

## DOCUMENTARY REPORT

## MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER

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## QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK -- (Heard around the Center)

--"There is an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle by Chester Rowell that I want to see very much"--Project Director Roy Nash..."When I line up for my serving at this mess hall, I'm made to feel like a beggar or a dog; I don't like it; why can't we fire everyone here and start all over?" --Mrs. M. Yamamoto, Block 31, at a mass meeting Thursday night over kitchen labor difficulties... "What kind of example are we elders setting for our children, in such squabbles as this, complaining about food? Don't we yet realize that we are at war? This is no time for such petty trifles." --K. Takamura, Block 35, expressing his disgust at what he thought was block fight over food at mess hall. (It was explained that fight was over personal feuds, not food)... "I'd like to meet the man who made plans for such big business projects in this Center (referring to Cooperatives). Just how long is it proposed that we stay in this camp, 20 years?" --Mr. Kitagawa, Block 23, at block meeting in mess hall Friday night.... "People in our block want to know why it is that we should have something so fancy as the printed newspaper. They want to know who's paying for it; isn't it true that high prices we pay at the Canteen help pay for it. Who's making the money on it? They feel the mimeograph sheet was good enough. We're not going to be here forever." --Mrs. Elizabeth Nishikawa, Block 14... "The new Free



Press looks very good, in fact, too good. It's like going into a hobo jungle in a tuxedo suit." --Mune Morimoto, Block 23...

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#### WHAT PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT MOST :

##### (T y p i c a l      C o m m e n t )

##### Congressman Leland Ford

"What can you expect of a two-faced guy who comes into camp, says 'Hello, Joe, is everything all right? How's the family? Are they treating you all right?' and makes every pretense of being the 'friend of the internees' and then goes out and shoots his mouth like he does, insinuating the lack of efficient guarding of a bunch of dangerous subversives? The guy's just a hypocrite, without conscience or principle."

##### The Community Stores

Interest in their operation increased with announcement of the election to the Congress of Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises July 30. Majority sentiment among those willing to express an opinion stressed: "Prices are too high, especially for our low incomes and no opportunity to increase incomes."

##### Manzanar Free Press

Generally speaking, it was well received by those in the age groupings: 16-30 years and



under. These are the English speaking and reading residents, mostly U.S.-born citizens, the Nisei. Some expressions of pride were interspersed with criticism: "Too many advertisements". Generally speaking also, it was not well received by older Japanese-speaking and reading residents, with several exceptions, notably the block leaders. Consensus: "We don't need such an expensive luxury." (Incidentally, the same people, and they were not few, favored 'doing away' with the Canteen and all stores).

O T H E R     T O P I C S     of center interest included: Repatriation of alien Japanese residents, trouble in the mess halls, clothing distribution.

#### SINGLE FAMILY CONTRIBUTES FIVE WORKERS TO WAR PROJECT

Five members of the Nagai family, Block 14-13-3, are now working full time in the Manzanar camouflage net factory, it was disclosed today.

Two brothers and three sisters: Fred, Shigeru, Hisako, Kazuko and Yoshiko, are now doing their daily stint to push this phase of war production at the Center, and a fourth sister may join them shortly, according to Supervisor Henry Ishizuka.

A total output of 10,000 nets for the month of July is expected to be reached at the current rate:



(Record for Thursday of this week)

Size of nets	No. Workers	Number
12 x 12' .....	79 Women .....	259
22 x 22' .....	157 Men .....	165
22 x 22' .....	90 Women .....	109
30 x 30' .....	72 Men .....	44
	<u>574</u>	<u>577</u>

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Of the aggregate of 574 employees, 398 are garnishers engaged in the actual weaving of the nets. Best records to date: 13 nets in one day by a four-man crew working on the 22 x 22' size; 10 nets in one day by four women on same size nets.

A campaign to recruit additional workers is now under way by the Block Leaders. Block 3, composed largely of evacuees from Bainbridge Island, Washington, and headed by Block Leader Bill Kito, leads in the total number of net factory workers with 54 employees in the project.

#### CHILDREN'S VILLAGE TO SEND CAMOUFLAGE NET WORKERS

Desire on the part of young boys and girls of eligible age to work in the camouflage net factory has resulted in the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsumoto, Superintendents of the Children's Village, to issue permission for work as soon as the present quarantine is lifted. Twelve cases of chicken pox in the Village have temporarily isolated the three score children and 25 staff members.



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## C o - O p e r a t i v e      S e t - u p      Q u i z z e d

In two block meetings held Friday night at Mess Halls 23 and 24 Lee Poole, Associate Superintendent of Community Enterprises, accompanied by members of the Education Committee, were questioned by residents.

At the Town Hall mass meeting held Saturday at 1:30 P.M. both Ned Campbell, Assistant Projects Director, and Lee Poole were subjected to close inquiry by the audience.

T y p i c a l      Q u e s t i o n s :

Koji Ariyoshi: "To what extent is the Co-operative subsidizing the newly printed issues of the Free Press?" "Why is it necessary to advertise co-operative store items in the Free Press when people have to shop there anyway?"

Ned Campbell: "The C-Op stores are buying about \$75.00 worth of advertising in these first two weeks. I promise you that after the first three or four weeks the paper will be able to stand on its own feet by outside advertising."

"Quantity buying means greater discounts. Advertising sells these goods rapidly and the savings are thus passed on to the customers. That's a recognized principle of advertising; everybody knows that."

Karl Yoneda: "What right does the Co-Op have to spend the



money without consulting the people?"

Ned Campbell: "The Free Press is carrying much news space about the formation of an organization for the Manzanar Co-Operative Enterprises, Inc. When this organization is set up the people will own and control all these enterprises."

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Other questions being asked by residents are:

"The Canteen and Department Store managers are giving exclusive rights to certain wholesalers. In business that means generous rebates. Rebates don't have to be in checks. Who's getting the rebates here?"

"The managers of the Canteen and Department Store should appear at the Block meetings. They could then readily answer questions regarding their operation and practices in merchandising."

"Why advertise luxuries like hot cashews, almonds, walnuts, and brazils?"

"Who's paying for the lumber in the construction of the outdoor theatre? The government ought to----

Mr. Clayton Triggs, Manzanar manager under the W.C.C.A. promised us movies along with washing machines in the laundry rooms, \$2.50 per person per month allowance in addition to wages of from 50 to 94 dollars per month."

"The Manzanar Free Press is the official organ of the administration. It isn't pro-residents---- why should we pay for it?"



"Since the nisei are too interested in playing baseball they won't turn out for the election of the Manzanar Co-Operative Congress. As a result the issei will be at the drivers seat. They'll curtail or abolish community enterprises because most of them believe everyone ought to hoard their money for a nest egg to start out in Sumatra when the war is over."

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### N e w   H i g h   F o r   H e a t   R e g i s t e r e d

Official readings Thursday, July 23rd at the Guayule lath house showed a record high of 110 degrees Fahrenheit established at 3 P.M. Minimum reading was 78 degrees.

Lowering clouds Saturday released a few droplets of rain, officially designated as a "slight trace."

Outside in-the-sun readings generally are 10 to 15 degrees higher than the official record, while barrack thermometers are about 5 degrees higher.

### R e s i d e n t   D i g s   I n   F o r   C o o l n e s s

Despite an elaborately constructed air conditioning apparatus in his room G. Furuto has completed digging of an eight by ten foot, six and a half foot high cellar beneath his barrack room. This subterranean shelter dug without any danger to the barrack foundations will be completely dirt enclosed.

"This will be cool in the summer and warm in the



winter. Once when I was in the Imperial Valley when the water pipe froze I dug a cellar like this. It was much warmer than my house. Scorpions don't like a place like this, either," declared the proud Furuto.

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C a l t e c h   S c i e n t i s t   C h e c k s   G u a y u l e

Dr. Robert Emerson, associate professor of Bio-Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, was a weekend visitor at the Guayule Experiment Station. The field transplantations were the special subject of his scrutiny.

Pointing to the rubber tires of his Lincoln touring car he said, "That's guayule rubber on my tires. It's highly satisfactory. Synthetic rubber doesn't take rosin required in the making of tires. But if it's combined with guayule it absorbs rosin readily."

among those with whom he conferred was Shuichi Nishimura, a chemist with experience in rubber research. This nisei volunteered to come to Manzanar while residence was still in the unrestricted zone.

B l o c k   2 3   B o n e - D r y

At Friday's Block meeting in Mess Hall 23 issei J. Ito, former owner-proprietor of the Asia Market, imported groceries, proposed that beer sales be permitted in the Canteen. The vote was conclusive: Of the 60 present, 57 voted "no", 3 voted "yes".

E n t h u s i a s t s   A w a i t   J u d o   H a l l



Amid a grove of cottonwood trees between Blocks 10 and 16 in the firebreak, foundations for a judo hall have been completed.

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Several hundred fans await its completion. Classes in the art of jiu jitsu will commence under the tutelage of qualified teachers including some who were members of a tournament team which toured Japan last summer.

The Center Police Department is looking toward instruction and practice of its members in the bone-breaking art.

#### J a p a n e s e     T y p e w r i t e r     N o w     I n     U s e

A Japanese typewriter for the use of the Japanese translators has appeared in the Manzanar Free Press room. This typewriter, which includes several hundred ideographs, will be used in cutting stencils for the mimeographed sheets in Japanese which are distributed for the benefit of the issei residents.

#### "W h y     W e     N e e d     G o d"

I s     S e r m o n     B y     D r . H e c k e l m a n

"To withstand the assaults and pressures of contemporary life we need an adequate religious faith", declared Dr. Frederick Heckelman, 36 years a resident in Japan, and now Secretary of the Home Mission Council for Southern California. Guest pastor in the two English protestant services Heckelman spoke before approximately four hundred young people last Sunday.



Driving from his home in El Monte, California, Dr. Heckelman in his Sunday message pointed out an incident in Japan. A student of Aoyama Gakuin while riding a street car was studying his English lesson. As he poured over his text an Army officer glanced at him, saw his book. The officer purpled with rage. He slapped the boy across the face who fell reeling from his seat. "Baka yaro (translated, Stupid fool), don't you know English is forbidden!" exclaimed the officer. White-faced the boy arose and murmured an apology.

Dr. Heckelman emphasized that here as well as in Japan all of us are subject to many abuses and trials. "Life," he stressed "is not a bad joke. Life is not a jail sentence." The Jewish people, persecuted as they were, kept alive the idea and purified the idea of God until Jesus Christ came along and made the idea complete. Faith in God will make our lives creative, more significant, liven our personalities, and give us power and momentum for living."

Of his 36 years in Japan Dr. Heckelman was Superintendent of the Methodist Church for 15 years, and 21 years as professor in Aoyama Gakuin. In 1914 he lectured in America with Baron Sato as exchange professors. In 1918 and 1919 he was in Siberia with the Allied Army. Appearing before the Tolan Committee he introduced the prepared statement of the Protestant Churches on the Japanese question.

At present, Dr. Heckelman is acting as counselor for the Japanese in Southern California in hearings before the F.B.I. detention proceedings.



## H a y d n ' s   S y m p h o n i e s   E n t e r t a i n

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"Symphonies Under the Stars" held Sunday evenings featured Composer Haydn's music in the loud speaker broadcast before approximately a thousand music lovers.

These series of weekly entertainments are anticipated by local residents who applauded their approval when asked their opinion as to future continuance.



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## CONFIDENTIAL:

Mr. Harvey Coverley, Assistant Director, War Relocation Authority Regional Office, San Francisco, in Charge of Community services, visited Manzanar July 23-24, accompanied by six representatives of the Red Cross.

Purpose: "Investigation of Conditions" at Manzanar, presumably for Red Cross report to be relayed, through neutral sources, to Japan.

Reportedly suggested by: Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority in Washington, D.C. when he learned that such a Red Cross body would visit various W.C.C.A. Assembly Centers at suggestion of Assistant Secretary of War Patterson.

Verdict: Conditions at Manzanar by comparison are very good. (Compared with Assembly centers).

## MANZANAR FREE PRESS:

Cross-section sentiment after publication of 3rd issue:

Consensus is that it is a vast improvement over



mimeographed sheet, is pacesetter for Camp progress.

One finds either congratulations and praise for it or sarcasm and disapproval, depending upon what he is looking for.

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Our initial report that the former is forthcoming readily from the younger generation and the latter from the older, generally h o l d s true throughout our survey.

RE: Critics .. Almost unanimously, those who have criticized the printed edition of the Free Press object to what they consider "unnecessary expense", although when pressed for information on their knowledge of said expense, they concede it's their "guess". On principle, however, they're usually opposed to the expansion of Community stores. "Why spend money? We should save it so we won't go out of here broke." Almost invariably, people thinking along these lines admit leaning sympathies toward Japan.

#### O t h e r     r e a c t i o n s :

Without falling into the error of making stupid insistence of differences between citizen and non-citizen elements within the Center, the Free Press is potentially one of the greatest forces for preserving intact the feeling among the younger generation that they are part of the American shape



of things present and future.

The Free Press stabilizes unsettled and subnormal living conditions by creating an atmosphere of normalcy.

It is a weapon, if properly used and not abused, with which to adequately combat influences within the Center which on the outside would be labelled subversive and inimical to the interests of the United States.

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It is a medium for the Americanism education of the older generation.

From the Documentary Historians:

Extension of the outside mailing list to reach as many thousands of individuals, organizations as possible, would, it seems, accomplish a vital and necessary job in public relations.

SUGGESTIONS :

( Based on findings of our survey of resident sentiment on the printed edition of the Free Press )

1. Frequent coverage of personal items would undoubtedly win over even some of the present critics; there is a good deal of social activity going on, both among elders and the younger generation.
2. An occasional airing of widespread complaints accompanied by an adequate explanation to balance the picture. As a meeting ground for conflicting



opinions and views, the Free Press could serve admirably in the role of outlet or release for the surprising amount of undercurrent griping about trivia. Well-timed editorials would do the job.

3. More of the humor with which the Free Press started out would be an improvement of the present contents.

G O O D : (Consensus of resident sentiment)

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"What the World is Saying" feature on p. 1 (7/27/42 issue)

--because

it "keeps us in touch with what's going on outside Manzanar; it tells us both the bad and the good news; it gives us our bearings and permits us to base our thinking on correct premises."

Message of Project Director Roy Nash

--because

It has, on the two occasions it has appeared, been well written, interesting, and about matters in which residents are keenly interested.

The Sports Section

--because

its coverage has been fairly inclusive; its



summaries are timely; it maintains an excellent balance between reporting and columns, making good use of limited space; it is written as if writers enjoyed doing the job.

#### PROBLEM OF PROSTITUTION WITHIN MANZANAR:

Shortly after arrival of the first non-volunteer groups, when the Center's population neared the 4,000 mark, rumors surreptitiously made their rounds that "a couple of women are making some dough, two bucks per."

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It was not long before local patrolmen began turning in reports more or less confirming suspicions that Manzanar was no different from any other city of comparable size.

Latest confidential reports indicate that "ten or twelve" women of "professional standing" before their evacuation to Manzanar, are currently resident here. That they have individually and collectively been something of trouble-makers, from the standpoint of family relations, due to crowded quarters, goes almost without saying. The headache, not to purists or moralists, but to local administrators, is a definite social and community problem.

Chief concern, from the standpoint of the population at large, is that of health.

The incidence of venereal diseases has not been determined. Wassermen tests have not been given all residents as small pox vaccinations and typhoid shots have been.

Syphilis and gonorrhea cases have been and are being



treated if and when detected.

But concern is expressed, if for no other reason than the fact that block residents eat at a common mess hall, using the same utensils and dishes; they share a common latrine; wash themselves in a common shower; scrub their clothes in a common laundry.

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From the standpoint of public health, there is complete unanimity of opinion regarding the presence of "professional women"--They should be subject to complete Wasserman; if found infected and dangerous to community health, isolated.

From the standpoint of public morals, there is division of opinion.

"It's the oldest profession in the world; why get up in the air? It's just another sign we're normal, so what?"

--young man, about 22  
reacting unconcerned

"I think it's horrible. Why don't they take those awful women out of camp. By the way, who are they anyway?"

--young woman, 23,  
single

"Why don't they make separate quarters for them? At least we'd know and feel safer."

--married woman, mother  
of two children.

"You can't moralize and preach that out of existence. I don't think you can legislate it out of existence completely either. After all, this is a city of 10,000 people."

--married man, 37, father  
of two children.



A few unusual cases where single women have occupied same barrack rooms with families have produced unpleasant "situations", reports indicate, in cases where single women have allegedly been of the "professional" class.

Center discussion has also pondered over the topic of the sale of contraceptives at local stores. Early police postal inspection of incoming mail disclosed a fairly brisk business through the mail order channels, although discussion of this topic in connection with the "professional women" erroneously ignores the several thousand legitimate users of the devices.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE FROM POSTON:

Extract from letter-- (written "After the storm  
July 23, 1942")

"Yes, we had a rain and wind storm. As I said before, it was the first time, but what a life. It began about 7:30 p.m. I just came home from the showers. My father was out, visiting the canteen. My brother, (who incidentally sends his best regards), as usual was out playing baseball. My mother was in the barrack, pinning up her daily wash. Suddenly I saw a huge mountain of dust, coming from the northerly direction. We anticipated rain, but not like this. Within five minutes the whole damned camp was filled with whirling dust. The wind



got stonger; dust began to fall; it rained hard. We were relieved, hoping the wind would subside, the rain would continue. Well, the wind would just not stop. First the funnels on the kitchen barracks across the way began to sway, then a couple of lumber stacks near our barracks washed away....when those roofs began to slip off the houses, that nearly turned me pale. The floor, in the meantime, danced about, doing a weird jig. Everyone looked out the window and smiled, but you can tell, they were scared too. Water stopped and electricity went dead....after an hour and a half, we walked out to inspect the damages. The havoc was pretty thorough. We don't believe any injuries were done to human beings, but these houses will have to be fixed right away to meet any kind of government inspection. We were unable to wash dishes this morning and I don't have to tell you the conditions of our latrines--when they go without water....Now the people are sore, the contractors who built the ----houses are sore, the government is peeved, and I haven't gained anything through such experience...."



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## O u t b u r s t s   L i v e n   C i t i z e n s   M e e t i n g

Marked by verbal skirmishes between two World War 1 veterans the first organization meeting of the Manzanar Citizens Federation was held in Mess Hall 15 Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. after an hour's delay due to power shutdown caused by a mainline break.

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In the largest meeting yet to be held locally the crowds overflowed the 500 full capacity of the hall. Temporary chairman Koji Ariyoshi called upon four speakers to explain each of the four purposes of the new movement.

Hiroshi Neeno, mail coordinator and for six years a clerk with the Los Angeles Post Office, spoke on "Improving Conditions in Camp". Joe Masaoka, Historical Documentarian, pointed out the necessity for "Educating Citizens for Leadership". Karl Yoneda, former labor leader in San Francisco and now Block Leader, stressed the importance of full "Participation in the War Effort". Togo Tanaka, former English section editor of a Japanese newspaper and now Historical Documentarian, reviewed the background of the present evacuation as a constructive guide to "Preparing Evacuees for Post-War Conditions".

In the open forum which followed Joseph Kurihara, single, Hawaii-born nisei in his late forties and veteran of combat service in World War 1, touched off the fireworks when he cried; "I'm an American citizen. I served under fire in



France. Now I'm in this prison. You're all American citizens. You're all here, too, with me. I've proved my loyalty by fighting over there. Why doesn't the government trust me?"

Springing to instant reply, rabid, American Legion Americanism committeeman, Tokutaro Slocum shouted, "If you please, Mr. Chairman, I was a Sergeant-Major in the last war. That was the highest position any Japanese ever attained. Sergeant Alvin York served under me. I was in some of the hottest fighting that took place. For this loyalty the Government gave all of us veterans American citizenship. We're here because of military necessity. I've had three chances to go to other places."

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Mr. Kurihara immediately accepted the challenge. "Tokie, why are you in here? Isn't it because you couldn't go any place? Isn't it because you're a Jap? Isn't it because the government doesn't trust you?"

The chairman vainly tried to interpose. Mr. Slocum waved him aside. "I'll tell you why I'm here. I'm here because my commander-in-chief, the President, ordered me in here." ...Prolonged applause...

Various other questions were heatedly discussed. The necessity for an organization was apparent.

Chairman of the meeting, Koji Ariyoshi, was reinstated as Temporary Chairman until a permanent set-up is established.

Granting the chair the power to call the next meeting the group adjourned at 11 o'clock.



## Dr. Iwasa Arrives To Join Medical Staff In Occupied Hospital

Transfer of medical facilities to Manzanar's new 250 bed hospital was effected last week-end. Arrival of Dr. Kiyochi Iwasa Monday afternoon from Tulare Assembly Center marked an increase of the medical staff to six doctors. Six years a general medical practitioner, Dr. Iwasa's coming fills a long-awaited need for additional professional men.

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First of the dental equipment to arrive were two chairs for the dental clinic. In addition to the present location another branch is being opened in the newly opened hospital.

Pride of Manzanar this hospital contains \$90,000 in equipment, has seven wards (maximum capacity 40 patients in each ward), is serviced by a laboratory, pharmacy, X-Ray equipment, surgery room, a morgue, and a screened porch for contagious diseases. Maintenance is provided in a boiler room, laundry room, kitchen and mess hall, an administration building, doctors, and nurses quarters.

According to Dr. Goto, Surgeon-In-Charge, this is the first relocation hospital occupied. It is deemed sufficient for any epidemic or emergency.

Provision for winter cold is made by steam heat radiators for the hospital and wards.

### WARNING DANGER !

Obviously apparent by absence is the total lack of



fire-fighting equipment.

All-wooden frame construction constitutes this a  
total fire trap.

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Endangered Are :

Invalid and convalescent patients.

Nurses and Doctors quartered on the premises.

Five tons of drugs )  
42,000 lbs. of equipment ) ----- \$90,000 of facilities.

These Are Mandatory Needs :

1. Inside fire hose and hydrants.
2. Conveniently placed chemical fire extinguishers.
3. Sprinkler system.
4. Ramps to wheel patients away from the danger zone.
5. Fire drills for the medical staff.

For Power Interruptions :

Installation of a standby emergency battery unit for  
surgery and other vital points.

President Roosevelt Awards  
Certificate To Dr. Watanabe

Specialist in gastro-enterology at the Manzanar Hospital Dr. Tom T. Watanabe was recipient of President Roosevelt's Certificate of Appreciation for his voluntary service in the Selective Service as Examining Physician Local Board No. 231 of Los Angeles.



Highly concerned with wiping out tuberculosis Dr. Watanabe declares the T.B. rate among Japanese is higher than among the normal American population.

Reasons for this he attributes to a lower standard of living, sanitation, and public health. Added to this is the fact that a tubercular case is hushed lest a family be socially ostracized.

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Since this disease is curable if caught early especial efforts are being made for early detection of T.B. cases.

## 97 Students Seek College Education

Student Relocation questionnaires have been answered by 97 high school seniors and college students, according to Shizuo Hori, chairman of the Education Committee. These have been sent to the National Student Relocation Committee sponsored by the American Friends Service Society.

The forms filled out have revealed that several applicants have a few thousand dollars, down to some who must work out their entire board, room, and tuition. Financial ability, and scholarship, and adaptability to even hostile American environment will, necessarily, obtain priority in the matter of outside schooling.

All students manifested an interest in extension or correspondence courses.

## Garment Factory Gets Under Way



Concrete pouring for factory foundations presages the early completion of Manzanar's first machine project, as workmen started in the cement work today. Women garment workers are being organized, and power sewing machinery is due to arrive as soon as the factory is finished.

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Impetus for this long-awaited enterprise was given by the arrival of E.L. Stancliff, regional industrial director from San Francisco early this week. With him were A.F. Rice, Marketing Manager, H.H. Bennett, Production Manager and B.R. Chamberlain, Project Supervisor of Manufacturing.

Clothing manufactured will be distributed among the W.R.A. centers. Winter clothing, shorts, shirts, slacks, and jeans are being planned for early production.



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## TWO CARLOADS EQUIPMENT FOR SOY BEAN MANUFACTURING ARRIVE

Equipment for an industrial plant to manufacture soy bean sauce has been purchased by the Government for the Manzanar Relocation Center from the former Marunaka Shoyu Company of Los Angeles, it was announced here today.

Two carloads of equipment for the plant have arrived with Shintaro Nakamura, former head of the Marunaka firm, who has been sent here by the Army from Visalia to aid in the setting up of the Manzanar project.

First Jail Occupant:

DEPARTMENTAL SQUABBLE, EMOTIONAL FLARE-UP PROVIDE  
SETTING AS EX-BLOCK LEADER LANDS IN MANZANAR CELL

Raymond Toyo Hirai, one-time free lance technical director in Hollywood, more recently a Manzanar block leader and lately associated with the Community Players' League, today claimed the dubious distinction of being first occupant of the Center's new iron jail cell.

A 24-hour jail sentence was imposed by Director Roy Nash yesterday afternoon as the climax to a month's sniping and torpedoing between two factions of dramatic thought and activity.

Specifically, Hirai was charged with the use of violent and threatening language, disturbance of the peace,

as the result of a scene in the administrative offices fortnight ago. Hirai is alleged to have held a rock in his hands on that occasion.

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#### COMMUNITY PLAYERS HOLD REHEARSALS FOR PROGRAM

Rehearsal has started for "Onna no Misao", a Japanese play in two parts written and directed by Ben Kishi of the Community Players League, it was announced today. Headquarters of the League have been moved to 33-15. Plans are currently being made for an early presentation before the community.

AROUND THE CENTER: -- Police station bulletin board pasted with pictures of three Nazi saboteurs now hunted by the F.B.I.... One of the busiest locales in Center is Mess Hall 36 where a block meeting will be held Thursday, a club dance Friday, public dance Saturday, Free Press dinner-dance Monday.....

Among requests received by Community Services Division are: (1) pregnant mothers requesting transfer of their mothers from other Centers to Manzanar (2) more detailed information regarding repatriation and chance to return to Japan (3) issues of clothing for destitute families too proud to admit need.....

Completed by resident carpenter crews are the interiors of offices in new Administration Building to be occupied by Project Director Roy Nash and Assistant Director Ned Campbell; offices are finished with knotty pine..... Plans are currently being laid for organization of Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. branches here; recent visitor was Miss Helen Flack and Miss Viola Beck



of the L.A. Y.W.C.A..... The new hospital is taking on a spic 'n span appearance, dressing up for the Open House on Sunday, August 2..... Children under 15 are not admitted as visitors to the hospital under any circumstances; reason--communicable disease wards lack sufficient isolation..... Two resident elders, Shoshichi Sasaki (defendant) and Tomomatsu Ikejiri (plaintiff) tangled in a shower room altercation July 22, requiring legal action; plaintiff Ikejiri, who claimed he was assaulted, was pacified through mediation, the whole thing called off..... Police say they have fewer shower room pants thefts after pay day, then get increasing complaints as month wears along, money runs out.....

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#### LACK OF BUILDING SPACE STYMIES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Difficulty in securing needed building space has slowed down plans for immediate opening of the shoe repair, barber and beauty shops, it was learned from Lee Poole, Associate Superintendent of Cooperative Enterprises.

Opening of the shoe repair shop in Block 23, and acquisition of the laundry room in Block 1 for the barber shop are currently projected.

The Shopping Center buildings, planned for one of the firebreak areas, will be constructed as soon as material arrives. Money has been allocated for construction, orders have been placed, and the engineers' office has been set up.

It is tentatively estimated that another six months will elapse before completion of the Center, however.

## STUDENT RELOCATION COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR FORUM-PANEL

As the first step toward bringing university extension courses to college students within Manzanar, the Student Relocation Committee, composed of residents under guidance of Dr. Genevieve Carter, has extended an invitation to Dr. Allan Blaisdell of the International House at Berkeley to speak at a meeting in Manzanar next week.

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A panel of speakers would be presented at the meeting, to be held primarily for college and university students, according to Shizuo Hori, committee chairman. Already secured for the program are Dr. William Bruce, new Superintendent of Community Enterprises; Mr. Lee Poole, associate superintendent; Dr. Genevieve Carter; and Aiji Hashii, head of the Research Planning Department.

Current plans are for the sponsoring of extension classes at Manzanar for two-hour sessions by visiting professors and lecturers on Fridays and Saturdays.

## PHARMACY STAFF AT NEW HOSPITAL ENLARGED

Head Pharmacist Dave Miyamoto announced today the addition of two assistants to his staff: Fred Sakuda and Shig Mayekawa. Bookkeeper for the department is John Kitsuse.

## DIET GIRLS TO BE PROVIDED WITH UNIFORMS

Young women serving as diet girls who prepare babies' milk formulas and children's food in the mess halls will be



provided with the official Hospital uniform, it was announced today. Government issues have now arrived and will be distributed immediately.

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#### NEW X-RAY EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED

Installation of the new X-ray equipment in Manzanar's hospital will be completed this week by the Westinghouse Company, it was announced today. The equipment is being set up for both Hospital use and the Dental Clinic.

#### MANZANAR POLICEMAN TAKES BRIDE

Henry Morikawa, 23, member of the Manzanar Police force and former San Fernando resident, was married this week to Miss Kazuko Hirano. They were accompanied by Mrs. Margaret D'Ille of the Community Services department who secured the license for the ceremony before the Lone Pine justice of the peace.



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## S c h o o l      C o n s t r u c t i o n      B o g g e d

Anxious to get construction of Manzanar school buildings and dwellings for teachers under way Dr. Genevieve Carter, Superintendent of the local Education program, left for San Francisco yesterday to confer with WRA regional offices. Fifty contract carpenters to hasten erection of school structures was deemed necessary in Dr. Carter's schedule.

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THE SCHOOL SYSTEM will consist of some 75 teachers and administrators. Among the numerous applications which have been on file only 25 or 30 are seriously being considered.

Hopes are being held that 8 to 10% of the teaching staff will be qualified nisei, numbering 7 or 8 instructors.

A t p r e s e n t : There are four certified teachers and two administrators working on the premises.

## S t u d y    C o u r s e s    P l a n n e d :

B y    W o r k e r s ) Education class for practice  
I n    O c c u p a - ) teachers will give credentials  
t i o n s    N o w    ) to nisei with college degrees  
F u n c t i o n - ) who take 15 hours of graduate  
i n g ) work. A training course for  
social service workers is being  
outlined. Classes in Hospital  
and Nursing for nurses' aides  
and orderlies are being contemplated.



## Extension & Correspondence :

Alan Blaisdell, President of International House at Berkeley and now Co-Ordinator for all college programs in relocation centers has announced that plans are being formulated for residents to obtain extension and correspondence courses at cost.

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## Regular Curriculum :

All regular school courses with the exception of expensive laboratory courses, which through the lack of equipment are not feasible, will be available to Manzanar students.

## Special Agricultural Course :

Dr. K. Nozaki, Agricultural Chemist at Davis College, will be Supervisor of Agriculture in the high school. He will also conduct classes, both of undergraduate and graduate college students, in chemical agriculture.

## Guayule Experimental Station:



More or less an orphan until now, guayule research will become a part of the local educational system. M.S. Nishimura, specializing in nuclear physics, is associated in the guayule project.

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B i o g r a p h i c a l   S k e t c h   N o . 8

WILLIAM J. BRUCE

Superintendent of Manzanar Co-operative Enterprises.

Into the Manzanar atmosphere of suspicion, resentment, and misunderstanding toward community enterprises has come soft-spoken William J. Bruce who with his Ass't Supt. Lee Poole is seeking to pave the way for education of the public in principles of co-operative enterprise.

Two obstacles confronting Supt. Bruce is the widespread belief that need and demand will force the government to install shoe repair shop, movies, barber and beauty shops instead of the committee taking the initiative. The other is that the very presence of these canteen and department stores is inviting the people to spend their scanty savings when they should be saving their money against the day they leave.

To cope with these and many other problems regarding Co-operatives Supt. Bruce brings the experience of having began the Student Co-operative House at Oregon University. He was also associated with the Palo Alto Consumers Co-operative.

Born in Portland, Oregon 35 years ago he obtained his



M.A. and A.B. at Oregon University and Ph. D. in Political Science at Stanford University.

He will establish his home here with his wife and three children--two boys, aged 8 and 3, and a baby girl two and a half months old.

Bruce believes that "we must live normal lives. The Co-Op system will enable the closest approach to that."

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O p t o m e t r i s t   D r . M . I t a t a n i   A r r i v e s

Filling a long felt need for the services of an optometrist Dr. Masayoshi Itatani and his family arrived here last Tuesday from the Tanforan Assembly Center. Dr. Itatani, nisei, is a '37 graduate of the University of California.

N i s e i   C a n   R e l o c a t e --- C h i e f  
T o p i c   O f   C o n v e r s a t i o n   H e r e

Scooping the Manzanar Free Press the Los Angeles Herald-Express and Examiner carried stories showing how nisei can leave the various centers. Any area outside the Western Defense Command is open to resettlement.

Three qualifications must be satisfied before the applicant can obtain WRA permission. He must never have gone to Japan or to school there; he must present assurances of employment and protection at his future residence; and he must make provision for the sustenance of the dependants he leaves behind in camp.

REACTIONS:

"I was ousted from the only part of the U.S. I know and the only business I know. Had to take a loss too. Why should I take a chance on what little cash I've got left and try to do something on the outside. I'll sit out the duration here. All my friends are here, too."

---Nisei, former produce retailer.

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"Sure, there's lots of maid's work and housework and perhaps, office work I could get by reading the want ads of middle western and eastern newspapers. But I'm 24 and if I go to work somewhere on the outside I've less chances to get married."

---Bachelor Nisei Miss.

"The government ought to permit like-minded nisei to form their own community on the outside. Let us get into war materials manufacturing; allow us to grow and process our own fruits and vegetables. Give us incentives-- that the land will become our own, that the factories will be our own, that we manage ourselves. We'll take a big expense off from the government and keep us from becoming paupers at the end of this fuss. We'll be ready to weather any depression, too. After things are set the rest of the issei and other nisei



can come in, or it can be a pattern and blueprint for other communities to follow suit.

After the duration we can invite our caucasian Americans who like such a cooperative idea to come and live among us."

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---Former Nisei Citizens leader.

"Wish I could join in with the idea of what a high-ranking Naval Intelligence official told me he said in the company of some Navy bigwigs, He told them, 'Give me command of a destroyer, a good set of petty officers, and a crew of nisei and I'll show the rest of the U.S. Navy how Americans can really fight.' Boy, oh boy, I'd sure back a guy like him to the limit."

---Former Terminal Islander  
who corresponds with Navy  
officer.

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## N a v y   S e e k s   I n s t r u c t o r s   I n   J a p a n e s e

Some thirty would-be teachers in Japanese were interviewed Sunday night by Miss Florence Walne, Associate Professor of Japanese and Director of the Japanese Language School at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Miss Walne came in Sunday to check applicants for instructors in the Nipponese Language School for the Navy and is currently making a survey of the available talent for a planned increase in the enrollment of the Navy students in September.

Since 1935 she has been teaching this language at the University of California. Evacuation compelled the removal of her instructors and so the language school has been established at Boulder.

Her faculty now numbers 27 who have been teaching over a year. The course of study used is the same developed and used by the U.S. Embassy at Tokyo but which is not for public use.

Q u a l i f i c a t i o n s : A fluent command of both English and Japanese is necessary, preferably graduates from American and Japanese universities.

The minimum starting salary is \$1800 per annum.

Miss Walne believes that "Nisei should cultivate fluency in both English and Japanese because such knowledge



will be most valuable in the post-war reconstruction, especially in East Asia."

"What Is The First Commandment?"

"Magnify The Lord"

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Form Topics For Dr. Mayberry

Dynamic Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Baptist Mission Society Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry impressed with his two sermons delivered at the separate English protestant services held Sunday morning.

When Jesus Christ at a biblical quizz program was asked, what is the first and basic commandment he answered and when he did so he always gave more than the original question called for. He replied that the first is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God. And the second is like unto the first: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

To remind himself one of his church members has a motto--"I am willing to be third." First comes, Christ; next, others; and finally, himself.

Preachers are often apt, he said, to forget these primary laws. Once a negro waiter brought him some unordered kippered herrings along with his breakfast on a railroad diner. He asked if there hadn't been some mistake. The watchful steward came up to placate a possibly annoyed customer. He then asked the waiter to change his ticket to include the kippered herring. When the puzzled yet grateful waiter walked away he turned to the steward and confided that he relieved

the situation because he was thinking of so many people who had likewise been kind to him when he was embarrassed. Preachers are like that: they give their congregations something they didn't order and didn't want when they should stress more often this first commandment.

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In his second sermon Dr. Mayberry spoke of "Magnifying the Lord". When the Prophet Elisha competed with the 250 priests of Bael to prove by means of fire from heaven that the Lord was the one and only God the Prophet Elisha was magnifying the Lord in the sight of the people of Israel.

Once he and another Baptist minister started a conversation with a young man who punctuated his sentences with a generous use of H\_\_l's. The other preacher was visibly affected. He broke into the conversation and exclaimed, "We believe in Hell, too. We're Baptist ministers."

Another time in trying to strike up a conversation with a taciturn policeman he mentioned, "We're in the same kind of business---you and I." The officer looked puzzled. "We're both trying to guide people to do the right."

These, Dr. Mayberry pointed out, were entering wedges in talking with people. They were opportunities to make God bigger in the minds of men. Christians have that obligation at any time, at any place.

W e e k    E n d    V i s i t o r s :

Caleb Foote, Pacific Coast Executive Secretary,  
Fellowship of Reconciliation.



Solon T. Kimball, Community Services division of the regional office. Here on a visit to secure information of the functions and progress to date of self-government in Manzanar.

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Rev. Fred Fertig, American Friends Service Society.

"Many of your former political friends were among the first to desert you. Your true friends are the church and liberal groups, which include the American Civil Liberties Union, the Socialists, Norman Thomas, and Jerry Voorhis. They are standing up for you not because they like you, not because of gain but because equality of social and civil rights is their philosophy and view of living."

#### C o m m e n t s    H e a r d    A r o u n d    T h e    C e n t e r

"I'll bet you a dollar's worth of peaches, nectarines and seedless grapes the snow on the mountains will disappear by the 20th of this month."

"We want to be working as lumberjacks in the woods of Minnesota. We're union men, too. There's too much mob feeling in professional wrestling now. Do you know any Lumberjack's Union?" --Ex-Professional wrestlers Hank Tsuchiya and Martin Tanaka.

"Most of the Japanese American Citizens League pur-

poses are outdated now. It's time for a new organization. We need fresh air and new blood."

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"The ironing-rooms are sure a display of wasted effort and wasted materials. Now that we've got them they ought to be used for game rooms or family parties or barber shops or club gatherings or club rooms for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts."

"The hardest working and uncomplaining people in camp are the nurses aides and hospital orderlies. They ought to get better than the lowest ratings."

"The biggest lift to morale would be to cite the nisei mentioned in the Robert's Report of the Pearl Harbor attack. Give 'em congressional recognition for 'Gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty' and all nisei would go around with their chins an inch higher in the air."

"You gotta treat those linoleum layers to get a good job. Ignore them and they'll sure leave a sloppy mess."

"The policy of Housing is to have not more than two families in one room. Three families might mean three triangles. Two life-long business partners and their families living in the same room became bitter enemies over the piddling of the pet dog."

"The issei viewpoint in general has always been the back-to-Japan idea. That's why they've lived in shacks, their children have been dissatisfied with them, they've bought very little good furniture and they haven't bothered to dress



well or take care of themselves. They've denied themselves, they've deprived themselves of luxuries. They live in a futurity delusion of enjoying themselves in Japan."

"They give us music instead of money."--Camouflage

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"Have you bought glass rests for the bed posts?

The posts cut into the linoleum."

"Plantings cause an area to become cooler and moist.

Remember what Fresno, Imperial Valley, and Hawaii used to be?"

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## STRAWS IN THE WIND

An inquiry into the causes of the RECENT FLARE-UPS

Yesterday afternoon 670 net workers walked out of the camouflage net sheds. Reluctant workers were persuaded with a length of iron pipe by rowdies. Men strikers loosened the rigging ropes in the women's sheds and so generally interfered with their work that the women workers were forced to join the rest.

P r o t e s t was thus expressed against the imposition of the new eight hour work day for all workers in Manzanar.

OBSERVATION WILL REVEAL THE CAUSES TO BE DEEPER AND THE ROOTS TO BE WIDESPREAD

At a scheduled appearance of Director Roy Nash in an open-air meeting last evening (cancelled by the departure of the Director for San Francisco at four o'clock) hoodlums, it was rumored, were gathering tomatoes and rocks. On the other hand Military Police were prepared to quell any disturbance with tear gas, it was rumored.

In this morning's talk to the assembled workers Assistant Director Ned Campbell's direct questioning of certain hecklers revealed the presence of non-worker agitators.

All these events came on the heels of a Center Administration ruling prohibiting the use of the Japanese



language in meetings, except when a request for interpretation is made.

Saturday, two nights ago, a sentry in the watch tower opposite Block 35 fired two shots at an unidentified person whom he saw in his searchlight attempting to leave the center. An ambulance arrived on the scene; surgery at the hospital was readied. In spite of a search by Military and Internal police no traces were discovered.

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Two evenings previously, Thursday night, the first kibe meeting in Manzanar was held at Mess hall 15, site of the two Manzanar Citizens Federation meetings. Conducted entirely in Japanese this kibe assemblage was attended by over six hundred who jammed the overcrowded hall. The noisy feet stomping and shouting demonstrations heard for blocks around compelled the Community Services director, Thomas Temple, who was on the outskirts of the crowd to call out the chairman, Ben Kishi, and suggest the adjournment of the meeting.

The two Manzanar Citizens Federation meetings held previously, while intended as organization affairs drew forth spontaneous expressions of heretofore dormant feelings. The first meeting touched off the outbursts, the second aided and abetted by resentful elements heightened the bitterness.

#### First Meeting:

Joseph Kurihara--

"I'm an American citizen. I've served under fire with

the Army in the First World's War. I haven't done any  
wrong. Why should I be put in here? Why should you be  
put in here?" ...Vociferous applause...

Tokutaro Slocum--

"I've fought as a Sergeant Major in the last World's War. I've been in some of the toughest fighting there. I'm here because my Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, ordered me in here."

...Scattered handclapping...

Objection by chairman  
stopped further debate.

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Second Meeting:

Joseph Kurihara--

"We're not treated as citizens. We're prisoners."

...Loud hoorays...

Tokutaro Slocum--

"If you're not a citizen what country are you a citizen of?"

...Cries of "Shut Up"...

Objection of chairman  
stopped this verbal exchange.

Kibei meeting: (conducted entirely in Japanese)

Ben Kishi, chairman--



"This meeting is called to consider the recent bulletin on individual relocation where kibeï have been discriminated in favor of nisei, who are supposed to be better Americans."

Joseph Kurihara--

"...If anyone, any nisei, thinks he's an American I dare him to try to walk out of this prison. This is no place for us. It's a white man's country."

...Cries of "That's right"...

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Speaker in the audience

"I've been in Manchuria, in China, in the South Seas, and now I'm in America. This is the stinkiest, rottenest place I've ever been in....."

...Loud applause...

Sam Tateishi, Block Leader of 23--

"We don't have to move out of Blocks 1 and 7 and let them use those for schools and teachers quarters. The government has lots of money. Let it spend some for lumber to build schools and houses... They can take away my citizenship because it

doesn't mean a thing, anyway."

...Loud stamping of approval...

Anonymous speaker--

"Some nisei are trying to se-  
parate us from our parents. We're  
all one race; we've got to stick  
together."

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...Boisterous acclamation...

Remarks of the above nature were tumultously greeted while Karl Yoneda, exponent of participation in the war effort was loudly hissed and booed. Rabid Americanism factionist Tokutaro Slocum hustled out of the meeting for his own protection. Police escorted Karl Yoneda to his home.

The foregoing succession of events while superficially distinct are all distinctly related. This chronology of events is not an increasing articulation but an intensified license of speech. They are an outgrowth of the fundamental differences between nisei and issei and kibe.

ANY ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND THE LABOR AND COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE AND A SEARCH FOR THEIR SOLUTIONS MUST BE BASED UPON A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TWO DIVERGENT PULLS OF TWO IDEOLOGIES.

The **First** group, principally though by no means all nisei, thinks and acts in terms of eventual assimilation into American life.

The **Second** group, mostly kibe and issei, is convinced that this is a race war; that their place is in Japan and her



conquered territories.

C h a r a c t e r i s t i c s of the First Group are a preservation of the American family living, such as talking in English to their children, of encouraging women to participate in community affairs, a faith that their citizenship is being and will be respected by the courts and the vast majority of the American People.

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Keeping in touch with their Caucasian friends by correspondence, taking part in typical Pro-America drives--second front petitions and blood banks, cooperation in community projects, a hope that Caucasian school teachers and administrators will have friendly social gatherings, and listening to the Aldrich Family radio programs.

B y C o n t r a s t the Second Group think, believes and now is beginning to act pro-Japan. A nisei speaking in English at a block meeting was interrupted with "Kisama wa keto ka? Nihongo de hanase!" translated: "Are you white trash? Talk in Japanese!"

Their frequent assertions that as long as you have slant eyes and black hair you'll always be stigmatized as a Jap here...that this is a white man's country...that the

utterances of Congressman Leland S. Ford and Assistant District Attorney Clyde C. Shoemaker of Los Angeles are proof that our citizenship is going to be taken away and so it doesn't mean a thing and never will...

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Disparagement of all community projects...an easy complaisance to administration rulings but a suspicion, distrust and resentment of administration personnel and policies expressed thusly at one meeting: "Koyu koto wa hakujin no maye dewa hanase nai." translated: "We can't talk of these things before the white man."...children talking mostly in Japanese...

Popularity of Japanese cultural activities, such as recordings, ondo dancing, singing of nationalistic airs... "We are getting this fair treatment only because American prisoners of war will be mistreated by Japan if they clamp down on us"...An encouragement to hoodlum elements that the Pro-America faction are seeking advantages for themselves and have reported to the F.B.I. so many of the fathers are interned at the various detention camps.



TO DATE neither the administration nor the W.R.A. has given any recognition to citizenship or any encouragement on the stand taken by the First Group. There has been no widespread publicity as to the aims, purposes, and ultimate goals of the W.R.A.

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Because of these omissions those in the Second Group have been strengthened in their beliefs and their indoctrinations and proselytings.

The N e t R e s u l t is this. The vast preponderant majority who have been torn between the two pulls, who have been confused, who are fence-sitters and opportunists have veered to the influence of the Pro-Japan Group.

A S A C O N S E Q U E N C E there has been a listlessness in such projects as the Camouflage Net Factory--a susceptibility to strike on one pretext or another--an intimidation of other "sucker", "Jap scab" workers who wished to continue unmolested in net work as well as other projects.

'Teen age youngsters openly mock and heckle and threaten those who take a pro-America stand. Administration rulings are flaunted. Gangs are constantly picking fights or exercising coercion.

S o l u t i o n s : Prompt and regular paydays, definite issuance of clothing, etc, are but superficial

correction. The only permanent solution must be by two means:

First: by sustaining and giving aid and comfort to the First Group. Office-holding and having their own communities of like-minded people, self-governed and self-directed are some recognitions which should be accorded.

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Second: by drastic surgery. It may be cruel to separate families, perhaps, but it is more cruel to keep dissenting elements together. Separate camps should be maintained for those having the differing loyalties and ideologies of the Second Group.

S e g r e g a t i o n : This can be accomplished by open and formal judicial repatriation proceedings, and investigative hearings. Citizenship and confirmatory testimonials and oaths of allegiance publicly administered are means of determining the First Group.

OPEN DISASTER AND WRECKAGE TO THE ENTIRE W.R.A.

PROGRAM is invited by continuing under the present set-up. This definite undercurrent trend will result in a military



camp...a tacit admission of the dismal failure of the W.R.A. policy.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRO-AMERICA COMMUNITY. This model village can be the pattern and blueprint for subsequent developments.

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C O N C L U S I O N : Creation of this Pro-America Center can be the object of pride and serve as the prize exhibit of the goal of the W.R.A. program. Only by this specimen can present and future Congressional appropriations be justified. When eventual Congressional investigations do look into the operations of the various relocation centers only a Center built upon such Pro-American foundations will withstand the most critical assaults and closest scrutiny.

I n T i m e when the hysteria and hatreds of war will have passed by and the calm of peace once again pervades this land these truly relocation centers, not concentration camps, will serve as monuments to Democracy and the enlightened agencies of the American people.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS CONFRONT MANZANAR W.R.A. STAFF

- I. The first Manzanar address made by Director Roy Nash late in May brought cheering news that western boundary lines would be extended, outings in the hills permitted.

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Before regulations had crystallized, residents had abused the promised privilege. "Picknickers" returned past midnight, late strollers had to be rounded up. The privilege was withdrawn.

- II. In an effort to maintain a democratic basis for self-government at Manzanar, the W.R.A. staff here has accorded equal right to vote and hold office to citizens and non-citizens alike. The basic assumption of Manzanar policy has been that the majority, if not all, residents retain allegiance to the United States in the war, are American in thought and action.

This policy has produced a system of block meetings conducted primarily, frequently solely, in the Japanese language; they are meetings typically Japanese, seldom, if ever, attended by women, equally seldom ever represent the American viewpoint--on the war.

- III. To permit as much freedom to evacuees as possible,



the Administration has permitted unrestricted use of the Japanese language at group meetings. The basic assumption here has apparently been that the Japanese-speaking older generation is composed of permanent residents loyal to America.

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This privilege was abused Saturday, August 8, at Mess Hall 15 during a "Kibei" meeting, conducted entirely in Japanese. Inflammatory, disloyal, anti-American utterances were publicly recorded. The meeting, noisy and demonstrative, marked with threats of violence by partisans and hoodlums, had to be ordered closed by an administrative official. Monday, August 10, the privilege was withdrawn. A bulletin announced that no further meetings in the Japanese language would be permitted.

IV. To afford residents an opportunity to manage and operate their own community stores, the W.R.A. has set up a Consumer Cooperative basis of operations. Two experts, sent here from the Regional Office to take charge, have been laying the groundwork.

The entire program came narrowly close to self-destruction. Distrust of government officials, suspicion, disbelief--expressed largely by a non-citizen element--brought pressure to "vote the thing out of existence" to the point where the two W.R.A. superintendents seriously considered alternative courses of action in such an event. The present status of the enterprises still is in doubt--as far as resident sentiment is concerned.



V. First step in the W.R.A. program to make Manzanar self-sufficient through industrial projects has been the camouflage net factory. A patriotic appeal to the loyalty of American citizens has been repeatedly made by Director Roy Nash. The majority of workers on the project have justified the Director's confidence; the July output was 25% beyond the quota.

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A "strike", carried out largely by a trouble-making and hoodlum element, sent over 600 workers scurrying home Tuesday, August 11. On Monday, a score of youths, in their late teens and early twenties, clustered in one of the sheds, praised the "kibei" meeting of the previous Saturday, condemned the "Citizens Federation", echoed mouthings of pro-Japan elements, accused administrative officials of "eating better food", charged that "someone is making money off these nets", passed the rumor that "Mr. Nash is getting five dollars for each camouflage net", uttered oaths and threats of violence and injury against individuals who had publicly urged all-out loyalty to the United States, demanded to know why Joseph Kurihara's proposal that the "Manzanar Citizens Federation" be changed to Japanese Welfare Association" had been rejected.

THE FOREGOING are merely some of the administrative headaches at Manzanar. From the outset, evidence has mounted to clearly show there is subversive, anti-American, organized activity at Manzanar. FRICTION,



resulting in disorder, gangism, attempted violence, has sprung largely from the dramatic clash between this element and the pro-American, loyal, English-speaking group.

#### WHAT MAKES ADMINISTRATION A DIFFICULT & THANKLESS JOB

##### WITHIN THE CENTER:

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1. A large proportion of the English-speaking American-educated population, composed largely of younger persons, appear to be confused, bewildered, in many cases bitter; they listen readily to pro-Japan elders and Japan-educated and indoctrinated citizens.
2. Distrust of government officials--because of broken or allegedly broken promises--under the previous administration, is constantly played up by pro-Japan elements.

#### SOURCES OF AGITATION

Manzanar, as well as all similar centers, offers fertile ground for subversive, anti-American agitation.

Admittedly, it requires time for persons who had always considered themselves loyal to America, to recover from the shock of what is an apparent injustice--in their eyes.

There is physical distress and hardship; there have been, and are, moments of despair. The argument that "you're a Japanese after all" carries considerable weight.

That feeling and spirit is constantly, daily encouraged

--almost invariably through the medium of the Japanese language.

In a sense, the policy of the Government--to this date--has been responsible for the uncertainty and doubt among citizens.

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Not so much what the "Government" has done--as what it has as yet not had time to do, at any rate has not done--compels the weight of argument to turn in favor of pro-Japanese elements in dramatic clashes with the pro-American elements.

The War Relocation Authority to date has not made it clear to Manzanar residents just what W.R.A. policy and objectives are.

There has been no recognition--within the Center-- of loyalty and allegiance by evacuees, with minor exceptions. The disloyal element has found it easy to spread the infection of anti-Americanism among: (1) Confused and muddled citizens (2) Hoodlums and youngsters out to "stir things up for the sheer hell of it".

Out of this, of course, has come disorder.

Among undercurrent rumors and rumblings yesterday were boasts that gangs of youngsters were going to the public meeting Mr. Nash was to have addressed--"with rocks and whatever we can throw in our hands."

Whether all individual sources of agitation have exposed themselves or hidden in the background, the August 8 "kibei" meeting in Mess Hall 15 disclosed the true colors of several. Minutes of that meeting were kept by several participants.



Reference to those minutes in the course of any investigation of such individuals might assist, conceivably, in the elimination of Manzanar festering spots.

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In lesser degree, the so-called leadership in self-government of non-citizen elders has, in the five months of Manzanar history, failed to encourage to any appreciable extent, if at all, a clear-cut stand of allegiance and loyalty to the United States.

The assumption of these leaders has been, by and large, that such a stand of loyalty and allegiance is not necessary. There is constant harping upon the circumstances in which citizens find themselves today. "Citizen and alien all alike; we all in same boat" is typical.

On the other hand, while "playing along" with the Caucasian administrative staff, going through motions of cooperation, and doing a fairly good job at that, in the estimation of administrators, the influence of the non-citizen element, its thinking attuned to diametrically different Japanese ways, has not been altogether healthy--from the standpoint of the citizen who wants the United States to win the war.

A SERIOUS QUESTION BEFORE POLICY MAKERS OF THE WAR  
RELOCATION AUTHORITY --

Can the various elements that compose the population of Manzanar--generally classified as 'Issei', 'Kibei', and 'Nisei'--more often related to each



other by ties of family--live together in harmony?

There are residents within the Center who feel this is impossible without continuing friction, incessant clashes, which themselves may lead to collapse of efforts to make the project a self-sustaining community.

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There are others, however, who draw the classification along different lines. Ask the question, they say: "Whom do you want to win the war?" Get a commitment from every adult, draw the line, then separate "chaff from wheat". You cannot mix oil and water, they draw the analogy.



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## BLOCK LEADERS' MEETING MARKED BY PERSONAL OUTBURSTS

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Personality clashes livened the usual humdrum atmosphere of the weekly Block Leaders' meeting at Town Hall Friday. Immediately after Philip M. Glick, WRA Solicitor of the Washington office, had left after making a few remarks on policy, Block Leader of 24 M. Kuramoto accused Ted Akahoshi, chairman, of accepting bribes from the administration. Furthermore, that Akahoshi had connived with the managers of the Canteen and General Store for a share in the enterprise profits.

Turmoil flared up. When proof was demanded Kuramoto produced a memorandum of a rumor brought to his office. The meeting denounced such a public charge on such flimsy evidence and demanded the immediate resignation of M. Kuramoto as leader of Block 24.

Kuramoto then and there promptly resigned but not in written form as was demanded by the others. Later, Tom Ozamoto, information clerk at Block 24, who resigned with Kuramoto, explained that the memo of the rumor was merely intended for transmission to Akahoshi for his information.

Next tumult occurred when Sam Tateishi, Block Leader of 23 tendered his resignation on the grounds that he spoke in Japanese at a public meeting. Karl Yoneda, Block Leader of 4, accepted the resignation but not for the reason brought out by Tateishi.



He challenged, not Tateishi's talk in Japanese for which a general restrictive rule was later issued, but the statements made by Tateishi in that Japanese talk at the Kibei meeting.

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Tateishi, Yoneda charged, accused Ned Campbell, Assistant Project Director, of embezzling two thousand dollars of the Co-Enterprises funds; among other statements Tateishi declared that his American citizenship wasn't of any good and that as far as he was concerned they could take it away from him.

Yoneda was confirmed by five other block leaders who were present at the Kibei meeting. Tateishi's resignation was accepted despite the fact that he presented a petition bearing the signatures of 65 families in his block asking that he be retained.

#### CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LIFTS QUARANTINE

Placarded with isolation signs for eight weeks, since their arrival here, the Children's Village has finally been opened to the public today. The quarantine was first established during the mandatory typhoid and smallpox injections. Then 11 cases of chicken pox and one of mumps appeared among the 64 orphans.

Menu and quality of food are satisfactory, according to the children.

A t t e n t i o n : So far, there has been no provision for winter heating of the



three buildings comprising the  
Children's Village.

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#### BRIDE-TO-BE LEAVES TO JOIN SOLDIER FIANCE

Fifth of the Nisei girls to leave Manzanar in four months was Miss Mabel Shikami who left Saturday to join her groom-to-be, Corp. Paul Kitsuse, in Fort Riley, Kansas. Three months of correspondence with government agencies on her part culminated in this official permission.

Immediately preceding her by a week was the release of Mrs. Sue Yamada who joined her husband, a chick sexor, in Denver. While helping in evacuation problems with the WCCA she attempted to leave but general freezing orders forced her to the Manzanar trek.

#### 5,200 SIGN POLICE PETITION

More than half of Manzanar's population signed a resolution directed to Dillon Myer requesting that present Chief of Internal Police Kenneth Horton and Assistant Chief Lloyd F. Day be retained in their present positions.

This action on the part of the nisei and kibeï comprising the police force that the present Caucasian Internal Police staff would be replaced by new appointees.

#### CONCRETE BEING POURED FOR GARMENT FACTORY

First concrete evidence of the forthcoming garment



factory, promised for four months, was the cement foundation being laid for the side of this addition to industrial Manzanar.

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With materials already ordered and 50 heavy duty type power sewing machines expected any day Mrs. Taye Jow, superintendent, is using an ironing room for instruction of apprentice workers.

#### FIRST OBSTETRICAL CASUALTY IN MANZANAR HOSPITAL

Shortly after giving birth to twins Mrs. C. Watanabe developed complications from a chronic kidney ailment and passed away despite the ministrations and consultations of the local staff of doctors. Death of one twin was followed by the other a day later. This is first death from childbirth in the local colony.

Although warned some time previously that childbearing would mean the death of herself or of the child or both, Mrs. Watanabe insisted upon the desire for a baby.

The distraught husband, according to friends, is in a grief stricken daze. He is even unconscious of wearing his vest inside out.

The bodies are being preserved in a four compartment refrigerator, now in operation in the morgue room adjoining the autopsy room.

Plumbing connections with the boiler room have now been made and with hot water available the laundry room of the hospital is now in operation. Washing for the hospital and the Children's Village is now easily accomplished.



## L.A. TIMES BLASTS AT MANZANAR GARMENT FACTORY

Fears of surplus clothing being dumped on the market and the creation of an excess labor supply by a government experiment in garment manufacture were expressed in a one column spread of the August 13th issue of the Los Angeles Times.

Inspired by the garment workers' union and the manufacturer's association the article condemns and looks askance at the use of Federal funds for use in building a factory and training power machine operators.

Resident production personnel are on tenterhooks lest this snowball into considerable opposition that development of other projects might be blocked.

Ceramics: Glen Lukens, professor of ceramics at the University of Southern California was a recent visitor here conferring with George Stanicci and Aiji Hashii of Production Research and Planning. Robert Kinoshita, his prize pupil, is being called here from Santa Anita Assembly Center to take charge of the ceramics industry. Manufacture will consist of crockery ware.

A.F. Rice, Director of Marketing and Roy Kimmel, Director of Industry, went to Los Angeles this weekend to check on equipment which might be available for use here.



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Japanese Relocation Papers  
Bancroft LibraryCHILDREN'S DIET PROGRAM IN MESS HALLS  
REGULATED BY HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Adequate milk for nursing mothers, formulas for babies under 10 months, and well-balanced palatable meals for youngsters under five years at Manzanar all come under the hospital staff section headed by Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki.

"We have not yet reached the point where we know what we eventually will get; we still receive complaints from mothers and fathers of youngsters, first about one thing, then another. We are doing our very best, however, and improvements are being made right along to provide the best possible food diet for babies and children," according to Dr. Togasaki, lone member of the hospital staff with specialized training in public health administration.

Under direct supervision of the hospital are all dietitians in the 30 mess halls now being used. The young women, selected for the work, are instructed in health and cleanliness, issued rules and regulations, taught the preparation of baby milk formulas, serving of children's food, assistance to mothers seeking advice.

Constant improvement is stressed by Dr. Togasaki. "We've quite a job because parents are usually most concerned about the welfare of their youngsters."

Among early complaints lodged with the Public Health Administrator was that against the noise in the mess halls,



the numerous distractions which gave many young children indigestion or loss of appetite.

Children's eating hours were changed ; mothers were permitted to bring nursery age youngsters to mess halls at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Special tables, with upraised seats, are reserved for tots.

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#### STOVES OBTAINED, REMAINING MESS HALLS TO OPEN

When Manzanar mess division is operating at full capacity, there will be exactly 39 kitchens and 'eating places' in the Center: 36 regular mess halls, the Children's Village, Hospital, and Administration dining barrack. At the present time, 30 regular halls are open, plus the Hospital and Children's Village.

Kitchen crews for the remaining mess halls have already been selected, according to Stewards Winchester and Harback; equipment is adequate, supplies are on hand; residents are waiting the new openings.

Bottleneck in the mess division schedule has been the problem of getting stoves, requisitioned as early as last May, unobtainable until a fortnight ago.

"They're due any day now," Chief Steward Winchester disclosed today, "inasmuch as they're enroute here from San Bernardino."

Mess division progress of the past month is reported by administrators as: (1) Streamlining of kitchen crews, cutting personnel from an average of 60 to 40 per hall (2) Better



balanced meals, more vegetables, thanks to unexpected production of Manzanar farms.

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#### BARRACK INSULATION CARPENTRY WORK TO BE TURNED OVER TO PRESENT LINOLEUM CREW, ACCORDING TO PLANS

"Due almost any day now" at Manzanar are shipments of plasterboard and celotex lining, aggregating 2,500,000 square feet.

To be used for insulating walls and ceilings of barracks, the material has long been overdue; but wartime shortages and priorities have made the delay unavoidable, according to chief engineer Hervey Brown.

The job of moving the board from warehouse into proper fittings within barrack rooms will be turned over to the present linoleum crew, according to present plans. Laying of linoleum is now well past the half-way mark and is expected to be completed by September's end.

#### DOG 'PROBLEM' POSES QUESTION BEFORE MANZANAR MEDICOS

Fifteen persons have been treated for dogbites at the Manzanar hospital to date, statistics show.

None has required the Pasteur treatment for rabies; no fatalities have resulted.

But the office of Public Health Administrator is admittedly concerned over the possibility of such a case and is now preparing adequate regulations to meet the situation.



Unsanitary and unhealthful practices by residents in keeping domesticated animals within close barrack quarters, in bathing dogs in laundry basins will be banned "in time".

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# H O S P I T A L     N O T E S :

Concern is privately expressed by hospital doctors over the coming 'cold spell': 'We have only 100 patients in this hospital now; but one real cold spell, and you know most of these people are evacuees from the sunny southland; we may not have enough beds to take care of evryone.....' Tom Watanabe, M.D. specialist in gastro-enterology, is in charge of the X-ray department at the new hospital..... his assistant is Bill Saito of Los Angeles..... Masako Kusayanagi, M.D., specialist in skin diseases, successfully diagnosed recent outbreak of rash among camouflage workers, treated the most severe case requiring hospital confinement, the hazard, has been eliminated..... forty-five appendectomies, six circumcisions have been performed by James Goto, M.D., chief of the medical section.....The boiler plant is now in operation, furnishing hot water and steam heat since August 15..... new uniforms, snappy looking, have arrived for nurses and orderlies..... Yoshiye Togasaki, M.D., in charge of public health, proposes to have Wasserman test, chest X-rays and tuberculosis skin tests for all residents of Manzanar in the course of the public health program..... there is not a single telephone in the entire width and length of the 250-bed seven-wing structure, staff workers point out..... the morgue in the rear of

the hospital is equipped with a four-compartment 'refrigerator'

..... Cost of the X-ray equipment is reported as \$7000. ....



## DOCUMENTARY REPORT

## MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER

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Japanese Relocation Papers  
Bancroft LibraryDEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE IN NEW MANZANAR ELECTIONS  
BRINGS HEAVIER BALLOTING, BOOSTS CAMP SPIRIT

Manzanar's Town Hall is now complete. There are now 36 block leaders, a full delegation to the Center's self-government, as the result of elections held over the last week.

Many new faces are on deck; others who pioneered the body are conspicuous by their absence. Notably, the first chairman of the Block Leaders' Council, Mr. Ted Akahoshi, is no longer in office, having declined to run for re-election. Vigorous exponent of an admitted 'minority bloc', Karl Yoneda, leader of Block 4, was defeated in the race for re-election; in an open letter to the Manzanar Free Press, he laid partial cause for his defeat to the spread of malicious rumors.

Re-elections were held in 11 blocks where leaders were originally appointed by the Administration from among three top nominees voted by the block residents. This procedure drew protests of "undemocratic practise". The more liberal W.R.A. policy permits direct election by residents; hence the new balloting was ordered.

Unlike the haphazard "voting" of first election meetings, where a scattering of block residents gathered in mess halls and selected candidates by a show of hands, the latest election was conducted in systematic style, with mimeographed ballots, secret voting, ballot box, election boards, and a



systematic and concerted drive to secure 100% participation by all residents 21 years of age or over. The average was 87% poll participation, as compared to a 44% in earlier voting.

A mixture of English and Japanese language and traditions combined to make Manzanar's balloting an experiment in the practicability of democratic processes.

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Mimeographed ballots on every block were printed in English, with names of candidates and instructions to mark an 'x' opposite the voter's choice. On one block, it was estimated by an election board official that approximately one-third of the voters were unable to read the ballot, had to have help in locating the name of their candidate; nearly all, however, had made up their minds on whom they were voting for; they just needed to have the ballot read to them.

Consensus among election board members is that pride and appreciation were both apparent in expressions, facial and verbal, of older non-English speaking residents. For many, it was actually the first time in their lives they had taken part in an election of this type. Embarrassment, due to inability to read English, was overcome in several instances by a sympathetic and understanding election board. On most blocks, committeemen made the rounds of barracks, escorted residents to the polling place in the block leader's office, 1-1 on each block.

Participation by the younger, English-speaking residents, frequently distinguished from the older generation by the label "citizen", was noticeably increased in the latest



election. There was a larger turnout; there was more English spoken at nomination meetings; there ~~were~~ more candidates from the group.

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But major voice and participation still went to the older folks. Reluctance of many individuals of this younger type to assume responsibilities spring from the fact that Japanese is still the "prevailing language" within Manzanar, according to these residents. This conclusion is reached thus: There are more persons who reasonably understand, though not fluently speak, Japanese than vice-versa. In other words, there are more bi-lingual younger folk than older persons. This assertion is challenged by many, but it is being advanced as one reason why there are more first generation block leaders (whose primary tongue is Japanese) than there are second generation representatives (whose primary tongue is English).

By-products of the democratic process in Manzanar's election: (1) Evident boost in block morale, the ballot lending dignity to discussions and talk (2) Added confidence on the part of the elected candidate (3) Opportunities for residents to get better acquainted with each other, tending toward harmony and improved relationships.

#### CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION HAS LOCAL REPERCUSSIONS

If the War Relocation Authority policy to encourage democratic practises through extending the franchise to all adults without discrimination raised Manzanar morale, the effect of California's primary election campaigning had just the oppo-



site effect upon the citizen element within the Center.

"Several hundred" of the several thousand registered U.S. citizen-voters among evacuees took part in that election by absentee ballot. Depressing effect on their group morale came largely from the campaign line of many California candidates:

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"Jap evacuees in concentration camps should not be permitted to vote by absentee ballot."

Reaction to such campaign oratory, hitting Manzanar citizens flush on the chin via metropolitan newspapers and radio, was singularly unanimous. It could best be described by: "Cheap California politics again; we're political football once more."

AROUND THE CENTER.-- Over 5000 persons have visited and admired the Art Exhibit at 28-15, open through this Sunday evening..... Handicraft on display includes a profusion of artificial flowers, needlework, paintings, ship models, airplane models, woodcraft, metalcraft..... Major topic of current conversation is the projected furlough for applicants volunteering to work in the sugar beet fields and potato ranches of Idaho..... Approximately 1000 Manzanar residents are expected to go out this winter..... Articles of incorporation for the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises have been drawn up and ready to be filed with the Secretary of State at Sacramento..... Folk dancing provided an evening of fun and enjoyment in mess hall 36 Wednesday night at a social program sponsored by the



newly-formed Y.W.C.A..... Thursday night block 36 residents, meeting in the recreation hall directly across from the mess hall, requested Community Services director Thomas Temple to turn the mess hall 36 back to the people of the block..... A strong wind wafted the scent of luscious hamburger steaks from a "Wimpy party" then in high gear across the way..... Complaints of "late midnight noise" by socials and parties in mess hall 36 have increased lately..... The Manzanar Hospital has been officially recognized as an institution of training where student nurses may be accredited for certification..... Blocks 1 and 7 have now been almost completely made ready for opening of school in September..... Expectation of the regular school buildings west of block 36, yet to be constructed, has been set ahead to "around Christmas or New Year's"..... First signs of impending winter--the cold nights--additional blankets, requests for oil for the stoves..... By count, there are now 28 fish ponds of varying designs and degrees of artistry, most of them stocked with carp..... Lawns continue to increase, also home-made basketball and volleyball courts..... Still unused for their original purpose are the ironing rooms on each block..... Two most prevalent questions on resident lips: "When are the insulation boards for our walls and ceilings arriving?" "When do we get additional stoves so that all our mess halls can open?"..... Doctors Yoshiye Togasaki and Masako Kusayanagi who have the job of inoculating babies for whooping cough, vaccination, diphtheria and other shots at the hospital observing: "Babies learn at an early age to recognize



doctors"..... The guayule experimentations are coming along very successfully..... Produce from the Manzanar farms make welcome additions to the mess hall bill of fare..... Persistent Manzanar rumor of recent vintage is the shush-shush "Did you hear, they're going to move us out of Manzanar to Arkansas or Mississippi or somewhere"..... Rumor believed inspired out of misinterpreted correspondence from other Centers..... Another one insinuates there is some "boot-legging" of intoxicants going on.....

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## WINTER WEATHER-PROOFING GETS UNDER WAY

Long awaited 15 carloads of plasterboards for lining walls and ceilings have rolled into the center. Carpenter crews are building interiors of rooms with this material for winter cold-proofing.

With early A.M. temperatures touching a low of 45 degrees the need for immediate insulation of all residential quarters becomes urgent. At the present rate of construction, according to I. Sakata, head carpenter in charge of the work, it will take more than five months to complete coverage of the center.

Within the 36 blocks in Manzanar there are over 500 buildings or over 2100 apartments to be lined. Six skilled carpenters can finish one room a day; to complete the entire center will require approximately 12,000 man days.

November 1st when severe cold is expected is 36 working days away. With that as a completion date 333 carpenters plus about 70 suppliers and handlers would be needed on the job.

Residents are concerned:

Workmen are rushing making of benches and tables that schools may open on schedule due to TuleLake Relocation Center's furniture factory's inability to furnish Manzanar with projected school supplies.



One thousand able bodied men will take furlough to work as harvest hands in about 10 days.

This depletion of able bodied manpower will make an increase of existing carpenter crews so difficult that winter-proofing of residences may be delayed to the extent that suffering due to cold may be expected.

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Carpenters' Beefs: "Now that we have the plasterboard we can't get enough two-by-four lumber and where are the nails?"

Weight Worries Women

Five tons of plasterboard will weight down each building; one and a quarter tons to a six-beam room; almost three quarters of a ton overhead ceiling held in place by nails hammered in about an inch to braces and beams.

"If a roof should leak during a rainstorm and water seep down on that plasterboard ceiling I wouldn't like to be under that." --- Comment by women bystander who saw a heavy sheet of plasterboard being held into place by six carpenters while three others hammered.

NET PRODUCTION HITS STRIDE

631 net factory workers produced 624 nets on Tuesday.



This is the best record in four weeks since the ruling of an eight hour day was imposed. Relaxation of this ruling, according to Henry Ishizuka, former supervisor, made possible this production.

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Announcement that timekeepers will check up on net workers five times during the day is expected to arouse resentment that will interrupt the upward climb of production, indicated several workers.

VISITORS --- MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY

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Independent observer, associated with John Province, national WRA Community Service director, Washington.

Thomas W. Holland

WRA Chief of Employment, Washington, D.C. office.

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J.S. Daley

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Guayule Technologist

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