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INDUCTION OF THE FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The fourth Community Council induction at Topaz was held on August 4th after several postponements. The city had been anticipating the visit of the distinguished Utahn, Senator Elbert D. Thomas who was to have given the main address at the induction ceremonies. Due to the unavoidable circumstances, Senator Thomas having received a special wire from President Roosevelt to attend a special congressional meeting, the long awaited appearance of the noted senator was cancelled at the last minute.

Preparations were made in long periods of time, commencing with the wire received from Dillon S. Myer on June 24th:

JULY 25 ACCEPTABLE TO SENATOR THOMAS. HE WILL LEAVE HERE ABOUT JULY 1, FOR UTAH AND HIS ADDRESS WILL BE TEMPLE SQUARE HOTEL SALT LAKE CITY. SUGGEST YOU WRITE HIM OR CONTACT HIM THERE AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS AS TO TYPE OF SPEECH YOU THINK HE SHOULD MAKE LENGTH OF PROGRAM, AND INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT TRANSPORTATION PLANS ETC.

Acting Project Director Roscoe E. Bell then contacted in behalf of the center with the following letter to Senator Thomas:

We are exceedingly pleased that you have consented

to come to Topaz for the induction of the Community Council here on Tuesday, July 25. The members of the appointive staff appreciate your willingness to come and members of the Council have asked us to express their appreciation.

Yours will be the fourth Council induction ceremony to which an outstanding personality has been invited as principal speaker. The first Council heard Governor Herbert Maw; the second Council heard U. S. District Attorney Dan Shields and the present retiring Council heard District Judge Will L. Hoyt.

In the message from Dillon S. Myer, National Director of WRA, in which he reported your acceptance of the Council invitation, he suggested that we contact you at the above address and offer some ideas as to the type of speech which might fit into the induction ceremony.

Perhaps a bit of the background of past inductions will be of help to you in choosing your theme. Governor Maw based his talk upon the fact that evacuees were not being pampered; that they were living without luxuries; that many of them were fighting for America on battle front all over the world, and that despite evacuation, a large percentage of those evacuated were proving their complete loyalty to America.

Mr. Shields used as his theme the greater under-

standing which had developed among nations for down trodden people, as a result of the Spanish-American war and the first World War, and that the present conflict would result in further such understanding among peoples of the world . He further stressed the need for Japanese in America to become American in their speech and their thinking.

At the third Council induction in January of this year, Judge Hoyt spoke on the theme of facing the problems of the present with courage and determination, and looking hopefully into the future.

In each instance, the guest speaker administered the following oath to the newly elected Council before making his address:

"I solemnly swear or affirm that I _____ will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah, and that I will abide by the regulations of the War Relocation Authority, and that I will conscientiously and impartially perform the duties of councilman for the Community of Topaz, according to the best of my ability."

On each occasion, there has been a rather elaborate program arranged. The invitation always includes the speaker's wife and any other persons whom the speaker may wish to accompany him to Topaz. In each instance,

the speaker has arrived early in the afternoon so that the women of the center, including both evacuees and staff, could receive the women guests at a formal tea, while the speaker and male guests were visiting points of interest in the center.

A banquet honoring the guests, in one of the center dining halls sponsored by the retiring Council and other center leaders, is attended by about 200 invited guests, council members and center leaders, mostly Issei, with a limited number of staff members and wives. There is always a good program of entertainment numbers in the way of dancing and singing at the banquet. The banquet guests then retire to the civic auditorium for the formal induction ceremonies. The audience here may be up to the capacity of the building, 1200 people of all ages, but mostly Issei.

It has been suggested that since you are so well acquainted with Japan and the Japanese people, that you might wish to develop your theme around the way in which elements of the Japanese culture can aid in a better government here in Topaz and development of the American way of life; and how adoption of American culture can help those of Japanese ancestry who have chosen of their own accord to make America their home. This is just a random sugges-

tion.

We shall be glad to arrange for the transportation of yourself and any guests you may wish to accompany you from Salt Lake City to Topaz and return on the day of induction. We would appreciate hearing from you with suggestions or questions about your talk, which should occupy approximately 45 minutes. We would like also to have the names of any guests who will accompany you, so that passes may be made out for them and banquet reservations arranged.

On July 8th Senator Thomas replied from Washington, Pennsylvania as follows:

We were late in starting and we have been delayed so far and I'm afraid we'll have to travel even slower. With the things I have to do on the way July 24th is a deadline I probably can't make.

Can you not put off the induction ceremonies until August? We shall come to the Hotel Temple Square as soon as we can make it then we can plan the day after we are settled at home. I'm sorry but with conditions as they are there seems to be no help for it.

It is better to plan now and both of us can be relieved of worry. If you want to, go ahead and get another speaker for the 25th. I shall be home, unless something unforeseen happens, most of the summer and fall. I would like you to invite Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Marshall of the University of Utah to go with me when I go.

Mr. Mitsuzo Uyeda, Chairman of the General Election

Board of the Community Council, immediately began preparations for the council induction scheduled on August 4th. Dining Hall 16 was designated as the place of banquet ceremonies, and the auditorium was chosen for the induction. A list of guests from the surrounding district was prepared with the assistance of the Administration. (Guest list is appended as Exhibit A.)

On June 13 the city elected thirty-two new councilmen and remaining two blocks elected their respective representatives. Of the total of thirty-four councilmen, five were citizens. Sixteen were re-elected and the like number won their posts by acclamation. (The details are attached as Exhibit B.)

In the last minute changes Topaz was fortunate in having a man of caliber such as Assistant U. S. Attorney John Boyden to induct the fourth Community Council. Included in Boyden's party were prominent guests from Salt Lake City and Denver.

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Almost an hour after the scheduled time the induction ceremonies were opened by Mr. Sasato Yamate, the first issei to be chosen as chairman for the council induction. Due to the lateness of the hour, the audience was almost

entirely composed of guests who were at the banquet. Several groups were said to have dispersed during the period of waiting at the auditorium.

Mr. Yamate opened the ceremonies with the following greetings:

"Honorable Luther Hoffman, the Project Director, Honored Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"On the occasion of the Fourth Inauguration of the City Council, our thoughts are anew with the hope for more peaceful and contented life. Needless to say that the Community Government represents the political life of the people, therefore, it is one of the most important organs of this community.

"The welfare of the people is the chief concern of every thinking man. Well beings of the people is of paramount importance. Whether we can have a peaceful community for the next six months to come or not depends largely on the kind of men we choose for leadership. In order to have a peaceful community, we must have right kind of ment to lead us - we need men with enlightened minds who are capable of right thinking on politics, on our economic and social life, as well as on the intellectual and spiritual life of this community.

"We need an efficient Community Government that understands the needs of people and that is capable of fulfilling the wishes of the people. Efficient Community Government requires men of high quality, with clean habits whose integrity is unquestionable - sincere and honest in his efforts for higher and nobler purposes to serve for the best interest of the people. This we look upon the men who were elected by the people at the last general election.

"You, the gentlemen of the newly elected City Council, are trusted with the political life of this community for the period of next six months to come. The peace and well being of this community is trusted into your hands, of office be a successful one. With confidence in yourselves and courage in your hearts, may divine influence give you strength and constant encouragement to do the right things for the people, and lead you on the path of righteousness to the Glory of God."

Rev. E. J. Kawamorita then solemnized the occasion with invocation as follows:

"O God, we pray Thee for this, the city of our special love and care. Help us to make our city the mighty common workshop of our people, where everyone will find his place and task, in daily achievement, building up

his life to resolute manhood, keen to do his best with hand and mind. Help us to make our city a sweeter home for our people, where all may live in comfort, unafraid, loving their loved ones in peace, and rounding out their days in strength. Bind our citizens, not by the bond of money or profit, but by the glow of neighborly goodwill, by the thrill of common joys, and the sharing of common walls.

"Set apart and consecrate now, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these thy servants to the work and duty where unto Thou hast called them by the voice of these people. Replenish them, we beseech Thee, more and more with such gifts as are necessary for them in their ministration: with the gifts of wisdom, courage, discretion, and benevolence; to the end that everyone may, in his own respective office, acquit himself as is becoming. Grant them Thy grace that they may be good men in ruling the people in the fear of Thy Presence, and in taking heed unto the way of administration, and admonishing and reproving any disorderly persons. Give grace that they may persevere in their faithful labor and never become weary by reason of any pain or persecution of the world.

"Grant also Thy divine grace to those people over

whom they are placed, that they may be willing to submit themselves to the good exhortations of their councilors, counting them worthy of honor for their work's sake.

Hear Thou, O Lord, the silent prayer of all our hearts as we each pledge our time and strength and thought toward the attainment of better and greater aims for the future of our city.

"Bless the chairman of this ceremony and the government officials who are present this evening to help solemnize this whole consecration program to the end that the citizens as a whole might enjoy a more blessed life.

"In the name of our dear Lord.....Amen."

Immediately after Project Director Luther T. Hoffman introduced the main speaker of the evening, Assistant U. S. Attorney John Boyden. As this was Director Hoffman's first public appearance since the night of welcome reception held in his honor, he made a contrast of the difference in the attendance of the two occasions. He humorously presumed that the selective service and relocation must have struck deeply into the ranks of Topaz and therefore the limited audience may be construed as a compliment to the city.

Director Hoffman stated that in the short time he has been in the center the relation between him and the residents has been a plasure. Also, in the future he expected wholehearted cooperation as in the past.

At the end of his extemporaneous speech he introduced the main speaker by stating that John Boyden was a long time friend of his and he added, "He is sincere and honest in meeting the needs of the people."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Boyden, following the introduction, administered the oath to the newly elected councilmen:

"Will you raise your right hand and say after me, each man pronouncing his name: 'I solemnly swear or affirm that I _____ will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah, and that I will abide by the regulations of the War Relocation Authority, and that I will conscientiously and impartially perform the duties of councilman for the Community of Topaz, according to the best of my ability.'"

Immediately following the induction John Boyden gave the main address of the evening. Although his full speech was not available at the time, the following

synopsis was offered by the speaker for the documents:

"In response to your request of some days ago, I submit the following brief resume of my talk delivered at the installation ceremonies at Topaz Friday, August 4, 1944.

"As you know, I spoke extemporaneously and consequently I am unable to set out any particular phraseology as given. However, I attempted to speak to certain propositions which are as follows:

"You are now called upon to make great financial sacrifices and suffer many personal inconveniences. Candor demands that we acknowledge Topaz for what it is, recognizing that it is not the best land in the State of Utah, that it is dry and windswept. On the other hand, you have very modern hospital facilities and the public health of this community seems quite satisfactory. During wartime we must all be good soldiers, whether we are in uniform or performing our functions here at home. The relatively few among you who held a strong allegiance to Japan made it necessary for the safety of this country to adopt an evacuation order, as was done by General DeWitt. Such orders are justified in a national emergency. If the military authorities were of the opinion that certain acts of sabotage were to be committed and could be

committed only by plumbers, they would be perfectly justified in removing all plumbers from the coast area, except those who were permitted there by special permit. Your hardships are real but we are in no position to question the advisability of the order.

'Your present venture is not unlike two earlier episodes in the history of this Country. The Pilgrims came to America not because they wanted to but because it was necessary if they were to enjoy the freedom they all so earnestly desired. In the founding of the State of Utah the Pioneers were even persecuted, thus forcing the long trek which ended in a lonely desert. Religious freedom made their tribulations endurable. Neither the pilgrims nor the Pioneers were disheartened or whipped by the strong odds against them. Rather, out of adversity came strong leadership. America was founded and the World's best government was fashioned out of human experience, preserving those inalienable rights which to them are held most dear. In the great State of Deseret the desert was made to blossom as the rose and out of strong determination, fortitude and perseverance Utah was founded and nurtured in spite of opposition from man and the elements. Early Colonial days brought forth such characters as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Adams. The expanding

of the west in later years called to the front Andrew Jackson, and when our nation was locked in great internal strife, Lincoln arose to preserve the union. The early history of this State is dotted with stalwart characters whose vision shaped our future. Who knows but that in your day of adversity you may call forth leaders whose names will never be forgotten in the struggle for freedom of the people of the World.

' The collective worth of the Japanese American will be judged by the performance of the individuals within the group. At this very hour on the battlefields in Italy American boys of Japanese descent are with valor branding their kind. I have no fear for their future in the country they so bravely defend. You in this community have as a class been cooperative, tolerant and understanding. Your difficulties with the Government have been few. You have this opportunity to prove your worth. In your performance today lies your hope for the future.'

Representing the new council, Chairman Mas Narahara responded in the following message:

"Mr. Chairman, Honorable Ass't United States Attorney John Boyden, Honored Guests, Members of the Administration, and residents of Topaz.

"I am honored to be elected by your Councilmen to the position of the Chairman of your Community Government Council. I realize the responsibility placed upon me and as every Councilmen has taken the oath this evening, I shall perform the duties of the Council Chairman according to the best of my ability.

"In behalf of the residents of Topaz, I wish to express appreciation for the presence here of Honorable Assistant United States Attorney John Boyden, who has so kindly consented to come here and assist in making this evening most significant and memorable occasion. Your message is most enlightening, timely, and beneficial to the interest and welfare of the residents. I know we shall gain immensely by your advice.

"I wish to take this opportunity this evening to inform the residents of the basic policies of the Fourth Term Council.

"The Community Council realizes that the problems of today and problems to come, are and will be much graver and more serious than those of the past two years. With this fact in mind, the present Council has begun their serious thinking in terms of the welfare of the residents.

"This Council is not and will not work for the self in-

terest of any individual or group of individuals but for the mutual and general welfare of all. We will welcome any suggestions and criticism, that are constructive and helpful at any time, through your Councilmen or direct to the office of the Council in Block #1.

"We will use every means available to inform the residents on every subject that is brought to us, the action that is being taken, and the progress and the final decision. We will make every effort to follow through on every problem and issue so that we may be able to write its final to the satisfaction of the residents.

"The present Council has decided that in order to perform its duties for the general welfare of the residents, it is necessary that we have ---

- (1) Solidarity of Councilmen
- (2) Support and confidence of every resident
- (3) Support and confidence of every organized group in the center

"We believe the present system of organization of the Council is recognized by its members are being sufficiently democratic to secure the accurate opinion of the residents.

"As the Chairman of your Community Council, and after careful analysis, I do not believe that I should carry the

total responsibility but rather that responsibility should be the burden of each and every Councilmen. He is your representative. The major problems of the Council shall be brought to you. I believe the heaviest responsibility lies with you who must make the final decision. We need your full support. In behalf of your Council I now make a request your confidence and complete support.

"We, as representatives of the people, must not end our duties with the problems of the center only. I do not believe the residents of Topaz expect to remain here forever. Everyone must take his place in normal stream of life sometime in the future.

"We have been uprooted from our former homes and businesses. Tremendous losses have been accepted. We must make up for these losses. We must think of plans of establishing ourselves as soon as possible in our former status. This, I believe, is one duty and responsibility that the Councilmen as the representatives of the residents must accept.

"To the members of the Administration ---

"There may be times when the residents' request be considered unreasonable. We want the Administration to appreciate the fact that these requests will be made only after thorough and careful investigation, study, and

analysis. Only those which we believe are reasonable shall be presented.

"Any request the Council determine is out of reason will not be brought to the Administration. We believe this is the Council's responsibility.

"Once we determine it is a reasonable request we wish the Administration to appreciate this fact and grant us favorable consideration, otherwise, the Council shall be placed in most difficult position. Mainly, because of lack of confidence which will be created on part of the residents. In case our request cannot be granted, we expect the Administration to give us justifiable facts in black and white.

"I believe there must be a mutual understanding for better relationship.

"With mutual understanding between the residents and the Council, between the Administration and the Council, I, as Chairman can assure the Administration of the Council's sincere desire to put forth every effort toward the harmonious and peaceful operation of the center.

"On this basis then, this Council hopes to be able to leave a record to be proud of....."

Bishop A. O. Gardner then delivered benediction as everyone stood solemnly with bowed head in respect.

The entertainment that soon followed was highlighted with a Japanese dance performed by Miss Setsuko Abe, abetted by magic act by John Kato, songs by Miss Anna Kaku, and Japanese dance by Misses Ikuko and Miyoko Yoshida.

Closing remarks were made by Sasato Yamate.

The entire induction ceremonies was solemn and dignified. With Issei predominating the Council induction seemed like an exclusive Issei affair--a great change from the days of the first permanent Community Council when Nisei held every council post. Due to relocation and selective service, the caliber of the Council was noticeably inferior with few keynote leaders upholding its standard. Already several of the newly elected council have relocated, leaving vacancies which will have to be filled by way of block assemblies.

However, as Council Chairman Mas Marahara outlined the present Council's future plans, the residents were anticipating its work in problems involving hospital, labor, and education. These are the immediate issues which must be solved by the mutual understanding and assistance of the local administrative personnel, the council and Washington.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

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| 8:00 P.M. | Community Auditorium |
| Chairman | Mr. Sasato Yemate |
| 1..Opening Address | Chairman |
| 2. Invocation | Rev. Eiji Kawa_morita |
| 3. Introduction | Mr. John Boyden, Ass't. U.S. District Attorney by Mr. L.T. Hoffman |
| 4. Induction | Mr. John Boyden |
| 5. Address | Mr. John Boyden |
| 6. Message | Mr. Masaru Narahara |
| 7. Benediction | Bishop A.O. Gardner |
| 8. Entertainment: | |
| a. Japanese Dance | Miss Setsuko Abe |
| b. Song | Miss Anna Kaku |
| Accompanist | Mr. Hajime Mizuta |
| c. Magic | Mr. John Kato |
| d. Song | Miss Kyoko Hoshiga |
| Accompanist | Mrs. Shizue Fujita |
| E. Japanese Dance | Miss Ikuko Yoshida Miss Miyoko Yoshida |
| 9. Closing address | Chairman |

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INDUCTION
OF
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
August 4, 1944

BANQUET PROGRAM

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| 6:00 P. M. | Dining Hall #16 |
| Toastmaster | Mr. Hiro Katayama |
| 1. Opening Address | Toastmaster |
| 2. National Anthem | Miss Kyoko Hoshiga |
| Accompanist | Mrs. Shizue Fujita |
| 3. Grace | Reverend Eiji Suehiro |
| 4. Dinner | |
| Introduction: | |
| a. Project Director and Ass't Directors | |
| b. Guests from outside | |
| c. Song: | Miss Anna Kaku |
| Accompanist | Mr. Hajime Mizuta |
| d. Mr. Mitsuho Uyeda, Gen. Election Board | |
| e. Dr. George A. Ockikubo, Past Chairman of Community Council | |
| f. Mr. Masaru Nawahara, Present Chairman of Community Council | |
| 5. Song: | Miss Kyoko Hoshiga |
| Accompanist | Mrs. Shizue Fujita |
| 6. Closing Address | Toastmaster |

MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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| 1. Murakami, Shintaro | 33. Tawa, Masaichi |
| 3. Kawasaki, Takaaki | 34. Kawaguchi, Sanjiro |
| 4. Sugiyama, Tokuji | 35. Fujita, Seinosuke |
| 5. Mumehara, Miyoji | 36. Shimamoto, Hikoichi |
| 6. Sekiguchi, Sanji | 37. Toda, Sakae |
| 7. Iriki, Dr. Masanori | 38. Suwada, Kuraichi |
| 8. Hashiguchi, Tadashi | 39. Nodohara, Kiichi |
| 9. Takahama, Iwao | 40. Muramatsu, Somenosuke |
| 10. Tsuga wa, Takeo | 41. Suyetsugu, Genshiro |
| 11. Kawamoto, Takeo | 42. Numajiri, Chojuro |
| 12. Fujimoto, Kanta | |
| 13. Tsuzuki, Takashi | |
| 14. Watanabe, Tsuna | |
| 16. Kaneko, Hideo | |
| 19. Mizote, Sojuro | |
| 20. Nakata, Toshio | |
| 22. Takeuchi, Gihei | |
| 23. Sasaki, Shizuo | |
| 26. Igarashi, Shigeki | |
| 27. Handa, Sadata | |
| 28. Kanzaki, Kichizo | |
| 29. Yano, Iseo | |
| 30. Narahara, Nasaru | |
| 31. Hideshima, Shichisaburo | |

(numbers correspond with blocks which each represents)

BANQUET

With Dining Hall #16 streamed in a patriotic motif the scene was set for the fourth banquet-induction ceremonies. Over 200 guests attended the affair which was as elaborate as it was significant. Included in the list of guests were John Boyden, Ass't. U.S. District Attorney, Project Director Luther Hoffman, key members of the appointed personnel, and leading citizens from surrounding areas. Members of the Council and other residents of Topaz made up the ranks of banqueters. The invitations as extended to guests outside of the center are shown on a separate page following.

Toastmaster, Hiro Katayama, opened with an "at ease" salutation which ran as follows:

"There has been a change in the banquet program. Jimmie the Lip, mouthpiece Hirano, was scheduled to be toastmaster this evening, the job he's best suited. Jimmie is a gourmand of the first water. When these rare, appetizing banquets are offered on the house, Jimmie does not wish to be encumbered with responsibilities so that there will be no interference on the intake. So with loosened belt he waits for the signal to inhale. Thus it is that at the last minute I've been drafted to steer the proceedings.

Now that the lesser political conventions, namely the Republican and Democratic conventions are in the moth balls until the next four years, the eyes of the nation are focused upon the political event of Topaz, the induction of the fourth

Community Council. More and more the slogan is becoming "as goes Topaz so goes the nation". At least to many of us who are away from the mainstream of life I'm afraid too many of us are beginning to think Topaz is the beginning and the end of things. If this were a large convention hall as it should be to become the auspicious occasion, there would be a balcony jammed with people. When I say "as goes Topaz, so goes the nation", a galleryite would cry out, "how is Topaz going?" A dissatisfied Topazan and heckler would answer, "Topaz is going --to the dogs." Mr. Anthony would then waddle up to the microphone and coo into the mike addressing the heckler, "State your problem, please."

Then the dissatisfied Topazan unwinds with the following: "Topaz is going to the dogs because relocation is causing a critical labor shortage. The labor problems have been on the table for discussion but for months no solution has been reached. No evidence or headway is indicated. The hospital situation has been a constant source of friction. As Dr. Pressman recently put it, "the morale of the hospital is low, something that should have been licked a couple of months after the hospital opened. The cutting down of the professional personnel drags down everyone's morale. The parents and students are concerned about the school and its set-up. More and more high school students are thinking in terms of going out to school, causing dissension in family life that already is suffering due to the evacuation and the abnormal family living conditions

in the centers. Gang spirit is ripe among the young kids who spend the day in wash rooms, latrines, and shower rooms, playing cards, reading funny books, in general doing nothing of a creative nature. At the top, adult education is emphasized and a good job is being done for leisure time activities for adults with an eye to their Americanization. At the bottom youth is permitted to run their own lives with a tendency toward Japanization and demoralization of the young." Mr. Anthony then interrupts, "Yours is not a problem of the heart, it is insolvable." He makes his exit.

To a greater or lesser degree this is happening in Topaz. Topaz is not going to the dogs but perhaps through a transitional period. As more and more outspoken leaders leave the residents are left with the above conditions. If much of the cream has been drained we must use what we have efficiently as possible. As leaders become less the job for the few remaining becomes larger. Thus the new council is called upon to do a tough job. With the cooperation of the residents and the tact assistance and good will of the administration, the council's load can be lightened, so that ours will be a cooperating, happy community for those who must make Topaz their home for an indefinite period. We, the representatives of the people of Topaz, are happy to welcome our guests. Your presence and participation in the induction ceremony adds the needed pomp and dignity to the event. During your brief stay we hope that you enjoy yourselves and will learn to like us a little better."

In proceeding with the program Mr. Katayama called upon Miss Kyoko Hoshiga to sing the National Anthem.

Next, grace was offered by the Reverend Eiji Suehiro:

"Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee as for the residents of this center in general, so especially for the newly elected members of the Community Council who are assembled here this evening: that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of this country, and the safety, honor, and welfare of the people of this community; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us here in Topaz.

We thank thee for this banquet and pray that thou wouldst bless this food for the nourishment of our body. We ask these in His Name. . . . Amen."

The course dinner included roast beef as the main dish. Vegetable salad, orange punch, coffee, and cake were the other food "attractions". For the residents the appearance of sugar and cream on the table was a practice quite out of the ordinary.

To all guests the toastmaster introduced the project director, other members of the appointed personnel, forementioned persons from surrounding areas, and residents of the center.

On the heels of the formal introductions and other items

on the program Dr. George A. Ochikubo, retiring chairman of the Community Council, made the following address:

"I have been most fortunate in that I was one of the many participants in the birth and christening of our Community Council. I have actively participated in nursing and rearing of the Council in its early stages and it has been a long patient struggle but one worth while. No one can sincerely serve the Council without feeling that you are part of it. I cherish the many hardships and joys I encountered during my term for the constructive accomplishments we have achieved with toil and heartaches. Most of all the close association with those involved, both resident and appointive staff members, in our mutual effort to assist each other in our trials formed the basis and laid as our foundation the full understanding of cooperation. It is my sincere hope that the residents all the more fully acknowledge the importance of the Community Council in their existence for the community at large. The Community Council is the master key to your every day problems of life and must be nourished through the understanding and the cooperation of the residents to exist. It is your Council and I am confident that you will generously support and assist the Council in its trials. Words are inadequate to express the appreciation and gratitude for the sacrifices you have made and may be called upon to do so, time and time again.

The time has now come that in order to maintain a self efficient center, each and every individual will be required their fullest cooperation and understanding. This hold true with the

appointive staff members as well. Due to relocation, seasonal leaves, and Selective Service, a most careful and accurate survey must be instigated to obtain a well balanced program. Hardships must inevitably be burdened to attain the goal set. (suggestions on the nature of various committees were given.)

May I take this opportunity to thank the various resident committees in their sincere effort to better the welfare of the community and their most welcomed cooperation extended to the Community Council. May I extend my appreciation and gratitude to those numerous organizations within our community who have wholeheartedly and generously given the Community Council their full support both physically and morally. To those members of the Community Government staff, thank you for your kindness and cheerfulness in your endeavor to facilitate the work of the Community Council at all hours of the day without complaint. And to the appointive staff members, may I sincerely extend my appreciation and thanks for your patience and kindness in understanding our mutual problems and issues to the utmost. Your sincere endeavor and conscious effort to cooperate and coordinate to the fullest has been most gratifying to us. It is my sincere hope that such relations may continue in order to facilitate further policies with beneficial results. Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every councilman for their sincere support and understanding extended to me as chairman. Whatever may be credited is in reality a reflection of the Council as a whole. The

full credit is yours. Congratulations to those who are continuing in their capacity and I feel confident that you as a nucleus of the Fourth Permanent Council will extend your cooperation to your chairman as fully without reservation as you have so kindly extended to me. To those who have retired may I say thank you. It has been most pleasant to work with you all. All these factors interlock and the full coordination has been the essential factor of foundation in the smooth progress of this center. Thank you all again."

In addition Dr. George Ochikubo quoted the following:

THE MARKS OF AN EDUCATED MAN
--Albert Edward Wiggam

"If a man learns either in school or in college, or from work and life, to keep his mind open to new facts, even though some new fact might, so to speak, jab some of his personal opinions in the "proud flesh"; if he has got over being afraid to change his mind, no matter what it may cost his personal pride; if he has got so he is not afraid to think on all sides of every question; if he is not afraid to review carefully and without prejudice the evidence against his own opinions; above everything else, if he has learned to hold back his judgement and not to come to any conclusion at all until the evidence is all in, or, at least, sufficient evidence to make a rational conclusion possible, then that man will likely wake up some fine morning and find he is one of the most trusted men in his community, and, it may be, one of the great human spirits of his day and generation."

Mr. Masaru Narahara, present Chairman of the Community Council, in response made formal acknowledgements of the past council's work. (a verbatim report of his talk is lacking.) The nature of his message included these points:

The new Council, he said, would have to build on the work already accomplished by the past councils. Objectives to be sought will out of necessity include active cooperation between resident and administration personnel.

Entertainment on the program were of Japanese in six-year old Anna Kaku's three songs and of American in Miss Kyoko Hoshiga's song.

The toastmaster made closing remarks, and the group made ready to attend induction ceremonies in the auditorium.

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

July 3, 1944

Mr. Kitsuzo Uyeda, Chairman
General Election Board
Community Council

Dear Mr. Uyeda:

In response to your request that a list of names of persons from surrounding communities be supplied you so that invitations may be sent to them to attend the banquet and induction ceremonies for the incoming Community Council on the evening of July 25, we would suggest the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Davies, secretary of the selective service board, Fillmore, Utah

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Melville, Millard County Attorney, Fillmore, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Robison, Millard County Sheriff, Fillmore, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden Black, Mayor, Delta, Utah

Mr. and Mrs. James Juhl, rancher, Deseret, Utah

Mr. and Mrs. June Black, Postmaster, Delta, Utah

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercer, School Board Chairman, Delta, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beckwith, Jr., newspaper publisher, Delta, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cole, Chairman of the ration board, Delta, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robison, County Commissioner, Hinkley, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, County Commissioner, Fillmore, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Gardner, County Commissioner, Delta, Utah.

These names are presented for your consideration. If you feel that other names should be added or that any of these should be deleted, you will of course make such adjustments.

I assume that the invitations will be issued directly by the election board, but I will appreciate a copy of the list of those invited so that arrangements may be made for their passes at the gate.

Sincerely yours,

Roscoe E. Bell
Acting Project Director

GENERAL ELECTION RESULT

* Incumbent

June 14, 1944

Block #1

Murakami, Shintaro (68)
Otsuji, Totaro (19)

Block #3

Kawasaki, Frank Takasaki (51) Nisei
Morimoto, Mineru (12)

Block #4

Murata, Koji (66) Nisei
Hoshiga, Genichi (53)
Sugiyama, Ichiji (15)

Block #5

Munehara, Miyoji (63)
Sano, Hiroshi (43)

Block #6

Sekiguchi, Sanji

Block #7

*Iriki, Dr. Masanori

Block #8

*Hashiguchi, Tadashi Nisei

Block #9

*Takahama, Iwao

Block #10

Sakita, Seitaro (45)
Tsugawa, Hisaichi (32)

Block #11

Matsumoto, Saburo (37) Nisei
Kawamoto, Bruce Takeo (30)
Morioka, Shiro (28)
Akamatsu, Norichika (21)

Block #12

Fujimoto, Kanta (91)
Nakajima, Kichiro (18)

Block #13

*Tsuzuki, Takashi

Block #14

Watanabe, Tsuna

Block #16

Kaneko, Hideo (71)
Hibi, Matsusaburo (25)
Ono, Frank (21)

Block #19

Origuchi, Masashi (41)
Tawa, Harry (35)
Yamanashi, Toyotaro (24)

Block #20

Nakata, Toshio (52)
Nakahara, Hatsuaki (48)

Block #22

*Takeuchi, Gihel

Block #23

Sasaki, Shizuo

Block #26

*Igarashi, Shigeki (79)
Kimbara, Mokuichi (35)

Block #27

*Handa, Sadata

Block #28

*Kanzaki, Kichizo

Block #29

Yano, Iwao (79)
Yamada, Hatsu James (55)

Block #30

Narahara, Masaru Nisei

Block #31

Hideshima, Shichisaburo (54)
Kataoka, Ichiro
Salki, Tsurumatsu

Block #33

*Tawa, Masaichi

Block #34

*Kawaguchi, Sanjiro

Block #35

*Fujita, Seinosuke

Block #36

*Shimamoto, George

Block #37

Toda, Sakae (47)

Ichisaka, Vernon (38)

Kataoka, Keel (31)

Block #38

*Suwada, Kuraichi

Block #39

Nodohara, Kiichi

Block #40

Mizusaki, Torao (82)

Osada, Kamenatsu (33)

Block #41

Suyetsugu, Genshiro (25)

Ikuma, Kameji (16)

Block #42

*Numajiri, Chojuro

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Masaru Narahara
Henry Fujita

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Dr. Masanori Iriki, Chairman
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Shichisaburo Hideshima
Gihei Takeuchi
Miyoji Mumehara

FOOD

Takashi Tsuzuki, Chairman
Kamematsu Osada
Shigeki Igarashi
Sanjiro Kawaguchi

HEALTH

Kanta Fujimoto, Chairman
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Saturday, August 5, 1944

PVT. T. MISUMI'S SERVICES SLATED FOR TONIGHT

Memorial services for Pvt. Tom Misumi, Topaz volunteer who was killed in action in Italy on July 6, will be held at the Buddhist Church tonight from 8 o'clock.

Rev. Motoyoshi will officiate, and Masuji Fujii will be chairman.

Messages of condolence will be given by Yujiro Kojimoto of block 6, representing the block managers, Mrs. Kuni Yatabe representing the USO, Henry Fujita, representing the council and Raymond P. Sanford for the WRA administration.

DR. BANE APPOINTED NEW H.S. PRINCIPAL

Dr. LaVerne Bane, supervisor of the adult education program here was recently named principal of the Topaz junior and senior high school.

He succeeds Drayton B. Nuttall who left for service with the armed forces.

RULES FOR CHANGING RELOCATION DESTINATION TO CLOSER CITY TOLD

Before reaching his chosen destination, an evacuee may relocate to a community closer to the center if he wishes under certain conditions.

To change his relocation destination, the evacuee must secure approval from the relocation officer in charge of the area. After receiving approval, the person must return the unused portion of

ASS'T. U.S. ATTORNEY BOYDEN INDUCTS CITY COUNCIL

U.S. ARMY

7 MEN REPORT FRI; 4 MORE CALLED

Seven men in the enlisted reserve corps reported yesterday for active duty, according to the selective service office.

Called from Fort Douglas were Kenji Hosokawa, 27-7-CD; Sodatsu Ishida, 29-6-D; Yoshimi Kashiwabara, 20-8-F; Richard Narasaki, 7-12-D; Masato Suyehiro, 3-3-B; Frank Takahashi, 11-1-CD; and Frank Mayeda, 5-11-B.

Henry Fujimoto, 33-12-A; and George Hashimoto, 20-7-F; will report for active duty today; while Harry Miyagishima, 6-8-B; and John Nakayama, 19-8-F; will report on August 10.

Instructions to report for induction have been sent to 18 other Topaz draft registrants, it was stated.

Thirty four councilmen last night took their oath of office led by Assistant US Attorney John Boyden of Salt Lake City at induction ceremonies conducted in the auditorium. Sasato Yamate was chairman of the program.

Following the ceremonies, Attorney Boyden addressed the new councilmen and told them to plan for the future and develop leadership. He stated that the council should not be a passive group but should assume the responsibilities and confidence vested in them by their fellow residents.

Boyden inducted the council in the place of Sen. Thomas of Utah who was suddenly ordered back to Washington by President Roosevelt. Sen. Thomas is chairman of the labor committee and is a member of the senate military affairs committee.

Guests in the center yesterday included members of Boyden's party from Salt Lake City and prominent residents of Delta, Fillmore, and Hinckley.

Hiro Katayama was toastmaster at a banquet for the council and guests held in dining hall 16, before the induction program.

"GOLD RUSH" TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT

A Charlie Chaplin movie, "The Gold Rush", will be shown tonight in the audi-

PVT. KIYOSHI YOSHII WOUNDED IN ACTION

PROTECTED BIRDS LISTED AT BARNHART'S OFFICE

Many inquiries from residents have come to the project attorney's office asking if particular species of birds are migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as announced in the Topaz Times of last Saturday. A list of migratory birds has been received here and residents may consult it at the project attorney's office.

Project Attorney Ralph C. Barnhart points out further that under section 30-0-60 of the Utah code, it is unlawful to take, kill, ensnare, net, trap, or shoot at any native or imported bird in this state except game birds in season and certain birds destroying crops.

State laws are fully applicable in the center, according to Barnhart.

DOG: Will give away cocker spaniel. Inquire at Nakamoto, 5-8-F.

PLACEMENT LISTS JOB OPENINGS

Job openings in the center are now available at the placement office.

(Male)

Pipeline workers (\$19)
Ag. livestock workers
Firemen
Mechanics, motor transp.
Clerk typist
Relocation interviewer
Salvage man
Sr. clerk

News reporter (2)

Cook (hospital)

Baker (hospital)

Hees workers

General workers

Gate clerks

(Female)

Cook (hospital)

Baker (hospital)

Nurses' aides (hospital)

Clerk typist

Clerk stenographer

Clerk typist, $\frac{1}{2}$ day work

Ex. secretary, judicial commission

News reporter

PETER IDA COACH OF DESHLER HIGH

Peter Ida, 24, formerly of San Francisco, has accepted a position as coach and director of physical education at Deshler High School in Deshler, Nebraska.

Peter relocated to Lincoln, Nebraska, from the Santa Anita assembly center two years ago. He was doing graduate work at the University of Nebraska and was directing the physical education program in the boys' division of the YMCA.

KEIJIRO KIMURA PASSES AWAY

Keihiro Kimura, 59, of 5-9-C, passed away Thursday afternoon at the local hospital, it was reported yesterday. Kimura is formerly of Oakland.

He is survived by wife, Kinuyo, son, Kiyoshi, and daughter, Setsuko.

Wake service will be held Monday from 8 PM and funeral services from 9 AM on Tuesday, both at the Buddhist Church.

Rules For Christmas Mail To Servicemen Given

In order that Christmas parcels may reach the addressees on time and in good condition, arrangements have been made by the Post Office Department in co-operation with the War and Navy Departments (the latter including the Marines and Coast Guard) for the acceptance of such parcels for members of the armed forces serving outside the continental United States.

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TIME OF MAILING: Christmas cards and parcels for personnel of the armed forces overseas must be

sent during this period only. Patrons should endorse each gift parcel "Christmas Parcel". Special effort will be made to effect delivery of all Christmas parcels mailed during the year end season.

SIZE AND WEIGHT: Christmas parcels shall not exceed the present limits of 5 pounds in weight or 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. The public is urged not to include food or clothing in gift parcels. Not more than one Christmas parcel shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by

double-faced corrugated fiberboard reinforced with strong gummed-paper tape or tied with strong twine.

PERISHABLE MATTER: Perishable matter will not be accepted and the sending of fragile articles is discouraged.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES: Intoxicants, inflammable materials, (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids) and poisons or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage the mails are un-mailable.

HOW TO ADDRESS: Addressee must be legible in typewriting or ink. Copies

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Wednesday, August 2, 1944

NISEI CASUALTIES IN ITALY FOR JULY LISTED

According to information compiled from relocation camp newspapers and the Pacific Citizen, about 21 nisei soldiers with families in WRA centers were killed in action during July. 23 other soldiers were wounded and three were reported missing in action for the same period.

Casualties were heaviest among soldiers from the Minidoka center where 16 were wounded, 8 were killed in action and 2 missing.

The Gila News Courier reported one killed in June and one last month and also one volunteer wounded. Three were killed from Granada, one wounded and one missing.

Four have been wounded from Poston; two were killed from Heart Mountain. Both Tule and Rohwer have one soldier killed in action recorded.

Topaz's casualties now total six injured and four killed in action.

COUNCIL INDUCTION SEN. THOMAS TO INDUCT 4TH-TERM COUNCIL FRIDAY; BANQUET SLATED

TWO MORE TOPAZ SOLDIERS KILLED

Two more volunteers from Topaz were killed in action in Italy and two others with families in this center were wounded, it was learned here this week.

Killed in action were Nobu Kajiwara, formerly of block 9 whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Yujiro Kajiwara are now relocated to Cleveland, Ohio; and Takanori Allen Nishi, formerly of block 5 whose sister, Mrs. G. Yoshioka, 5-6-E, is now relocated.

Kajiwara, ex-Oaklander, is also survived by sisters, Amy, Michi and Sachi. Nishi is a former resident of Berkeley.

It was also reported that Tom Nakagawa, son of Mrs. Tsune Nakagawa, 34-5-A; and Hiroshi Oda, brother of Edward Oda, 4-5-D; were wounded in action earlier this month.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah will arrive here Friday to officially induct the fourth term councilmen to office. The induction ceremonies will be held Friday evening from 8 o'clock at the auditorium with Sasato Yamate as chairman. Mas Narahara, newly-elected chairman of the organization, is expected to present the council's platform.

Preceding the ceremonies will be a banquet honoring the councilmen at dining hall 16 from 6 PM, according to James Hirano, toastmaster. Narahara and Henry Fujita, vice chairman of the group, will speak after the dinner.

Arriving here with the Utah legislator will be Dr. and Mrs. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ritter of the University of Utah; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Peterson, Salt Lake relocation officer; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, relocation officer of the Denver area. Ted Lewis, former internal security officer, or Joseph Smart, former leave officer, both of whom are now connected with WRA field offices, may also come with the group, it was stated.

Women guests of this visiting party will be feted at a tea to be given by Mrs. Luther Hoffman from 2 to 5 PM.

Investigation Shows No Property Damage Results From Florin Fire

Word was received today by Project Director Hoffman that no evacuee property whatsoever was damaged in the fire occurring in Florin, Calif. on June 21.

Investigation at the scene of the fire by WRA evacuee property officers revealed that rumors of the destruction of a ware-

housed included seven farm buildings and adjacent sheds, none of which were owned or being used for any purpose by evacuees from the West Coast. At the time of the fire the property was occupied by visiting farmers from Oklahoma and Arkansas.

RELOCATION

TEACHER: Buffalo, NY.

School teacher for an exclusive co-educational private school. Teach music, general science, or physical education. Begins September 1.

RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR: Waterloo, Iowa; male or female. \$1500 per year to start. A social worker is also needed for a family service league. \$1500 to \$1800 per year.

WATCH REPAIRMAN: New Orleans, La. Four competent watch repairmen with own tools. \$100 per week if skilled. Must be citizens.

TYPIST STENOGRAPHER: New York, NY. Girl for typing and dictation to work for Morton Downey and Tom Mix writers. Assist in a broadcast studio. Salary at \$50 per week.

PLACEMENT LISTS JOB OPENINGS

The following jobs are now open on the project, according to the placement office at 2-11-B.

Male

Agriculture
Firemen
Gate clerk (no typing)
Salvage crew
Mechanics
Clerk typist
Relocation interviewer
Sports reporter
Hospital cook
Hospital baker
Mess workers.

Female

Clerk typist
Clerk stenographer
Relocation interviewer
Clerk typist ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
Nurses' aides
Hospital cook
Hospital baker

SOLDIERS: Soldiers who

CASE AGAINST TULE LAKE DRAFT EVADERS DISMISSED

MISS AUSTIN JOINS H.S. MUSIC STAFF

Miss Pauline Austin, former Jerome music director, who has joined the high school faculty here will assist Miss Barbara Loomis with the music program.

At present Miss Austin is taking sign-ups for choruses, quartets, band, piano classes, theory of music classes on Thursday and Friday from 11 to 12 o'clock in the mornings at the school gym.

Miss Austin has a Master of Music degree from the Chicago Musical College in Illinois.

MISS FUKUOKA TO AID RELOCATORS

Seniors, who are planning to attend college, and their parents are invited to discuss conditions on the outside with Miss Chiyeiko Fukuoka at the student relocation office, 2-10-E from 8 AM to 12 each day. Miss Fukuoka, a student at Pratt Institute in New York City, has been sent to the center by the Baptist Home Mission Society to encourage and assist prospective student relocators.

RECORD CONCERT TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Brahm's "Concerto No. 2 in B flat major" played by Vladimir Horowitz with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra will be the main selection at the record concert tonight at rec 4 from 8 PM.

The other selections on the program will be by

EUREKA, Cal.,--An indictment charging 27 nisei at Tule Lake with Selective Service Act violations was dismissed by US District Judge Louis E. Goodman, who ruled that an internee was not accorded due process of law.

Ruling in one case, Goodman said that the internee was in custody under a Presidential citation and "is under the circumstances not a free agent nor is any plea he may make free or voluntary and hence he is not accorded due process in this very proceeding."

Goodman's decision said, "It is shocking to the conscience that an American citizen be confined on the ground of disloyalty and then, while so under duress and restraint, be compelled to serve in the armed forces or prosecuted for not yielding to such compulsion."

The Judge said that whether an internee's confinement under the Presidential order "is lawful or not is beside the question."

"The issue raised by this action is without precedent," the decision pointed out. "It must be resolved in the light of the traditional and historic Anglo-American approach to the time-honored doctrine of due process. It must not give way to overzealousness in any attempt to reach via the criminal process those whom we may regard as undesirable citizens."

Assistant US District Attorney Emmett Seawell entered an exception to the decision, keeping open the

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40 PERCENT OF FAMILIES SAY NO RELOCATION

Of the first 495 families with whom family discussions were held, 130 or 26% indicated a desire to relocate; 199 or 40% had no desire to relocate; 127 or 25% were undecided and 39 or 9% were contingent.

The most frequent reason given by those who do not contemplate relocation is that there is poor health within the family. Other reasons given in order of their frequency are fear of economic insecurity, poor knowledge of English, and fear of discrimination. Fear of housing difficulty was given only 61 times out of the 495 interviews. Insufficient WRA assistance was given as a reason 74 times. Ninety-two said they wanted to leave their families in the center during their army service.

Although 144 families indicated fear of discrimination, 238 families stated that they had no such fear. More than half of the family heads interviewed spoke good English. Almost one half had special skills or training.

"TENNESSEE JOHNSON" SLATED BY JOURNAL

The high school journal staff will present a feature length movie, "Tennessee Johnson", Thursday and Friday night at the high school auditorium. The movie stars Van Heflin and Ruth Hussey.

The price will be 25 cents for adults and 12 cents for children. Tickets will not be sold; admission will be paid at the door.

PANISH CONSUL

Captain Antonio R. Martin, Spanish vice consul representing the Japanese government, will visit the center on August 7.

MANPOWER COMMISSION STUDIES LABOR PROBLEM

To meet the critical labor situation created in the center by the advanced pace of relocation in recent months, a manpower commission, composed of key appointed personnel heads and leading resident groups, has been organized.

The group will study the manpower problem in an effort to make the best use of the available personnel so that adjustments may be made between sections in order to maintain services that are essential for the health and welfare of the residents.

As of July 29, there were 2529 full time resident employees on the project. 90 workers were lost during one week prior

to this date owing to seasonal and indefinite leave departures.

"The solution of the problem of labor shortage will have to be found within the resources which we now have," stated Dillon Myer, national WRA director, in a letter here discussing the situation. "There needs to be an immediate reevaluation of all our activities with the end in view of elimination, curtailment or consolidation. There will need to be an evaluation of the efficiency with which current manpower resources are utilized and steps taken to eliminate overstaffing and inefficient use. It will be impossible, both from the standpoint of personnel available and from budget limitations, to expect to meet these needs through the recruitment of additional appointed personnel."

The commission which meets every Tuesday, yesterday decided to set up an information committee and a group to study local manpower resources.

Members of the commission are L.T. Hoffman, project director; Roscoe Bell, Raymond Sanford, and Gilbert Niesse, assistant directors; Walter Honderich, acting supplies officer; Brandon Watson, mess management head; Henry Watson, senior engineer; Wendell Palmer, farm section chief; George Lafabroque, personnel officer; Dr. Oscar Hoffman, community analyst; Leah Dickinson, relocation program officer; Mas Nara-hara, council chairman; Henry Fujita, council vice-chairman; and Rev. J. Tsukamoto, Inter-Faith representative. Representatives of the block managers and the Co-op are expected to be added to the commission for the next meeting.

SEN. THOMAS COUNCIL TO BE INDUCTED AUG. 4

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, US Senator from Utah, will arrive on August 4 to induct the fourth term councilmen to office at a ceremony to be held in the auditorium, according to Masuji Fujii, council office manager.

Accompanying Senator Thomas will be Dr. and Mrs. H.L. Marshall. Dr. Marshall is a professor at the University of Utah. Several other guests from Millard County will also be invited, Fujii stated.

The formal induction ceremony will be preceded by a banquet at dining hall 16.

RACE DIFFERENCES DISCUSSION PLANNED

A discussion on racial differences will be sponsored by the Young People's Fellowship group Sunday night at dining hall 32 from 7 o'clock.

All young people are invited to attend. The YBA and other organizations are cordially invited.

HOSTELS INSTITUTE NEW RATES FOR RELOCATORS

New rates for all hostels operating in the east and mid-west with the exception of the Detroit Fellowship House were announced today by Robertson M. Fort, secretary of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The new rates which were effective from July 1 are as follows: \$1 for all unemployed adults; 50 cents for children under ten years of age; \$1.50 for employed individuals for the first ten days; \$2 for employed individuals after ten days, and \$1.50 for all overnight guests for room and board.

Meals a la carte at the hostel are 25 cents for breakfast, 35 cents for lunch, and 50 cents for dinner.

These rates apply to the hostels in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Des Moines, Minneapolis, New York and Philadelphia.

Rates for the Detroit Fellowship House are \$6 a week, not including meals.

USO TO HOLD GET TOGETHER

The USO committee will hold an informal get-together tonight for all visiting soldiers and their friends to night from 9 o'clock at the USO building, rec 4.

PLACEMENT LISTS JOB OPENINGS

According to the placement office the following jobs are open in the center:

- Mechanics
- Relocation Interviewer
- Procurement clerk
- Clerk typist
- Secretary
- Sr. property clerk
- Agriculture workers
- Salvage crew
- Sports reporter
- Night watchman
- Cost clerk
- Accountant
- Dishwashers (Hospital)
- Fireman (Age 30-45 yrs.)
- Mimeograph operator
- News reporter
- Editor

New Orleans Offers Varied Types Of Resettlement Opportunities

The largest city in the Deep South, New Orleans, offers a variety of relocation possibilities for evacuees in skilled and semi-skilled occupational fields, according to a report from R. E. Arne, area relocation officer.

New Orleans with a population of six hundred thousand is the third largest city in the US. The average temperature from October through March is 60.7 degrees. During the summer, the average is 78.3.

Nearby localities offer plenty of opportunities for truck farming in nearly every month of the year. Crops that are raised are cabbage, beans, tomatoes, peas, broccoli, lettuce, eggplant, carrots, celery, and beets. The orange groves in Plaquemine Parish, south of New Orleans, fur-

nish fine quality citrus fruits. Productive soils of varied textures suited to all crops of the temperate zone, a warm climate with a long growing season, abundant rainfall and good transportation facilities favor the enterprise of the planter.

Other job openings in New Orleans include automobile mechanics, photographer, truck drivers, watch repairman, office clerical workers, hospital workers, caretaker and gardener, warehousemen and stock clerk, laundrymen, fishermen, dairymen and poultrymen.

Housing in New Orleans is difficult but not impossible, Arne stated. Evacuees should be prepared to pay hotel rates for at least three or four days. Rates at the better hotels are from \$2.50 up.

CITY COUNCIL NAMES STANDING COMMITTEES

The following council members were recently chosen to serve on the new council's various standing committees, according to Masuji Fujii, office manager:

ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEETING: Masaru Narahara, Henry Fujita.

EDUCATION: Iwao Takahama and Shichisaburo Hideshima, co-chairmen; Dr. Masanori Iriki, Gihei Takeuchi, Miyoji Mumebara.

FOOD: Takashi Tsuzuki and Shigeki Igarashi, co-chairmen; Sanjiro Kawaguchi, Tokuji Sugiyama.

HEALTH: Shizuo Sasaki and Toshio Nakata, co-chairmen; Masaichi Tawa, Hideo Kaneko, Kuraichi Suwada.

LABOR: Kuraichi Suwada, chairman; Shichisaburo Hideshima, Sakae Toda, Tsuna Watanabe.

LEGAL: Isao Yano, chairman; Shichisaburo Hideshima, Geihei Takeuchi, Dr. Masanori Iriki.

OPERATION: Hikoichi Shimamoto, Shizuo Sasaki, Miyoji Mumebara.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Kiichi Nodohara, chairman; Takashi Tsuzuki, Shintaro Murakami, Somenosuke Muramatsu.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Kichizo Kanzaki, chairman; Takaaki Kawasaki, Iwao Takahama, Miyoji Mumebara.

RELOCATION: Gihei Takeuchi and Kichizo Kanzaki, co-chairmen; Kuraichi Suwada, Isao Yano, Kiichi Nodohara.

SELECTIVE SERVICE: Bruce Kawamoto, chairman; Takashi Hashiguchi.

STAFF MEETING: Tadashi Hashiguchi, chairman; Iwao Takahama, Henry Fujita.

WELFARE: Chojuro Numajiri, chairman, Toshio Nakata, Tadashi Hashiguchi, Gihei Takeuchi.

SPANISH CONSUL: Tsuna Watanabe, chairman; Shigeki Igarashi.

WANTED: Pinking shears or pinking machine and a button-hole attachment for a White machine. Contact Mrs. F. Murata, 30-1-C.

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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEN

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-----Murakami, Shintaro | 23-----"Sasaki, Shizuo |
| 3-----Kawasaki, Frank T. | 26-----*Igarashi, Shigeki |
| 4-----Murata, Koji | 27-----"*Handa, Sadata |
| 5-----*Mumehara, Miyoji | 28-----"*Kanzaki, Kichizo |
| 6-----"Sekiguchi, Sanji | 29-----Yano, Isao |
| 7-----"*Iriki, Dr. Masanori | 30-----No Election |
| 8-----"*Hashiguchi, Tadashi | 31-Hideshima, Shichisaburo |
| 9-----"*Takahama, Iwao | 33-----"*Tawa, Masaichi |
| 10-----Sakita, Seitaro | 34-----"*Kawaguchi, Sanjiro |
| 11-----Matsumoto, Saburo | 35-----"*Fujita, Seinosuke |
| 12-----Fujimoto, Kanta | 36-----"*Shimamoto, George |
| 13-----"*Tsuzuki, Takashi | 37-----Toda, Sakae |
| 14-----No Election | 38-----"*Suwada, Kuraichi |
| 16-----Kaneko, Hideo | 39-----"Nodohara, Kiichi |
| 19-----Origuchi, Masashi | 40-----Mizusaki, Torao |
| 20-----Nakata, Toshio | 41-----Suyetsugu, Genshiro |
| 22-----"*Takeuchi, Gihei | 42-----"*Numajiri, Chojuro |

*Incumbents

"Acclamation

FOURTEEN RE-ELECTED FOR NEW TERM OF COUNCIL

Thirty-two new councilmen were elected yesterday by the residents to represent their respective blocks in the fourth term of the community council, it was reported today by Masuji Fujii, office manager. Block 30 did not hold a nomination meeting, therefore no election was held. Block 14 also did not conduct an election.

Official election returns show that only four of the new councilmen are citizens, while the remainder are issei. Thirteen of the 14 re-elected councilmen won by acclamation. Three others also won by acclamation.

The newly elected council will take office early next month.

PROUD PARENTS

JEROME

1000 En Route To Gila And Ht. Mt.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12--As a step toward closing the Jerome relocation center in Arkansas, 1000 residents were on their way Monday to other centers, the War Relocation Authority announced.

About 500 were en route to the Heart Mountain center, and the other 500 were bound for Gila River.

Other groups will be sent to the Rowher in Arkansas. Jerome is expected to be closed by June 30.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER ARRIVES

Dr. Douglas Collier arrived here this week to

SEASONAL WORK CONDITIONS IN PROVO REPORTED

Farm crops and conditions in the Provo area are not as favorable as last year, it was stated by Emil Sekerak at a seasonal leave meeting held last night in block 32. Approximately 225 persons attended the meeting.

About 250 to 300 workers from Topaz are wanted to harvest farm crops in Utah County. Smithfield in Cache County requires 75 laborers. The first group of 100 workers will leave for seasonal work on June 17 and the second group is scheduled for June 23. Persons interested in leaving on the first group can sign up tonight at DH 32 from 7:30 PM.

OREM CAMP

According to an investigation conducted over the week end by Sekerak, Donald Egr, Mas Narahara and Frank Yamazaki, the Orem camp is physically better than the Provo camp last year. The camp provides tents which house eight men, showers and adequate sanitation. However, the food is not too good and no recreation facilities are offered. The charge for board is \$1.20 per day and 50¢ per week for room.

CROP HARVESTS

The first crop to be harvested will be strawberries from June 15 to July 1. 30¢ to 35¢ will be

NISEI DONATE TO BLOOD BANK SENT TO FREE CHINA

KUNMING, China--The people of Free China were told on June 3 that Americans of Japanese ancestry had contributed to the supply of life-giving blood plasma from thousands of Americans which has been sent to China's Salween front from this nation's first blood bank.

The principal donors were Chinese, but many other Americans gave blood at the invitation of the American Bureau for Medical Aid for China in New York City.

"Even 15 donors of Japanese descent came forward and contributed a pint of blood, each to save the lives of Chinese wounded in the war with Japan," directors said.

Other donors include Negroes and Indians as well as Caucasian Americans, it was noted.

The plasma is being carried to field hospitals along the Salween front after being flown over "The Hump" from India. Members of the blood bank unit from America, attached to the American "Y" force for administrative purposes, also made the trip.

100TH INFANTRY NISEI RECUPERATE IN PALM SPRINGS

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.-- Back on the mainland from Africa where they were hospitalized for injuries suffered in the Italian campaign, 5 Japanese Hawaiians recently joined a contingent at Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, for extensive treatment and reconditioning.

All experienced many months of heavy fighting in the cold, wet mountainous area en route to Cassino, one with a record of participation in 9 separate battles. They are glad to be back in the warmth of southern California, even though they are more than 2000 miles from home, it was reported.

DR. D. THOMAS VISITS CENTER

Dr. Dorothy Thomas of the University of California Evacuation and Resettlement committee visited her friends here in the center yesterday.

She said that most of the work of the committee is being done by the staff in Chicago which is composed of both Japanese and Caucasian personnel.

MORE ABOUT UTAH SEASONAL WORK

(Continued from page 1)

ported to southern Utah to harvest peaches. The peach season around Provo will start September 15.

Egr, representative of the War Food Administration, stated that if a worker is not employed for 75% of the contracted time, the worker will be paid \$3.00 or \$1.60 plus room and board. A dispute board is being formed so that the farmers and workers can meet to iron out any disputes which may arise during the season.

It was emphasized that high school workers are not wanted by the farmers because of their lack of initiative but that they are willing to hire them due to the labor shortage. Students will be allowed to work from June 15 to September 15.

JONES MAKES OFFER TO CAR OWNER

Joseph Jones of the finance section who will leave at the end of this month for a trip to California has offered to drive back a car stored there by a center resident. Interested persons may contact Jones at the finance building.

Stronger Affirmative Policy By Government On Relocation Stressed By Carey McWilliams

The need for a stronger affirmative policy on the part of the federal government in the relocation program was stressed by Carey McWilliams, author of "What About Our Japanese Americans" and an authority on West Coast minority problems, in his second article on "Racism on the West Coast" in the current

edition but that anti-evacuee agitation in California is being cultivated for partisan political purposes. The hearings mentioned were, in large part, aimed at smearing the administration and building up a wall of reactionary feeling by stimulating racial hatred. To some extent this agitation has unquestionably been ef-

fective in inducing to forget the 'Japanese issue'. The aggressions of race bigots in California are of the same character as the insulting attacks made in Congress on the Negro minority by the white-supremacy advocates from the Deep South. Race bigotry in California can never be appeased.

MAN LOST WHILE SHELL HUNTING FINDS WAY HOME

A resident of block 1 reported as lost on Thursday night to the internal security found his way back to the project about 9:25 that night, it was disclosed yesterday.

The man became lost in the morning when he wandered away from his two companions, who were on a shell hunting excursion with him, during the severe wind and dust storm.

The two companions of the lost man returned to the project and reported the situation to their councilman who immediately notified internal security.

Two search parties led by Assistant Project Directors Roscoe Bell and R. P. Sanford was organized among block 1 residents at about 7:45 PM and started out to the locality where the man was reported lost.

URGENT APPEAL MADE FOR MORE SCHOOL TEACHERS

STUDENTS RELIEVE WORKER SHORTAGE

With the beginning of summer vacation this week, approximately 150 students have been given project employment, according to the placement office.

Thirty young boys have accepted pipeline work at the \$19 rate, while 85 have taken other jobs at the \$12 rate. The statistical laboratory has hired 27 new workers, it was reported.

The most serious shortage of workers is in the health section where 32 persons are needed for the diet kitchen and nurses' aides.

According to the placement office, there are 139 more jobs open to fill the project employment quota of 2776.

An urgent appeal for more residents to join the teaching staff of the Topaz schools was made yesterday by Dr. LeGrande Noble, superintendent of education. To relieve the teacher shortage situation specialists in teacher training in this state will come to Topaz next week to conduct training courses for preparing teacher trainees.

Miss Mary Neilson and Miss Wanda Robertson will supervise courses for elementary school teacher training, while Dr. Golden Woolf, former Topaz high principal now with the BYU high school, will be in charge of secondary school instructors.

Miss Margaret Jones of Chicago will arrive here Monday to give special guidance to handicapped children, it was also reported.

Noble predicted that if present conditions prevail the education department will be forced to conduct a half day schedule in the elementary schools from September. Despite the support given to the program by the community council, as yet not enough teacher trainees have been secured to insure a sufficient staff for the fall semester.

"The educational program at Topaz is faced with its most serious problem since the opening of school in 1942," states Superintendent Noble. "There is every evidence that we will not be able to staff the elementary school with appointed personnel", he emphasized.

Council Nominations Revealed

The following residents were nominated Wednesday night for the next council:

BLOCK 1--Shintaro Iurakami, Totaro Otsuji

BLOCK 3--Frank Takaaki Kawasaki, Minoru Morimoto

BLOCK 4--Koji Murata, Genichi Hoshiga*, Ichiji Sugiyama

BLOCK 5--Hiroshi Sano, Miyoji Mumebara*

BLOCK 6--Sanji Sekiguchi

BLOCK 7--Dr. Masanori Iriki*

BLOCK 8--Tadashi Hashiguchi*

BLOCK 9--Iwao Takahama*

BLOCK 10--Hisaichi Tsugawa*, Seitaro Sakita

BLOCK 11--Shiro Morioka*, Saburo Matsumoto, Bruce

Takeo Kawamoto, Norichika Akamatsu, Victor Kasai

BLOCK 12--Kichiro Nakajima*, Kanta Fujimoto

BLOCK 13--Takashi Tsuzuki*

BLOCK 14--Tsuna Watana-be

BLOCK 16--Hideo Kaneko, Matsusaburo Hibi, Frank Ono

BLOCK 19--Harry Tawa, Masashi Origuchi, Toyotaro Yamanashi

BLOCK 20--Toshio Nakata, Hatsuki Nakahara

BLOCK 22--Gihei Takeuchi*

BLOCK 23--No candidate

BLOCK 26--Mokuichi Kimbara, Shigeki Igarashi*

BLOCK 27--Sadata Handa*

BLOCK 28--Kichizo Kan-zaki*

BLOCK 29--Hatsuto James Yamada*, Isao Yano

BLOCK 30--No nomination

BLOCK 31--Ichiro Kataoka, Shichisaburo Hideshima, Tsurumatsu Saiki

BLOCK 33--Masaichi Tawa*

BLOCK 34--Sanjiro Kawaguchi*

BLOCK 35--Seinosuke Fujita*

BLOCK 36--George Shimamoto*

BLOCK 37--Sakae Toda, Kaei Kataoka, Vernon Ichisaka*

BLOCK 38--Kuraichi Suwada*

BLOCK 39--Kiichi Nodohara

BLOCK 40--Kamematsu Osada, Torao Mizusaki

BLOCK 41--Ryosuke Kurosawa, Kameji Ikuma, Genshiro Suyetsugu

BLOCK 42--Chojuro Numajiri*

SOLDIERS ON

LEAVE

T/Sgt. Yas Kitagawa, T/5 Sadao Sugimoto, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Cpl. Takuzo Mikami, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Pfc. Kaoru Fujimoto, Camp Savage, Minnesota.

T/4 Hiroshi Sugiyama, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

CHICAGO STILL OPEN TO RESETTLERS, SAYS KENNEDY

A rumor being spread through the various relocation centers that Chicago has reached the "saturation" point as far as resettlement is concerned was branded as false in a wire received from Vernon B. Kennedy, relocation supervisor of the Chicago area.

He stated: "Japanese Americans in Metropolitan Chicago represent less than one tenth of one per cent of the population. Every indication is that several times this number of resettlers can find employment and ready community acceptance here, and it is our observation that community and employment acceptance improves with every additional resettler arriving in the city. Housing is easier to find today than it was when the first resettler arrived here a year and half ago.

"More and more war plants are opening their doors to issei and nisei daily in Chicago. Many hundreds of jobs are available through WRA's office and thousands through the co-operation of the US Employment Service."

MRS. C. OSTLUND JOINS SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Clarence Ostlund of Bountiful, Utah, recently joined the high school faculty as girls' physical education teacher. She received her degree at Utah State College and did post graduate work at the Universities of Utah and California.

INDUCTEES TO BE HONORED

In honor of the inductees, the local USO will sponsor a banquet tonight at dining hall 33 from 6:30 o'clock. Each inductee may bring a guest.

Special invitations to the "Aloha" dance which will be held in the auditorium following the banquet are being extended to the inductees.

TOPAZ FACULTY

Five To Attend Summer Session

Five high school teachers will leave to attend the University of California's summer session, according to LeGrande Noble, superintendent of education.

Bob Maggiora, business teacher, will study business administration, and Mrs. Pauline Newman, physical education instructor, will enroll in the physical education courses at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Farrar, English teachers, left last Saturday to take a summer session course in social studies at Cal, and Muriel Matskin will leave soon to attend a biological school in Monterey, California.

CATHOLIC CHURCH: Mass will not be held tomorrow because Father Stoecke is on a trip to California.



The local farm project has been declared an "emergency operation" by the project director. This declaration on the part of the project director makes it possible for all overtime accumulated on the farm to be paid in cash at the end of the 90-day period. Evacuees employed in offices or mess halls may work on the farm during odd hours, evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sundays and receive cash payment for time worked.

Granada Pioneer

A Trading Post, the first store of its kind in a relocation center sponsored by the community council, opened Sunday, June 4. Residents having unnecessary goods, such as appliances and clothing, that they wish to sell may bring them to the Trading Post where they will be put on sale. A ten per cent donation will be accepted from the sale price.

Poston Chronicle

Out of the 317 fall, mid-term and summer high school graduates, 41 have left the center on indefinite and seasonal leaves to date. 28 have left on indefinite leaves and 13 on seasonal leaves. Applications for admission to colleges have been filed with the National Japanese American Student Relocation council by 23 graduates. Twenty-four boys have reported so far for preinduction physicals.

Heart Mt. Sentinel

Preliminaries to the center's transfer movements, scheduled to start with the Heart Mt. trip on June 12, took place last week with about 21 families comprising 103 persons leaving for Rohwer on motor vehicles. The transfer program will begin on June 12 and end on June 29.

Denson Tribune

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

| SERVICE | SPEAKER | PLACE | TIME |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| BUDDHIST | | | |
| Sunday School | Rev. Sanada | Church | 9:00 AM |
| Junior YBA | Rev. Motoyoshi | Rec 8 | 9:00 AM |
| YP Service | Rev. Sanada | Church | 10:15 AM |
| CATHOLIC | | | |
| Rosary Prayers | | Rec 28 | 8:00 AM |
| PROTESTANT | | | |
| Holy Communion | | Church | 8:00 AM |
| Sunday School | | Recs 5, 23, 27, DH 32 | 8:45 AM |
| YP Worship | Rev. Nugent | DH 32 | 10:00 AM |
| YP Fellowship | | 32-8-EF | 7:00 PM |

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CASH TO BE PAID WORKERS FOR OVERTIME HOURS

Washington has given approval to pay resident workers in cash for compensatory time worked in excess of 44 hours per week subsequent to January 1, 1944, it was announced by L.T. Hoffman, project director.

Workers who have compensatory time to their credit for January and February, 1944, may be paid for this overtime if it is approved by the project director. This approval will only be given for overtime earned on emergency work that was approved in advance by the section head.

The finance section is planning to have the checks for January and February ready for distribution the early part of July.

Although overtime earned prior to January 1, 1944 cannot be paid in cash, such overtime will be liquidated by having each section schedule work to allow for this time off. In order to give residents a chance to liquidate this overtime, an effort is being made to put additional workers on the pay roll as replacements so it will not interfere with the orderly operation of the work program.

ANTELOPE SPRINGS TO OPEN FOR DAY TRIPS

Although Antelope Springs will not be open for week vacations, it will be open for day trips

57 COUNCIL CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ELECTION

Rules For Short Term Leave Given

Residents who leave the center on short-term leave to investigate relocation opportunities must convert into an indefinite leave or return to the center after their leave has expired, according to Emil Sekerak, relocation office manager. Sekerak stated that such persons may not apply for a seasonal or indefinite leave trial period.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY WIND STORM

Seventy-five buildings were damaged and the roofing paper on forty were partially torn last Thursday in the worst wind and dust storm in Topaz's history, according to the engineering section. Many doors, windows and chimneys were also wrecked.

Aloha Dance To Feature Savoy 3

Featuring Tom Nakashige and the Savoy Trio, the CAS will give a camp-wide "Aloha" dance tonight in the auditorium from 8:30 o'clock.

Leis will be given to the first 50 couples to arrive at the dance, it was reported.

Following a banquet to be given in their honor at dining hall 33 tonight, inductees will be special

Fifty-seven residents were nominated on Tuesday as candidates for the council election on June 13. Thirty-four successful candidates in this election will take office early next month to serve for the remainder of the year.

Of the 57 nominees, 21 are members of the present community council. Two-thirds of 14 of these men will be re-elected by acclamation as sole candidates from their respective blocks. Three nominees from blocks 14, 16, and 39 will also win by acclamation.

A nomination meeting was not held in block 30 and no candidates were reported from block 23.

A complete list of council candidates will be found on page 3.

TRAINING OFFERED TO H.S. STUDENTS

Arrangements have been made with the engineering section to give apprenticeship training to high school students during the summer vacation. Training will be given in operating such heavy machinery as the Bulldozer, tractor shovel, draglines, and motor grader.

Any student over 14 years of age may enroll for the course by registering at the high school office.

JAPANESE RECITAL

A recital will be pre-

EVACUEES' FRANCHISE RIGHT EXPLAINED

Myer Assures WRA Support To Protect Voters

The franchise right of evacuees when they are refused registration for voting in California is explained in administrative notice #37 from Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director.

The instructions received from Myer are as follows:

"Recently several instances have come to our attention in which California voting registrars (or county clerks, as the case may be) have refused to register evacuees on the ground that there was insufficient evidence of their residence in the county because the evacuees did not own or lease

property there.

"Regardless of property interests, evacuees in relocation centers are still considered to be domiciled in the states and counties from which they were evacuated. In the event of the refusal of registrars to register evacuees who otherwise appear eligible, we should render every assistance to those evacuees in presenting their cases properly and answering any questions raised by registrars.

"The facts in such cases should also be referred at once to the assistant project director in San Francisco where in the project attorney's

judgment the registrar's refusal to register is legally not warranted. The principal attorney in San Francisco shall discuss the cases with the state attorney general and request that the registrar be appropriately informed of the position of the state attorney general if he agrees that the registrar is in error.

"If these actions fail, the evacuees should be advised of their legal right to bring suit to compel registration, and given assistance under our procedures in obtaining legal representation if they wish to pursue their legal remedy."

4 REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE OREM SEASONAL WORK CONDITIONS

Emil Sekerak, relocation office manager, Mas Narahara, Frank Yamasaki, and Donald Egr, WFA recruiter, left the center yesterday for Orem, Utah, in anticipation of filling large contracts for seasonal workers in that area.

At a meeting to be held next week for persons who have signed up for seasonal work, the four representatives will tell about their observations of conditions in Orem for seasonal work.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS HOLD FIELD DAY

The local Boy Scouts held a Field Day Wednesday outside the scout lodge at rec 42, it was reported today. More than 50 boys participated in the event.

Contests for the day included First Aid, knot tying, signaling, water

TULE LAKE NISEI ATTACKS SOLDIER

TULE LAKE, June 7--An American born Japanese segeee at the Tule Lake center was arrested on charges of assault for attacking a soldier with a meat cleaver.

Sheriff John C. Sharp said that the evacuee, Harry Hiroshi Kawai, 25, a native of Stockton, Calif., told him that he was "drunk on some of his stuff made of rice," and the military policeman was assaulted merely because he was the nearest person.

The WRA said the incident appeared "isolated" and had no connection with the death of an evacuee who was shot by a soldier last month.

NOBLE RECEIVES PH.D.

HOSPITAL

NEW VISITING HOURS ANNOUNCED

Due to the shortage of nursing personnel, especially nurses' aides, it is highly desirable to limit visiting hours at the Topaz hospital, Dr. A. Pressman, chief medical officer, stated today.

Frequent visiting interferes with the work of nurses and nurses' aides since services must be suspended during the time that visitors are at the bedside of the patients.

For the purpose of facilitating work, the following visiting hours have been adopted.

Isolation ward: Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 PM; and on Sunday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

Other wards: Tuesday, 7:30 to 8:30 PM; and on Sunday from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

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SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT GRADUATION

At an impressive ceremony held last night, this year's high school graduating class was presented with their diplomas by LeGrande Noble, superintendent of education.

With Kiyoshi Tanamachi, class president, as chairman, the commencement exercises included a salutatory address by Shichiro Yokomizo, chairman of the senior week committee, and a valedictory speech by Sumako Aihara on the theme, "Build Today the Foundation that Guideth Our Future". A violin solo was given by Junko Maida.

Roscoe E. Bell, acting director and Angus M. Maughn, superintendent of Millard County schools, addressed the graduates. Principal Drayton Nuttall presented the class to Supt. Noble.

114 students were graduated from the junior high school on Thursday night in the auditorium.

SUMMER CAMP TO BE CLOSED

Due to the lack of transportation and maintenance, there will be no summer camp this year, according to the CAS.

However, overnight and day trips to Antelope Springs and other sites will be sponsored.

Members of the Girl Reserves, Boy Scouts and other groups are asked to

SERVICEMAN'S FAMILY TO RELOCATE TO CALIFORNIA

NEW DIRECTOR TO ARRIVE SUNDAY

Luther T. Hoffman, who was named the new project director of Topaz, will arrive tomorrow afternoon, according to word received here.

A special meeting to welcome Hoffman is being planned for Monday afternoon by the appointed personnel.

COUNCIL

NOMINEES TO BE SELECTED WED.

Nominations for councilmen for next term will be held in all blocks next Wednesday night, according to the general election board. The general election will be held on June 13.

Members of the general election board met last night to elect a chairman and vice-chairman and to receive instructions of its duties. Board members are Mitsuzo Uyeda, District 1; Misao Yoshida, 2; Yoshinobu Kimura, 3; Shoichi Kinbara, 4; Mosaburo Shinoda, 5; Totaro Kaku, 6; Kaoru Okamura, 7; Yoshitsura Numanami, 8; Shoaburo Nakatani, 9.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR TULE NISEI

TULE LAKE--Shoichi Okamoto, who was fatally shot by a sentry last week, was accorded an elaborate fu-

Mrs. George Shiraki of 19-5-A and her five-year-old daughter, Jean, will be the first serviceman's family from Topaz to be allowed to relocate to San Francisco. They were issued a permit on Friday to return to the West Coast by the army, according to Roscoe E. Bell, acting project director.

Mrs. Shiraki has been offered employment by a Caucasian friend in San Francisco.

Her husband is a volunteer in the army, formerly stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and now serving overseas. Her brother, Tyler Nakayama, also a volunteer for the Japanese American Combat Team, is stationed at Camp Shelby.

The first Topaz family to be permitted to return to the coast was Mrs. Marie Starr, and her daughter, Mildred. They left on November 17, 1943, to join Mrs. Starr's daughter, Mrs. Peggy Catiman.

4 DRAFTEES CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY

Four draft registrants now in the center have been ordered to report for active duty on June 7. They are Katsunori Handa, 27-9-D; Thomas Ouye, 27-8-F; and Hisaji Sakai, 38-10-D.

Selective service bulletin #65 issued today indicates that 8 Topaz men registered with Local Board #30 will be called for induction on June 14.

editorial reprints

Race-Baiters Defeated

Nisei all over America should be aware of current trends in politics, particularly in California. Perhaps it is too early to see clearly the present tendency in its full import but to say the least it is both encouraging and gratifying.

California's recent primary election saw the defeat of Rep. John Costello, sub-committee chairman of the Dies' committee, race-baiter and double-dyed foe of all evacuees. Costello's defeat followed closely the announcement that Rep. Martin Dies, himself, would not be a candidate for re-election, and the earlier defeat of Rep. Joe Starnes of Alabama, a third member.

In addition to the defeat of the three congressional members, five minor California politicians who gave active support to keeping people of Japanese ancestry out of the West Coast fell under the ballots of liberal-minded voters.

California and every other state realize that there is more in winning the war than defeating the enemy. If winning the war means the continued confinement of citizens simply because of race, then the principles for which we fight will even in victory go down to ignominious defeat.

Heart Mt. Sentinel
May 27, 1944

Racism On The West Coast

With the removal from the Coast of 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, and their subsequent internment, the artificially stimulated agitation which had stampeded the federal government into adopting this harsh wartime measure momentarily subsided. During the spring, summer and fall of 1942, all was quiet on the West Coast front. But in January, 1943, a new campaign, of unparalleled virulence, was launched against this luckless minority. Before another pogrom is launched in this region, it is important that the nation realize just what prompted the extraordinary outburst of racial violence.

If these groups had really been concerned with the "security" of the area, mass evacuation would have satisfied their demands. But so-called "security" considerations had little to do with the organized pressure for mass evacuation.

The moment that it became apparent that most, if not all, of the evacuees might be released by the WRA, the West Coast pressure groups got busy. For they had always assumed that evacuation necessarily implied internment for the duration. The main motive back of the resumption of anti-evacuee agitation in January, 1943, was, therefore, to pre-

Keeping
Posted

BEN IIJIMA took part in commencement exercises Monday at Drew University from where he will receive his degree and diploma upon the completion of his work late in June. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruizo Iijima, Ben entered Brothers College, the liberal arts school of Drew University, Madison, NJ, in January, 1943. At Drew he has been a member of the debating squad, the International Relations Club, and the Student Life and Welfare Committee. He was manager of the baseball team, secretary-treasurer of his senior class, and a member of the newspaper staff. Prior to evacuation he attended the University of California....

Three former employees of the local engineering section now hold good jobs in Detroit. They are RICHARD FUJIOKA, design engineer, who is now employed designing, drawing and laying out precision instruments at a salary of \$500 per month, and GEORGE ASAI and TOM TANASE who are earning \$1.50 per hour in an architectural firm.... PAUL TANI, Topaz Hi '43, now enrolled at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, was recently elected secretary of the Heidelberg YMCA....

SCOTTY TSUCHIYA, and his wife, SETSU, have returned to Berkeley, California, on a business trip with the permission of the army. Scotty used to operate the fish store at Quality Market in Delta....

Approximately 200 persons recently attended an informal get-together at the Philadelphia Hostel, according to Victor Goertzel, former Topaz Hi instructor, who is now director of the hostel. 16 hostellers in residence acted as