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TOPAZ COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

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TOPAZ  
COMMUNITY YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Adventuring Into a New World Pattern"

February 11, 12, 13, 1944

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dave Tatsuno

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Assistant Project Director

## COMMITTEES

### Program:

Harumi Kawahara, Chairman; Ryo Mishima, Michiko Okamoto, Bill Shinoda.

### Reception:

Tad Fujita and Sachi Kawahara, Co-chairmen; Paul Bell, Henry Fujita, Betty Hayashi, Terry Ishida, Tomiko Kasai, Hide Kawahara, Mike Kudo, Bill Muramatsu, Ada Nakagiri, Chojiri Numajiri, Dwight Nishimura, Fumi Nabeta, Martha Oshima, Ichiro Sugiyama, Matsue Sugiyama, Shig Sugiyama, Mari Shinoda, Mary Tsuchiya, Beishi Tanabe, Miye Yoshimori.

### Registration:

Masuji Fujii, Chairman; Tetsuko Hideshima, Yasuko Ishida, Lily Miyamoto, Yo Masuda, Mary Nitta, Motichi Yanagi.

### Hospitality:

Yoshi Morioka and Joice Kawamoto.

### Transportation:

Sam Isono

### Finance:

Hike Oda

### General Arrangements:

Tom Imazawa and Yosh Yamada, co-chairmen; Sock Yoshida, Togo Oshima, Tubby Yoshida, Mako Takahashi, Bobby Utsumi, Yosh Isono, Jack Yoshizuka, Shigeo Hotta, George Hiraga, Ryozo Kumekawa, Hi-Y boys.

### Official Announcers:

Jim Morikawa and Ky Tanamachi

## SPEAKERS ARRIVE

Friday, Feb. 11, 1944

The executive board met with the speakers at the office of Raymond Sanford, assistant project director, at 10:30 a.m. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the speakers toured the high school and appeared at the assembly.

The high school home economics class prepared a lunch for the visitors. Guests gathered at Dining Hall 32 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

From 3 to 5 p.m., all speakers participated in a preview round table at Dining Hall 32.

OPENING YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASS MEETING  
Friday, Feb. 11, 1944

Several hundred attended the opening sessions of the Topaz Community Youth Conference at the high school on Friday evening. Dave Tatsuno was the chairman.

Those who sat on the platform were: Honorary Chairman Charles F. Ernst, Honorary Vice-Chairman James F. Hughes, Assistant Project Director Roscoe E. Bell; Esther Breisemeister of the National YWCA in New York; Dr. John Embree, main speaker; Masao Satow of the National YMCA; and Dr. Floyd Sampson, professor of religion at the University of Denver.

The meeting was opened with a flag ceremony conducted by the boy scouts. The assembly then sang "God Bless America."

In his introductory speech, Chairman Tatsuno stated: "The test of an American is not where he came from but where he is going." He mentioned that the speakers came from all parts of the country, giving of their time to help solve nisei problems, especially those concerning Topaz.

Honorary Chairman Ernst then welcomed both the speakers and the delegates. Due to his imminent departure from the project, Honorary Vice-Chairman Hughes both welcomed the assembly and gave his greetings at this time.

With the topic, "Assimilation in Modern America," Dr. Embree opened his main address, stressing the social adjustments necessary.

In order to inform the nisei as to the problems, he discussed

the background of the settlers of America. Every section had settlers who migrated into the United States for various reasons. All were misfits in their native lands. They came to find better means of social advancement and individual progress. Most of the settlers took matters into their own hands and the adjustments which they made became the present country. Every section had different problems to solve and prejudices arose from their maladjustments. The South had its negro problems due to this race' particular work and customs.

The pioneers composed of European people pushed westward with their muskets and weapons, overwhelming the Indians. After the pioneer days, came industrial progress and the demand or the cry of the nation became "Go west, young man." Civil War brought another social change.

The first labor migration was from Europe, followed by cheap laborers called "coolies." They first came from Asia, China, Japan and then the Philippines. This was a necessity because of the industrial progress which made shortage of labor very acute. With this mass immigration, discrimination, prejudice and fear closed the quota from China, to keep the labor market from being overwhelmed. Then, the Japanese were increased. With the competition there came work habits and cheaper wages that were antagonized by fellow workers. As a result, the Exclusion Act finally barred the Japanese from entering America.

However, with the advance of education, cheap labor disappeared, thus limiting supply. Americanized labor traveled westward.

The two main fields which the nisei can enter are agricultural and industrial, Dr. Embree stated. He advised the nisei to go into larger collective groups in order to assist and improve their progress into American life. The American traditions have brought about collective bargaining by various groups. There are three groups to which nisei should find opportunity to belong, labor and industrial unions or farmers groups.

This, Dr. Embree held, is one way to become assimilated and to maintain strength by joining larger groups rather than to isolate into minority groups and classes. One person alone is worthless, he added. Nisei compose 1/10 of 1 per cent of the total population of America. Therefore, the individual nisei must join with the above groups.

Concluding, Dr. Embree declared that the nisei should take the advice of the relocation program and scatter to points where available jobs are open to them. When the war ends, the government will forget the nisei, he affirmed. A sad degeneration will result if the nisei remain in the relocation centers. A stay of from five to ten years will deteriorate all the accomplishments and good characteristic traits of the Japanese. He concluded:

"Don't go west, but go east, young nisei!"

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM

Saturday, February 13, 1944

From 9:45 a.m., the speakers toured the project. Lunch at the farm kitchen was preceded by a tour of the farm from 11 a.m.

Discussion Group  
Saturday, Feb. 12, 1944

With Hiro Katayama acting as chairman, forty young adults met from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m. at Dining Hall 32 to hear Masao Satow of the National YMCA. That latter discussed "Nisei Problems and Activities" with the delegates present.

Discussion brought out the adjustments nisei would need to make as a result of relocation as follows: selective service, economic, social relationship to issei, inferiority and marriage.

As the topic of the center, selective service was also the main subject of this discussion. Segregation of nisei units was held to be the main problem in this regard. However, Dr. Gordon K. Chapman executive secretary of the Protestant Church Commission for Japanese Service and a visitor to the conference, warned the assemblage against too many complaints on this score as attempts were being made to scatter the nisei soldiers wherever suitable.

The need to avoid cliquishness and to go more than halfway in friendliness were believed to be some of the social adjustments necessary. Reorientation through the writing of letters to the outside while the resident was still in the center was held to be another means of facilitating social adjustment.

In relation to letter-writing and its values, Chairman Satow at this time enjoined delegates to keep up their correspondence with friends on the west coast and to those papers, magazines and other publications which have been helpful to our cause.

Prejudice as an adjustment was not be as insurmountable an ob-

stade as publicized, as the cases are less than one would expect.

Meanwhile, high school age delegates met at the leadership training institute at 32-8-EP under the chairmanship of Shigeki Sugiyama with Esther Briesemeister of the National YWCA in New York as the speaker.

PARENT'S NIGHT  
Saturday, Feb. 12, 1944

The issei of the center gathered to fill Dining Hall 32 to capacity during the evening address given by Dr. John Embree, under the title, "Living Today for Tomorrow." Presiding were Messrs. K. Hoshiga and Chojiro Numajiri. Rev. K. Nishimura interpreted.

Dr. Embree compared a typical village in Japan with the circumstances of nisei today by revealing the past history of the issei and their struggles during the immigration days.

At the time they left Japan to come to the, to them, unknown land of America, the issei left a highly organized social system in their native country, he stated. They started with small opportunities and capital, eventually establishing themselves.

Now, the nisei are faced with an unknown future and the necessity to begin life anew, as was the case of the issei pioneers. Nisei and issei alike have better opportunities under the relocation program than the issei had upon their arrival in America.

Though the issei are again faced with the unknown, the ability with which they conquered their problems in their pioneer days should benefit them in their struggles to relocate, Dr. Embree added.

For the amusement of the issei audience, Dr. Embree, who is a noted authority on Japan, gave a number of native customs.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE  
Saturday, Feb. 12, 1944

Over 150 couples attended "Cupid's Capers", the Valentine dance sponsored by the Desert-teers of block 30 in the high school auditorium. The event had been incorporated into the conference program due to the coincidence of schedules.

Decorated in red and white, the auditorium had a huge white heart on a platform in the center.

INTERFAITH WORSHIP  
Sunday, Feb. 13, 1944

With approximately 500 in attendance, the Interfaith Worship on Sunday morning witnessed the largest attendance of the entire conference. With Dr. Floyd Sampson, professor of religion at the University of Denver, as featured speaker, the event took place at the high school auditorium. Koji Murata presided.

Courage may be typed as either shallow or the courage of love, Dr. Sampson stated. Under shallow courage, he placed fear, anger, ambition and fatalism, and mother and family love under the latter classification.

He stressed the importance of the family as a lever of reconstruction. The courage of the individual must conform with that of the parents, Dr. Sampson added.

"Stick to your philosophy of life, especially the courage of love," he advised.

The speaker put a direct question to the assembly: "Would you take democracy with all its faults or Fascism with all its faults?"

He affirmed that he himself would take democracy, declaring that even though democracy was not just in the last world war, we must assume that it will be this time.

Concluding, the professor advised:

"When you go into the Army, go not hating your enemy but loving your democracy!"

Also on the program were speakers representing the various  
faiths: Bill Muramatsu, Christian; and Art Takemoto, Buddhists.

LECTURE  
Sunday, February 13, 1944

"What's Happening to Nisei?" was the topic chosen by the speaker, George Rundquist, executive secretary of the Committee on Resettlement in New York, for his afternoon lecture at the high school auditorium. Fifty delegates were in attendance. Miss Harumi Kawahara presided.

Church organizations handled the bulk of the resettlement program, Rundquist stated. He pointed out that his position with the resettlement committee was primarily in a public relations capacity, in that it is his duty to show people and groups not favoring the resettlement program that this is a government-sponsored movement.

The majority of the relocatees are in the younger group. More of the issei should be encouraged to relocate, along with the young people, the speaker added.

He advised prospective relocatees against the dangers of too-frequent switching of jobs and to avoid areas too well populated with evacuees.

CLOSING CEREMONY  
Sunday, Feb. 13, 1944

On the evening of the closing day, delegates gathered at the high school auditorium to witness a tableau, "Unity of Americans." The tableau was directed by Miss Harumi Kawahara and B. O. Evans. Yosh Isono was the chairman and Albert Nabeshima the narrator.

Following the theme of the tableau, recordings of Paul Robeson, "Ballads of America", were also presented.

Chairman Dave Tatsuno, in his closing conference speech, mentioned the origin of the conference as the visits to Topaz of Mrs. Edmonia Grant, representative of the national YWCA; and of Tom Bodine, field director of the National Student Relocation Council, late in December.

He also thanked the speakers and the National YWCA for their cooperation in sponsoring the conference.

"In spite of the flaws and faults of the conference due to the center limitations," Chairman Tatsuno stated, "if even one delegate should find his way into the new world pattern as a result of these meetings, the conference would not have been held in vain."

PRE-CONFERENCE

The Topaz Community Conference was born at a meeting of leaders of center organizations with Mrs. Edmonia Grant and Tom Bodine of the National YMWCA at the office of the Project Director on December 24.

At this time, Mrs. Grant stated that the National YMWCA would act as sponsors and would secure the panel of speakers, not necessarily members of the organization. She recommended that closer unity of people and the sense of belonging to America be emphasized at the conference.

It was agreed by the represented organizations that such a conference would be highly beneficial to the younger residents; the age range was set to include those between 16 and 35 years old.

The group present was chosen ~~to chosen~~ to act as the executive committee. Included were: Mmes. E. Grant, K. Togasaki; Misses Y. Morioka, C. Matsuzaki, H. Kawahara; Messrs. Sanford, Noble, D. Tatsuno, T. Bodine, M. Maruyama, C. Numajiri and Honnami.

From the above, the following officers were chosen: Dave Tatsuno, Chairman; Yoshi Morioka, Harumi Kawahara, vice-chairmen; Mike Maruyama, contact secretary; and Michiko Okamoto, recording secretary.

At the second preparatory meeting at the home of Yoshi Morioka, on December 26 topics were suggested as follows for the conference: social religion - interfaith; minority relationships in America for a better understanding of the minorities particularly among the colored race; and unity of the people in the United States.

It was suggested that as a supplementary program, emphasis be placed on culture, such as a musical concert featuring Miss Marian Anderson or another celebrity of the minority race.

In order to secure the interest of both the high school students and the young people out of school, it was suggested that separate discussions and forums be held for the two groups and mass meetings at the opening and closing of the conference.

At the third committee meeting on December 27 it was announced that William J. Kitchen of the Student YMCA and Miss Eleanor French of the Student YWCA would secure the speakers.

Tom Bodine announced that the National YWCA would not discriminate non-members nor use the conference as a means for a membership campaign.

The purposes and aims of the conference were reviewed as: to stress assimilation, unity of Americans, leadership training, social religion and study of minorities.

Bodine suggested five types of speakers: one to encourage relocation by assimilation in schools, churches and clubs; one to express other minority problems so that evacuees would realize their existence; one to encourage residents to become more socio-centric; a speaker for leadership training; and a speaker who is a relocated nisei.

In order that the speakers would have the opportunity to meet the various groups and organizations, Bodine also suggested that the conference committee meet them on the morning of their arrival, the small established groups in the afternoon and the general

public in the evenings.

The following committees were set: program, general arrangements, registration, publicity, hospitality for the speakers, finance, historical, reception, and transportation.

Bill Fujita, corresponding secretary, was added to the cabinet. He was asked to write to the National YMWCA regarding the possibilities of securing Miss Marion Anderson for the conference.

Tentative conference dates were set as February 11, 12 and 13.

On December 31, Chairman Tatsuno read Rohwer's "Community Workshop" to give an example of how a conference program was presented. Fifty copies of this program were made for distribution to the members.

In order to have the full support of the community for the conference, it was decided to secure the endorsement of the block managers, Interfaith and City Council. Mike Maruyama was assigned to give the council a complete report of the plans.

Committee chairmen were selected at this time.

A brief meeting was held on January 4, at which time committee chairmen were requested to select members to work under them. The following meeting on January 7 was a follow-up on the acceptance of the committee chairmanships.

At the meeting of January 14, it was reported by Mike Maruyama that the council, appointive staff and the block managers would cooperate fully. It was also learned at this time that Marion Anderson would not be able to attend the conference. However, the committee decided to send a wire to her personally rather than through the manager.

Harumi Kawahara reported that the auditorium had been reserved for February 11 and 13. As the center-wide Valentine Dance was scheduled for February 12, it was decided to incorporate the dance into the program.

"Adventuring Into a New World Pattern" was chosen as the conference theme.

Bob Iki, a relocated nisei, was suggested as one of the speakers.

On January 20, it was reported that letters were sent to the project director and assistant project directors asking them to act as honorary chairman and honorary vice-chairman, respectively. Acknowledgements were received from Messrs. Ernst, Bell and Hughes. Mr. Sanford requested more information.

Mrs. Kuni Yatabe was selected to succeed Bill Fujita, corresponding secretary, due to his imminent departure. Hike Oda replaced Toby Ogawa, chairman of the finance committee, also due to the latter's scheduled departure.

As the seating capacity in the auditorium had been lowered, it was found necessary to control the attendance of conference participants by requiring pre-registration.

The group agreed that a contribution should be made to the Student Scholarship Fund, therefore it was decided to charge ten cents for the registration fee. The proceeds were also to be used to cover expenses.

The hospitality committee would act as hosts to the speakers at the opening dedication of the YWCA at Rec 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, it was announced.

Mits Nishio of the publicity committee reported that publicity releases were being sent to the Rocky Shampo, Colorado Times and Pacific Citizen..

Jim Moriokawa was elected official announcer for the program schedules.

POST-CONFERENCE

## REGISTRATION

Under the chairmanship of Masuji Fujii, registration was conducted throughout the conference. Pre-registration rates of ten cents resulted in 168 delegates. During the conference itself, 64 delegates registered at the rate of fifteen cents each. Pre-registration and registration figures totaled 232 delegates.

Gross proceeds of the conference totaled \$26.40, plus a \$2.00 donation, bringing the sum to \$28.40. Expenditures totaling \$14.90 brought the net proceeds to \$13.50.

This amount was allocated to the Student Scholarship Fund.

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Conflicting interests at the time of the conference caused a slump in the attendance, not only among the delegates but among the conclave heads themselves.

The greatest distraction was the concern over the draft, evident throughout the center. The resultant unrest brought the conference into secondary interest, even though discussion might have included the draft situation.

Given a less troubled time, the conference would have gained its deserved center-wide interest.

Attendance was also brought down due to the fact that the residents believed the conference to be initiated and sponsored by the Christian young people for the Christian young people, though every effort was made to dispel this assumption. On the other hand, since the conference was not announced as a Christian conference (since it was not), the Christian young people did not support it as wholeheartedly as would have been the case if the assembly were especially arranged for their benefit.

Due to the relocation of key leaders during conference preparations and due to the difficulties of center transportation and limitations, the program suffered through no fault of the committee in charge. The latter contributed yeoman work to overcome all of the obstacles to a successful conference; all credit is due them.

TOPAZ

COMMUNITY YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by  
Topaz Community Conference  
Composed of Representatives  
from Various Organizations

"ADVENTURING INTO A  
NEW WORLD PATTERN"

February 11-12-13, 1944

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

- 3:00 p.m. Conference Preview:  
Round Table Discussion  
Chairman: Masao Satow  
National Y.M.C.A.
- 7:30 p.m. Opening Young People's Mass Meeting  
Speaker: Dr. John Embree  
Nationally Known Anthropologist  
and Sociologist University of  
Chicago

SATURDAY

- 2:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:15 - 4:30 p.m. Discussion Groups  
High School Group:  
"Leadership Institute"  
Speaker: Esther Bkeisemeister  
Chairman: Shigeki Sugiyama  
Young Adults:  
"Nisei Problems & Activities"  
1. Current Decisions Affecting  
Nisei.  
2. Post-war Economic Ventures  
for Nisei.  
Speaker: Masao Satow  
Chairman: Hiro Katayama
- 7:30 p.m. Parents' Night:  
"Living Today for Tomorrow"  
Speaker: Dr. John Embree  
Chairman: Mr. K. Hoshiga  
Chojiro Numajiri

8:00 p.m. "Cupid's Capers"  
Valentine Dance Sponsored by "Deserteers"  
At Auditorium

SUNDAY:

11:45 a.m. Interfaith Worship  
"Social Application of Religion"  
Speaker: Dr. Floyd Sampson  
Chairman: Mr. Koji Murata

1:00-1:30 Recess

1:30 p.m. "What's Happening to Nisei"  
Speaker: Geo. Rundquis  
Chairman: Miss Harumi Kawahara

7:30 p.m. "Unity of Americans"  
Tableau Presentation  
Directed by B. G. Evans  
Chairman: Mr. Yosh Isono

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Vice-Chairman: Harumi Kawahara, Yoshi Morioka  
Recording Secretary: Michiko Okamoto  
Corr. Secretary: June Nakayama  
Contact Secretary: Miko Kudo  
Historian: Teshio Mori

Honorary Chairman: Charles F. Ernst  
Project Director

Honorary Vice-Chairman: James F. Hughes  
Deputy Project Director  
Roscoe E. Bell, Raymond P.  
Sanford, Assist. Project  
Director

## COMMITTEES

### PROGRAM:

Harumi Kawahara, Chairman; Ryo Mishima, Michiko Okamoto,  
Bill Shinoda

### RECEPTION:

Tad Fujita and Sadhi Kawahara, Co-Chairman; Paul Bell,  
Henry Fujita, Betty Hayashi, Terry Ishida, Tomiko Kasai,  
Hide Kawahara, Miko Kudo, Bill Muramatsu, Ada Nakagiri,  
Chojiro Numajiri, Dwight Nishimura, Fumi Nabeta, Marth  
Oshima, Ichio Sugiyama, Matsue Sugiyama, Shig Sugiyama,  
Mari Shinoda, Mary Tsuchiya, Beishi Tanabe, Miye Yoshimori.

### REGISTRATION:

Masuji Fujii, Chairman; Tetsuko Hideshima, Yasuko Ishida,  
Lily Miyamoto, Yo Masuda, Mary Nitta, Motoichi Yanagi

### HOSPITALITY:

Yoshi Morioka and Joice Kawamoto

### TRANSPORTATION:

Sam Isono

### FINANCE: Hike Oda

### GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Tom Imazawa and Yosh Yamada, Co-Chairman; Sock Yoshida,  
Togo Oshima, Tubby Yoshida, Mako Takahashi, Bobby Utsumi,  
Yosh Isono, Jack Yoshizuka, Shigeo Hotta, George Hiraga,  
Ryozo Kumetawa, Hi-Y boys

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCERS:

Jim Morikawa and Ky Tanamachi

## A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Building for a Community in which all Americans are at Home.

### The Purpose:

This program brings to the Center a panel of visitors who have some experience and understanding in working in some area of community life which bears upon the problems facing the residents of the Centers and all citizens who are concerned with building a community in which all Americans are at Home. The visitors bring with them a real concern for the rehabilitation of Americans of Japanese ancestry into the normal community life of our Country and desire to work with residents of the Centers, both Caucasian and evacuees, in finding solutions to the problems which are now being confronted.

### The Program:

It is suggested that the program might have four phases:

1. Facts about the situation with regard to the reception of evacuees in various cities.
2. Interpretation of the background of the larger social patterns and active social forces relevant to the task of building a society in which all Americans will have full opportunity.
3. Motivation of leaders for constructive social effort.
4. An intelligent program of action.

#### 1. The Situation:

One member of the team will have had personal experience in one or more cities in which evacuees have found a hospitable reception. Discussion of the factual situation should include not only the favorable factors and the cooperative forces, important as these are, but also a candid facing of the patterns and attitudes confronted which tend to deny to evacuees and other groups a position of dignity and opportunity in the community. This includes such considerations as: economic security, school opportunities for children, adequate housing, and meeting antagonisms created by war psychology.

#### 2. Interpretation:

We are all behind the 8 ball and must make common cause in eliminating from our society those factors which prejudice, the opportunity of any race creed or social grouping. Members

of the team who have had unusual experience in meeting community problems will attempt to help the groups to relate the particular problems of evacuees, in finding livelihood and new opportunity to the social, economic and racial problems which are in ferment in all parts of the world. These problems must be tackled and resolved if we are to achieve full community life. Thus the problem of the evacuee will be seen not as an isolated and unique catastrophe which has come upon him alone but a particular part of a social scene which involves in different ways all members of society. If men are to have good homes, congenial schools, recreational opportunities, membership and responsibility in a friendly community of free men, we need to see how Americans have struggled for these things in the past and what today are the groups and forces which are for and against the achievement of these American ideals.

### 3. Motivation:

We need a clear understanding of what we all want in our society and new insight into the forces and groups working toward these desired ends. Uniting with these forces brings a new sense of power necessary for the achievement of these ends. When the essential inter related of life is understood and accepted cooperative effort takes the individual out of his own narrow concerns and the interests of his immediate group and makes him a citizen of a larger whole for which he has concern, hope and a degree of commitment. This is the religious attitude toward life and carries intrinsically within it the dynamic and motivation necessary for work for effective social change. In the terms of religion it is our privilege to participate in the purposes of God in achieving a world where the good life is available to all. The churches and the Christian associations at their best have an indispensable social function to perform in this area.

### 4. Intelligent Action.

On the project this might include:

- a. Further study of the issues raised by the work shop.
- b. Formation of a group to meet regularly for study, discussion, and planning.
- c. The discovery and training of leadership for all types of group activities within the center.
- d. Encouragement of High School students to continue their education in college in order to give leadership in the task of finding new patterns essential to the achievement of adequate opportunities for themselves and for all Americans.

REPRESENTATIVES OF  
VARIOUS ORGANIZATION MEETING

M I N U T E S

December 24, 1943  
Mr. Ernst presided

Present: Mmes. E. Grant, M. Togasaki; Misses Y. Morioka,  
C. Matsuzaki, K. Kawahara; Messrs. Sanford, Noble,  
D. Tatsuno, T. Bodine, M. Maruyama, Numajiri, and  
Nonnami.

In the office of the Project Director, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Bodine, of the National YMWCA, met with leaders of the organizations in the center to propose a conference for the benefit of the residents.

Mrs. Grant stated that the Nat'l Y will be the sponsors and will secure the panel of speakers which will not necessarily be connected with the organization. She added that the determination of the types of speakers desired should be made by the conference committee in the center. Mrs. Grant also recommended that closer unity of people and the feeling of belonging in the U. S. be emphasized at the conference.

It was agreed by the represented organizations that such a conference would be highly beneficial to the younger residents. It was decided that the age range include those between 16 and 35 years old.

The group was chosen to be the executive committee for the conference and Mr. Tatsuno was unanimously elected as Chairman. Mr. Tatsuno then appointed Miss Morioka and Miss Kawahara to act as Co-Vice Chairmen; Mr. Maruyama as Contact Secretary; and Miss Okamoto as Recording Secretary on his cabinet.

Mr. Ernst suggested that a relocated nisei be chosen as one of the speaker on the panel. He stated he would inquire the possibilities of having the expenses of the nisei paid by the WRA.

"Let There Be Light" and "We Belong" were suggested as themes for the conference. The tentative date was set to be on the last week of January.

The next meeting of the executive committee is to be held in the Community Management office on Monday at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

DISCUSSION ON CONFERENCE

MINUTES

December 26, 1943

Place: Residence of Miss Y. Morioka

Present: Mrs. E. Grant	Mr. S. Hotta
Mrs. S. Fujita	Mr. K. Murata
Mr. T. Bodine	Miss Y. Morioka
Mr. Numajiri	Miss T. Koba
Mr. B. Fujita	Miss A. Kajiwara
Mr. D. Tatsuno	Miss H. Kawahara

Suggested topics for the conference:

1. Social religion - interfaith.
2. Minority relationships in America for a better understanding of the minorities particularly among the colored race.
3. Unity of the people in the U. S.

Suggestion for the supplementary program:

Emphasis on culture such as a music concert featuring Miss Marian Anderson or another celebrity of the Minority race.

Conference Program:

In order to secure the interest of both the high school students and the young people out of school, it was suggested to have separate discussions and forums for the two groups. The two groups however, would have mass meetings together at the opening and closing of the conference.

As the conference is to be held for 3 days, the question of working hours was brought up.

February was considered the most convenient date for the conference as the high school carnival will be held in January and as Miss Anderson will be in Salt Lake City at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes of

Executive Committee and  
Representatives of Organizations Meeting

December 27, 1943

Presided by Mr. Dave Tatsuno

Those Present: Misses Toshi Koba and Harumi Kawahara, Mrs. K. Togasaki,  
Messrs. Tom Bodine, Bill Fujita, Sam Isono and R. Sanford.

It was decided by the members of the meeting to assume the title  
"Topaz Conference Committee Composed of Representatives of Various  
Organizations.

Mr. Tom Bodine was asked to clarify the position the National<sup>d</sup> YMCA &  
YWCA would take in the center-wide conference. Mr. Bodine stated that  
the National Y will be the sponsors of the conference and will secure  
the panel of speakers, who will not necessarily be affiliated with the  
YWCA or YMCA's. The persons to be responsible for the securing of speakers  
will be William J. Kitchen of the Student YMCA and Miss Eleanor French  
of the Student YWCA.

Mr. Bodine also stated that the National Y would not discriminate  
non-members of the Y or other organizations; nor is it the intention of  
the National Y to use the conference as a means for a membership campaign.  
The purpose of the conference is to stimulate the thinking of the resi-  
dents for a higher plane of thinking and for future planning.

The purposes and aims of the conference were reviewed as to stress  
assimilation, unity of Americans, leadership training, social religion and  
study of minorities.

Mr. Bodine suggested five types of speakers for the panel:

1. A speaker to encourage relocation by assimilation in schools,  
churches, and clubs.
2. A speaker to express other minority problems so that evacuees  
will realize their existence.
3. A speaker to encourage residents to become more socio-centric.
4. A speaker for leadership training
5. A speaker who is a relocated nisei

In order that the speakers will have the opportunity to meet the  
various groups and organizations, Mr. Bodine suggested that the con-  
ference committee meet them on the morning of their arrival, the small  
established groups as the P.T.A. in the afternoon, and the general public  
in the evenings.

The theme of the conference will be chosen at a later date. The tentative date was set for February 11th, 12th, and 13th.

Mr. Fujita was selected to act as corresponding secretary. He was asked to check on the calendar of center activities and also to write the National Y inquir-possibilities of securing Miss Marion Anderson for the conference.

The question on whether the CES will be able to give financial aid for the conference was discussed. Miss Koba stated she would inquire upon this matter and assistance would be given if the CES is able.

Mr. Tatsuno was requested by Mr. Sanford to explain the program of the conference at the Community Management meeting this Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted

Michiko Okamoto

December 28, 1943

Miss Marion Anderson  
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Anderson:

The young people of the War Relocation Authority Center here at Topaz are contemplating the sponsorship of a community wide conference with the assistance of the National YMCA and YWCA. The Conference planning committee is composed of representatives from various organizations within the Center. The tentative dates on which we hope to hold this proposed conference were February 11, 12, and 13.

The purpose of this conference would be to study problems such as the following:

1. Assimilation into the American pattern of life.
2. The values of a social religion.
3. The necessity of leadership training.
4. The unity of Americans.
5. The study of minority problems

We have knowledge of the fact that you are engaged to appear for a concert at Salt Lake City in the middle of February, and in as much as our Center is but a 6 hour trip from Salt Lake City, we are requesting your kind consideration to the possibility of honoring us by your visit to Topaz at any convenient date that may fit in with your schedule during your travels to this part of the country. We would deem it an extreme honor if we can center our conference around your appearance here. We have just dedicated a community gymnasium auditorium which can accommodate 3 to 4 thousand persons and we can fully see the tremendous stimulations and moral lifting values through a visit by you.

We fully realize how occupied you must be with your regular schedule. However, we would extremely appreciate your kindness and consideration to our hope that your visit might become a reality.

Very sincerely yours,

William K. Fujita  
Secretary for Conference  
Steering Committee

December 28, 1943

William J. Kitchen  
National Council YMCA  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Kitchen:

I am enclosing a letter addressed to Miss Marion Anderson, which we would appreciate your forwarding to her at your earliest convenience. In conjunction with your earliest convenience. In conjunction with your effort to explore the possibility of having her visit us, it may be helpful to forward this formal letter of invitation from our group.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Fujita  
Secretary for Conference  
Steering Committee

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December 28, 1943

William J. Kitchen  
National Council YMCA  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Kitchen:

We are exceedingly happy to inform you that it has been our good pleasure to have Mrs. Edmonia Grant and Mr. Tom Bodine visit us at Topaz during this past week. We have had some very fine and fruitful discussions with them and feel that they have left some deep-penetrating stimulations.

A group of leaders of the various organizations of the Center met with Mrs. Grant and Mr. Bodine in Mr. Ernst's office Friday, December 24. When the suggestion was made to hold a community wide conference for the young residents of Topaz, a unanimous approval of the suggestion was voiced. A Steering Committee was immediately formed and it was this group that met with Mr. Bodine this morning to establish some definite plans for this conference. Although a comprehensive letter will follow giving you the complete details of all discussions which took place at the meeting of the Steering Committee, I am informing you of the following tentative plans which were discussed.

1. The conference will be called the Topaz Community Conference under the auspices of the Topaz Conference Committee composed of representatives of the various Center organizations with the assistance of the National YMCA and YWCA.
2. Tentative dates on which the conference will be held are February 11, 12, and 13.
3. A meeting will be called this coming Friday, December 31, to be attended by a representative from each organization to select the necessary committee chairmen and committee members.

A suggestion was made at this meeting to inquire if it would be possible to have Miss Marion Anderson, who is engaged to appear at Salt Lake City in the middle of February, consider a visit to Topaz and possibly to be featured at our Conference by rendering a number or two at the newly constructed Auditorium that has just been dedicated last week. We would appreciate it immensely if you would be good enough to immediately contact Miss Anderson's manager and explore the possibility of such an engagement. We are hoping that Miss Anderson may possibly pay us a visit for a few hours, either before or after her Salt Lake appearance. Any effort on the part of your office to effect this into a reality will be greatly appreciated.

We are truly grateful to the National Council of the YMCA and the YWCA for the generosity and kindness in affording us this opportunity to assist the young people of Topaz to grow and to enable us to set our perspectives along higher planes.

We will keep you informed of our progress in planning for this conference and we look forward to a successful execution of your hopes and our plans.

Very sincerely yours,

William K. Fujita  
Secretary for Conference  
Steering Committee

cc: Miss Eleanor French  
600 Lexington Avenue  
New York City, New York

Mrs. Edmonia Grant

Mr. Tom Bodine

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

MINUTES

December 31, 1943

Mr. Tatsuno presided

Present: Misses H. Kawahara, Y. Morioka, F. Terazawa, Messrs. Sanford, D. Tatsuno, Numajiri, Honnami, N. Kobayashi, T. Imagawa, S. Isono, B. Fujita, S. Hotta, M. Maruyama.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45. Self introductions were made by the group.

Mr. Tatsuno summarized what had been planned at previous meetings to the new members as thus:

Mrs. Grant and Mr. Bodine, representatives of the National YWCA proposed a conference which is to be for the benefit of other centers also. The National Y, who is to be sponsor, will secure the panel of speakers, which will not necessarily be connected with the organization.

It was decided at the first meeting in Mr. Ernst's office to hold the conference. At that meeting the executive officers as well as the executive board were chosen.

The conference is to be publicized as the "Topaz Conference Committee Composed Of Representatives Various Organizations" and the Nat'l Y is to be noted briefly as the sponsor as it is not desired to make distinctions from the other represented organizations.

The date for the conference has been set on February 11, 12, and 13 with hopes of securing Miss Marian Anderson to sing for us at that time.

The topics on the program will be:

1. Assimilation through relocation
2. Assimilation with other minority groups by learning their problems and solutions
3. Social Religion, which is religion for all humanity
4. Leadership training

Mr. Tatsuno then read Rohwer's "Community Workshop" to give an example of how a conference program was presented. Fifty copies of this program are to be made for distribution to the members.

Mr. Fujita read his letter to Mr. Kitchen which explained the developments of the conference plans and which inquired the possibilities of securing Miss Anderson to sing as part of the program. Our appreciation and thanks for the conference were also expressed in the letter. The letter addressed to Miss Anderson requesting for her possible appearance was also read.

A suggestion made by Mr. Sanford was that we have a Mormon leader of Utah as one of the speakers on the panel.

In order to have the full support of the community for the conference, it was decided to secure the endorsement of the Block Managers, Interfaith, and City Council.

Mr. Maruyama was assigned to give the council a complete report of the plans. Also, a report is to be given to the Appointive Staff Meeting on January 8, and to the Community Management Meeting every Tuesday.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a correction was made; "Social Religion" was corrected to "Social Application of Religion".

Elections of the Committee Chairmen were made:

Program - Miss Harumi Kawahara

Arrangement - Mr. Tom Imagawa

Mr. Noboru Kobayashi

Registration - Mr. Masuji Fujii

Hospitality - Miss Yoshi Morioka

Miss Amy Kajiwara

Publicity - Miss Fiko Honda

Mr. Isamu Negata

Finance - Mr. Toby Ogawa

Reception - Miss Toshi Koba

Transportation - Mr. Sam Isono

The selection of committee members was decided to be made at the next meeting when the executive committee, committee chairman and representatives of the organizations will be present. The next meeting is to be held at the Interfaith office on Tuesday, 4:00.

Mr. Tatsuno read the memorandum addressed to the Education Section regarding the organization of the youth in the center with Administration. The group agreed to cooperate with the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

MINUTES

January 4, 1944

Mr. Dave Tatsuno presided

Present: Misses Mikiko Hayashida, Tomiko Sutow, Messrs. Sam Isono  
Mike Maruyama, Tats Nakamoto, Bill Fujita

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 at the Inter-faith  
office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee chairmen are to select the members of their res-  
pective committees, then recommend them to the Executive Board at the  
next meeting which is to be held in the Community Management office on  
Friday, 10:30. Any necessary additions would be made at that time.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

M I N U T E S

January 7, 1944

Mr. Dave Tatsuno presided

Present: Misses H. Kawabara, Y. Morioka, S. Kawahara, E. Honda,  
Messrs. Mumajiri, T. Imagawa, K. Inouye, S. Isono, B.  
Fujita, T. Nakamoto

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 in the Community Management Office.

Mr. Tatsuno introduced the new members then briefly reviewed to them what had been planned at previous meetings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The purpose of this meeting, Mr. Tatsuno stated, is to find out whether committee Chairmanships had been accepted and to proceed working on the program.

Committee Chairman:

Miss Kawahara has accepted the position as Program Chairman.

Mr. Imagawa assented to assume the responsibility as Co-Chairmen of Arrangements. He stated that Mr. Kobayashi wished to resign as Co-Chairman as he is busy with school work. Mr. Yosh Yamada was chosen to replace him.

Miss Kajiwara who is contemplating immediate relocation, declined to be Co-Chairman of Hospitality with Miss Morioka. Therefore upon Miss Morioka's suggestion, Miss Joice Kawamoto was selected to replace her.

Miss Eiko Honda agreed to act as Absentee Co-Chairman of Publicity as she is not able to attend the regular Executive Board meetings. As Mr. Isamu Nagata declined to be Co-Chairman, Mr. Mits Nishio was chosen instead. He will ~~also~~ also be responsible for posters.

On the Reception Committee, Mr. Tad Fujita was selected to be Co-Chairman with Miss Sachi Kawahara, who has accepted the position.

It was learned that Mr. Toby Ogawa and Mr. Sam Isono assented to ~~was~~ be Chairman of Finance and Transportation respectively.

Whether the Wasatch Academy students should be invited to attend the conference was discussed. The group believed that they should be invited to a high school conference instead as this conference program would not pertain to them.

A report on the last minutes is to be made at the next Comm. Mgmt. meeting by the Recording Secretary.

In case Miss Marian Anderson is scheduled to be in Salt Lake City on the third weekend of February, it was decided to postpone the conference to that date. However, the auditorium will be reserved on February 11 and 13.

Another wire is to be sent to Miss Anderson requesting her appearance.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 10:30 at the Comm. Mgmt. Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

M I N U T E S

January 14, 1944

Place: Community Management Office

Mr. Tatsune presided

Present: Misses H. Kawahara, T. Koba, Y. Morioka, Mrs. Yatabe,  
Messrs. T. Nakamoto, T. Fujita, M. Maruyama, T. Mori,  
B. Fujita, Sekarak, M. Nishie, M. Fujii

The meeting was called to order at 10:50. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a correction was made; Miss Kajiwara who is contemplating immediate relocation, declined to be Co-Chairman of Hospitality with Miss Morioka.

Introductions of the new members present were made.

Mr. Tad Fujita reported that he and Miss Sachi Kawahara had met and had decided to make a list of receptionists.

Mr. Toshio Mori consented to act as co-chairman of the Historical Committee with Miss Evelyn Kirimura. He requested for all minutes and correspondence so that documentation of the conference can be made.

It was reported by Mr. Maruyama that the Appointive Staff and the Block Managers will give their fullest cooperation for the conference. Also the Council has unanimously given its endorsement; this has been reported to Miss Honda for publication in the Topaz Times.

Hereafter, the various committees are to be publicized in every edition of the Times.

Mr. Fujita read the letter received from the National YWCA pertaining to the appearance of Miss Marian Anderson. It was learned that she will not be able to attend the conference. However, a wire is to be sent to Miss Barnett, asking her to endeavor to contact Miss Anderson personally rather than through her manager. It is believed that she would give fuller consideration of appearing if it were brought to her attention.

Miss Morioka stated that Miss Joice Kawamoto has consented to be Co-Chairman of Hospitality Committee. Also Mrs. Sasaki has been chosen to be a member of that committee.

Miss Harumi Kawahara reported that the auditorium has been reserved for February 11th and 13th. As the center-wide Valentine Dance will be held there on February 12, it was decided to incorporate the dance into the program.

Miss Kawahara read a list of themes and speakers which was drawn up by the program committee. "Adventuring Into a New World Pattern" was chosen as the theme.

Mr. Bob Iki, a relocated nisei was suggested as one of the speakers. Inquiries will be made of his availability. The choice of the other speakers will be made by the program committee.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday at 10:30 in the Comm. Mgm't office when all committee chairman are to be present to give reports on their work.

The meeting was adjourned as there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted

Michiko Okamoto

TOPAZ CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

MINUTES

January 20, 1944  
Community Management office  
Mr. D. Tatsuno presided

Present: Misses M. Yoshimine, Y. Morioka, J. Kawamoto, S. Kawahara,  
Messrs. B. Fujita, D. Nuttal, M. Nishio, H. Oda

The meeting was called to order at 11:00. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that letters were sent to the project director and assistant project directors asking them to act as Honorary Chairman and Honorary Vice Chairmen respectively. Acknowledgements have been received from Mr. Ernst, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Hughes; Mr. Sanford however, desires more information.

Mrs. Yatabe was elected to succeed Mr. B. Fujita, corresponding secretary who is leaving the center in the immediate future. Mr. Oda was appointed new chairman of the Finance Committee as Mr. Ogawa had resigned from his position.

Expenditures of the various committees were calculated.

The matter of whether the speakers may be invited as guests of the WRA will be looked into by the Hospitality Committee through Mr. Boyce. The question of arm bands for the Reception Committee is to be brought up for consideration by the committee.

As the seating capacity in the auditorium has been lowered, it was found necessary to control the attendance of conference participants. It was decided that all residents who wish to take part in the conference will be required to pre-register.

The group agreed that a contribution should be made to the Student Scholarship Fund, therefore it was decided to charge 10¢ for registration fee. This will also cover any expenses.

**Hospitality Committee:**

On Friday afternoon, the Hospitality Committee will be hosts to the speakers at the opening dedication of the YWCA at Rec 4 from 3 to 5 p.m.

**Reception Committee:**

This committee will usher and cooperate with the Hospitality Comm in welcoming the speakers. Song sheets are to be made for the 10 minutes singspiration periods which will be held before the meetings begin. Miss Sachi Kawahara stated that 16 members have been chosen for the committee. This comm. will also guide the guests around the project.

**Publicity Committee:**

Mr. Mits Nishio reported that articles announcing the conference were being sent to the Rocky Shampo, Colorado Times and Pacific Citizen. A banner for the auditorium and posters are being made by the CES; show cards will be posted at the high school and co-op and mimeod posters will be placed in the blocks. The students will be invited to participate in the conference through the high school paper, "The Rambler". Also, the conference is to be announced at the high school assembly. Miss Harumi Kawahara was assigned to make a report to the high school faculty 2 weeks hence.

**Program Committee:**

(Tentative plans)

On Friday morning, the panel of speakers will meet with the Executive Board. Immediately following the meeting, the Reception Committee will guide the guests about the school grounds and the guest speakers will appear before the high school assembly. It was suggested that the Home Economics class prepare the luncheon for this day.

The Project Director and Assistant Project Directors will be asked to formally welcome the speakers at the opening ceremony on Friday evening. Other details are to be worked out by this committee.

It was planned to have the parents gather on Saturday night so that they may have an opportunity to listen to a speaker. Mr. Hoshiga, who was selected to be in charge of this program, will be responsible for choosing an interpreter. Also, as representative of the Council, he was invited to attend the next Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Jim Morikawa was elected official announcer for the program schedules. The choice of two assistants will be left up to him.

Miss Morioka was appointed acting chairman in the absence of Mr. Tatsuno for the next meeting. The entire program and the duties of the different committees will be reviewed by Miss H. Kawahara.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Board will be held at the high school administration office on Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Hospital Reception and Program Committees will meet at Miss Kawahara's home on Monday, 7:30 p.m. Mr. Tatsuno will also be present.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiko Okamoto

## NISEI LAUDED FOR PART IN U.S. WAR FUND

Japanese Americans were singled out for special recognition for their generous contributions to the national war fund at a rally held in New York City last week.

Dr. Kanzo Oguri, chairman of the Japanese American committee, announced at the rally held at Hunter College that more than \$3,500 had been raised by the loyal Japanese in that city. Aside from the Japanese 24 other nationalities helped to aggregate a total of more than \$432,000 to the fund.

Edward Corsi, vice-chairman of the United Nations Relief Wing of the New York Committee of the National War Fund, stated "that representatives of 25 nationality groups, many of whose countries are on various sides of the war, worked together for a common humanitarian cause is reason enough to give thanks that regardless of our origin, we are all American either by birth or adoption."

## FRED HOSHIYAMA RECEIVES MASTER'S

Fred Y. Hoshiyama, well-known former YMCA leader in San Francisco, was awarded his master's degree in education from Springfield College, Massachusetts, at exercises held December 10. He received his BA degree with honors from the University of California.

His parents reside at 3-5-F.

## NO NISEI IN JAPANESE ARMY, SAYS MILITARY MAGAZINE

Popular belief that there are nisei soldiers serving in the Imperial Army was disproved in an article written in the December issue of "Infantry Journal", nationally recognized military magazine.

In their article "The Jap Is Not Mysterious" Captain Eugene A. Wright and Lieutenant Michael Mitchell revealed that: "It has been said that many nisei are probably in the Japanese Army.

"In view of the deep distrust with which nisei have been regarded by the Japanese authorities, it is unlikely that many of them would be used in front line positions. And prisoners have said that to their knowledge there are no nisei in the Japanese Army."

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCLAVE SLATED HERE IN FEBRUARY

A young people's conference, sponsored by the Topaz community conference committee composed of representatives from various project organizations, will be held here in February, it was announced. Tentative dates have been determined as February 11, 12, and 13.

## NEPHI JUDGE TO INDUCT COUNCIL

Judge Will H. Hoyt of Nephi will arrive here January 7 to induct the new council, it was announced today by Ralph C. Barnhart, camp attorney.

Judge Hoyt is the district judge of the fifth judicial district of Utah, including Joab, Millard, Iron, Beaver, and Washington counties.

## High School To Check Excuses

Written absence excuses of the current semester were returned last week to parents of high school students to determine if the parents had written them, according to Victor Goertzel, director of guidance.

Accompanying the excuse notices were letters to parents of those students doing deficient work in school subjects.

The letters list ways in which absence from school adversely affects not only the individual's progress and interest in his work, but in the way in which absence of pupils affects the entire class.

In addition to providing the impetus for the conference, the national YMCA in New York has made funds available for speakers from all parts of the country.

Assimilation, unity of all Americans, social religion, problems of minority groups and leadership training will be some of the fields of topics to be discussed.

Mrs. Edmonia Grant and Tom Bodine, representing the national YMCA, were in the camp last week to assist in conference preparation.

Executive officers of the conference include Dave Tatsuno, chairman; Yoshi Morioka and Harumi Kawahara, vice-chairmen; Mike Maruyama, contact secretary; Michiko Okamoto, recording secretary; and Bill Fujita, corresponding secretary.

Committee heads were to have been appointed Friday morning at the general committee meeting, it was indicated.

## 75 NISEI FETED IN WISCONSIN

Seventy-five American Japanese who have relocated to Madison, Wisconsin, were honored last week at a YMCA reception attended by 150 civic and business leaders.

Co-operating in the program were the Madison Committee on Relocation of American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry and the Madison Council of Churches.

The mayor of Madison opened the reception by welcoming the American Japanese. The program included duets, community singing and a luncheon.

## SPANISH CONSUL

Captain Antonio Martin, assistant Spanish Consul in San Francisco, Charles Eberhardt of the State Department and Del Sullivan of the immigration office in Salt Lake City were in the center Sunday and Monday.

## Topaz and Resettlement

# BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Out of the 9102 people who have lived at Topaz since its inception 1566 or 17% had relocated on indefinite leave as of December 22.

These relocators have gone to 31 different states and the District of Columbia. 177 complete families have left accounting for 570 or 37% of the total relocatees including two family groups of ten.

Utah ranks first in relocators' preference; next are Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Colorado respectively. As for cities, Salt Lake City ranks first with Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Ann Arbor following. New York City is gaining in popularity with almost 50 Topaz residents there already.

Cold weather has not appreciably affected the rate of the relocated. In the first 3 weeks of October, 73 persons left Topaz on indefinite leave. For the same period in November there were 77 persons leaving and the first 21 days of December, 75 persons departed.

By far the largest number of relocators are nisei between the ages of 20 and 30. However one out of every five is an issei. Several are paroled aliens.

Counting all centers a total of almost 16,500 evacuees had relocated by December 1. Minidoka ranks first in the percentage of population relocated. Granada is second with Topaz third.

## Hospitality

According to the relocation office, more persons are leaving Topaz on hospitality and hostel offers than with specific jobs. Many leave to join friends or relatives.

It has become known by persons receiving letters from friends that more and better employment opportunities are available than WRA ever receives. It is also more satisfactory to have personal interviews before commitment by either the employer or employee.

## Hostels

Religious organizations have established friendly, low cost, temporary homes for evacuees in six different cities. The American Friends Service Committee is currently operating one in Cincinnati and one in Des Moines, Iowa. The United Brethren is operating the Chicago

hostel. The American Baptist Home Mission Society operates in Cleveland. In Detroit, the Detroit Council of Churches has just established a hostel, while in Omaha the YWCA operates one for girls. A new hostel has been opened in Minneapolis by the Lutheran churches.

Rates in the hostels for room and 3 meals are \$1 per day for an adult while unemployed and 50¢ for a child. After employment the rates advance to \$1.50

and 75¢ respectively. One reason for the low cost of both room and board is that evacuees are asked to help with some of the work. Another is that the sponsoring organizations defray any deficit.

Well over a thousand evacuees have used the facilities of the hostels and it is common opinion that persons who relocate through them are better satisfied than those who accept offers before leaving the relocation centers.

## WRA OFFICES

There are outside relocation offices in 45 cities in 23 different states. Latest additions have been Grand Rapids, Michigan; Buffalo, New York; Baltimore, Maryland; and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Almost every large or strategic city north of the deep south has an office.

## Chicago

Japanese American women were first to leave the relocation centers for resettlement in the Chicago area, and about 1000 of them now call this town their home, according to Jack Steele in an article in the New York Herald Tribune.

The great majority of evacuees, both men and women, are now well accepted, well adjusted to their new environment and expect to stay in the Middle West after the war, he says.

Women were first to leave the centers, says Steele, because the earliest jobs offered the WRA employment offices were for domestic work, and permission to leave the camps was given only to those with job offers.

Nisei women have now branched out from their jobs as domestics to work in a score of fields, says Steele. Many are employed in offices, including those of the federal agencies, and departments in Chicago as file clerks, typists, bookkeepers and stenographers. Others have found work in war plants and the food-processing industry, while a number hold professional positions as nurses, laboratory technicians and social workers.

Their success has led the WRA to alter some of its original rules and practices. For one thing, it will no longer place women as domestics. "We found that we could get many other jobs for them that were more essential," said Elmer Shirrell, WRA supervisor for the Midwest.

# TOPAZ TIMES

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## SUMITOMO BANK FILES PETITION TO PAY CLAIMS

Liquidators of the Sumitomo Bank of California have filed a petition in the state superior court in Sacramento for leave to pay a first dividend on all approved claims against the bank, it was announced.

Funds will be distributed only to American citizens and to those of Japanese descent who have been licensed either generally or specifically, by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to receive said funds, by virtue of regulations, orders, rulings, instructions, licenses, or otherwise, pursuant to Executive Order No. 8389, as amended.

No funds will be paid aliens whose accounts have been "blocked" by the United States government or to those who are considered as "Blocked" or "Enemy Nationals."

## Baccalaureate Services Set

Baccalaureate services to be held this Sunday at the auditorium from 7:30 PM will open the high school senior week activities, it was announced today.

The mid-year graduates will hold a banquet in Delta on Tuesday night and the senior ball in the auditorium on Wednesday evening.

Climaxing the week's program will be the graduation exercises on Friday from 8 PM. Helen Fukui and Harry Kitano, commencement speakers, will talk on the theme, "Build the Peace of All Nations on the Youth of Today."

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Tuesday.....	30°	12°
Wednesday.....	30°	-2°
Thursday.....	30°	-1°

## SECRETARIAL COURSE TO BE STARTED IN PROJECT

### SHOES UNDER \$3 ARE UNRATIONED

Shoes priced at 3 dollars or less may be purchased without a stamp from January 17 to January 29, according to an announcement by the office of price administration in Utah.

This does not mean that the nation's stock of shoes have suddenly increased. OPA has relaxed shoe rationing regulations temporarily so that dealers can hold their usual January clearance sales of slow-moving merchandise on which the public has been reluctant to spend its precious coupons.

### COUNCIL BACKS YOUTH CONCLAVE

The community council yesterday unanimously endorsed the Topaz Young People's Conference scheduled for the middle of February, it was disclosed today.

The block managers also offered their co-operation and facilities to the conference committee.

Charles F. Ernst, project director, has been named honorary chairman for the conclave and James F. Hughes, deputy director, Roscoe E. Bell and Raymond P. Sanford, assistant directors, honorary vice-chairmen, the steering committee reported.

### HO-ON-KO SERVICES

Annual Ho-on-ko services will be held at the Buddhist Church on Saturday and Sunday.

Adult services will be conducted at rec 28 on Saturday from 7:30 PM.

The schedule for Sunday remains the same. Sunday school, YP and adult services will be held at the usual time and at the usual place.

A secretarial training course for all office workers will be inaugurated here soon, according to the vocational training unit. Mrs. Adeline Hunter has been employed by the project to initiate the program of office training for typists, stenographers and clerical workers.

It is proposed that the course in the beginning will cover studies of Business English, formulating letters, office conduct and etiquette, etc. All clerical workers will be requested to attend one-hour classes each week to receive instructions on these subjects for a period from 8 to 10 weeks.

During the past week questionnaires to find out the needs and desires of employees in secretarial training were distributed to all office workers. It is expected that this survey will serve as bases for opening typing, shorthand and other courses as desired by employees.

### JASPER AVE. PIPES PARTLY COMPLETED

Pipe replacements on the west end of Jasper Avenue were completed Wednesday, according to Wayne Sutton of the public works department. These pipe lines are used by blks. 16, 22, and 23.

Water for the showers and faucets in the new gym auditorium will be supplied by these lines. Replacements on the east end of Jasper Avenue will be completed this month.

### "CARTER FAMILY"

The cast of "The Carter Family," high school drama club presentation, gave two performances at Delta high school Wednesday. In the afternoon, the play was presented to the high school students, and in the evening to the Delta community.

## POST OFFICE HANDLES HUGE VOLUME OF MAIL

Approximately 720,000 letters and 130,000 parcel post packages were received in the center during 1943, according to a report submitted by Hideo Iyeki, resident postal foreman.

Other incoming mail handled by the post office during the past year were 6459 insured packages, 7404 loose packages, 1090 registered letters and 234,360 second and third class mail. Notices of all the departments amounting to 180,000 were distributed by the post office.

Outstanding events in the local postal service during 1943 were as follows: discontinuation of military inspection on all incoming packages in March; twice-a-day mail service changed to once-a-day service, with the block managers taking over the task of distributing 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class matters; completion of a directory of all the residents of Topaz.

### N.J. ESTATE OWNER WANTS WORKERS

One gardener, two maids and another man were requested by A.N. Spaniel of Princeton, New Jersey in a long distance telephone call to this center.

Spaniel, owner of a huge estate in Princeton, will pay \$90 a month for the gardener, \$75 each for the maids and \$80 for the other man.

### GIRL SCOUT MEET SCHEDULE RELEASED

The schedule for the Brownie and intermediate girl scout meetings was announced today by Toshi Koba of the community activities department.

The Brownies will meet every Saturday afternoon from 2:30 at the following locations: district 1, rec 8; district 2, rec 20; district 3, 41-11-CD; district 4, rec 37. Leaders for these troops are Mrs. C. Kajiwara, Setsu Katayama, Meiko Shimosaka, Mrs. S. Nakahata, Mrs. G. Harano, Mrs. R. Marstella and Miss S. Takahashi.

Intermediate girl scout troop 11 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:45 PM at 41-11-CD; troop 12 will meet on Fridays from 3:45 PM at rec 8; and troop 10 will meet on Saturdays from 10:30 AM. Leaders for these scouts are Mrs. D. Boyce, Mrs. G. Harano, Mrs. G. Lafabreque, Hachisu Ishida, Masae Mori and Mrs. George Kakehi.

All girls interested in joining the troops are welcome to attend.

## RAM HOOPSTERS TO PLAY NEPHI, HINKLEY TEAMS

With two cage contests slated for them over the week-end, the Topaz High hoopsters will travel to Nephi on Thursday and Hinkley on Saturday in night games.

The Rams, after trouncing their last two opponents by large scores to bring up their record to five wins and three losses, will be gunning for two more victories to add to their list.

### DOUBLE T'S TO PLAY HINKLEY SEXTET

Topaz High girls' sextet, the "Double T's", will parade on the local court this afternoon at three o'clock against Hinkley in their second encounter. The "Double T's" will travel to Hinkley and again meet the same team this Saturday night in a preliminary match.

### RAM QUINTET WINS IN LOCAL COURT

In a practice game last Monday afternoon, a Ram quintet floored Hinkley, 30-23, in the local gym.

The Topaz Hoopsters broke the 6-6 half-time deadlock to emerge victorious by a 7 point margin at the final whistle.

## "DREAMS COME TRUE", SAYS EVACUEE IN N. Y.

By Miwako Oana

(Note: The following excerpts are from an article written by a former resident of Heart Mountain, now in New York employed as an editorial assistant in the publications divisions of the national headquarters of the Presbyterian Church.)

Dreams come true in New York, Or, at least, with a little initiative, resourcefulness, patience, faith, spirit, and a hardy pair of shoes, dreams can come true in New York. Hundreds of evacuees now residing in this throbbing metropolis, fresh and wide-

eyed from the seclusion and restriction of relocation centers, are realizing this.

There's Jimmy Tanaka, formerly with Walt Disney Studios in Hollywood and more recently from the Jerome center, who is on the staff of Manhattan's Famous Studios, now doing cartooning and animation work.

John Sunao Iwatsu, former Topazite, has found a position to his liking as architectural draftsman for a progressive firm in Times Square.

Dreams of college are also coming true in New York for a number of stu-

dents, among them Chiyeko Fukuoka of Topaz, who is now majoring in constructive design at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, where she was recently elected vice-president of a class of 50 girls and has been a member of the championship intramural volleyball team; John Takeuchi also from Topaz, is a student of architecture at New York University.

All dreams may not come true in New York, but more than any other city, it seems to hold the greatest possibilities. Little "success stories" are springing up daily in the shade of its giant skyscrapers.

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## TOPAZ CONCLAVE NATIONAL EVACUEES' MEET THEME CHOSEN; IN CHICAGO POSTPONED SPEAKER NAMED

"Adventuring Into a New World Pattern" was chosen as the theme for the coming Topaz Youth Conference scheduled February 11, 12, 13.

The committee also reported that John Embree, former WRA reports division and community analyst chief in Washington, has been secured by the National Y as one of the conference speakers. Embree, now a faculty member of the University of Chicago, is a noted anthropologist and author of several books on Japan.

The following persons were named as chairmen for various committees at the last meeting: Harumi Kawahara, program; Tom Imagawa and Yosh Yamada, arrangements; Masuji Fujii, registration; Yoshi Morioka and Joice Kawamoto, hospitality; Mits Nishio, publicity; Toby Ogawa, finance; Tad Fujita, Sachi Kawahara, reception; Sam Isono, transportation.

### OFFICE WORKERS' CLASSES START

General classes in secretarial training for more than 200 clerical workers will begin tomorrow morning in the administrative rec hall, it was announced by Mrs. Adeline Hunter.

Classes will be divided into two groups. One session will start at 10:15 AM, the other at 11:30 AM.

### NEW COUNCIL HEADS

Dr. George Ochikubo and George Shimamoto were elected as permanent chairman and vice chairman of the third permanent community council Thursday.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Friday.....	28°	3°
Saturday.....	38°	3°
Sunday.....	38°	4°
Monday.....	39°	7°

The national evacuees' conference scheduled in Chicago for the beginning of next month has been postponed due to the lack of adequate time necessary to develop a suitable and constructive agenda, according to a wire from Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director.

### Army returns Tule to WRA

The return of the Tule Lake center to full civic administration was announced Saturday by the War Department and the War Relocation Authority following re-establishment of peaceful conditions within the center.

Tule Lake had been under army control since the outbreak of disturbances last November.

### PRESIDENT'S BALL

#### BIRTHDAY DANCE SET FOR JAN. 28

The President's Birthday Ball to be held in the gym on January 28 in conjunction with the March of Dimes drive will be co-sponsored by the center hospital and the Millard County President's Birthday Ball Committee, it was revealed.

Co-chairmen for the ball are Miss Margaret McCaffery, head nurse, and Mrs. Reval Bliss of Delta.

Tickets for 650 couples will be sold by a hospital ticket committee. Arrangements for a band from Delta are being made. Dancing will be from 9 to 12:30 o'clock.

### PTA RECEPTION TO HONOR GRADUATES

Following high school commencement exercises Friday night, the PTA will hold a reception to honor faculty members and graduates of the elementary school and the junior and senior high schools.

The reception will begin immediately after graduation exercises in DH 32.

The wire stated that a letter would follow to explain "expectations for such a conference" and why the WRA is unable to finance expenses.

A vote taken in various blocks disclosed that 19 were in favor of sending delegates to the Chicago conference; 13 blocks, against; and 2, undecided, it was reported to the community council Thursday.

The council endorsed the sending of delegates provided that all nine centers be fully represented and that a meeting of center delegates be held prior to the conference.

Negotiations with other centers for holding a preliminary meeting are now in progress.

### GUARDIANS MUST FILE REPORTS

All adult residents who have been appointed guardians (trustees) of estates that have title vested in minors are required to confirm their guardianship status by preparing a guardian's report to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the State of California, and in the Office of the County Clerk where any of the property is situated, before January 31, 1944.

Assistance in preparing these reports will be available at the resident attorney's office in the west end of the relocation building.

### 12 MAIDS NEEDED

Twelve maids are needed by the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on either six months' seasonal or indefinite leave basis, according to the WRA office.

# Sports PARADE

## BLOCK 20 CAGESTERS WIN THRILLER FROM BLOCK 12

After a slow first half start, the block 20 quintet found the range for 14 tallies to edge out the powerful block 12 contingent, 17 to 15, in the hottest fracas of the day. Paced by Akira Nakata who tallied 10 of his 11 points in the latter half, the star-studded #20 five started clicking in the third period. Nakata scored two baskets to put #20 one point behind #12, 8 to 7, while #12 was held scoreless.

In the 4th spasm, Ben Toba scored a free throw for #12, but Nakata and Ted Iida came back with 2 goals to put #20 in the lead for the first time, 11-9. Ben Takahashi sank a bucket to knot the score. With 2½ minutes to go Nakata again looped the hoop followed by lanky George Yonekura's basket to again put #20 in the lead, 15-11.

Takahashi tipped in a goal to keep #12 in the running, but Nakata came right back with the clinching basket. Harry Kanamasu sank a bucket for #12 just before the whistle sounded.

### BLOCK 28

#### TOMIOKA AND MEN TRIUMPH

Paced by the accurate shooting of Tom Tomioka, the #28 casaba squad smothered the hapless #42 five, 20-11, Saturday in the only National loop tilt.

Block 28 assumed the lead from the opening gun when Tomioka made the initial bucket of the clash, and was never in danger throughout the contest.

Tomioka garnered high point honors with 10 markers to his credit. Teammate Shig Nomura tallied 6 digits. Kiyoshi Kusunoki's stellar guarding and offensive kept the slow-starting #42 cagesters on the alert throughout the tilt.

Andy Sugiyama, former Tule star, played brilliantly for the losers.

## SATURDAY CAGE RESULTS GIVEN

NATIONAL	Block 28--20, Block 42--11
AMERICAN	Block 19--20, Block 5--14
	Block 20--17, Block 12--15
NORTHERN	Block 13--18, Block 6--13
	Block 11--24, Block 4--15
SOUTHERN	Block 29--23, Block 37--19
EASTERN	Block 26--19, Block 35--10
	Block 34--19, Block 27--10
WESTERN	Block 16--24, Block 8--14

## FROM BEHIND #19 QUINTET TROUNCES #5

After trailing, 7-4, at the half, the #19 hoopsters crushed the #5 quintet, 20-14, in an American league clash Saturday.

Led by Sam Yamamoto, Kunio Ishii and Jinbo Nakayama, #19 caught up with the fighting #5 five in the 3rd frame and from then on assumed a steadily increasing lead until the end of the game.

Ishii and Yamamoto led the victors with 6 and 7 points respectively. Take Takemoto was high point man for the losers with 7 tallies.

## THIS WEEK'S CAGE SCHEDULE GIVEN

TUESDAY:	7:00--38 vs 36 (Southern)
	7:45--9 vs 10 (Western)
	8:30--1 vs 9 (American)
	9:15--5 vs 12 (Northern)
SATURDAY:	2:00--26 vs 34 (Eastern)
	2:45--4 vs 13 (Northern)
	3:30--31 vs 39 (National)
	4:15--1 vs 16 (Western)
	5:00--31 vs 37a (Southern)
	(Subject to change)

## RAMS SHELLACK HINCKLEY FIVE BY 34-19 SCORE

The Topaz High hoopsters tacked up their sixth win of the current season by blasting out a 34 to 19 victory over the Hinckley quintet last Saturday night on the loser's court.

The opening minutes of the contest left no doubt in the minds of the casaba fans that Topaz held the upper hand over the Mustangs. Led by Tomioka, Mayeda and Hidekawa, the local cagesters roared through the initial period by stacking up a 19 to 5 advantage before the half-time intermission.

The last half found the Mustangs dumping in 13 digits in an attempt to close the gap but again the Rams continued their steady attack and plunked in 15 tallies to end the game, 34-19. Scoring for the home team were: Mayeda (8), Hidekawa (7), Tomioka (5), Tsujisaki (3), Yamada (4), Kusunoki (2), Tamaki (2) and Fujita (1).

## DOUBLE T'S TRIM HINCKLEY SEXTET

In the preliminary game, the "Double T's" kept the their spotless record by downing the Hinckley sextet, 30-12, Saturday.

Playing in perfect unison, the "T's" rambled through the first half with 22 points and limited Hinckley to only 6 digits. Scoring in the second period was slow with the Topaz girls registering 8 points to Hinckley's 6. Mud Shinoda led the scoring for the home team with 13 points followed by Bubbles Keikoan with 11. Others scoring were B. Nakamizo (4), M. Nakamizo (1) and G. Tsujisaka (1).

## GYM NOT OPEN FOR BADMINTON WED.

The gymnasium will not be opened to badminton fans this Wednesday evening due to the senior prom which will be held that night, it was reported today. It will be available next Wednesday evening.

## PLANS FOR HOT HOUSES NEAR HOSPITAL MADE

Plans for the construction of several hot houses with Cello-Glass near the hospital laundry have been completed, it was announced yesterday by the design unit. The application for approval to build these houses has been sent to the War Production Board in Washington, DC.

Tender crop plants for the farm section were purchased from the outside previously, but with the hot houses, plant propagation will be possible on the project.

The steam from the hospital boiler will be used to heat the houses.

### CORNWALL TO BE TRANSFERRED EAST

Claude C. Cornwall, relocation officer, will be transferred this month to a field relocation office in the east, according to word received from the Washington WRA.

One of the first appointed staff members to arrive here, Cornwall has been in charge of employment and relocation work.

**FOUND:** A good fountain pen near block 26. Owner must identify pen before claiming it. Please go to 16-7-F.

## Community Council's Standing Committees, Members Revealed

(Continued from Pg. 1)

**HEALTH:** Dr. Masanori Iriki, chmn.; Hatsuto Yamada, Kinhosuke Hashimoto, Genichi Hoshiga, Masakazu Tawa, Hachiro Yano.

**LABOR:** Kuraichi Suwada, chmn.; Harry Konda, Sanjiro Kawaguchi, Hisaichi Tsugawa, Kan Endow, Mataichi Nakamura.

**LEGAL:** Saburo Matsumoto, chmn., Masaru Nakahara, Dr. Masanori Iriki, Shigeo Yamada, Frank Matsui, Gihai Takeuchi.

**OPERATION:** George Shimamoto, chmn.; Vernon Ichisaka, Hachiro Yano, Sadata Handa, Yukio Mizuguchi, Hisaichi Tsugawa.

**PUBLIC RELATION:** Kinnosuke Hashimoto, chmn.; Ichi-

### YP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO MEET

All committee chairmen and executive board members of the Topaz Youth Conference are asked to attend an important meeting Wednesday afternoon from 4:15 o'clock at the high school administration building, it was reported today.

### SOLDIERS ON LEAVE

Pvt. Tadashi Hikoyeda, Pvt. John Harano, Pvt. Nobuo Kajiwara, Pvt. Frank Matsumoto, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

T/4 Satoshi Tsuchida, Camp Carson, Colorado.

Pfc. Paul Yoshino, Pfc. Ben Ichiyasu, Pvt. Toshio Suzuki, T/5 Tomio Ichikawa, T/5 Hiroshi Tanouye, Pvt. John Yoshino, Camp Savage, Minnesota.

T/4 Miyoshi Saito, Camp Bowie, Texas.

Pfc. Toshio Suda, Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Pfc. Masaru Imazumi, Fort Warren, Wyoming.

**WANTED TO BUY:** One suit case and army trunk in good condition. Contact Mas Fujii, 41-1-B.

ro Akiyama, Chojiro Numajiri, Takashi Tsuzuki, Roy Matsushino, Hatsuto Yamada.

**RELOCATION:** Kichizo Kanzaki, chmn.; Kichiro Nakajima, Saburo Matsumoto, Kuraichi Suwada, Sanjiro Kawaguchi, Mataichi Nakamura.

**SPANISH CONSUL:** Hikoro-ku, Honnami, chmn.; Shige-ki Igarashi.

**STAFF MEETING:** Tadashi Hashiguchi, chmn.; Harry Konda, Seinosuke Fujita.

**BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING:** Masaru Narahara, Somenosuke Muramatsu, Kichiro Nakajima, observer.

**WELFARE:** Chojuro Numajiri, chmn.; Kichizo Kanzaki, Shigeo Yamada, Frank Matsui, Takashi Hashiguchi, Miyoji Mumebara.

## DESERT Echoes

### DRAFT COMES TO TOPAZ

Hoping that the following salient facts concerning the first 121 Topaz youths named in yesterday's Topaz Times extra edition will be of interest to some of the readers, we present, without comment and without ceremony, these items.

1. One youngster registered at the local board #30 Monday....after discovering that his name was included in the list.

2. Two of the persons named are girls.

3. It is believed that a number of those mentioned have not yet registered since they have yet to reach their 18th birthdays. Incidentally, one of them is a soph in the local high school.

4. Fifty-six of the youths listed graduated in the class of June 1943 from the local high school, while eight received their diplomas 10 days ago. Two of them are brothers, one graduating last June and the other in January.

### GOD BE WITH YOU

Especially touching was Mrs. Isao Tanaka's departure last week for Chicago. Madame Tanaka led her Protestant Church women's choir in "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" while the singers were standing in the severe snowstorm. Rev. I. Tanaka will work for a Methodist book store.

### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

"The difference between Sally Rand and myself," said the go-gettingest female reporter of the Topaz Times in one of her weak moments, "is that Sally has nothing on me period."

### CIRCULATION HEADACHE

The reason why some of the blocks didn't receive the Topaz Times Saturday afternoon was that there weren't enough cars to deliver the paper. As it was, 3 huge trucks were employed. The first went for 5 blocks before the radiator froze. The 2nd failed after going two blocks and the 3rd ran out of gas at block 28.

Henri Takahashi

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Tuesday, February 1, 1944

## CITY COUNCIL'S PERSONS IN FIRST DRAFT COMMITTEES LIST TO FILL FORM 304A ARE REVEALED

Standing committees of the current community council were named last week. Members of the various committees are as follows:

**ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEETING:** Mas Narahara, chmn.; Dr. George Ochikubo, chairman of the council, George Shimamoto, vice chairman of the council.

**EDUCATION:** Genichi Hoshiga, chmn.; Hikoroku Honnami, Gihei Takeuchi, George Shimamoto, Hiyoji Mumebara, Vernon Ichisaka.

**FOOD:** Kichiro Nakajima, chmn.; Takashi Tsuzuki, Roy Matsushino, Somenosuke Muramatsu, Ichiro Akiyama.

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## FIRST DRAFT LIST MADE BY WAR DEPT.

The list of 121 persons cleared for selective service released yesterday in the Topaz Times extra edition was prepared by the War Department in Washington, DC, according to authoritative sources today.

The list was originally sent to the state selective service board in Salt Lake City, Utah, before being forwarded to the Millard County Draft Board, it was indicated.

## 1000 ATTEND ROHO MAYEDA FUNERAL

More than a thousand persons paid final tribute to Roho Mayeda at funeral services held in the auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Mayeda, 56, who was a foreman of the poultry section, died in a fatal accident at the farm last Tuesday.

Wake services were held in the auditorium Sunday evening.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Saturday.....	20°	1°
Sunday.....	31°	3°
Monday.....	30°	14°

Persons on the project whose names were listed as cleared for selective service will be called in to fill out selective service questionnaire form 304A and several other necessary forms within the next few days, according to Corlies Carter, assistant relocation officer who is in charge of the selective service office here. Temporarily, the office will be established at dining hall 2.

Carter and Russell Bankson, reports officer, conferred with Hillman Davies, chairman of the Millard County Draft Board, yesterday afternoon for more detailed information concerning selective service procedures.

Bankson reported that regardless of whether a person has filled form 304A before, all those on the new cleared list will be required to fill them. The Millard county board will then send these completed forms to the respective draftboards of the various individuals on the Pacific coast.

Those who registered after January 1, 1944, at Topaz will be processed by the Millard county board, whereas those who registered in Topaz before December 31, 1943, are referred to the coast boards.

The coast boards will notify the Millard county board of an individual's reclassification from 4C to 1A, 3A or any other group after processing the questionnaires which they will receive, it was stated.

The group receiving 1A classifications will be sent to Fort Douglas for physical examinations. Persons accepted will be told to await their calls by their original boards.

## IMPORTANT POINTS ON SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS INDICATED

The following points revealed by Russell Bankson, reports officer, will aid in clearing up many questions existing in the minds of the readers.

1. Seventeen year olds will not be inducted until they reach their eighteenth birthday. They will receive their physical examinations when they are 18 and if accepted will await call as any other registrant. 17 year olds wishing to enter the service immediately may do so by volunteering.

2. High school students 18 years old will not be deferred until graduation.

3. At the time of induction, all draftees will be given an opportunity to volunteer for training at Camp Savage.

4. All persons who have relocated will be proc-

essed by the draft board nearest their present residence. The local selective service board will handle cases of those in the center and those on seasonal leave.

## YOUTHS CAUTIONED

In conformity with selective service rules, all draft age males are again cautioned to notify their boards of their address changes.

## NO MORE NAMES ADDED TO LIST

According to Project Director Charles F. Ernst no more names have been received from the Millard County Draft Board. He further stated that he did not know when the next list of names would arrive here.

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## MORE DRAFT DETAILS GIVEN

### Transfer Needed for Physicals

Persons receiving orders to report for pre-induction physical examinations should secure necessary forms at the selective service office at 2-11-F for transfer from their draft boards in the West Coast to the local board #20 at Fillmore, according to Corleis Carter, head of the selective service office. The transfer is only for taking physicals at Fort Douglas. Induction calls will come from the original boards.

If forms are received from the coast draft boards, they should be filled and returned as soon as possible.

Persons listed as cleared for selective service by the War Department last week will be called in by the selective service office to give the board number and address with which they are registered.

Carter stated that his office will assist in filling forms.

### 4 INTERNEES RETURN FROM SANTA FE CAMP

Four men arrived here Sunday from the Santa Fe internment camp in New Mexico to join their families.

They are Katsusuke Hamachi, block 10; Kamesaburo Ozaki, 34-3-B; Toru Yamane, 30-11-BC; and Yasutaro Kusano, 4-2-F.

### TRANSFERRED CARS

Issuance of new cars which were transferred here from the army exchange at Ft. Douglas will begin this week, it was announced today by Cliff Purcell of motor pool.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Saturday.....	47°	21°
Sunday.....	49°	23°
Monday.....	50°	25°

### P. O. SELLS BONDS

Residents may now buy United States Treasury War Bonds at the Topaz Post Office, according to word received from the community council.

### SCHEDULE FOR RELOCATION TEAM VISIT PLANNED

A program for the relocation team, coming next week, is being made by Oscar Buttedahl, WRA reports officer in Washington, and Leo T. Simmons of the St. Louis relocation office. They arrived in Topaz Sunday.

In the relocation team are Harold Fistere of the Cleveland WRA and Dr. P.A. Webber of the Salt Lake City branch. Robert Cullum of New York, who was scheduled to come here, returned east following an illness in Heart Mountain.

The team will work closely with the relocation program in Topaz in giving information to residents concerning outside conditions, including community acceptance, living costs, housing, etc.

Members of the team will also be available for personal interviews while they are here, it was reported.

### FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEET NEARLY COMPLETE

Final arrangements and program for the 3-day Topaz Young People's Conference which opens Friday are now being completed, it was announced yesterday.

Among the prominent persons scheduled to arrive here for the conference are Dr. John Embree, noted anthropologist, George Rundquist, executive secretary of the Committee on Resettlement in New York, Masao Satow, Y

### No Registration With 304A Forms

By Russell Bankson, Reports Officer

Young men in Topaz who have been placed on the acceptable list for selective service by the War Department will not be required to fill out form 304A again, according to a teletype received from Washington by Project Director Charles F. Ernst.

The message states that the War Department has indicated to WRA that notice of acceptability is all that is required by the local selective service board. Millard County Board #30 at Fillmore has been notified by the selective service office in Washington and no more young men on the eligible list will be called in to fill out this form.

Previous to receipt of this clarification it was the understanding that young men who were acceptable would fill out the 304A form and a few men were asked to register.

However, because of the doubt of the necessity of filling out this form again, the Topaz Times announced Saturday that this registration had been stopped. Now with this clarification there will be no such registration.

representative, and Esther Breistmiester of the regional YWCA.

Registration is now open with fees at 10 cents now and 15 cents at the conference.

The following places are registration points: 1-10-D, recs 11, 30, 33, high school administration, block 7 manager's office, information desk in ad building B, dry goods store, hospital administration.

## RECORDS TO SUPPLY MUSIC FOR VALENTINE DANCE

The services of Merlin Christiansen's orchestra, originally engaged for the Valentine's dance being sponsored by the Deserters of blk. 30 on Saturday night, have been relinquished to the war bond drive committee in Delta which is holding a bond sales rally on the same evening there, it was announced today.

Due to this change, music for the campwide dance Saturday night will be provided through records.

Bids for this affair are now being sold for 50 cents per couple instead of the former price of 75 cents. Persons with 75 cent bids will receive refunds for 25 cents at the door. Bids may be obtained at rec 3 or from a Deserter member.

Committee chairmen for the dance are Sanzui Takaha, music; Tsuki Takaha, bids; Meriko Maida, refreshments; Miyuki Hananouchi, check room; Asako Maida, arrangements; Chick Takaha, decorations; and Yosh Shimada, publicity.

### TOPAZ GIRL JOINS NURSES' CADET CORP

Miss Tomiko Sutow, 37-9-B, left the center last Friday to enter training in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Miss Sutow is the first Nurses' aide to enter the cadet nurse corps directly from the hospital. She has been with the center hospital since its opening.

### PTA MEETING

PTA officers and block representatives will meet on Wednesday, 3:30 PM, at 32-8-B to complete the present membership drive and to plan a program for the first general meeting of the PTA on February 14.

**WANTED:** Fam tractor or caterpillar tractor. Write to Rt. 2, Box 106A, Provo, Utah, in care of Thomas Morita.

## BLOOD PLASMA NEEDED AT HOSP.

To build up a supply of blood plasma for emergency uses, the local hospital requests persons who are willing to donate their blood to have their types tested at the hospital medical laboratory.

Persons between the ages of 18 and 45 are qualified to give their blood. The plasma is needed for anemia cases, after surgery, and for other patients who do not have relatives or close friends to call on for blood transfusions.

## YWCA Clubhouse To Be In Rec 4

Dedication ceremonies for the YWCA clubhouse in rec 4 will be held Friday afternoon, it was announced today by Toshi Koba of the CAS.

The new building will be available to all clubs and organizations. The YWCA will include USO activities at rec 4 as a part of its activities.

The national Y has provided funds for purchasing curtains, dishes, and other equipment.

## GEN. EMMONS ISSUES WARNING ON ENTERING EVACUATED AREAS

Any person of Japanese ancestry who enters the prohibited area of the Western Defense Command without a proper permit will be either prosecuted or forcibly removed, Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, Commanding General, Western Defense Command, announced last week following the forcible removal of Masanobu Hata in Southern California.

Hata, 27-year-old Japanese American recently released from a War Relocation Project, went to his former residence at Lomita, California in the evacuated area on January 24 to obtain his automobile and was apprehended by the FBI

## BARNHART TO BE TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON, DC

Ralph C. Barnhart, project attorney, left the center yesterday for Heart Mountain, Wyoming, to act as project attorney of that center who is ill, it was reported today. He will remain there for a period of two weeks.

Following his return from Heart Mountain, Barnhart will be transferred to the office of solicitors in Washington, D.C., when a successor is named for his position in Topaz, it was stated.

## 2 LETTERS FROM JAPAN BEING HELD

Two letters from the Japanese Red Cross are being held by the local post office pending information concerning their whereabouts of the addressees, it was announced today.

These messages are from Fujie Okamatsu, Fukuoka Ken, Japan, to Noboru Kanzaki, 2156 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California; and from Shizue Ishikawa, Nagoya, Japan, to Sakae Yoshida, 3817 Market Street, Riverside, California.

Persons with information concerning either of these parties should notify the post office.

near Blythe, California, while he was en route to St. Louis.

"This action of the military in evicting Masanobu Hata is strictly in accord with the terms of the Public Proclamations heretofore issued governing the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from specified areas," said General Emmons.

"It will serve as notice to any and all of the remainder of the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the Pacific Coast that they must not return without the special permits authorized by the original proclamations."

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## 35 NISEI YOUTHS STORY OF RELOCATION TO ACCEPTABLE FOR DRAFT REVEALED EAST STATES TO BE TOLD

Two lists with a total of 35 names of Topaz residents considered acceptable for selective service were received here from the Millard County Draft Board, February 10 and 11, it was announced. It was explained that the names were sent here to obtain the correct addresses of those named from the WRA.

"These men will be called for pre-induction physical examinations as soon as their addresses are established and will be inducted as soon thereafter as time will permit. The local board will notify each one individually as soon as the examinations return to us," stated Hillman Davies of the Millard County board.

The council's committee on selective service also announced that it has received the explanation that these men's records are already transferred from their local boards to the Millard County board by previous arrangement.

Names of persons on the list will be posted in each dining hall today.

### 700 ATTEND PTA MEETING SUNDAY

Approximately 700 parents and teachers attended the PTA general meeting held in the auditorium last night. Mrs. K. Togasaki, president of the local PTA, was chairman for the evening.

Mrs. Edmond P. Evans, state president of the PTA, addressed the audience on the purpose of the PTA and welcomed the local unit to the national organization. Other speakers on the program were Melvin Weenig of Weber College who spoke in Japanese and N. Blaine Winters, state PTA program chairman.

**MUSIC:** Anyone interested in teaching violin or singing at the music school is asked to see Mrs. Yuki Oishi, supervisor at 1-6-F.

The public meetings will start from 8 PM in the auditorium. Due to limited accommodations in the hall, persons residing on the east side of the gym are requested to attend tonight. Those living on the west side are asked to attend Wednesday.

Fistere stated that the purpose of the team is to disseminate information of outside conditions and to collect data of problems and questions on relocation which are existing in the minds of those remaining in the centers.

Dr. Webber, an able linguist who has been in Japan for many years as an educational missionary, will address the issei in Japanese.

A technicolor sound movie, "The Way Ahead," depicting the daily lives of rehabilitated Japanese Americans will be shown.

Abe Fischler of the Washington reports office is here with the team to arrange for the display of photographs and other visual material.

In addition to these two meetings, Fistere and Dr. Webber are scheduled to speak before the council, block managers, office workers, Inter-Faith, and other groups during the week.

### VALENTINE DANCE

Over 150 couples attended "Cupid's Capers", the Valentine dance sponsored by Deser-teers of block 30 in the auditorium last Saturday night.

Decorated in red and white, the auditorium had a huge white heart on a platform in the center.

## Residents Give \$388 To Evacuee Hospital Workers For Services

A total of \$388.16 was contributed by all but 2 blocks for the hospital fund being sponsored by the community council. The fund will be allocated to the various resident hospital workers in appreciation of their work by the evacuee residents.

The average donation of each block amounted from \$11 to \$12 while the largest contribution of \$19.70 came from block 4.

The hospital committee of the council allocated \$354.85 of the fund as follows: \$50 each for 2½\* doctors, \$17.50 each for 7 dentists, \$2.50 each for 6 optometrists, \$2.50 each for 6 pharmacists, \$2.50 each for 7 X-ray and laboratory technicians, \$2.50 each for 1½\* registered nurses, and a total of \$69.75 for nurses' aides, dental nurses, and public health nurses at \$1 each.

The remaining amount, \$33.41, will be kept as a reserve to be added to next month's contributions.

Note: \* ½ indicates part time workers.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Saturday.....	28°	14°
Sunday.....	30°	3°
Monday.....	33°	20°

## TURN IN GOVERNMENT TOOLS FOR REASSIGNMENT

All persons and crews in possession of tools are requested to turn them in for reassignment at warehouse 117, the property control office stated today.

In connection with the quarterly inventory, the property control unit is conducting a campaign to assign properly all tools in possession of the various crews throughout the project.

It was pointed out that employees are held liable for the payment of the loss or damage due to negligence of government property.

In the event of unavoidable loss or theft, the internal security office should be notified promptly and a complete report should be given to the property control unit so that the employee charged with the article may be relieved of responsibility.

## PERKINS NAMED PRINCIPAL'S AIDE

Erig A. Perkins of Salt Lake City has been appointed as junior-senior high school assistant principal, it was announced by LeGrande Noble, superintendent of education. Perkins arrived in the center last week.

Prior to his appointment with the WRA here, Perkins traveled extensively in Europe for 21 years as a member of the US consular service. He also taught physical science courses in a California school.

### BIRTHS

SUGIYAMA--To Mrs. Kei-ichi Sugiyama, 4-12-CD, February 6, a boy.

TASHIRO--To Mrs. Ted Tashiro, 27-12-E, February 6, a boy.

KAMIO--To Mrs. Hideo Kamio, 13-5-F, February 9, a girl.

### DEATH

HIROTA--Mrs. Hiro Hirota, 69, 30-5-B, February 6.

## YMCA TO WORK IN PHILIPPINES

Permission to extend its work among war prisoners to prison camps in the Philippine Islands has been received from the Japanese government, the War Prisoners' Aid of the YMCA in New York announced this month. It is already operating in Japan proper and China.

War Prisoners' Aid has charge of recreational, religious, and educational programs in the camps.

## FARM UNIT

### ORIENTAL SEEDS NEEDED URGENTLY

Seeds for several Oriental vegetables are urgently needed by the agriculture section, it was announced yesterday by Geo. McCole, agronomist.

Shiro-uri, daikon radish, boku-toy nappa, and gobo seeds must be obtained as soon as possible for spring planting.

Although the agriculture section has contacted many seed firms, none have been able to supply seeds for the center's farm program needs, McCole stated. Residents knowing where Oriental plant seeds can be obtained should contact McCole.

## SOLDIERS ON

### Leave

Pfc. Chikara Masuda, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Pvt. Yoshihiko Hayashida, Sgt. Sadao Kodama, Pvt. Paul Shimada, T/5 Edgar Arimoto, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Sgt. Satoru Iwasaki, Camp Warren, Wyoming.

T/4 Masato Watamura, Camp Berkeley, Texas.

Pvt. Edward Nakamura, Camp Savage, Minnesota.

Pfc. Tatsuo Hanamura, Camp Phillips, Kansas.

LOST: Rimless sunglasses in a black case in front of the ag office last Wednesday afternoon. Return to Haruki Kuroiwa, 14-11-B.

## LEAVES

### INDEFINITE

SPANISH FORK: June Sasaki.

FORT DOUGLAS: Ben Toba.

SALT LAKE CITY: Lois Takeuchi.

LA SAL: Clyde Wada.

DENVER, COLORADO: Chizue and Midori Fujii.

RENO, NEVADA: Bill Yasuda.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Fumiko Nakabayashi, Miyoko Tsuyumine, Tazuko Wada, Alice Watanabe, Kiyoshi Takahashi, Sachi Adachi, Yasushi Ito.

CLEVELAND, OHIO: Robert Asazawa, James Sugiyama, Mitsuko Tanaka.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA: Roy Harano.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA: Tomiko Sutow.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA: Lily and Ichiro Fukutome.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Jinsa Iriki, Toby, Helene, and Timothy Ogawa.

### SEASONAL

SALT LAKE CITY: Stanley Ichikawa.

CLEARFIELD: Yusaburo Murakami, Hideo Najima, Fukujiro Nagasawa, Dick Matsumoto.

DRUM MT.: Jordan Komatsu.

PROVO: Torao Ichiyasu.

DELTA: James Fukuhara, Kinjiro Kashiwabara, Genki Arima, Mikio Hikido, Toshio Ikeda, Yoshio Kawamoto, Shigeki Ishida.

## SHIRRELL RESIGNS TO TAKE NEW JOB

Elmer Shirrell of the Kansas City relocation office resigned two weeks ago to accept a job as personnel manager of the Curtiss Candy Company in Marengo, Illinois.

Prior to his work in the Kansas City office, Shirrell was relocation supervisor for the Chicago area for a year. He was the first project director of Tule Lake.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all of our friends for the kindnesses shown during our bereavement.

Albert, Etsuko and Yoneko Hirota, 30-5-B