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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL SERVICES AT CENTRAL UTAH RELOCATION CENTER
FOR PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT



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Above - General view of service held in combination gymnasium-auditorium, showing part of capacity audience of 1800 persons of Japanese descent, and illuminated picture of the late President. Project Director is speaking.



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Above - Mrs. Marubara, chairman of the Topaz Community Council, speaks for the evacuee residents. Mr. Hoffman and ministers of the local Buddhist, Protestant and Catholic churches are seated behind him; Nisei girls, who sang during the program, at the right.

Exhibit A

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, TOPAZ, UTAH, APRIL 15, 1945.



Closeup of the President's picture and
cross of artificial roses made by evac-
ees.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL SERVICES AT CENTRAL UTAH RELOCATION CENTER FOR PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The news of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's sudden death at 4:35 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 1945, at Warm Springs, Ga., fell like a bombshell on Topaz, a War Relocation Authority camp for persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the West Coast.

The radio flash spread like a prairie fire through this isolated community on the edge of the Sevier desert 145 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. Evacuees who happened to be listening to the radio at the time spread the word so quickly that practically the entire population of 5500 knew of it by night-fall.

A few persons learned the news upon inquiring as to why the Center flags were lowered to half-mast in the late afternoon. In the high school gymnasium, where senior class students were setting up chairs for an entertainment program that evening, a Japanese-American youth burst in and rushed about excitedly announcing the tidings. His face was solemn and he obviously was shaken.

He and other purveyors of the news were regarded incredulously. "Are you sure it isn't just another rumor?" they were asked. The first reaction generally was of disbelief. The President's passing was so unexpected that many would not believe it until they had obtained confirmation over their radios or through newspapers.

Friday morning Project Director L. T. Hoffman, in a telegram to Washington WRA headquarters, suggested that all relocation centers observe memorial services Sunday to express "our heartfelt gratitude for the late President's leadership and our sense of deep loss at his tragic and sudden death.

Faculty and students of the Topaz high school Friday morning whipped together a memorial service in record time. Twelve hundred high school and junior high school students gathered in the combination gymnasium-auditorium at 10 a.m.

Ryozo Kumikawa, student body president, opened the memorial service by solemnly declaring that "the world has lost a great citizen." He pointed out that this country can't claim the late President alone because he stood as a champion of liberty and symbol of freedom to the oppressed peoples all over the world. He said that the late President's refusal to yield to infantile paralysis was an inspiration and challenge to young people, and that "the student body joins the nation and the world in mourning this tragic loss."

A trio sang the "Lord's Prayer"; Miss Joanne Nagata "Abide With Me"; the Junior high school chorus "America, the Beautiful." Miss Hatsuye Aoyagi, violinist, played "Ave Maria."

Dr. Roland A. Bane, high school principal, compared the last inaugural addresses of Lincoln and Roosevelt, pointing out the similarity of their attitudes toward war and peace. Assistant Project Director R. E. Bell gave a resume of Mr. Roosevelt's life and achievements.

Throughout the day elementary school teachers held memorial services in their classrooms.

Friday afternoon a delegation from the Topaz Community Council, headed by Chairman Mas Narahara, met with Project Director L. T. Hoffman and two other members of his staff, agreed to cancel all entertainment events scheduled for the week-end and discussed plans for a Center-wide memorial service.

Mr. Narahara said the Council favored a joint memorial service of evacuee residents and the Caucasian staff, with all ceremonies in English. Administration officials agreed. Some consideration was given to holding the service Saturday afternoon at the time of the funeral in Washington, D. C., and carrying the radio broadcast of the White House ceremony to the local audience by loudspeaker. But a check with a Salt Lake City radio station disclosed that the funeral service would not be broadcast. Sunday afternoon then was considered. Finally it was suggested that the service be held in the auditorium at the regular Sunday morning church hour. R. T. Sanford, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management, and Mr. Shichisabura Hidashimi, Council vice-chairman, was named to determine if the Inter-Faith church organization would cooperate.

This committee subsequently reported that Inter-Faith leaders favored holding the memorial service immediately after regular church services. Plans were made accordingly Saturday afternoon. The Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., arranged the stage setting. Mr. Sanford dispatched a member of his staff to round up members of the high school glee club, and personally contacted the Boy Scouts who were to take part. The program and a list of the sponsoring Inter-Faith members make up Exhibits B and C.

Meanwhile, the Block Managers (evacuees elected by residents of each of the Center's 34 blocks like the Councilmen) also had taken official cognizance of the President's death. At their

Friday morning meeting, Chairman James H. Hirano announced the "sad news of the passing of President Roosevelt," and Block Managers recommended that block residents "conform with the nation's mourning."

Minutes of the Block Managers' meeting held the following morning (Saturday) read as follows:

"Block managers were instructed to announce that a project-wide memorial service would be held under sponsorship of the Community Council on Sunday, April 15, from 11:15 to 12 noon. The committee in charge, including the Topaz Ministerial association, requests that the residents pay respect to the memory of the late president. Block managers will ask for the full cooperation of all Center residents during this official time set aside to memorialize the passing of the 31st President of the United States. Those residents unable to attend the memorial service will be asked to pay quiet respect wherever they may be during this time. The Project Director, Mr. L. T. Hoffman, requests that all meetings, group gatherings and social functions be cancelled or postponed until Monday, April 16, in due respect to the period of mourning."

The Topaz Times, semi-weekly project newspaper published by evacuees, announced the President's death and memorial plans in its issue of Friday, April 13. An account of the Center-wide memorial service was carried in the April 17 issue. Copies of these editions are attached as Exhibits D and E.

A capacity audience of 1500 persons, the great majority evacuees, attended the Center-wide memorial service. Gray curtains formed the stage backdrop. In the center of this gray field was a black-bordered white curtain bearing a large photograph of the late President. Black ribbons formed an inverted V over the upper half of the picture, which was illuminated by a spotlight. Beneath it stood a cross of artificial white roses. Speakers and leaders of the Topaz Buddhist, Protestant and Catholic churches were seated on one side of the stage; members of the high school chorus on the other.

The service opened with three Japanese-American Boy Scouts advancing up the center aisle with the American flag, planting it at one side of the stage and giving the "Pledge to the Flag."

The high school glee club sang "America, the Beautiful." The Rev. Tetsuro Kashima of the Topaz Buddhist church conducted a silent prayer. Mas Narahara, representing the Community Council, expressed the feelings of the evacuees in these words:

"We are gathered here as one united body with singleness of purpose to honor those memories of the late Mr. Franklin Delano Roosevelt which are dear to all of us.

"Today we find ourselves dwelling in a period of great perplexity and faced with far reaching problems of individual, social, economic and international import. Under such conditions we are always called upon not only to put forth our utmost effort in behalf of the common good, but also to follow the best in the highest ideals and leadership we know, and to give the fullest support to him upon whom falls the mantle of the fallen leader.

"Regardless of our religious, political or national outlook, there are, I believe, certain basic elements in the life of Mr. Roosevelt to which we can all look for guidance and inspiration.

"Everyone of us who knows what it means to meet with unexpected calamity and loss cannot but honor the man who in the very prime of his life, although sorely smitten with infantile paralysis, not only fought his way back with the aid of steel braces, crutches and canes, but also established the Warm Springs Foundation so that others suffering from the same affliction might find the waters of Warm Springs, Georgia, as helpful to them as they had been to him.

"But not only did he have the ability to prove to millions of like sufferers that physical calamity need not crush the spirit, but also was he recognized by all for his supreme courage to take his stand upon great social issues in behalf of the rank and file of his fellow countrymen.

"His mind, however, both before and during the present conflict was not limited by national boundaries. In the very midst of the national emergency, he proclaimed to Congress his famed 'Four Freedoms' -- Freedom of Speech and Religion, Freedom from Want and Fear -- as fundamental to perpetual harmony among all the nations of the world.

"Not only did he have world-wide interest but he drew forth a world-wide personal response. Perhaps the secret to his personal charm and friendly touch may be found in one of his famous fire-side chats to which many of us listened on the evening of Dec. 29, 1940. You may recall how in his opening remarks he said, 'I well remember while I sat in my study in the White House preparing to talk with the people of the United States, I had before my eyes the picture of all those Americans with whom I was talking. I saw the workmen in the mills, the mines, the factories; the girl

behind the counter, the small shopkeeper; the farmer doing his Spring plowing; the widows and the old men wondering about their life savings'.

"For the past three days the air waves themselves have been almost choked with the world-wide response to his passing from friend and foe alike. Indeed if each person who would pay tribute to his memory were to bring here today but one petal from a rose, his likeness hanging upon the backdrop of our platform would find itself lost in a wilderness of loveliness.

"The fact that he had come to belong to much more than his own family or his country was unselfishly expressed by his own wife, who when the fatal news was broken to her, said with shoulders squared and head high 'I am more sorry for the people of the country and the world than I am for us'.

"Mr. Roosevelt, like all great leaders of all times and all countries, was best understood by mankind when his thoughts and actions reflected the kind of universal language which is spoken by art and music in terms of truth, goodness and beauty.

"Perhaps it may be said of Mr. Roosevelt, as it was said of Abraham Lincoln shortly after his death by Secretary of War Stanton, 'Now he belongs to the ages'. Mr. Roosevelt belongs not only to the United States of today, but to the world and to the ages."

Miss Hatsuye Aoyagi played a violin solo, "Ave Maria."

Project Director L. T. Hoffman addressed the audience as follows:

"We are gathered here to pay our humble tribute to the memory of one who is beloved by us all, that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But, before I add a few inadequate words to all that has been said in the past few days since his untimely death, let me pause to thank you--the residents of Topaz--for the immediate and generous response to the suggestion I made Friday to all organized groups to postpone all activities, meetings, and gatherings until Monday. You have done much more than was asked, even voluntarily closing all places of business on Saturday afternoon. This makes me realize how feeble any words of mine must be in leading your thought for just a moment as to the meaning, for us, of his life of unselfish service.

"The principles exemplified by his strenuous life, in spite of handicaps which would have made most of us invalids, give us cause for hope, confidence, and faith in ourselves and in the future. Truly 'he has given a new freedom and dignity to the human race', which very much includes us here at Topaz. To make the most of that new freedom, we must dedicate our lives to that same noble and unselfish purpose, 'for which he gave the last full measure of devotion'. His simple faith in God and his

fellow man is an inspiration to us and all the world to move forward in united faith to achieve and make possible those same ideals.

"Because of the life he lived, each one of us may live a fuller, richer, and happier life in the days to come, provided we put our faith as he did--in 'Power outside of ourselves', and rededicate ourselves anew to achieving for others those freedoms he so nobly espoused. Those who think of themselves as belonging to so-called minority groups, and the beneficiaries of certain privileges, sometimes forget that the same recognition of individual human rights must be shown to others if they are to have full meaning for themselves.

"So, this morning, in the calm of this simple memorial service, and remembering our loved ones throughout the world, let us take heart, renew our courage, increase our faith, and press on to the high mark our late President has so courageously and securely set for us all. May we go forward, in the days ahead, sad at the loss of so great a leader, humble as we think of the sufferings and tragedies of the people throughout the world, which were such a burden on his heart, and determined together to advance the cause of freedom and justice for all people.

"World peace, world security--freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear--are now more than words and high sounding phrases. They will have increasing meaning to us as we share with others, and keep alive through experience, those same principles in the world of strife and struggle outside.

"Most of us listened yesterday to the radio report of the memorial service at the WhiteHouse, which in the words of the reporter who was there, was most impressive because of the simplicity and homely dignity of that 25 minute service. For our memorial service here, I would like to thank the ministers of Inter-Faith, the Community Council, Mr. Sanford who represented the Administration, and others for planning and so quickly arranging for this simple but impressive service this a. m.

"May I close with a few simple lines of Henry VanDyke that I learned way back in high school days and which have stuck by me, and comes to me now as we think together of our great leader whose life has meant so much to each one of us.

"There are four things a man must do if he would make his record true:

'To think without confusion, clearly;
To act, from honest motives, purely;
To love, one's fellow men, sincerely;
And trust, in God and heaven, securely.'

Miss Joanne Nagata sang "The Lord's Prayer," and the Rev. J. R. Fujii, Topaz Protestant church, pronounced benediction:

"May the Grace of the Lord Jesus, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all forever. Amen."

The program ended at 12 noon with recession of colors by the Boy Scouts, and the sounding of taps by the Boy Scout Bugle Corps.

Photographs of the memorial service, Exhibit A, make up the frontispiece of this documentation, a copy of which was sent to Mrs. Roosevelt.

P R O G R A M

CENTER-WIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
TOPAZ HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

April 15, 1945, 11:15 A. M.

Advancing of Flag	Boy Scouts
Pledge to the Flag	Boy Scouts
"America the Beautiful"	High School Glee Club
Silent Prayer	Rev. T. Kashima Topaz Buddhist Church
Mas Narahara, representing the Topaz Community Council	
Violin Solo, "Ave Maria"	Miss Hatsuye Aoyagi
L. T. Hoffman, representing the Administration	
Solo, "The Lord's Prayer"	Miss Joanne Nagata
Benediction	Rev. J. Fujii Topaz Protestant Church

Exhibit C

TOPAZ INTER-FAITH MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

CATHOLIC

H. Honnami

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Rev. Seikichi Imai

BUDDHIST

Rev. Senkai Okayama
Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku
Rev. Tetsuro Kashima
Rev. S. Sanada
Rev. Motoyoshi
Bishop Matsukage

PROTESTANT

Rev. Jiryu Fujii
Rev. Zenro Hirota
Rev. Eiji Kawamorita
Rev. Shigeo Shimada
Rev. Eiji Suehiro
Rev. Hisayoshi Terasawa
Rev. Joseph Tsukamoto
Mr. Hisashi Sano

STUDENT MINISTERS

George Hirose
George N. Nishimoto
Harold Jow, Rev.

TOPAZ TIMES

S E M I - W E E K L Y

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TOPAZ, UTAH

Friday, April 13, 1945

SURPLUS FARM EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD SATURDAY

Approximately \$20,000 worth of surplus farm equipment from the project farm will be open for sale Saturday, it was revealed by Melvin Robins, property control officer.

The sale is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock and carry on through the afternoon. It is estimated that over 300 certified dealers will bid for the 100 or more items of farm machinery offered for sale. The equipment which consists mostly of larger machinery such as hay loaders, balers, and plows, will be sold in the yard west of the warehouse.

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE GIVEN BY DIXIE J.C.

The Dixie Junior college will award a scholarship to a June, 1945, graduate of the Topaz high school, according to a letter received here from Glen E. Snow, president of the college. The scholarship will cover tuition and books. The scholarship recipient will be chosen by the high school faculty.

FREE MOVIES ON THE SOUTH TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT IN H.S. AUD

Three motion picture shorts will be shown free of charge in the high school auditorium, at 7 o'clock this evening in connection with the administration's "New Orleans and the Deep South Week".

The films, all in sound, will be "Modern Dixie", a trip through Louisiana starting from New Orleans; "Southern Sunrise", a technicolor pretrayal of the progress of the South in a new, improved agriculture, and "Truck Farmer", which shows how truck crops are grown in winter in South Texas' new frontier--the Rio Grande valley. The movies will run 45 minutes.

PRES. ROOSEVELT PASSES AWAY

News of President Roosevelt's sudden death from a cerebral hemorrhage yesterday afternoon as he worked on matters of the State at the Warm Springs, Ga., "Little White House" was spread rapidly through the center by persons who heard the radio announcement. The first reaction was that there must be some mistake--it just couldn't be true.

Vice-President Truman was sworn into office as president late yesterday and announced that he would continue to carry out his late chief's policies.

SCHOOLS, CENTER PLAN RITES FOR ROOSEVELT

WRA ASKS FOR MORE PERSONNEL

Project Director L. T. Hoffman and G. L. Niesse, assistant project director in charge of administrative management, appeared before the State Priority committee of the War Manpower commission in Salt Lake City Wednesday and explained the need for additional civil service employees at Topaz. The committee deferred decision.

They also contacted the Civil Service commission, Military Travel bureau and other federal agencies interested in the WRA program.

Center flags flew at halfmast today because of the death of President Roosevelt. Memorial services were held by all schools and the community council and administration are making tentative plans for a center-wide memorial service.

Project Director L. T. Hoffman, in a telegram to Washington WRA headquarters, suggested that all centers observe memorial services Sunday to express "our heartfelt gratitude for the late President's leadership and our sense of deep loss at his tragic and sudden death."

EDUCATION HEADS ATTEND MEETING

Three Topaz education heads, Dr. LeGrande Noble, superintendent of education; Dr. Laverne Bane, high school principal, Perry Carmichael, vocational education head, attended a meeting Wednesday at Kanab of the Sixth School district of Southern Utah.

Problems of vocational education credit and guidance in high schools were discussed, Dr. Noble reported.

PROGRAM POSTPONED

Because of the sudden death of President Roosevelt, the entertainment program planned for tomorrow night in the auditorium by Madame Tachibana's Japanese classical dancers has been postponed.

Nisei GI's On Iwo

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

"There are thousands of Japanese Americans in United States service in all theaters. All of those with whom I came into contact are anxious to prove their loyalty to this country. Often their anxiety is touching, for they volunteer for all sorts of dangerous missions.

"Many have paid with their lives, and many more have been wounded. They have done an outstanding job for the Allied cause and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the Marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu, and Iwo," Rosenthal said in the interview.

"Usually they work with headquarters in serving as interpreters. Armed with hand grenades at entrance to Jap pillboxes or caves, they often convince the enemy to surrender where American officers, lacking the proper diction of the Japanese language, would fail.

"They work so close to the enemy on these missions that, along with the danger of being killed by Japs, they run the risk of being shot, unintentionally, by our own Marines. From a distance it's hard to tell them from the enemy. Their dungarees soon become ragged in rough country and the similarity of their physical appearance makes their job much tougher."

Rosenthal said many of the Japanese Americans were in service in Europe and clamored for transfer to the Pacific where, lent to the Marines, their linguistic and other talents could be put to better use. He said virtually all were serving with special units rather than with regular fighting units.

"And they get along fine with the Marines, who are pushing their way to Tokyo," he added.

STUDENTS HECKLE SPEAKERS AT SEATTLE ANTI-JAPANESE MEETING

SEATTLE--A tumultuous anti-Japanese rally, which at times flared to near violence during heckling by University of Washington students and others, was held last week. The meeting was sponsored by the Remember Pearl Harbor League, Incorporated.

There were at least three times as many hecklers among the approximately 250 persons at the meeting as there were anti-Japanese.

A woman shipyard worker, Louise Gregg, stirred up a hornet's nest as she shouted that the question whether returning Japanese are dangerous has been settled because they have been passed and approved by the government agents. University students rallied around her and yelled to the crowd to leave her alone when others shouted, "Throw her out!"

VAUDEVILLE SHOW WANTS NISEI GIRLS

Two nice looking nisei girls are wanted immediately by Robert William Holt, producer of a vaudeville show, for background work on the stage. Applicants should be between 18 and 30 years. Experience is not required. Salary will be \$60 per week plus transportation for a 30-week contract.

Itinerary includes Maryland, New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

FOR SALE: Singer treadle sewing machine in good condition. Inquire 26-5-C.



An Immigration and Naturalization Service staff began work in Tule Lake center this week to clarify the status of aliens now on the immigration stop list.

Tule Lake center exceeded its 1945 Red Cross Fund drive quota by contributing \$2745.35. The goal was \$2663.

Newell Star

A capacity audience attended the send-off ceremony honoring the 28 reservists leaving for active service at Ft. Douglas. Poston Chronicle

The Butte YBA, being greatly concerned with the sportsmanship of young people on the field of friendly strife, has decided to offer a sportsmanship award as an inducement to the young athletes that clean playing is just as important as clean living.

Gila News-Courier

Sataya Okita of the Bussei club was chosen pin-up queen of Heart Mountain at the annual Bussei ball. Runners-up were Amy Kiuchi, Hideko Takehara, Miyo Konishi and Ruth Otani.

Heart Mountain Sentinel



Sunday

"THE GHOST AND GUEST"

This picture stars James Dunn, Florence Rice and Mabel Todd.

Monday, Tuesday

"TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT"

Edward Ryan, Marjorie Massow, Phil Baker and Stanley Prager take the leading roles. Chapter 14 of "The Clutching Hand" will be shown.

Thurs., Fri., Sat.

"IN SOCIETY"

The comedy team of Abbot and Costello with Arthur Treacher are cast in this hilarious comedy. Also showing is chapter 11 of "Flaming Frontier".

TOPAZ TIMES

SEMI-WEEKLY

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TOPAZ, UTAH

Tuesday, April 17, 1945

100 DEALERS BUY UP SURPLUS FARM EQUIPMENT HERE

Over 100 certified dealers from Colorado, Idaho, and other parts of the country paid \$11,521 for the surplus farm equipment at the sale held here Saturday, according to Melvin Robins, property control officer.

The sale of the 100 or more items of surplus equipment, which started late Saturday morning, was completed approximately 22 hours later. Each item was sold on the average of about one a minute.

WRA OPENS OFFICES IN SOUTHERN CALIF.

The WRA will open four additional offices in Southern California to aid in the resettlement of returning evacuees.

The new offices will be in Santa Barbara, Santa Ana, El Centro, and San Diego.

POSTPONED MOVIES OF SOUTH TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT; ARNE TO SPEAK

The relocation division's free motion picture program on the South, postponed because of the President's death, will be given in dining hall 32 tonight, starting at 9 o'clock.

R.E. Arne, New Orleans district relocation officer who will outline relocation opportunities and describe community acceptance and housing facilities, made his home in Berkeley, Calif., for many years. He was assistant State Administrator for State Relief administration with offices in San Francisco. From there he went to the Social Security board in Washington, DC; to Baton Rouge, La., as director of Louisiana State University's School of Public Welfare administration, and to the Jerome, Ark. relocation center as assistant director in charge of community management.

A special exhibit of 80 enlarged photographs of relocatees in the southern states also will be shown.

TOPAZ PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT AT SERVICE

Fifteen hundred residents and appointed personnel members paid final tribute to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt at simple memorial services held at the auditorium Sunday morning. The main addresses were given by Project Director L. T. Hoffman and Council Chairman Mas Narahara.

SEVEN GET ACTIVE DUTY CALLS MAY 1

A notice for 7 men to report for active duty to Fort Douglas on May 1 have been received here, it was reported by Paul McConnel, who is acting for local board #30.

Those named on the list are: Tetsuo Ihara, 39-1-CD; Kiyoshi Kawata, 6-5-CD; George G. Murakami, 27-7-E; Masaki Sakaguchi, 4-12-F; Yukio Sano, 5-2-CD; Hideo Taketa, 7-1-B; and Junio S. Tsujisaka, 4-1-BC.

The dates for pre-induction physicals and inductions has been announced for May 2 and 3.

Both speakers reiterated the late president's life and career as a great world leader whose guidance will be missed by all the peoples of the world.

The boy scouts presented the colors at the services. A girls' chorus and Joanne Nagata also participated in the program.

The center flag near the administration buildings will be kept at half-mast for 36 days since the leader's passing.

All social and entertainment activities in Topaz scheduled between Friday and Sunday were cancelled or postponed.

CENTER TO CONDUCT WASTE PAPER DRIVE

Topaz will co-operate with Millard county in a paper drive during the latter part of this week, R.E. Bell, assistant project director, announced.

Newspapers, magazines and cardboards will be acceptable. Announcements will be made of the collection points within blocks.

NEW ORLEANS HAS ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISSEI, NISEI RELOCATORS; ARNE SAYS

"The New Orleans district is full of opportunities for both issei and nisei and public acceptance is good," R.E. Arne, New Orleans district relocation officer, said today.

"We have had numbers of evacuee visitors and so far none have encountered unfavorable prejudice," Arne said in an interview. "Louisiana has groups of persons of Japanese ancestry who have lived there many years and without exception they have been successful," he added.

"There is a great dearth of laundries in our

district and there is room for cleaning, pressing, tailoring and dress making establishments, art shops, rooming houses and truck farms. There is hardly a town of any size that could not support a good restaurant and one or more fruit markets.

"Flower growing is wide open. Louisiana florists import nearly all their cut flowers from Chicago, California and other points, and use a great quantity. Practically all flowers thrive in our climate and our camellias are unexcelled."