{Wach} told me tonight that some of the high school senior boys were having a wienie roast outside of the ~~camp~~ fence (around the colony). She said, "Some think it's the grandest thing they can go outside of the colony fence." However, they cannot go outside the fence around the ~~camp~~ entire camp.

^{Iida}
SHORT CHAT WITH KUNISEI GIRL

K^u said that the people she knew (her family is ex-Hoshi dan) were still talking about the coming internments. Many of the boys are all packed. She also has noticed that more people are talking about the possibility of relocating. Mr. Myer's speech does not, however, seem to have caused much excitement. A few people are saying that non-Hoshi people are going to be forced to relocate, but not many believe them.

^{George}
TALK WITH KURATOMI

"Yesterday we held a party for a fellow who's going to Crystal City. The common people there said that they didn't think that Justice ~~City~~ was going to have another internment. They say WPA may be thinking that, but they don't believe it. I was rather amused by that.

^{Smith}
Effect of Myer's Speech to Block Managers and Spanish Consul Representatives

"As you know the people have no respect for the Block Managers to start with. Myer also saw the representative body which used to see the Spanish Consul, on the following day. But the people have no feeling whatever that these men are their representatives. "Why pay any attention?" is their attitude.

"As you know the majority of the Block Managers are old men. I feel that at least one-third of them don't understand English. In my block the Block Manager made no announcement whatever. I think the people should have been notified of Mr. Myer's object. I dare say that over half of the people in camp don't know what he said. The Howell Star description was very obscure.

"There are no serious rumors about Myer, relocation, or resegregation.

Mr. Wakayama

Mr. Wakayama's being taken to Crystal City will have a very queer reaction. The Hoshi-dan people felt that he was one of the leaders. Now they are suddenly confronted with the fact that he and his brother-in-law are the only ones being sent from Santa Fe to Crystal City. Some mothers and wives have recently received letters from the Justice Dept, after they asked for family reunion, telling them there is to be no

TALK WITH ^{Kay, Iida,} ~~KI, HISAKI GENE~~

Rumors on New HokoKu policy

I heard that the HokoKu had a meeting to try to get the present leaders to resign and get out. The other people want to stop the military exercises. Some people thought it better to go to WRA and ask them if they could keep the organization ~~and~~ but stop the objectionable military activities.

The HokoKu hide their real feelings when they leave their wives and children, but we know how they feel.

Most of us thought that after those three internments they would stop. But I guess they're just keeping it up now for spite.

Hawaiians

I heard all the Hawaiians were called in and told that they can go out anytime. So they are now the same as we are.

FIGHT IN GAMBLING HOUSE

Heard from a Caucasian that there was a fight in a gambling house this afternoon in which an older man was seriously injured by a younger man. The younger man is reputed to have a bad reputation with the Administration.

Called on K. ^{when} today to talk over Sp ^{visit} Consul ~~there~~, but he was out. ~~no doubt~~.

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TALK WITH GEORGE AND SALLY YAMASHIRO

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TALK IN BEAUTY PARLOR - HELEN SASAJIMA

The young woman who habitually does my hair and her neighbor are now in the habit of gossiping pretty freely with me on camp affairs. Miss Sasajima remarked that people were still worrying just as much as ever over resegregation. Topaz, Jerome, Alaska and Hawaii were still being mentioned. Moreover, the fact that Mr. Best is reported to have visited Manzanar and Topaz has caused some people to conclude that these centers may be used as secondary centers for more segregates, since all who wish to come to Tule Lake cannot find room there.¹ Miss Sasajima, who is from Topaz, cannot understand why "some people" want to be resegregated so much. After all, "we all came here because we wanted to go to Japan." She expects that these "people" will try to start some trouble if resegregation is denied them.

Both young ladies then told me of trouble which had occurred at a recent baseball game. The spectators cheering for Manzanar had attacked players on the Poston team. One of the Poston boys is said to have had his arm broken and one had his head cut with a track shoe spike. Such behavior the girls told me, is "terrible". The Manzanar people, in general, I was told, are always starting trouble. They are fresh and always getting in fights. They are very conceited about the way they have their section organized and think they are better than the people who came here at first. They give everybody a bad name.

A young man, one of the barbers, now came into the beauty shop and began to gossip with the girls in Japanese. Even to my inexpert ear it was obvious that he was sneering at news of Allied victories. Then he began to sing the Japanese National Anthem. The girls were very embarrassed. One said, "I wish he wouldn't do that." Then Miss Sasajima said, "Well, Miss Hankey understands." "He's always rude."

TALK WITH T. NAKAMURA

Today I called on T. Nakamura, a Nisei Old Tulean, and graduate of University of California at Berkeley in political science. He is employed in the Legal Aid section. Realizing that Nakamura can help me a great deal if he cares to, I went slowly and we spent over an hour discussing world politics and life at California. He is very definitely anti-British as are so many of the colonists and puts most of the guilt for the war on Britain.

He remarked that the big worry of most of the people in Tule is "where can they relocate so that they'll have some chance and not get knocked on the head." He believes the best chance of the majority of the people will be farming, for after the war, most other jobs will be given to returning soldiers.

I was asked to go to see Nakamura because he had read my copy of Final Report, Japanese Evacuation from the West Coast, 1942 which /at the librarian's request/ I had loaned to the Co-op library. The librarian tells me it is making quite a furor. He thought the book pretty fair for "an army man" but he feels that the human side of the story is omitted. I asked no leading questions and did not attempt to get any information on the camp because at this first meeting, I would not be wise to pry. He, himself, gave no indication of a desire to return to Japan. He is in his middle twenties.

When I left he said he would be glad to help me in any way.

1. Evidently, there was a rumor that many people in the relocation centers were now renouncing their citizenship and that these renunciants would be "segregated" in other centers, because there was no room for them at Tule Lake.

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Helen Sasajima

TALK WITH ~~MR.~~ IN BEAUTY PARLOR

Helen who is in no way a super-patriot, ~~being a Berkeley girl with~~
~~no love for Japan~~ ^{felt} quite differently about the renunciation of
Citizenship from those persons who have always insisted about their
"eagerness to return immediately." Instead of ignoring the subject she
bent down and whispered in my ear while she was doing my hair, asking
what I thought about the matter. Would she have to renounce her citizenship
in order to go back to Japan? I said I certainly did not think ~~so~~.
She then said that she had been talking it over with her father and
they had come to the decision that it would be different if she were a boy.
If she were a boy they would question the reason for her decision ~~and~~.
^{So} ~~she~~ she is not going to apply. She added that there was a big rumor
in camp that those who did not renounce their citizenship would not be
allowed to return to Japan. (This rumor sounds like Sokuji Kikoku
propaganda.)

She also asked me about conditions on the coast. How were the Japanese
who came back being treated? Some ~~Japanese~~ Caucasian friends, said
she, had asked her to come to Berkeley and live with them, but she had
decided to wait and see.

During the course of the conversation we began to speak about the
Manzanar section. Helen said they were still holding themselves aloof.
again "Yes," said I, "They pride themselves that they had no part in
the trouble here." "But we tell them," said Helen, "that things would
have been much worse if they had been here." Helen had heard only
vaguely of the trouble between the "gamblers" and the seinin/dan.

TALK WITH MRS. TACHIBANA

^{Tachibana was}
Mrs. ~~she~~ ^{Tachibana} much more cautious than usual. Mr. ~~she~~ ^{Tachibana} she said,
had gone to block 54, the headquarters of the Resegregation Group.
She ~~related~~ ^{told} us how Mr. Sanborn and Mr. Pierson had come to see
Mr. Wakayama at the time of the high school graduation and had told Mr.

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(Helen Sasajima)
TALK WITH NISEI ~~IN~~ IN BEAUTY PARLOR

Today Helen had no hesitation in denouncing the Hokoku as a disgrace to the Japanese people. "After all, this is American soil", she repeated several times. (This phrase of Burling's seems to have taken a strong hold on ^{some} ~~the~~ people.) "They say that this is Japan here, but anybody knows that's foolish." She ~~had nothing but respect for~~ ^{liked} Burling's statement and remarked that "it was time somebody told 'them' where to get off." She lives in Ward VII, where the Hokoku appears to be very strong yet. She said things were especially bad in Ward VII.. You never knew who was a Hokoku member and had to be so careful. So many of the girls there were wearing pigtales now and going without makeup. She then asked if many people were relocating. She herself is sick of this center, not the center, the people, and she'd like to get out. However, she added, the news of the possible exchange had made her family decide to wait. If they're not exchanged, they may take steps to relocate.

TALK WITH ~~THE~~ SISTERS

Jim Takeuchi

When you talk with women you really learn what's going on. Boy - ~~the dope really goes out when you rabbit all afternoon with~~ ladies ~~these men~~ ^{XXXX} these two ~~females~~ certainly love to talk. When I arrived, Mr. Mizuno was having visitors so his wife, ~~and~~ sister ~~was~~ ^{and} retired to the back of the apartment behind a screen ~~for a while~~ and really ^{begins to} ~~turn on~~ ^{Mizuno} gossip. Mrs. ~~he~~ asked me if it were true if everybody who renounced their citizenship was going to be sent to Santa Fe. Later her sister asked me the same thing. I said it wasn't true. ~~We began to~~ ^{lose interest to} ~~of relocation before we really~~ ~~the Hokoku with~~ ^{Mizuno, they became} ~~12 friends~~. Mr. ~~he~~ received a letter from his old boss, ^{a Mr.} Zuckerman, for whom he ^{had} worked in Calif. The letter ^(I was told) contained an urgent request for Mr. ^{Mizuno} to have himself cleared and get together ⁵⁰ Japanese families and return to California to take up his old job. I think Mrs. ^{Mizuno} ~~he~~ would really like her husband to take action, ^(she says) ~~but~~ he giggles foolishly when she let's him have it in pretty strong language. On the other hand, she thinks it

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~~Thursday's notes incorrect - are dated FRIDAY as Friday.~~

GOSSIP IN BEAUTY PARLOR *Helen Sasajima*

Even the beauty parlor is affected by the announcements of another pick-up which were made yesterday. Many people seemed a bit absent-minded and Helen remarked that everybody was excited. ~~On the whole,~~ *It* was obvious that ~~Helen herself~~ *Helen herself* ~~an Americanized wife~~ was not particularly perturbed about the pick-ups or the state of the camp. She did say that all the Hoshi-dan people expected to get reunited soon, however. She hasn't renounced her own citizenship yet but said she had been talking it over just recently. However, "If I ever want to go out, it would be very bad to renounce."

TALK WITH WASHINGTON RELOCATION TEAM - DOLAN, GIBBS and MOORE

I had met Mr. Dolan in Gila over a year ago and he asked me to talk with the team. Since, in this manner I could get a pretty good idea of what they intend to do here in the way of relocation, I consented.

"We are going ahead with ~~some~~ ^{office} a new relocation which will be on the fence line on the Administrative side. It will have an entrance from the colony. They won't need a pass. The entrance will lead into a library. It will be as comfortable as possible with tables and chairs and lots of stuff in Japanese. There will be a receptionist. And anyone can come ~~and~~ and sit in the library who wished to.

Then down a hallway there will be a series of private offices as sound proof as possible. There will be interviewers, if a fellow wants to talk to someone and ask a few questions.

At the other end of the hall will be the excuse property office. It will all be next to the post office. There will be one advisor and two workers.

I asked how soon this would start:

As soon as possible. Even now we have four, five, or six people a day coming to the personnel office and asking questions on relocation. Some people are moving out.

We are not going to put on any organized concentrated effort to see any organization or group of people.

After this is established we will try to do two things: 1) The informal distribution of materials - like throw aways, ~~as~~ Soon there will be information in the Henell Star, a lot of pictures of old Tuleans. On top of this we want to begin to develop a confidence in this division by attempting to get a tie with the community. We'll get someone who will be a semi-community analyst to get to know the people personally and talk with them.

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TALK WITH ^{Nelen Susuma} IN BEAUTY PARLOR

^{Helen} H. confided to me that she was seriously considering going out.

Her sister was in New York and she planned to go there. She felt that the longer she stayed in camp the worse ~~it would be~~ it would be for her. She's tired of living in a camp where half of the black people don't talk to the other half. In spite of her intention to relocate, however, she still believes that WBA is giving the evanees a dirty deal. "I bet none of them would go out with just \$25." she said.

TALK WITH SANDBORN, head of Colonial Police

Encountered Sandborn and chatted a bit. He remarked that he thought the best solution to the buglers would be to have Justice take over the camp as soon as possible. This would leave them no leg to stand on and the people would quiet down. I remarked that if this were done, the would-be segregees in the other centers would raise a terrific howl to get into ^{Tule} Lake. He didn't think they would.

He also told ^{me} that on Sunday, the Hokoku began it's usual elaborate ceremonies, marching and bugling. ^{Sandborn} So went in, took hold of his 21 and called over the leader. "Listen here," he said, "The President isn't buried yet and this has got to stop." Some of the Iseai were called over by the young leader and after a brief consultation, orders were given, the Hokoku marched off in formation and the ceremonies were stopped.

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"The people are liable to create a disturbance just to be able to stay here."

"If there was some one way that they were really trying to help me, I'll go out. But if they just show me, 'There's the gate - Go.' - NO SIR!"

"They have a 50 ton job with a ten truck. They've got to buy a little better equipment. The people don't believe the personnel."

"A lot of people will say they want \$5,000. ~~xxxxxxx~~ a head. But I don't feel that way."

"By telling us that there is a stop list, a lot of people will try to get on it."

CALL FROM GUNDERSON

Gunderson, acting ^{Chief} P. D. in Host's absence called me into his office late this afternoon to ask me about the Martial Law in Winidoka rumor. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I told him what I knew about it, i. e., that it started Friday and that I believe it started in camp. He asked me why I had not notified him. I said I had spoken to Hoyer. (It seems Hoyer didn't tell him.) (I did not say, "What are you paying Opler for?") ~~xxxxxxx~~ Gunderson is taking the matter very seriously and told me he had telephoned to San Francisco for information. They say there is no foundation to it.

TALK WITH KAYO IIDA

Kayo told me she had heard the Martial Law rumor about Topaz and Heart Mountain also.

TALK IN BEAUTY PARLOR

Helen Sasajima

My operator had nothing on her mind today except her worry about being forced out of camp. She asked me if they really would be forced out. She complained bitterly about the fact that her family had lost everything and they did not see how they were going to make out. She said everybody is saying they won't go out.

(Feeling is rising ~~say~~ higher every day in camp. In fact, in all my stay in any camp I have never witnessed a phenomenon like this, where almost everyone is getting ^{more and more} angry every day.) ~~xxxxxxx~~

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Well, I was really surprised. I was kind of dazed. I never
expected... and we had very much crank calls and lot of people
attack my job. . . the band and ever