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Newell, Calif., Jan. 9—Jim Suzuki, 21 years old, today became the first person to leave directly from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Segregation Center here to take up life anew as an American citizen.

Although his movements are unrestricted, Suzuki is not returning to his former home in Loomis, Calif. He is relocating in the Midwest.

Suzuki was graduated from high school at Auburn, Calif., and took a special course in defense training as a machinist at California Polytechnical Institute at San Luis Obispo.

That training has obtained for him a job as a machinist in Minneapolis, Minn.

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Newell, Calif., Jan. 11—John L. Burling, representative of the Department of Justice, today opened the second series of hearings at the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Segregation Center here for Japanese-Americans who have signified their desire to renounce their United States citizenship.

The hearings are being held under recent legislation which allows citizens during wartime to apply to the United States attorney general for permission to renounce citizenship while on United States soil.

Mr. Burling is accompanied by a considerable staff.

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(Special request---Klamath Falls Herald News only)

Newell, Calif., Jan. 11---Two Japanese aliens by birth, but loyal to the United States, were en route from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Segregation Center here today to take up new modes of life.

Both are past 60 years of age. Both are free to go where they please by authorization of the U. S. Army. Both were evacuated from California; neither has immediate plans to return there.

Aijo Matsuo, from San Francisco, has obtained a position with the Midwestern Distributors, Inc., in Denver, Colo., and will begin his work upon arrival. All of his family resides in Japan. He has no plans to return to his native country after the war.

Daiko Shimizu, who prior to evacuation worked as a houseman for the same family in San Francisco for 23 years, left on a transfer to Topaz, the central Utah WRA center, to join his "best friend" and leave with him from there, probably for Chicago.



(Info not shown at 1st hearing)





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Newell, Calif., Jan. 16---George Danzuka is going back to his Oregon Indian reservation home, from which he has been absent nearly three years.

George could have gone home nearly a month ago, but he did not know it.

Before evacuation Danzuka had lived for 30 years on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, in Clackamas, Wasco and Jefferson counties, the nearest railroad town to which is Madraf. He married an Indian woman, and awaiting him on the reservation now is a family of several children and grandchildren.

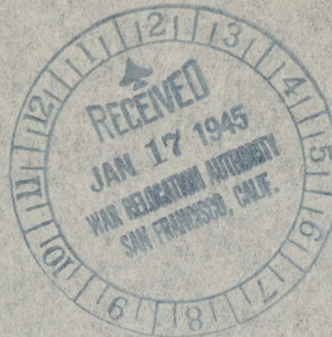
When George was relocated from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here August 16, 1943, he could not go to his home, which was 15 miles inside the U. S. Army Western Defense Command's excluded zone. He did the best he could, and went to work for the Great Northern Railroad at Chemult, just outside the zone.

When the army lifted its blanket exclusion order, Danzuka did not hear about it until informed by his employers. He wrote the Tule Lake Center asking advice, and was informed by telegraph immediately that he was free to go where he chose.

Now he is on his way.

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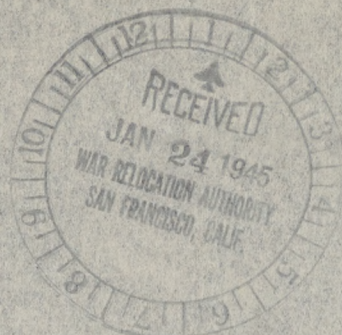
Newell, Calif., Jan. 22---Word was received at the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here today that Corp. George K. Hamada has been wounded in action in the European area.

Corporal Hamada formerly engaged in farming at Loomis, Calif. He received his army training at Camp Grant, Ill.

His brother, Teruo Dick Hamada, his wife, Tomiye, his son, Sadao James, and his daughter, Nobuko Anne, have been residents of the Tule Lake Center since 1942.

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Newell, Calif., January 23—Taneo and Setsu Mitoma, man and wife, both born in Japan, left the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here today for Los Angeles, the first residents of this center to relocate on the Pacific Coast.

The Mitomas were evacuated from San Francisco to the Central Utah Relocation Center at Topaz in 1942, and were transferred to Tule Lake a year later.

They will be employed in Los Angeles by A. J. Holzman, 1829 Camino Palmero, in general household work.

Taneo Mitoma, who is 56 years old, first came to the United States in 1907. Ten years later he returned to Japan to marry Setsu, who now is 46 years old, and in 1918 he brought his bride to America. They had spent most of their life since then until evacuation in the San Francisco area.

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Newell, Calif., January 27--Aiko Mary Takaoka, 22 years old, American of Japanese ancestry, relocated from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here today to the Pacific coast, the third Tule Lake evacuee to return.

Miss Takaoka returned to San Francisco at the request of her former employer, Mrs. Hazel J. Achenbach, 2618 Buchanan Street, for whom she had worked for eight months before evacuation in 1942.

Previously Taneo and Setsu Mitoma, husband and wife, had relocated to Los Angeles. They were the first to leave Tule Lake for the coast after the lifting of the army's exclusion order.

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Newell, Calif., January 27---One hundred seventy-one male residents of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here are en route by train today, Ray R. Best, project director, announced, to an alien enemy internment camp under jurisdiction of the United States Department of Justice.

In the internment camp contingent there are 27 who were born in Japan. The other 144 were United States citizens by birth, but had renounced their citizenship in hearings here before John L. Burling, special representative of the department of justice, and his staff from Washington. The hearings, which will continue, are being held under a recent enactment of congress which enables citizens to apply for renunciation while they are residents on United States soil.

Those leaving here last night, other than the Japan-born, automatically were placed in the category of enemy aliens with approval by the department of justice of their applications for renunciation of United States citizenship.

This was the second movement from Tule Lake to an alien enemy internment camp. Seventy men were moved last December 27.





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Newell, Calif., January 31---The War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here counted contributions of approximately \$215 today to President Roosevelt's March of Dimes fund for control of infantile paralysis.

Of the total, \$30 was contributed directly by Colonial Peace officers, members of the evacuee police force in the Japanese colony, and will be so identified when transmitted to Washington.

The bulk of the fund, which is expected to be increased before it is transmitted, was the result of a March of Dimes evening presented by the Personnel Recreation Club last night, President Roosevelt's birthday night.





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NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 5---Cupid had taken a hand in relocation proceedings today with the departure from the Tule Lake Center of the War Relocation Authority here of Shizue Kumae, 18 years old, with her fiance, Nochio Uyeno, 20, for Denver, Colo. The boy came here on a visitor's permit to escort her to Denver.

The pair plans to be married as soon as the boy's parents, who are residents of the WRA relocation center at Rohwer, in Arkansas, complete their relocation plans. Meantime the girl will seek employment in Denver, where her prospective husband has been employed.

Miss Kumae, who has been cleared by the army to go anywhere in the United States she may choose, leaves her parents in Tule Lake Center.

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NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 12---The largest train ever to arrive at or leave the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here departed yesterday afternoon carrying 650 male residents of the center to an alien enemy internment camp under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Justice.

Of the total, 18 were born in Japan. The other 632, United States citizens by virtue of birth, had renounced their citizenship in hearings before a Department of Justice staff sitting here.

Most of the men are of military age.

Yesterday's contingent brought to 891 the number of men sent from Tule Lake Center to alien enemy internment camps since the Department of Justice began renunciation of citizenship hearings here in December, by authority of a recent enactment of congress allowing such action by persons resident on the soil of the United States.



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NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 12—Toshio Tsukimura, resident of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, who formerly resided at 208 Oak Street, Marysville, has received word from the War Department that his brother, Shigeru (Eddie) Tsukimura, private first class, was wounded in action in France on January 7.

The telegram received by the brother here indicated his brother's wound was not serious, and said details would be furnished later from a hospital.



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NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 12---Ray R. Best, project director of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, has received a report that Taneo and Setsu Mitoma, husband and wife, first residents of Tule Lake to relocate to Southern California, have been received with friendliness in their new environment and are happy in their new home and work.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitoma, both past middle age, are employed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holzman, 1829 Camino Palmero, Hollywood. They left Tule Lake Center January 23, and went immediately into the home of the Holzmans, who previously lived in Honolulu. Arrangements for their employment had been made before they left Tule Lake.

G. Raymond Booth, Los Angeles District Relocation Officer, quoted Mrs. Holzman as reporting that the Mitomas had settled down with the idea of remaining indefinitely, and that they had been treated courteously at the neighborhood stores and at the bank, with one exception. One store owner asked Mr. Holzman to tell Mr. Mitoma not to come to his place of business any more. Whereupon Mr. Holzman told the storekeeper, said Mrs. Holzman, that the Holzman family did not care to patronize him in the future.

Arrival of the Mitomas, Mrs. Holzman said, had created considerable interest in their neighborhood, and had brought inquiries as to possibilities of obtaining the services of other like Japanese.







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NEWELL, Calif. Feb. 13 --

The headquarters of two illegal Japanese clubs, the Hokoku Seinen Dan and the Sojuki Kikoku Hoshi Dan, pro-Japanese societies, were raided last night at Tule Lake by War Relocation Authority Internal Security officers under order of search, seizure and eviction, it was announced by Ray R. Best, Project Director of Tule Lake Segregation Center, who signed the order.

Contents of the organizations offices, including records of the societies and a hand-made Japanese flag were removed and held for government disposal.

This action followed by one day the removal of 650 men from Tule Lake to an enemy internment camp under jurisdiction of the Department of Justice. This group was composed almost entirely of members of the societies and their officers.

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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., February 21—The presidents of Tule Lake Center's two pro-Japan societies, Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan and Hokoku Seinen Dan, today began serving sentences of 30 days' confinement in the War Relocation Authority project jail, for involvement in unlawful assembly. For 60 days after their release from jail they will be on probation.

The men, Shigeyoshi Kawabata and Minoru Hinoki, were sentenced by a project hearing officer after a trial which followed a raid by center police on a meeting of leaders of the two societies. The two men arrested, who were in charge of the meeting, had been presidents of the societies only since February 11, when all of the officers of the two groups were included in a contingent of 650 men sent to the Department of Justice alien enemy internment camp at Bismarck, N. D.

The week before the arrest, trial and conviction of the two new presidents, the headquarters used by the two societies had been raided by center police, its contents impounded by the government and the societies warned to dissolve.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
San Francisco, California

Press Release

San Francisco, February 26, 1945 -- The War Relocation Authority today announced that it has received information from the War Relocation Authority in Japan that a group of Japanese-Americans, including a number of well-known writers and artists, have been released from internment camps in Japan and are now on their way home to the United States.

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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 26---The first family to relocate from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here left today for Gridley, Calif., 70 miles north of Sacramento, to resume residence on the 85-acre fruit farm on which the two sons and the daughter were reared.

The family consists of Hikoichi Tanimoto, 62 years old, and his wife, Rewa, 57; Jim Minoru, 21, and George, 18, sons, and Eva, 23, daughter.

The farm is being operated by a Caucasian friend whom the family expects to continue as manager for the duration of the war. The return to Gridley had been planned since the army lifted its Pacific Coast exclusion order but completion of the plan was delayed recently by illness in the family of Caucasians which has been occupying the Tanimoto home, causing the Tanimoto's to grant the Caucasians extra time in vacating.

"We are all very happy," said Eva, the family spokesman. "Mother and father are particularly pleased at being able to return to where we children were reared."



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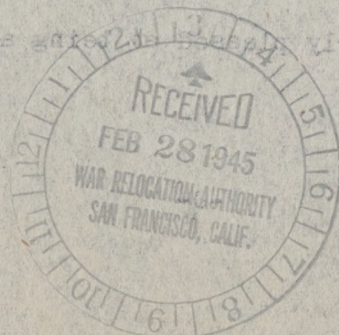
Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 28--The first family to relocate from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here left today for Gridley, Calif., 70 miles north of Sacramento, to resume residence on the 85-acre fruit farm on which the two sons and the daughter were reared.

The family consists of Nikolai Tsimonov, 62 years old, and his wife, Rosa, 57; the minor, 81, and George, 19, sons, and five, 23, daughter.

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Press Release

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NEWELL, Calif., Feb. 26---The parents of Pfc. Ryomi Tanino, formerly residents of Bellevue, Wash., have received word that there son has been wounded in action in the European theater of war.

The parents are M. E. and Shizue Tanino, now residing in the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here. Their Bellevue address was Route 2, Box 471, from where they were evacuated to the Pinedale Assembly Center at Pinedale, Calif., before being sent here.



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NEWELL, Calif., March 5---One hundred twenty-five men adjudged by the Department of Justice to be dangerous enemy aliens were entrained here last night for an unannounced destination, to be placed in an alien enemy internment camp.

The group included Shigeyoshi Kawabata, president of Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan, and Minoru Hinoki, president of Hokoku Seinen Dan, the two pro-Japan societies' leaders who were sentenced recently to the project jail after conviction of unlawful assembly in a project trial.

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NEWELL, Calif.---Kazuo Hirakawa, president of Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan, and Shigeo Fujino, president, and Yoshio Nakashima, member of Hokoku Seinen Dan, pro-Japan societies, have been sentenced this week to serve 90 days each in the project jail for unlawful activities.

Hirakawa and Fujino have been presidents of the societies since March 4, when the then presidents, Shigeyoshi Kawabata and Minoru Hinoki, also serving jail sentences for illegal society activities, were transferred to an alien enemy internment camp.





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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., March 29---Fifteen men, leaders of minority groups attempting to carry on pro-Japan activities in the WRA Tule Lake Center here, have been tried and sentenced to jail terms ranging from 90 to 110 days in the past week and a half, Harry L. Black, Project Hearing Officer, announced today.

The men, all of whom pleaded guilty to one or more violations of regulations, include the presidents and vice-presidents of two pro-Japan societies.

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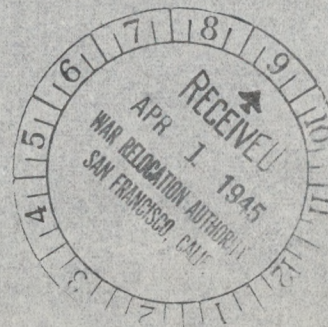


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NEWELL, Calif., April 23—Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Iwamoto, residents of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, have been notified by the War Department that their son, George, was wounded in Italy on April 5.

George Iwamoto left Tule Lake Center in June, 1943, going first to Ogden, Utah, and then to Denver, from where he was inducted into the United States Army. Before evacuation the Iwamoto family resided in Sacramento, Route 8, Box 4359.







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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., April 25---The death of Umeno Yamada, 44 years old, wife of Yoichi Yamada, 64, resident of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, was being investigated today. Mrs. Yamada, whose husband was not at home at the time, was found dying in her apartment. A bottle with a poison label was near by and she left a note to her husband indicating she had taken her own life. An autopsy report was being awaited for determination of the specific cause of death.

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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., April 25---Eighteen persons, chiefly women and small children, were transferred today from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here to the Department of Justice family internment camp at Crystal City, Texas. The transfer to voluntary internment was authorized by the Department of Justice and the transferred persons were escorted by employees of the Immigration and Naturalization service.

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Also received from the Bureau of Customs and Excise, San Francisco, California, a letterhead memorandum dated April 27, 1945, captioned as above, and a letterhead memorandum dated April 27, 1945, captioned as above, both of which are being referred to the Bureau of Customs and Excise, San Francisco, California, for their consideration and action.

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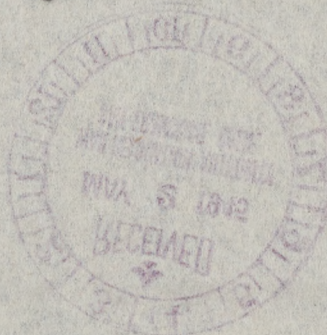
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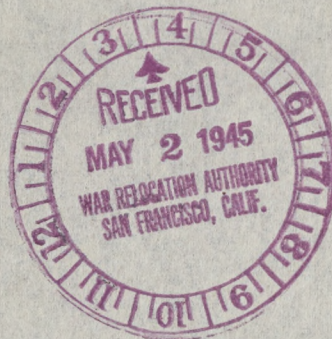
NEWELL, Calif., April 30---Kiyoshi Nakaya, private first class in the United States Army, was killed in action in Italy on April 17, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tsunetaro Nakaya, residents of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, were informed by the War Department today.

Pfc. Nakaya was 25 years old, and had received his combat training at Fort Sill, Okla. The Nakaya family's pre-evacuation address was Route 1, Box 3-A, Florin, Calif., near Sacramento.

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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., May 1—Four days of action on the Italian front today had brought three official casualty reports from the War Department to relatives, now residing in the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, of Japanese-American fighting men in the United States Army. One soldier was killed in action and the other two were wounded seriously.

The casualties:

Pfc. Kiyoshi Nakaya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunetaro Nakaya, formerly of Route 1 Box 3-A, Florin, Calif., near Sacramento, died in action April 17. He had received his combat training at Fort Sill, Okla.

Pfc. Fred S. Nomura, brother of Mrs. Tamotsu Masui, the former Yoshiko Nomura, formerly of 625 West 10th Street, Long Beach, Calif., seriously wounded in action April 15. Private Nomura's father is dead and his mother is in Japan. He trained with the now famed 442nd Infantry combat Team at Camp Shelby, Miss. A brother, Tad Nomura, is a graduate of the Military Intelligence School at Camp Savage, Minn.

Tech. Sgt. Yoshio Imoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uichi Imoto, formerly of Route 1 Box 548, Lindsay, Calif., seriously wounded in action April 14. He was a member of an anti-tank company of the illustrious 442nd Infantry, and received his combat training also at Camp Shelby.





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FROM THE DIRECTOR, WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
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Press Release

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NEWELL, Calif., May 14---Next of kin who are residents of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here during the past week were notified that six American fighting men of Japanese ancestry had been wounded as Gen. Mark Clark's forces struck the finishing blows in Italy.

The casualties:

Pfc. Johnny Fujimura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Risaburo Fujimura and brother of Frank M. Fujimura, who previously resided at 622 Main Street, Auburn, Washington.

Pvt. John S. Oki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junkichi Oki, who pre-evacuation address was P. O. Box 84, Clarksburg, Calif. Private Oki last fall had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France.

Pfc. Hisaya Hasegawa, nephew of Shimasuke Maruyama. His previous residence was 1035 Dewey Avenue, Los Angeles.

Pvt. Tom Yagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tenjiro Yagi, who before evacuation were residents of Canal Ranch 4, Thornton, Calif.

Pfc. Ben T. Doi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manjiro Doi, former residents of 1420 Mono Street, Fresno, Calif.

Pfc. Tadashi Arita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsurumatsu Arita, residents before evacuation at 1406 Fourth Street, Sacramento, Calif.





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Pfc. Leonard White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louisian White, residence

of 1430 Lomb Street, Fresno, Calif.

Pfc. Ben W. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjino Bell, former residence

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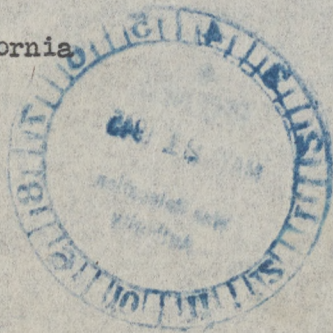
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Newell Cal. May 15---One man was killed and another injured at the Tule Lake WRA center today when a section of a building collapsed. Workmen were engaged in moving in sections a part of a building in the school area at the time.

Daisaburo Kawano, 60, alien Japanese workman, was crushed when the building fell. He is the father of Jack Kawano, private first class U. S. Army now serving in the European theatre of war. He is survived also by his wife Sode Kawano, two daughters Natsuko and Mary and two sons Thomas and James of Newell. Also surviving is a step-son Shizuo Takaki. His pre-evacuation home was route 2 Loomis, California.

The injured man was Yukio Nakamura, 24, citizen of Japanese ancestry. He was removed to the center hospital for treatment of probable back injuries. His former home was at Route 2 Salinas, California





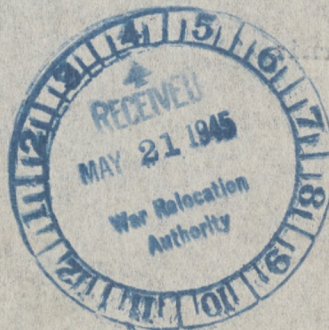
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Press Release

Newell, Calif. May 15--One man was killed and another injured at the Mile Lake War Center today when a section of a building collapsed. Workers were engaged in moving in sections a part of a building in the school area at the time.

Leisandro Kawano, 50, alien Japanese workman, was crushed when the building fell. He is the father of Jack Kawano, private first class U. S. Army now serving in the European theatre of war. He is survived also by his wife Sode Kawano, two daughters, Hester and Mary and two sons, Thomas and James of Newell. Also surviving is a step-son, Shiro Takaki. His pre-war home was route 2, Los Angeles, California.

The injured man was Yukio Nakamura, 24, citizen of Japanese ancestry. He was removed to the center hospital for treatment of probable back injuries. His former home was at route 2, Bellflower, California.





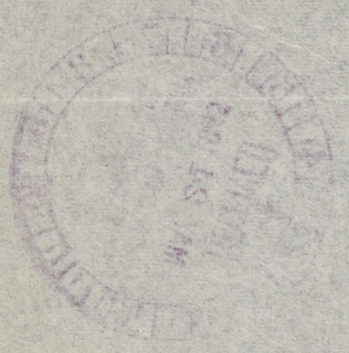
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Press Release

Newell, Calif., May 22---The body of Miyoto Abe, 66, alien Japanese was found in his apartment at the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center, by Internal Security Officers. Preliminary examination disclosed that he took his own life by hanging. He leaves two sons, Kazuo Abe, 32, and Kurato Joe Eimoto, 31, adopted by his maternal grandfather at the age of one. The father had been suffering from ill health for some time prior to his demise.







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The former has been authorized to handle all matters for some time  
since. It is stated that the information is being given to the  
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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., June 14---The appointed personnel of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here next Saturday afternoon will engage in the finale of a Western Victory Bond Jubilee in the interest of the Mighty Seventh War Loan.

For more than two weeks the WRA staff has been voting, by purchase of War Bonds, for election of a Jubilee queen, and is engaging in whiskerino and Western costume contests. Saturday's festivities in a big corral dedicated to the Seventh War Loan will include entertainment features, games, auctions, and a kangaroo court, all transactions involving acquisition of War Bonds and Stamps. Articles auctioned will be bid in terms of War Bonds, the purchasers receiving both the articles and the War Bonds represented in the bidding. There will be dancing to the music of a soldier orchestra.

This afternoon and evening of entertainment will be the climax of the staff's efforts toward putting the Seventh War Loan over the top. The WRA has announced that visitors desiring to witness or participate in the fun will be welcome, and that they will be admitted at the military gate without previous arrangement if they desire to attend the finale of the Jubilee.

On the evening of Victory Day in Europe, the WRA Tule Lake staff at a celebration in the Personnel Recreation Club, expressed its happiness by purchase of \$7,300 in War Bonds, this being in addition to all regular purchases and extra purchases made since the beginning of the Seventh War Loan Campaign.





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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., June 15---Posthumous award of the Purple Heart to a Nisei soldier who died in action in Italy April 17 was revealed in the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here today with receipt by Mr. and Mrs. Tsunetaro Nakaya of notification from Secretary of War Stimson that their son, Pfc. Kiyoshi Nakaya, had been so honored.

Pfc. Nakaya was 26 years old at the time of his death. He received his combat training at Fort Sill, Okla., and served with the famed 442nd Combat Team.

The parents, who came to the United States from Japan in 1900 and so are not citizens, had been notified previously of their son's death and have his picture enshrined in their home, with a constantly burning candle. The family was evacuated to Tule Lake from Florin, California, where the father had engaged in berry and grape growing.

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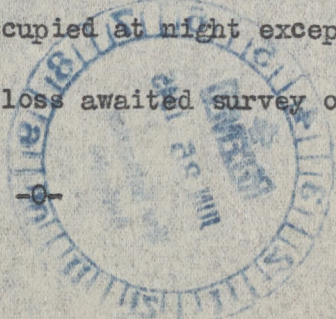
NEWELL, Calif., June 19---Medical examination today showed a hemorrhage to have been the cause of the death of Mrs. Grace Menane, 57-year-old school teacher who came to the WRA's Tule Lake Center here last February from Eugene, Ore. Mrs. Menane collapsed shortly after she had left her apartment to walk toward her school. She died in the center hospital.

Mrs. Menane leaves a son, Ernest E. Menane, 516 Baker Street, San Francisco, and a daughter, Mrs. George H. Scott, 328 North Sixth Street, Corvallis, Ore. Mrs. Menane's husband died some time ago.

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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., June 19---Fire last night destroyed a frame, unfloored warehouse building on the farm of the WRA's Tule Lake Center here, which was being used for overnight storage of motor equipment. Two trucks and a tractor were lost in the blaze, the origin of which was not determined immediately. The farm is unoccupied at night except by a watchman. Determination of the monetary loss awaited survey of the destroyed equipment.







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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., June 25—Preliminary figures today showed that the appointed personnel of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here had invested \$77,889.75 in War Bonds during the Mighty Seventh War Loan Campaign, 214 per cent of the staff's allotted quota.

The cash invested in bonds was \$41,542.50 more than the quota of \$36,347.25.

Of the total, \$31,000 in cash was invested during a Western Victory Bond Jubilee which was the climax of the staff's efforts in the campaign, \$5,500 in celebration of V-E Day, and the remainder by cash purchases through regular channels and by a salary deduction plan.

In the Sixth War Loan Campaign the Tule Lake staff had invested cash to the amount of 176 per cent of its quota. The record of the Seventh War Loan Campaign was the best in the center's history.

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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., June 25—Four Hundred men left the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here last night by special train, being transferred to an enemy alien internment camp under jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

Before departure the men had been transferred by WRA to the custody of Immigration and Naturalization Service Border Guards. Announcement of the destination of the train was withheld by the Department of Justice pending its arrival.

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PRESS RELEASE

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NEWELL, Calif., July 3—One hundred men were transferred today from the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here to a Department of Justice alien enemy internment camp, the name of which the Department of Justice did not immediately announce. The men left Tule Lake in custody of Border Guards of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the branch of the Department of Justice which administers alien enemy internment camps.



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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., July 9---Canteens of Tule Lake Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., operated under evacuee management at the WRA's Tule Lake Center here, were reopened today after having been closed five days during investigation of loss of \$3,359.25 from a business office safe. The missing money was not part of the Cooperative's funds, but had been left in the business office for safekeeping by customers.

The closing had been ordered by the evacuee board of directors in hopes it would speed solution of the case. No arrests have been made as yet, and the investigation is continuing.





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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., July 30---Representatives of the volunteer fire department of the nearby farming community of Tulelake (one word) came to the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake (two words) Center here today to study the fine points of hose laying and pressure pumping as demonstrated by members of the center's evacuee fire department.

The demonstration were at the request of the town fire department, which became interested in methods used by the Japanese firemen several weeks ago when the center sent a fire truck and a crew of Japanese fire fighters on an eight-mile run to help extinguish a serious middle of the night blaze in Tulelake.

In today's fastest demonstration the Japanese firemen with a pumper truck laid 400 feet of hose with Siamese extension for a double stream in 40 seconds.

At special request of Bruce Brickell, chief of the Tulelake volunteer department, the Japanese firemen also demonstrated pumping water from an irrigation ditch and putting it under pressure for fire fighting, this being a problem which often confronts the Tulelake department.

The WRA center fire department, which protects this community of more than 17,000 people, consists of 98 professionally trained Japanese fire fighters and several fire inspectors under command of a Japanese chief, Gengo Endo, and supervision of a Caucasian fire protection officer and two assistants. Its greatest function has been elimination of fire hazards before fires start. Fires are infrequent in Tule Lake Center.

In addition to Chief Brickell, representatives of the Tulelake fire department present for the demonstrations were Clifton Hines, Jerry Van Buskirk, Toad Boyd, Burris Short and Al Porter.







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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., August 8---While America's new atomic bomb was looming as a threat to the existence of Japan, the United States Navy threw its resources last night into a dramatic race against time for the life of a Japanese American baby in the base hospital of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here.

Little Ryoko Ogawa, 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hatsuji Ogawa, formerly of Route 2, Box 223-A Anaheim, California, and 301 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, was near death from a rare malady diagnosed as meningitis caused by the virus of influenza, 100 per cent fatal except in cases in which a special and recently developed serum has been used.

Dr. Jack Sleath, Tule Lake's chief medical officer, began searching by telephone for a supply of the serum. He found some at the Children's Hospital at San Francisco, which offered to divide its supply in a gamble for the baby's life if the serum could be brought to Tule Lake in time.

Then Commander D. Paine, medical officer of the Klamath Falls Naval Air Station, 35 miles away in Oregon, stepped into the picture. He arranged an emergency flight by a Navy plane to Alameda to pick up the precious serum offered by the Children's Hospital.



Lt. D. M. Raschio, Klamath Falls Naval Air Station pilot, took the mercy plane to Alameda and back, through bad flying conditions on the coast, to deliver the little box of serum into the hands of Dr. Sleath, waiting at the airfield, while Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, senior medical officer in the Tule Lake hospital, whose specific patient little Ryoko is, sat by the unconscious child's bedside. Dr. Sleath sped the serum ampules, which are the baby's only chance for life, from the air station to the hospital. The first injection was made shortly before 9 p. m. and the baby still lived this morning. The waiting doctors expected it would be another day before it could be determined whether the treatment would be effective.

Little Ryoko never has been outside the Tule Lake Center fence. She was born here. Her father, 28 years old, is a native of San Jose, California, and her mother, Yoshiye, 27, was born in Hawaii. She has a four-year-old brother, Keiji. The Ogawa family came to Tule Lake from the Manzanar Relocation Center in 1943.



Dr. J. M. Pearson, Elmer's Naval Air Station pilot, took the  
 emergency plane to Alameda and back, through bad flying conditions on the coast,  
 to deliver the little box of serum into the hands of Dr. Pearson, waiting at  
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 Life Lake Hospital, whose specific patient Little Elmer is, sat by the  
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 it could be determined whether the treatment would be effective.  
 Little Elmer never has been outside the Life Lake Center fence.  
 She was born here. Her father, 38 years old, is a native of San Jose,  
 California, and her mother, Yoshiko, 27, was born in Hawaii. She has a  
 four-year-old brother, Koji. The Ogas family came to Life Lake from the  
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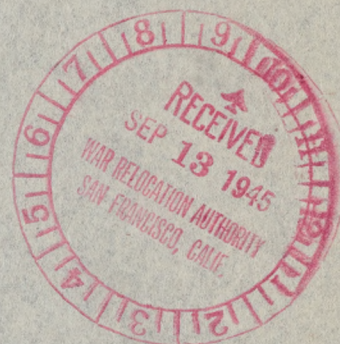
PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., Sept. 10---Fire which apparently started in the vicinity of a cooking range early today destroyed the mess hall serving evacuees in one of the 74 residential blocks of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here.

The evacuee fire department prevented damage to any other buildings in the vicinity of the destroyed mess hall, some of the equipment in which it is believed will be salvageable. No one was injured. Monetary loss will be determined by a survey.









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NEWELL, Calif., Oct. 3---Ivan Williams, representing the Department of Justice, and Lt. Col. John Hazlett, commanding officer of the military police battalion now stationed here, announced jointly today that effective October 10 Border Guards of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice will replace the military in guarding the perimeter of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here.

Since the revocation September 5 of the Western Defense Command military restrictions, the military police at Tule Lake Center have been acting solely as agents of the Department of Justice to insure detention of persons on the Department of Justice stop list. Colonel Hazlett said the military camp here will be abandoned as soon after October 10 as possible.

In connection with the change of the guard, R. R. Best, Project Director, said there will be no change whatever in the administration of Tule Lake Center, which will continue to be directed in its entirety by WRA.







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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., Oct. 10—The United States Army ended its security guard over WRA's Tule Lake Center here today after three years and four months of duty. At 8 a. m. the Army's 1981 Service Command Unit, stationed at Camp Tulelake, relinquished the perimeter patrol to Border Guards of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, with command passing from Lt. Col. John Hazlett to Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service detail, who announced John Swanson will be in direct charge of the guard.

Soldiers had been on duty at Tule Lake since the center was opened in May, 1942. Since September 5 of this year they had been acting as agents of the Department of Justice to maintain security of a portion of Tule Lake's population under detention orders of the Department of Justice. R. R. Best, Project Director, stated that administration of the center is unchanged, with relocation of persons free to leave proceeding unaffected by the shift from Army to Department of Justice guards on the perimeter.







News Release:

fifty-one male residents at Tule Lake were today taken from the Relocation Center by the Department of Justice to an alien enemy internment camp, it was announced by Ray R. Best, Tule Lake Project Director. Twenty-seven were born in Japan. Twenty-four were citizens born in this country who renounced their citizenship before John L. Burling, special representative of the Department of Justice. A special car was drawn up on a railroad siding near Tule Lake aboard which the transferrees were placed this afternoon.

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(The Department of Justice will not reveal the internment camp to which they are being taken until their arrival.)

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WAR RELOCATION CENTER HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATE 2100 SENIORS IN 1944

Approximately 2100 seniors graduated from the relocation center high schools according to figures compiled from the WRA center newspapers. (pull out)

Majority of the centers held their commencement exercises in June. The Colorado River Center at Poston, Arizona led the centers in total graduates with 406. Heart Mountain in Wyoming followed with 301, while Minidoka in Idaho was third largest with 286.

Following is the list of center graduates:

Colorado River Project, Arizona . . . . .	.406
Heart Mountain Project, Wyoming . . . . .	.301
Minidoka Project, Idaho . . . . .	.286
Gila River Project, Arizona . . . . .	.233
Manzanar Project, California . . . . .	.181
Granada Project, Colorado . . . . .	.158
Rohwer Project, Arkansas . . . . .	.154
Jerome Project, Arkansas . . . . .	.138
Central Utah Project, Utah . . . . .	.127
Tule Lake Project, California . . . . .	.121

Handicapped as most of these high schools are by lack of buildings and equipment, they have been able in the past two years to meet the requirements of the states in which they exist. Their graduates are being accepted in universities and colleges on the outside and in several instances have achieved outstanding records.

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Since the inception of Selective Service many of the boys are being inducted into the Army immediately after graduation.

Commencement exercises in relocation schools are patterned largely after the schools they left behind in California, Washington and Oregon. There are the baccalaureate sermons on the previous Sunday. A typical program consists of the processional followed by the invocation. Usually "America the Beautiful" is sung by the class or the "Star-Spangled Banner" is played by the school orchestra.

These young people have not forgotten the America which they left two years ago. The commencement speeches of their class representatives show that they have the backbone and the grit to succeed as youth has always done.

~~It is a credit to~~ The students and ~~to~~ their instructors, that after an interlude of two years during which they have been severed from much of the outside ties, the graduates are still able to look to America's problems with the same broad perspective that all Americans do. They have shown that they are really Americans, interested in America's war, her postwar problems, and her place in the family of nations.



In the speeches of these young graduates there was none ~~of the~~ op  
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over the past. They all pointed hopefully toward the future. These young  
graduates have assumed an excellent attitude to commence the next step in  
their lives.



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HOLD FOR RELEASE

NEWELL, CALIF., Feb. 11. -- A special train carrying 650 individuals of Japanese ancestry who renounced United States citizenship in hearings held at the Tule Lake Segregation Center today left here for an alien enemy internment camp operated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The shipment is more than three times larger than any previous from here. The first group to be transferred to Department of Justice jurisdiction since John L. Burling, special representative for the department, and his staff began hearings, left here last December 27 and contained 70 men. The second group of 171 men departed by special train January 26. Destination of today's contingent was not announced.

Most of those shipped from here today are members of the Hokoku Seinen Dan, young men's pro-Japanese society which, together with the Sojuki Kikoku Hoshi Dan, has attempted to influence loyal Japanese-American citizens to renounce their citizenship.

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Press Release

NEWELL, Calif., March 23---R. R. Best, Project Director of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, announced today the sentencing of three men to 100 days in jail for illegal activities in connection with operations of Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan and Hokoku Seinen Dan, Japanese societies of which they are leaders.

The men are Sakutaro Kakuda, Masao Satohigashi and Shigeo Wake. Earlier in the week three other men, including the presidents of the two societies, were sentenced to 90 days in jail. The sentences were imposed by Harry L. Black, Assistant Project Director, as hearing officer.



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Project Director, the hearing officer.

The sentences were imposed by Henry T. Black, Assistant  
Magistrate of the two associates, were sentenced to 90 days to  
one year in the next three cases, including the  
case.

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 - The first real test of California land law violations by Japanese aliens will be made in Los Angeles Superior Court on July 3 when the State of California will seek to regain control of a half acre of property "owned" by Yukichi Yamaguchi, at present a resident of Japan.

The State contends in a suit filed to regain the property that Yamaguchi resorted to subterfuge in purchasing a half acre of property in Meadow Park Tract, Los Angeles County, in 1929. On the result of this case may rest the future decisions of many more alleged land law violations by Japanese aliens.

Sought in the case as a witness is Hideo Suyonaga, a Japanese American, who is charged in the complaint with having permitted his name to be used for a payoff of "a necktie and approximately \$20" according to District Attorney Fred N. Howser of Los Angeles. The complaint alleges that Suyonaga neither received the property, nor received any of the profits of the crops grown on the property, nor paid any of the expenses or taxes on the property.

The files of the War Relocation Authority were being searched today to find Suyonaga among the 90,000 segegees of the WRA centers.

(Yamaguchi left the United States for Yokahama in 1935 and is now a resident of Japan, according to the complaint.)



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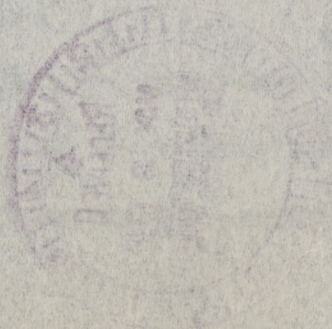
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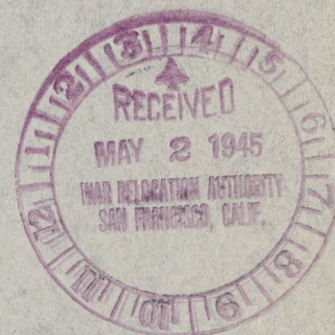
News Release

NEWELL, Calif., April 30—Mr. and Mrs. Uichi Imoto, residents of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake Center here, were informed by the War Department today that their son, Tech. Sgt. Yoshio Imoto was wounded seriously in Italy on April 14.

Before Evacuation the Imoto family resided at Lindsay, Calif., Route 1, Box 548. Sergeant Imoto trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., as a member of an anti-tank company of the 442nd Infantry, which since has won undying fame on the battle fronts.










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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWELL, June 7 -- Harry Hiroshi Kawai, 25, resident of the Tule Lake Segregation Center, was placed under arrest by the WRA police last night for attacking a soldier. He was turned over to the Modoc County authorities and placed in the Alturas jail under charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

The attack was made with a large meat cleaver taken from the mess hall in block 15 in the evacuee residence of the center. The soldier ward off the blow aimed at him and was not seriously injured. He was struck in the back a glancing blow with the blunt side of the cleaver which has a blade 6x5 inches.

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News Release telephoned from Tule Lake June 19 P.M.

TULE LAKE, June 19 -- Harry Hiroshi Kawai was sentenced Monday to one year in Modoc County jail by Judge A. K. Wylie for assault on a Tule Lake Camp soldier. Judge Wylie indicated Kawai would be paroled after serving 90 days of his sentence.

TULE LAKE, June 19 -- George McKee, butcher employed at Tule Lake Center arrested on charges injury of persons and damage of property in an automobile accident in which an Alturas girl was injured. McKee is in the Alturas jail as Modoc County officials are conducting an investigation. It is possible that the District Attorney may change the charge as he has told confidants that he found a hypodermic needle in the car which may involve a narcotic charge.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEWELL, Calif. June 22, -- Two men are in the hospital at the Tule Lake Segregation Center as a result of being beaten with a hammer last night. One is suffering from a fractured skull and reported in a critical condition. The WRA police have arrested Shigeo Okamoto, 39 year old Japanese alien who is said to have been responsible for the attack on both men. It was reported that he attacked Sononuki Suzuki, 51, Japanese alien who is his roommate about 11:30 last night. Shortly afterwards he went to another barracks and attacked Shunzi Tanabe, 51, another Japanese alien. Both men were taken to the hospital where Tanabe is making satisfactory progress toward recovery, while Suzuki is reported to be in critical condition. He was unconscious this morning.

Shigeo Okamoto, the man under arrest, came to the Tule Lake Segregation Center last fall during the segregation movement from the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas. He was detained in the wire compound area during the period when the Army was in control of the segregation <sup>center</sup> and had been released during March to return to the Center residence area. His home prior to the evacuation was at Stockton, California.

No reason was given for the attack by Okamoto except the statement that certain people have been spreading rumors about him. WRA officials stated that the District Attorney's office of Modoc County has been notified.

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PRESS RELEASE

NEWELL, Calif., August 9---Fifteen-month-old Ryoko Ogawa, Japanese American daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hatsuji Ogawa, formerly of Los Angeles and Anaheim, California, died during the night of meningitis caused by influenza virus despite a 75 percent chance for life which had been given her by co-operation of the United States Navy and the Children's Hospital in San Francisco with the doctors of the base hospital of WRA's Tule Lake Center here.

Tuesday, by authorization of Commander D. Paine, medical officer of the Klamath Falls (Oregon) Naval Air Station, Lt. D. M. Raschio, Navy pilot, made an emergency flight from the air station to Alameda and return to deliver a special serum furnished by the San Francisco Children's Hospital. The serum, administered at once by Dr. Jack Sleath, Tule Lake Chief Medical Officer, and Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, his assistant, caused the child to rally, but the shock of the malady had been too great, and a relapse was suffered 24 hours later.

The doctors described meningitis caused by influenza virus as nearly 100 percent fatal when the newly developed serum has not been used, and as still fatal in 25 percent of the cases in which the serum has been used.



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The rescission of the Western Defense Command's exclusion order makes no change in the program of the War Relocation Authority in relocating American Japanese according to R. B. Cozzens, Assistant Director of WRA.

"Where in the past the Western Defense Command and the Department of Justice determined which persons of Japanese ancestry were excluded from the West Coast or who were subject to detention, the responsibility will rest solely with the Department of Justice hereafter," said Cozzens.

"Those who are not detained by the Department of Justice are free to relocate in any section of the United States, and it is the duty of the War Relocation Authority to assist those who have not been detained in re-establishing themselves in normal community life.

"Whatever the future holds for those who are detained will be a determination of the Department of Justice.

"In the meantime the War Relocation Authority will assist in finding homes and employment for approximately 45,000 ~~who~~ still in the centers, many thousands of whom are members of the families of the 20,000 American Japanese veterans in the United States Army.

"More than three-quarters of the persons in Tule Lake Segregation Center have no detention orders against them".



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SPECIAL RELEASE TO TULE LAKE

Just praise must be given to Mr. S. KUBO, P. O. Box 524, Penryn, for arranging housing and jobs for many of his friends in Tule Lake.

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Mrs. KICHI OKADA has returned to her home at 426 N Street, Sacramento, California.

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Mr. MASAO TAMBARA departed to handle personal property matters and found conditions so satisfactory, decided to remain at his pre-evacuation address - 2200 6th Street. His neighbors welcome him back in the community.

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Mr. K. YOSHINO, Rt. 1, Box 1925, has provided housing and employment for Mr. ENTARO YOSHIMURA who departed recently from Block 1119-B.

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Mr. YUYE TAKUMA and daughter KIMI ROSE have returned to their ranch at Rt. 1, Box 1642, Loomis, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. TORAO TAKUMA with daughter, YURI, have returned to their ranch located at 162-C, Route 1, Loomis, California. Mr. Takuma expresses appreciation of friendliness received from old friends and neighbors.

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Mr. Porter Taylor has provided housing and farm work for Mr. YOSHIWASA HATANO. Mr. Hatano departed November 9th with his wife, YAEKO, and son and daughter.

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Mr. JINJIRO FUJITA and wife, SASAYO, left Block 3805-B to join their daughter in her home at 1116  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fifth Street, Sacramento, California.

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Mr. KAKUJIRO UYENOYAMA from Block 1219-D is another person who has housing in Loomis, California. He will be employed by Pacific Fruit Company.

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Mr. S. GOTO of Penryn, California has arranged for housing and employment for another one of his friends. CHUEMON NAKAYAMA who has left Block 4402-B with his wife and three children for Penryn.

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The Steadman Ranch operations at Gridley, California, have some new employees. The following departed to work in the orchard under the supervision of Mr. YOKOTOBI:

YOSHITARO OISHI  
RIKIMATSU OTANI  
WATARU MAKISHIMA  
KENJO KIDO

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The following departed from the center to accept employment with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company:

MANGORO KODANI  
MASANORI OZAKI  
MOMAJI TERASHITA  
KANJIRO MURAKAWA  
MICHITARO MOCHIZAKI  
OTAGURO NISHIDA  
KANICHI IDA

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Housing has been provided at Brighton.

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In addition the S. P. placed the following in the Robbins section where quarters have also been furnished:

DANJI KOMATO  
YOSHISHIGE WATANABE  
ENJI METANI  
TOMOYASU NISHIZAWA  
ICHINOSUKE KAMIMURA  
TATSUO OKADA

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SPECIAL RELEASE TO TULE LAKE:

Sacramento is fast becoming the most popular relocation destination for evacuees from Tule Lake. Among recent arrivals in the Capitol City are Mr. and Mrs. GORO OKUSAKO, Mrs. MASAYO YAMASAKI and 3 children, Mr. TAICHI HANMIYO, Mr. & Mrs. KEIJIRO MASUDA, Mr. KOJIRO KITAGUCHI and many more.

Housing has been provided them prior to leaving Tule Lake either by employer, friends, or hostels. Some are returning to their own homes.

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Elk Grove welcomed one its former residents. Mr. and Mrs. KOTARO HITOMI and daughter, SUMIKO, are back in their home after three years of center life.

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Housing and work has been provided to two former Tuleans, TATSUO FGI and IKUGI SOFYE at Camp 3, Libby's Canal Ranch in Thornton.

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Among former Loomis residents who are returning to their own farm is the NISHIMURA family: MASAKICHI, MIDORI, BUDDY and RAYMOND. Their address is R.F.D. Box 290. Mr. HARUO SAKATA is also glad to be among his friends in the same town. He is located at Rt. 1, Box 330.

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Camp Kohler is solving temporary housing problem for returnees. The MIYAGI family, EIJIRO, FUKI and EIKO are now residing at the former assembly center. They left Tule Lake on December 5, 1945.

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The Southern Pacific Railroad Company again has aided two families to relocate from the center. Mr. and Mrs. NOBUO SHIZUMUTA and daughter, KIMIKO, and son, SHIGERU, and Mr. & Mrs. KUICHI MIYAOKA and son, BEN, are on their way to points in California to be employed by this company.

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Mrs. SUMIKA MIYAKI with her daughter, HARUMI, left Tule Lake December 3 to join her husband at R.F.D. Box 32, Auburn. They are one of the few people who are fortunate to be able to return to their own home.

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Special Release to Tule Lake - 2

Acceptance of returnees is greatly improved in the Placer County area, due chiefly to the efforts of WRA officials and Army personnel who are contacting various individuals and groups to acquaint them with problems of the relocation program.

Placer County is an important relocation area because there are many Japanese people who own property in there. A great many have returned to their own homes.

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