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Japanese Relocation Papers
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to Sugar Beet Fields of Rupert, Idaho

Aboard four Greyhound buses, 125 men and four married women left at 2 p.m. for Reno, Nevada, where they will catch a train for Rupert, Idaho.

The group was the first to leave Manzanar for W.R.A.-authorized work to meet the labor scarcity in the beet fields.

All were volunteers who had signed up in response to an appeal made Sunday night.

Originally, 150 signed up; 21 subsequently withdrew for various reasons: (1) skepticism over likelihood of getting paid (2) feeling of insecurity due to lack of written guarantee (3) poor pay for stoop labor, according to sugar beet farmers among residents.

Four married couples, without children, were in the group. The rest were single men, or married men (a few) leaving their families behind, intending to return.

It was understood by the volunteers that they would be: (1) provided transportation to and back from Idaho by the Amalgamated Sugar Company (2) paid a minimum of \$9.50 per acre for sugar beet thinning (3) given adequate housing without charge but (4) charged for board.

R e a s o n s f o r g o i n g :

G__M__, single, former retail produce worker and store operator, Los Angeles, with some farm experience, but

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admittedly an "amateur"----"I'm flat broke and need the cash. I sure hope they really pay this time. Lots of us are still skeptical, but anyway hopeful. I came up here with the first volunteers to Manzanar."

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B---M---, single, no dependents, 30, former buyer and manager of produce and grocery store in Santa Monica, with previous farm experience--"I couldn't stand the regimented routine here from the very first day. I've been attempting to leave before; so far no soap. Am I glad to get out of this place."

G---S---, 27, married two months, formerly successful landscape gardener in Hollywood accompanied by his wife--"This is my first chance to get out, and we're taking it. There's no future here. I know that I can get along somehow on the outside. My bosses here didn't know the first thing about farming. They were incompetent."

W---K---, formerly of Santa Monica, single, employed by Roberts Produce Markets in West L.A., his background otherwise not known to us, but he promised to write--"I hope they live up to their word this time and really pay us."

K---A---, born in Hawaii, in his thirties, reputedly active at one time in the C.I.O. in Hawaii, had been serving as Police Postal Inspector here, examining parcel post packages for contraband --"I'm going to do everything I can to get guarantees in writing for the boys that they'll be paid and get transportation back."

APPROXIMATELY 1000 persons turned out to say farewell to the departing evacuees.

There was much handshaking and well-wishing. The departure was an hour later than the scheduled 1 p.m.

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The buses lined up between the Administration office and Police Station, attracted attention of many passersby.

T a l k o f b y s t a n d e r s :

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Clarence Morimoto, farmer, formerly of Salinas and Sacramento Delta, married, four children, experienced in farm foreman operations, and just prior to evacuation a landscape gardener and homeowner, West Los Angeles--"About 90 per cent of these fellows on the buses are greenhorns. They really don't know what's ahead in sugar beet work. It's about a week late for the thinning season in Idaho now, so the beets will be several inches taller than is usual for proper thinning. It'll take lots longer to thin out. My guess is that it'll take lots longer to thin, perhaps even three to four days to do even one acre."

Consensus: (B y s t a n d e r s , f r i e n d s ,
a n d r e l a t i v e s)

"They'll probably come back here, either flat broke or without much money. They'll just say: 'We saw the country.'"

"This is a good opportunity, now. Work hard and save your money and come back in good health."

"They'll make about \$50 a month. After deducting board, though, they won't have much, especially if they go out and have any kind of a good time."

"Their food will be good; they'll have their own cooks along to make the meals appetizing as they can afford."

"There's a curfew where they're going; so, how can they get out to go anywhere or to the shows?"

"I wonder if they'll be treated like Mexicans, with guards

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standing at each end of the field, herded into a truck at the end of the day, with guards clambering on with them, and taken to patrolled barracks... the Mexicans didn't seem to mind that though, in those years ago."

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"These people are going out of here voluntarily. Maybe there'll be other opportunities like this coming up."

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Mothers Set Up Temporary Schooling For Children

Realizing the acute need for some form of educational system for their children, mothers of three blocks, Nos. 18, 23 and 24, with the aid of the Family Relations Department headed by Mrs. Miya Kikuchi, have formulated a tutoring system for grammar, junior high and senior high school pupils.

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This system, providing for classes for grammar school pupils and classes for junior and senior high students, is a temporary one, designed to enable pupils to complete their interrupted semester's work. It will be in effect until a new system is established following the arrival at the Center of Dr. Genevieve Carter from the sociology department of the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Carter, as head of the education department, will be in charge of the Center's school program.

Acting as tutors for the classes will be voluntary workers. High school graduated will teach the grammar school children, while university students will coach the higher grade pupils. The students will use their own books--books which they have received through their former schools. Since there is yet a shortage of books, a call is being sent out to the principals of the students' former schools for more textbooks.

Registered for the grammar school classes are 58 pupils from two blocks. Classes will be held daily from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in recreation hall 15-15. One hundred and forty have registered for the junior and senior high division from three blocks. Meeting

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time and place for the latter classes have not been arranged as yet, but it was indicated that the classes would be held in the evenings as both tutors and students are working during the day.

These classes are not compulsory, but the mothers in the three blocks have pledged the attendance of their children.

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The great number of school-age children, as revealed by the recently-completed Educational Survey of the Family Relations Department, brought the school problem to the immediate attention of the mothers. The mothers of the Blocks 18, 23 and 24 have taken the initiative in working out this temporary school system.

Following are the results of the survey, conducted by social workers of the Family Relations Department (up-to-date figures including the latest arrivals):

	No.
Above high school	307
(Interested in further education)	73
5th grade through Senior High	1,473
5th grade to 1st grade	624
Pre-school (Nursery school)	314
Infants	405
Total	<u>3,123</u>

During this house-to-house survey, the social workers also collected data on invalids, old-age persons, feeble-minded persons and expectant mothers. Final figures on these data have not been compiled as yet.

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Distribution of Clothing to NeedyJapanese Relocation Papers
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In immediate need of shoes and clothing are many members of the first volunteer group to arrive here at Manzanar.

These men, like all other workers here at the Center, have not received any pay since their arrival here over 10 weeks ago. Their shoes and clothing have worn out, but they are unable to purchase new ones since they are practically penniless.

To aid these and other persons in need of clothing, the Family Relations Department has been issuing shoes and other articles of clothing, donated through Christian organizations and individuals.

On Monday, June 8, the following items were issued:
(this was an exceptional day, with an unusually large number of issues)

- 11 sweaters, jackets, polo shirts
- 8 overshirts
- 4 underwear
- 14 prs. pants
- 8 prs. shoes
- 14 prs socks
- 4 comforters and blankets

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Number 2

June 10, 1942

HOUSING CONDITIONS:

OVERCROWDING IN BARRACKS NOW BEING ALLEVIATED--

To the Office of Housing Coordinator, Warehouse 26, over 100 family heads have gone to apply for new quarters since Monday, the opening date.

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The rush for applications to move has been due chiefly to:

(1) lack of privacy in rooms occupied by more than one family (2) "petty resentments and continual friction between occupants" and (3) general "overcrowding" with attendant problems, during the first few months before adjustments could be made, according to George Kurata, Housing Coordinator.

NO.1 SOURCE of resident beefing and griping has been the acknowledged charge of "inadequate housing".

F o r I n s t a n c e :

(1) Total strangers have been assigned to living together under the same roof, in the same room, without partitions, without drapes, without separate lights, i.e. no privacy whatever.

(2) In some cases, as many as 12 and 13 persons have been quartered in a single room, 20 by 25 feet. Public health regulations here require three feet distance between each bed. Such overcrowding, however, has made this impossible.

(3) The charge is repeated that "invalid" cases have not been given due consideration.

(4) The flooring is "bad". Wide cracks and numerous knot-holes permit infiltration of much dust, especially during windstorms.

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This is also true of the openings under the eaves. Attention is called to the lack of insulation. The fear is expressed in rumors and reports that present housing conditions "mean certain death for old people and babies" in the severe cold of Manzanar's winter.

THE HOUSING COORDINATOR'S OFFICE is now working, as quickly as it is able, to correct conditions, to eliminate the sources of complaints.

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F a c i l i t i e s t o d o t h e j o b :

It is organized to work in conjunction with both Administrative heads and other departments.

At the head is George Kurata, 29, Los Angeles born, S'32 graduate of U.C. at Berkeley, pre-medical major, formerly chinaware department manager of Saji Trading Co, of L.A.; prior to evacuation for year and a half, was field supervisor for the Padre Vineyard Co. He came here with the first volunteer group to Manzanar on March 21.

Working directly under him are two a d j u s t e r s :

Dick Izuno

Shig Kobayashi

--who interview applicants desiring to move or transfer quarters.

There are 53 persons on the staff, including the night checkers who make the rounds of every room each evening.

FOR MOVING persons & belongings, the Office has two trucks and crews at its disposal. It is possible to transfer as

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many as 30 families in a single day.

FOR CONSTRUCTING rafter-height plywood partitions 9 (to afford needed privacy where more than one family occupies a single room), the Office has four carpenters capable of completing necessary construction on at least two barracks per day.

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HERE'S WHAT THE OFFICE IS NOW DOING

TO BETTER HOUSING CONDITIONS:

(1) Overcrowded conditions are being eliminated by opening up the following blocks: Nos. 29 (for hospital workers), 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 (for invalids & persons requiring special diets), 35, and 36. Moving is proceeding daily.

(2) Following recommendations of Administrative officials (Arthur Miller, former head of the Medical Section, now Director of Personnel & Employment, laid down specifications for what he considered minimum public health requirements), an average of four to six persons per room will now be the rule. In cases of large families, partitions are being "moved over" to make proper accommodations.

(3) To better care for invalids and ailing persons, Block 34, adjoining the hospital area, has been set aside for such persons. Proximity to mess hall 34 where special diet menus will be prepared, has been worked out by the Office, together with the Public Health Administrator, Mr. Frank Chuman, who has been given charge of this particular block.

(4) Floor covering will be laid in every barrack, according to the Housing Coordinator. To quote Kurata:

"We've been working hard for this. There are

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about three and a half months until winter sets in. Complete insulation is going to be needed. You know, the thermometer drops to 15 degrees fahrenheit here sometimes. There are 2,000 barrack rooms that must be worked on to prepare us for winter. The eaves must be filled too--somehow--how I don't know at the present time. The job, it seems to me, will take at least three and a half months. We've got to get started right away. As a matter of fact, the flooring on barracks in Block 29, the hospital workers' block, is now being covered. Why don't you run out and take a look?"

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(5) Families able to get along with each other are being assigned to share rooms.

SINCE LAST MONDAY, 90 FAMILIES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS.

PROGRESS REPORT

On Center Activities 6/10/42

First War Industry Swings into Production--The Camouflage net factory had 155 workers on the second day. Within two weeks, it is the plan of the Construction Supervisor, J.A. Forney, United States Engineers Department, to have 700 men & women working on the camouflage net weaving, producing 600 nets a day.

The first call for workers was made Monday. Fifty young men and women, mostly in their teens and twenties, responded. First day's total: 20 nets.

"It takes at least two days to learn how to make the nets, several more to become accustomed to the work. I am more than satisfied with the spirit of the workers to date and feel that if these young men and women maintain that spirit, we'll not only fill our quotas, but we'll do work to make the government proud of us," says Mr. Forney.

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Three high-ceiling sheds are being used for the factory. "We'll sprinkle the grounds here to keep down the dust. You will notice how cool it is here, probably the coolest spot in Manzanar." --Mr. Forney.

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

--Eighty workers from the Construction Department, under Foreman Seizo Murakami, are clearing the underbrush and burning weeds, preparatory to erection of school buildings, directly west of Block 36.

According to Mrs. Lucy Adams, Chief of Education & Recreation, War Relocation Authority, who visited here fortnight ago, regular classes will begin in the new buildings in the fall.

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O r p h a n a g e B u i l d i n g s N e a r

C o m p l e t i o n -- Union contract carpenters are putting finishing work in the interior of the three barracks comprising the orphanage.

These buildings are larger than the standard barracks, having porches at each end. They are superior in construction, having double flooring, double walls, ceiling, double partitions, inside showers and toilet facilities.

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G r e e n S h o o t s S p r o u t i n V i c t o r y

G a r d e n s -- Distinct from the regular farm projects are the Victory Gardens of residents under the Recreation Department.

Located in the firebreak between blocks 11 & 17, the field is now neatly laid out in small plots, and the first green shoots have begun to appear.

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Mainly planted are garden vegetables. These are the equivalent of backyard Victory Gardens throughout the nation.

Tak Muto, former florticulturist of San Fernando and experimentalist in cross-breeding at Ohio State, donated \$1000 worth of seeds to residents for these gardens.

This hobby occupies the attention of children, and even old women, until dusk, and frequently on Sundays.

CURRENT TALK : (6/10/42)

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- A. A carpenter crew member was asked to join a group of **four** or five "diggers" by a W.R.A.-employed foreman. "What do you want me to do?" he asked. The reply: "Bring a pick along, and we'll do some needed work around here." Again, he asked: "What needed work?" The answer: "Oh, some holes." The carpenter: "Why don't you be honest and say you need some grave diggers? You certainly don't need holes for anything else."
- B. A sentry who stopped us, obliged by answering a question. He was friendly: "You know, we're here just as much to protect you as anything else." We asked him: "We've been out of touch with the outside for a little while, now. Do people here in the Valley, for instance, resent our presence? His answer: "Yup."
- C. Idly tossing rocks, sitting under a tree in the brush-clearing area, a young man opened conversation. He is Mas M_____, 22, formerly of Terminal Island, a fisherman, eldest in family of eight, father interned in North Dakota. "I'm watching these tool chests, "he explained

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his job. We asked: "Would you rather work hard, as you used to on the boats, or do this?" He replied: "Oh, why should I?" then added "Why don't they pay us?"

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D. Bearded, white-haired old man, sitting on bench in front of barrack was approached. "Is George K--- in?" we asked in Japanese. "Orimasen" (he isn't in), was his reply. "Is he working?" we asked. (in Japanese). He answered:

"Saa, asonderu no ka hataraiteru no ka shiran." Are ga shigoto to yuuno da kara."

Translated:

"Waal, I don't know whether he's loafin' or workin' on account of you call that work!"

E. Ed K____, aircraft master mechanic, pilot, married, former employe of large plant in Santa Monica, now in Maintenance department, volunteered: "Jeeze, this is a lousey job. They can give this place back to the cows. I'm looking for another job. Do you know anyone needing a chaffeur?"

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DEPARTMENTS UNDERGO REORGANIZATION

Administrative, departmental, section meetings have been numerous the past four days. Offices have been moved; desks have been re-arranged.

The reason: the War Relocation Authority's staff has taken over management of the center on a long range, permanent basis.

Changes include expansion of administrative office space. But more than that, aim of reorganization is to begin planning a self-sustaining community, according to Project Director Roy Nash.

On the administrative staff, directing activities of Center residents, are the following:

Roy Nash	Project Director
Louis Hicks	Assistant Project Director
Robert Brown	Public Relations Director
Fred. L. Conner	Sr. Administrative Officer
Kenneth Horton	Chief of Police
Arthur Miller	Director, Emp. & Personnel
Capt. T.I. Clevenger	Mess & Lodging
R.R. Best	Warehouse & Freight
Frank Crilly	Auto Maintenance
William L. Hall	Chief Steward
M.L. Harback	Meat Department
Howard Mann	Procurement Department
J.B. Peters	Finance Department
Thomas Temple	Service Department
Herbert F. Thorne	Maintenance Department
R.J. Yust	Mess Division

Three of the administrators are veterans, retained from the previous Wartime Civilian Control Administration: Robert Brown, Arthur Miller, and Herbert Thorne. Police Chief Kenneth Horton also saw service under the former administration, but his department was under the jurisdiction of the

Internal Security Division.

Hope that close cooperation and harmony with residents will be achieved was expressed by Director Nash before an emergency block leaders meeting Tuesday morning. Block leaders responded by sending, at the Director's request, 155 workers for the camouflage net factory, topping that day's quota.

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FLOOR COVERING WORK SPEEDED UP

The crew of workers laying floor covering in barrack rooms has been enlarged to a total of 41 men, an increase of 10 since yesterday, according to the Maintenance Department. More workers are to be requisitioned. Work now is centered on completing block 29.

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FIRE BREAKS LEVELLED OFF , STREETS GRADED

Familiar sight to Manzanar residents is the Bulldozer which has been levelling streets and firebreaks. The southern third of the Center has now been completed. The 'dozer worked today on the firebreak between blocks 15 and 16.

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BLUE GRASS LAWN IS TWO-BARRACK ENTERPRISE

Some one day, shrubbery and trees will dot the lawns of Manzanar, according to landscaping plans. This will do two things: (1) keep down the dust and (2) beautify surroundings.

Occupants of barracks 12 and 13 on block 6, however, decided to initiate their own beautification program. Sixty persons live in the eight rooms of these two buildings.

Each evening they would gather around, sitting on

stoop steps, facing each other across the 40 feet separating the barracks.

"Let's plant a lawn," suggested a gardener.

Next morning, he was down to get permission and instructions for landscaping from the administrative office.

That was six weeks ago. For 30 days, everyone pitched in: filling hollows, spading the earth, watering, bringing in top soil--all by hand.

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Three dollars worth of seeds from Sears & Roebuck, ordered by mail from the catalogue, did the job.

Today, 11 days after planting, Manzanar has its first green lawn.

"We don't have much dust here at all," say the residents of 12-13.

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GUAYULE SEEDLINGS READY FOR TRANSPLANTING

In the lathe house located on the southwest corner of the Center, 270,000 guayule seedlings have been successfully nursed along to a point where they are ready for transplanting.

The Manzanar guayule experiment station is one of over a hundred such stations throughout the United States.

Like all the others, its aim is not the actual production of rubber; but rather the development, through scientific research and experimentation, of varieties having high rubber content, maximum propagation.

How it began: Dr. Robert Emerson, Associate Professor of Bio-Chemistry, California Institute of Technology, having gained assurances from various Japanese about

to be evacuated of their cooperation, took the proposal for a guayule experiment station directly to Lieutenant-General John L. De Witt.

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Work began April 13 under Foreman Walter Watanabe, former Los Angeles nursery operator: 35 years resident in the United States, has three American-born children, a son 21, two daughters, 20 and 15. Mr. Watanabe is a graduate of a San Francisco business college, is fluent in both English and Japanese, has been successful in business.

The staff: There are 22 men working under Foreman Watanabe. Most are experienced nursery-men with successful records in their own businesses. Others are specialists with technical training: Frank Hirose, University of Washington, synthetic rubber chemist, who has experimented with poinsettia, was brought to Manzanar on Wednesday from Santa Anita by the Army specifically for the job. Satoru Kohigashi, pre-planting tree expert, specializing in hormone solutions. Swish Ogura, formerly of Pasadena Junior College & family friend of Dr. Emerson, statistician. Akira Kageyama, former Venice gardener, seed germinator.

Innovation: Credited to the Manzanar experiment station is use of empty milk cartons, cut in half, for seedling culture. This new method of transplanting has reduced loss to a negligible point. The root is undisturbed by the

simple process of cutting the bottom off the carton and setting the plant in the earth. Saving of expense is also cited.

S u g g e s t e d I m p r o v e m e n t by the guayule staff: "We have to bring the water from a distance of 275 feet, that is from the end of barracks that far away. There is no piping to the lathe house, so we store water in these three rubbish cans. If the water should be cut off a day or so, the plants would all be endangered. Efficiency could and certainly ought to be improved by providing the lathe house with water supply." ---Mr. Watanabe.

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PLANTING OF THE SEEDLINGS IN THE FIELD WILL BEGIN as soon as the ploughing and preparation get under way. "We were ready two weeks ago," according to the experiment station. However, delays in preparing the ground have held up transplanting.

EDITORIAL FROM THE SAN GABRIEL SUN

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"USE IT"

A lot of manpower has been going to waste in the United States lately. And waste, in these days of stress, is inexcusable. Wholesale waste is almost criminal.

We refer to the manpower in the Japanese concentration camps, politely referred to as "assembly centers" and "reception centers." Here approximately 100,000 persons, many of them American citizens, are being maintained at government expense and given practically nothing to do. The few projects set in motion thus far are largely of the "boondoggling" variety. An exception is the growing of guayule rubber at Manzanar. But the number of persons engaged on it is small, and the fact that it is an exception is significant.

The United States Army has done a tremendous job in evacuating the people of Japanese descent--both the American citizens and the aliens. It has done the job, on the whole, with great efficiency. The Japanese themselves speak well of the work done by Army engineers and administrative officers.

Now the job is up to a civilian organization--the War Relocation Authority. The army has performed its function of removing the people from an area of military importance. But to leave these 100,000 people in temporary reception camps for the duration of the war would be the height of folly. With a real shortage of farm labor existing in most parts of the nation, and newspapers appealing to city dwellers to help harvest the

crops, it seems ridiculous to keep the 100,000 internees in a state of semi-idleness.

But not only in farm work should the abilities of the Japanese be utilized. Among them are hundreds, possibly thousands, of persons skilled in many lines of trade and professional endeavor. At safe inland locations, and under proper supervision, those talents should be utilized by the nation for the winning of the war.

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The people who are in the camps would like nothing better than a chance to prove their willingness to work for the United States, to give the nation the labor that it needs to bring the war to a successful conclusion. They ask not for unrestricted freedom, but for an opportunity to make themselves really useful in the war effort. Remember, a vast majority of those in the camps are American citizens whose loyalty even the Army and Navy do not question. To give them a share in the war effort, no matter how indirectly, would be to show the confidence that a strong democratic America has in its own strength and in the effectiveness of its own human resources.

And from a cold dollars-and-cents standpoint, the Caucasian American taxpayer is entitled to a work-return from the tax-money which he contributes for the carrying out of the evacuation and relocation programs.

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CURRENT RUMORS :

Gossip & small talk in Manzanar takes many forms. Close quarters afford easy channels for rumors to spread quickly. Distortions are the usual accompaniments.

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F o r i n s t a n c e , in today's crop:

Rumor No. 1--(traced to block 23)--"Did you hear? There are 38 teen-age unwed mothers-to-be? They and their mothers were called in to a meeting by Dr. Togasaki. The soldiers say the girls roam the apple orchards at night. Conditions are just terrible. Something has to be done..."

Our investigation reveals:

- (1) Dr. Togasaki called no such meeting.
- (2) There is only one pregnant unwed girl in camp that has come to the Public Health Office attention; she is 23, and her case preceded arrival here.
- (3) Police patrolmen have been instructed to stop & question midnight strollers.

Rumor No. 2--(overheard at the canteen)--"Say, there was a riot and a picket line up at the net factory yesterday. Everybody walked out, and they had to call the soldiers out, with bayonets to get 'em to work..."

Our investigation reveals:

- (1) Of 155 workers employed Wednesday only 116 reported Thursday morning. At the same time, about 20 young boys "mostly around 16-17 years" created a disturbance by calling out to workers: "Come on, let's go play baseball." Police were summoned to keep them out, according to Construction Supervisor J.A. Forney: "When I was that age, I wanted to raise a little hell too."
- (2) No soldiers "with bayonets" were called, and there was no "picket line".
- (3) However, one day's production was slowed down.
- (4) Reorganization of the crew is being worked out, no further difficulty is anticipated. To quote Mr. Forney:
"Two things would help--pay for the workers, which should come very soon--and they should feel that we who're directing such projects weren't responsible for putting you in here. If we could only make them feel we're all in the same boat and will be better off by working together. An editorial in your newspaper would help...."

Rumor No. 3--(heard by pre-medical student, unemployed as yet)--"It came to me that there are 45 advanced cases of syphilis, so contagious that they ought to be isolated. Also there's a

leper running around loose. He's been warned
by one cook to stay away from his mess hall."

Our investigation reveals:

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- (1) The Public Health Office has six cases,
including both men and women, as of today.
No leprosy case is known.

Rumor No. 4--(repeated intermittently over a month, this one
dies hard)--"If prices go up or there's a food
shortage on the coast or something happens,
they're going to forget us here and starve us.
There's not even a day's supply on hand."

Our investigation reveals:

- (1) Supplies are requisitioned a month ahead
on Army priorities.
- (2) Reserves are being accumulated in the
warehouses.

Rumor No. 5--(source traced to office workers)--"It gets me
down; we eat lima beans and rice, and sitting
across the aisle are Hakujin (Caucasian) wor-
kers eating all they want of steak and green
salad. Why don't all of us get the same break?"

Our investigation reveals:

- (1) Keen resentment is evident wherever this
rumor is heard.
- (2) Even though it is said "steak dinner" cost
25 cents, the reaction to the rumor is:
"Why can't we pay 25 cents and eat steak
too?"
- (3) While the rumor continues, few, if any

seem to know that this practise has been discontinued, "everyone eats the same food," except that Administration personnel receive waitress service to clear the mess halls as quickly as possible.

Rumor No. 6--(heard after a wedding reception in a mess hall)--"Will the couple spend their 'honeymoon' cottages next to the post office. They're swell apartments, with shower, toilet facilities, kitchenettes too, and lots of privacy..."

Our investigation reveals:

- (1) The buildings referred to are to be occupied by Caucasian workers here.

PLANS DRAWN, BUT TOOLS & SUPPLIES HOLD UP
LANDSCAPING AT MANZANAR, SAYS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

P r o g r e s s t o d a t e :

- (1) Blueprints have been made, diagramming lawns, trees, shrubs for entire center. There will be lawns between every barrack.
- (2) Ten percent of the lathe house has been stocked with shrub plantings, work is under way.
- (3) "Some seeds" have arrived and are stored in the warehouse, but the supply is not sufficient.

WORK IS ADMITTEDLY AT A STANDSTILL as of yesterday and today.

R e a s o n s g i v e n :

--No successor to former Department director R. Brooks

(W.C.C.A.) appointed

--Tools & machines have not yet been allocated for the
job

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--No gardeners to do the actual work have yet been called
(The Planning Dept draws the blue print, but Maintenance
does the work)

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT --

employs 14 men, all of them draftsmen with varying degrees
of training and experience.

At the head is Dike Nagano, 21, whose title is "Super-
vising Architect"; before evacuation, he was a Junior student at
the University of Southern California, majoring in architecture.
Under him is Henry Fukuhara, 29, Senior Draftsman, formerly owner
and operator of the Las Palmas Nursery in Los Angeles, and con-
tributor of prints & drawings to magazines.

MESS HALL ORGANIZATION SYSTEMATIZED BY ARMY EXPERT

Captain Truman I. Clevenger leaves Manzanar for the re-
gional office of the War Relocation Authority on Saturday.

As recently-appointed head man given the job of organizing
mess halls in W.R.A. centers, Capt. Clevenger has streamlined
service here.

Problems confronting him upon arrival: (1) Over-congestion
of certain mess halls, some serving as many as 800 persons per
meal & running out of food (2) Cooks failing to show up because
of overwork (3) Lack of equipment & cooking utensils (4) Fre-
quent cases of friction mess hall employees (5) Menus admittedly

unsuited to resident tastes, resulting in undue volume of garbage
(6) Complaints of mothers charging lack of proper children's
meals (7) Long and slowly moving waiting lines.

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With a background of over 20 years' experience in this field of work with the Army, Captain Clevenger in two weeks' time set up a program and organization to untie the knots.

To eliminate congestion, a card-identification plan is to be placed into effect. Hereafter, after cards are distributed, every resident may eat o n l y at a designated mess hall, that usually on the block where he lives. By June end, all 36 mess halls will be in operation, each serving an average of 260 persons, as compared with the present average of 400.

To relieve overworked cooks, double shifts have been inaugurated. Additional cooks will be employed.

Cooking utensils, dishes & equipment have been on requisition files and should arrive by the time all 36 mess halls are in operation, according to Captain Clevenger.

To assure harmony & cut out bickering, he has installed a resident cook, Ben Yamada as an assistant to Chief Steward William L. Hall, permanently stationed here. Under Yamada are four Kitchen Coordinators, personally appointed by Capt. Clevenger: Heizaburo Isotani, Jitsuo Kimura, Keikichi Asano, Jimmy Mitsuata, all experienced cooks. Menus will be standardized and uniform in all kitchens.

Problems of children's and babies' meals, placed in the hands of dieticians, are receiving specialized attention.

Although he is leaving Saturday, Captain Clevenger will continue to administer the mess division, making inspection trips

at various intervals.

FOOD HANDLERS GET THOROUGH PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Over 200 employees of the mess halls have now undergone thorough medical examinations administered by the Public Health Office.

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A complete physical check-up is being made: Wasserman, hernia, skin rashes, shankers, discharges, all included.

All of the approximately 1100 (when 36 mess halls are in operation) will be examined, according to Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Public Health Administrator.

MEASLES, CHICKEN POX CASES REACH EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS

Fifty-six cases of measles have been isolated since the first of the month, adding to 84 cases treated in May, Public Health records disclosed today.

Compared with 42 cases for the whole month of April, figures for the first twelve days of June definitely indicate an epidemic, according to the Public Health Administrator.

Cases of chicken pox are proportionately large, also labelled "epidemic".

Although needed vaccine for whooping cough immunization, requisitioned three weeks ago, has not yet arrived, cases have been kept down to ten.

There have been no fatalities.

In general, the present health of the population is rated "fair".

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New Administrative Head --

Latest addition to Manzanar's administrative staff is Lee Poole, Associate Superintendent of Community Enterprises. Mr. Poole takes over supervision of the currently operating canteen and general store as well as the planning of cooperatives for the Center.

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Mission of Mercy --

Mrs. Yukino Sakai, of Block 13, Manzanar, is now at the bedside of her mother, seriously ill at the Santa Anita Hospital--thanks to: Brother Theophane Walsh, of the Maryknoll Mission who rushed her south last Friday, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Taylor, Provost-Marshall of the Southern Sector, Western Defense Command, who gave permission to have Mrs. Sakai, non-citizen Japanese, to be moved.

House-Side Gardens Sprout --

An average of five out of 14 barracks--or nearly every other apartment building--at Manzanar has some planting around it. Flowers as well as vegetables are laid out by housewives and men-folk alike. Potatoes, onions, cucumbers, Chinese cabbage and watermelon vie with chrysanthemums, nasturtiums, roses and carnations.

Soldier on Leave --

Arriving here by train and bus on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., John Hashimoto, Private, U.S. Army, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, was reunited with his family for the first time in five

months. The occasion, however, was sad. Hashimoto rushed to Manzanar to attend the funeral services of his father who died of cerebral hemorrhage last Friday.

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S y m p h o n i e s u n d e r t h e S t a r s --

Approximately 1000 music lovers gathered under the cottonwood trees in the firebreak between blocks 10 and 11 on Sunday night for the first in a weekly series of recorded symphony programs. Waxed discs of Strauss, Debussy, Tschaikowsky and other masters were heard over the public address system transported to the scene by Army truck. Henry Ushijima, formerly with Columbia motion picture studio in Hollywood, is responsible for the season's program, presented through the social activities section of Manzanar's Recreation Department.

N O . 1 C r o w d - D r a w i n g C a r d --

Despite competition from dramas, wrestling matches, track meets and special programs, softball games continue to draw the largest number of spectators, day-to-day tabulation for the week shows. Played on diamonds located on the firebreaks, the games are sheduled every evening of the week, and in the afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays. Half a dozen leagues have been formed by regular teams under supervision of the Recreation Department, and leading clubs have already acquired their respective fans.

N e w s p a p e r R e a d i n g T a s t e s --

Residents of Manzanar subscribe to--and read--a wide variety of outside newspaper publications. Metropolitan Los Angeles newspapers--the Times, Examiner, Daily News and Herald & Express--are sold daily at the canteen, and consequently lead in local circulation.

Post Office delivery, however, includes many copies of New York Publications. Leading is the New York Times, followed by PM, New York Post, Herald-Tribune, Sun. The Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston, has a number of regular readers here.

The San Francisco News is exchanged daily for the thrice-weekly Manzanar Free Press and is read avidly by the local staff.

Among local community newspapers received by Center residents, the Bainbridge (Washington), Island Review is one of the most frequently quoted. The West Los Angeles Independent, Eastside Journal of Los Angeles, Sacramento Bee, and the Daily Journal, legal newspaper for L.A. City and County, are also seen occasionally, as is the Lone Pine Independent.

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Making its appearance for the first time since evacuation, the Pacific Citizen, organ of the National Japanese American Citizens League, was distributed last week to over 200 residents.

M o r a l e U p l i f t i n g --

By popular request, a twilight songfest, the first community sing program at Manzanar, has been scheduled for this Wednesday. Song leaders are Miss Miyo Kikuchi, former music major at the University of Southern California and now secretary to the Public Relations Director at Manzanar; and Paul Bannai, former teller at the California Bank, First Street Branch, in Los Angeles, currently an accountant in the administration office at Manzanar.

F i r s t B u d d h i s t S e r v i c e s --

Rev J. Izumida, formerly of the Higashi Hongwanji temple of Los Angeles, conducted the first Japanese services of the Buddhist faith here yesterday. Permission to hold the rites was

granted by the new administration which removed previous restrictions.

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Manzanar's First Baptismal --

Byron Toshiaki Watanabe, 13 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ichiro Watanabe, formerly of West Los Angeles, was baptized Sunday by Rev. Jun Fujimori in Christian services performed before a group of elder Japanese residents here. Byron is a third generation American citizen.

Families Reunited --

Joyful reunions with families have taken place at Manzanar for first generation Japanese men released from detention camps at Missoula, Montana; Bismarck, North Dakota, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Latest group to rejoin wives and children at the Center included six detainees from Santa Fe who arrived at 6 a.m. Monday, June 15.

SUMMER HEAT SET IN --

Thermometer readings have been well over 100 degrees the past four days. Several cases of children and aged persons being overcome by heat while waiting in the mess lines were reported. There have been no fatalities.

Soda pop sales at the canteen have been so heavy that bottles have no time to be properly cooled. Watermelons are bought up immediately upon arrival. Kitchen workers toiling over coal stoves, have reported temperatures of 120 degrees.

Word 'from Beet Workers --

Post cards and letters from the first contingent of sugar beet workers leaving Manzanar last week have been received

by relatives and friends here. Contents: chiefly description of the route to Rupert, Idaho, and reactions. Complaints: Meals enroute were irregular, cold was excessive, travelers slept only in snatches. Praise: Upon arrival at Rupert, they were quartered in hotel, treated to steak dinner. Typical reaction: "The feeling of being normal again, to see green lawns and houses, to get the sense of freedom" was expressed in practically all the communications.

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E d u c a t i o n W o n ' t W a i t -- Pending opening of regular school in the fall, concerned parents made a survey, went into a huddle, secured the cooperation of several university, junior college, high school graduates and students, have now started to tutor elementary classes. Heretofore, sight of children with books under arms, walking schoolward, unknown. Now it's an actuality, just starting. Nearly 200 have been registered for the summer session.

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Camouflage net workers were given a cash allowance (advance) on their forthcoming June W.R.A. wages. They received one to five dollars, redeemable in purchases or cash at the canteen. Some kitchen workers were also paid last night.

C.E. Branders, director of the Employment and Timekeeping section of the Personnel division, assured residents that approximately \$15,000 in scrip would be advanced to 3600 persons now employed on various projects.

E f f e c t o n W o r k e r s -- (In the camouflage net factory)--"It's the cheeriest news since evacuation."--Kosh Ando, of Santa Monica, enthused as he showed three dollars in scrip. When workers were asked if they had been paid, the answer was spontaneous: "Yes, I sure needed it!"

In other departments (Maintenance, Construction, Housing, Police) where employees had not yet been paid, there was considerable anticipation.

O p i n i o n : "I came here with the first bunch of volunteers. Most of us were broke. We
These people) were promised union wages for labor.
Have not) We've never seen any kind of wages. I
Yet been) hope they pay us soon."--Eric Hayashi,
Paid) 20, former pre-medical major, L.A. City
College, now foreman of general ware-
house.

"My job here, as you can see, is to distribute these brooms, mops & buckets.

We've given out 1193 brooms already, and 1372 galvanized tin buckets. I've been here since March 23, the second volunteer

These people) group. A lot of friends who came with me
Have not) have been broke some time and have had to
Yet been) go to Family Relations for donated clo-
Paid) thing and to borrow money for cigarettes
and toilet articles. Some are patching
shoe soles with cardboard."--Tack Kado-
waki, 23, formerly of Pasadena, single,
was a gardener, is now senior clerk in
the Lodging Division.

These) "WE WERE PAID TODAY, SEE? (showing scrip)
People) I don't mind working on these camouflage
Were) nets. Most girls, though, quit in about
Paid) a week."

"This pay will keep a lot who quit before because of dust caking on their faces on account of perspiration or dust masks being uncomfortably hot."

"Some quit, too, when their mothers told them that the chemically treated burlap lint lodged in their nasal passages and caused tuberculosis," stated Kimi
Takamatsu, formerly of Venice, Cal., who
attended sewing school and helped on her
father's celery farm.

PRODUCTION LAGS IN CAMOUFLAGE NET FACTORY

Lack of workers has held down output in the camouflage net sheds. Scheduled quotas are not being filled.

Figures: Since production started, daily output--average 35 nets. By contrast: Plans call for daily production of 700 nets, by 600 workers. "There is enough equipment on hand to turn out 1000 nets daily." --J.A. Forney.

Workers to date: 165 last Wednesday was the peak in numbers. T o d a y --95.

Situation Summary: To quote J.A. Forney--"We are terribly behind in our quota. But we hope to be ironing out difficulties. We've put in a requisition for masks, or material for these dust masks and make them ourselves. Mr. Campbell, whom I just met this morning, who is coordinating this work, gave a talk to the boys & girls this morning; we've got the 20 foremen well organized now. We should be on a production basis very soon."

F u r t h e r : "We're the first department receiving scrip for our workers. We hope this is an inducement for more to turn out. We'll see tomorrow. The Administration is getting more workers through the Block leaders. They'll have daily meetings. Every block leader is going to have an office and a secretary."

MAINTENANCE DIVISION REPORTS SHORTAGE
OF SUPPLIES, TOOLS, & EQUIPMENT

Nearly 300 men perform the work of the Maintenance Division,

administered by Herbert F. Thorne.

Eleven trucks and crew are used in its operations.

S u p e r v i s o r of the Division is Herb Higuchi, 21, graduate of Compton Jr. College S'41, who was assisting his father in farming prior to evacuation with a volunteer group March 23.

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C h i e f p r o b l e m of the division today: SUPPLY SHORTAGE: "We haven't enough tools, we're running out of lamps and fuses; as a matter of fact we're issuing 100-watt lamps now instead of the standard 75 because we're all out of the latter. We can't get enough carpenter nails either. There's a shortage of lumber."--Higuchi.

F u r t h e r : "We can't get enough helpers for our garbage collection (mess halls) crew, and janitors for latrines."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON HOUSING POLICY

I n s t r u c t i o n s issued today by Arthur Miller, Chief of Personnel and Employment, to the staff of the Housing Coordinator's Office:

"There is to be no partiality, no favoritism, no special considerations. Everyone is to be treated alike."

R e a s o n : Confusion over the housing situation apparently still exists. Charges of "favoritism" by the Housing Coordinator's staff still linger.

S q u a t t e r s ' I n c i d e n t : Last week-end's popular topic of conversation. The details-- Twenty-one men, all single but one married man, openly dissatisfied with the manner in which new quarters were being assigned, took

matters in their own hands, ignored the required procedures, moved in to new quarters in block 28, refused to vacate, declared they wouldn't move "unless the Army makes us". A r b i t r a t i o n took the form of several meetings with local administrators, including Director Nash. It was discovered that the majority of the 21 "squatters" were on the police force.

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O u t c o m e : All the policemen were suspended, block 28 being reserved for invalid cases and persons requiring special diets; no single persons in this block. Reserved also for families with children are adjacent blocks 29, 33 and 34. (This particular area popular because of shade afforded by trees).

PROGRESS TO DATE : Over 200 families have been moved to new quarters.

STILL NEEDED : (According to Housing Coordinator's Office)--
M o r e t r u c k s. Only two are now being used.

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POPULATION FIGURES -- Latest count reported at Manzanar.

Total.....9,720

Breakdown:

Employable persons (18-65 yrs.)

Citizens3,269

Non-citizens3,029

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES -- Including both Citizens and non-citizens:

T o t a l3,371

(On 70 different projects)

N o t e : Announced "ceiling" for Manzanar's population--10,000. Due to arrive: (1) Orphans for the Children's Home now being completed (2) Released internees from federal detention camps (3) Babies to be born--over 60 expected in July, August (4) Immediate relatives from other Centers for family reuniting.

S c h o o l - A g e girls & boys (U.S. Citizens) comprise one-third of the population.

MOBILIZE CITIZENS IN BLOCK LEADERS' DRIVE TO MAKE SUCCESS OF CAMOUFLAGE NET FACTORY -- FIRST WAR INDUSTRY HERE

After muddling through the first week, the camouflage net project received a needed shot in the arm June 17.

An emergency block leaders' meeting, called by Director Roy Nash, gave recognition to the fact that Manzanar's first war industry was falling far behind schedule, and decided to :

- (1) Meet the labor shortage in the net sheds by recruiting citizens from other projects, since most employables have been in other jobs. (In effect, giving A-1 priority to the net factory project)

- (2) Conduct, through the block leadership, a thorough canvass of the Center for popular support of the project, impressing residents with the vital importance of filling the Army's requirements. (Success means War Dept. support for other projects)

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A t t e n d i n g the meeting --Henry Tsurutani, former attorney, Los Angeles, now block 18 leader: "Since only citizens are eligible, and since there is a shortage, we should remove them from over-staffed projects and give them jobs in the net factory, with assurances of 'skilled' rating. We should also freeze positions opening up, saving previous jobs for citizens to return to after camouflage net work is completed."

--Captain Les Wallendorf,

U.S. Army, Western Defense Command: "This net project is the result of letters sent to General De Witt asking that residents of this Center be allowed to work on defense projects. Through representation of certain officials, camouflage net contracts were diverted here. There is an urgency that they be produced on schedule calling for 225,000 in six months, allocated among various centers."

--Ted Akahoshi, former

secretary of the Los Angeles Wholesale Commission Merchants Association, now Chairman of the Block leaders: "Morale has dropped and this project hasn't lived up to expectations so far because at first the workers were promised union wages if they would volunteer to come here. Then they were promised W.P.A. wages of \$50 to \$94 a month. They never got either. Now the scale has been set at \$12, \$16 and \$19--and up til now there's been no evidence they'd receive any pay at all. On the other hand, soldiers' pay has been

raised from \$21, to \$42, and now \$50."

--Karl Yoneda, former San Francisco longshoreman and labor leader, C.I.O., now block leader: "I'll do my best to canvass my block. As for myself I can assure you this one thing, gentlemen. I will have my wife withdraw from her library job and see that she starts work tomorrow at the net factory."

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--J.A. Forney, U.S. Engineering Department, construction supervisor: "Let's get our first shift started first (when some block leaders in their enthusiasm suggested getting t w o shifts working). It looks like now we'll get our difficulties straightened out."

--Director Nash, "Is there any truth in the rumor that the bogging down of this project is deliberate sabotage?" (There was vigorous denial, shaking of heads, surprise among the block leaders).

O c c u p a t i o n a l C e n s u s U n d e r W a y :

A complete and new set of records, classifying every employable person here, will be made for the War Relocation Authority, starting June 19.

To set up personnel for the job, the W.R.A. regional office has sent Jack Gilbert, Assistant in the Employment Department, and George Shigekawa, on leave from the Social Security Agency.

A staff of 50 persons, including supervisors, interviewers, receptionists, filing clerks, stenographers, is now being selected. Headquarters are being set up, one barrack for every four blocks.

Three sets of records are to be made, one each for

Manzanar, San Francisco & Washington, D.C.

The same census is to be taken in all other relocation Centers.

From the sugar Beet Workers--
(Excerpts from letters) Among current topics of conversation is word from Rupert, Idaho, where volunteer sugar beet workers have gone from Manzanar:

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"I was bragging when I said I could do a quarter acre of beets per day. I only made a dollar and a half for the hard back-breaking work I ever did. I got finger cramps, sore back, sore legs, grimy fingers and a lame wrist. I still kept on working just to make that much. In about a week, if I can still move, I'm hoping to be able to do two dollars work a day. There was some trouble about going to town when we got here but that has been straightened out. Now we can go anywhere, any time except during curfew hours. The Manzanar deputies had a big hand in bringing that about. Deputies Van Aher and Steed suffered everything with us on the trip up, including irregular meals and cold weather which made it impossible to sleep except in snatches. They didn't kick, but helped us as much as possible. This is very hard work, and camp conditions are emergency type, but I'm sure glad I came. No steak dinners, I've been too tired to move, It's cold as blue blazes in the morning."

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NED CAMPBELL REPLACES LOUIS HICKSAS ASSISTANT PROJECT DIRECTOR

Stepping from his job as Assistant Project Director at Large for the reception Centers, Ned Campbell, native of Texas, assumed the post of Manzanar Assistant Project Director yesterday noon, succeeding Louis Hicks.

Campbell comes directly from the W.R.A. Regional office in San Francisco. He is a '29 graduate of the University of Colorado and a former student of Texas Christian.

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NEW JUNIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ARRIVES

Supervision of property control, files and personnel at Manzanar has been delegated to George H. Kelly, newly-appointed Junior Administrative Assistant to Fred L. Conner.

Kelly is a '37 graduate of the University of California where he majored in political science and was a teaching assistant at Stanford University before joining the W.R.A. staff in San Francisco.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS POSTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The speed limit at Manzanar is 20 miles per hour, and police are currently supervising the posting of signs. A complete set of traffic regulations is now being drawn up by Lieutenant Kiyoshi Higashi, assisting Chief of Police Kenneth Horton.

JUNE 19 SCORE: 167 WORKERS IN CAMOUFLAGE NET FACTORY

Production stepped up in the net factory to 60 finished

nets for the day. Although a small one, it nevertheless represented an increase over the previous day.

More workers are expected to sign up each day as the result of publicity in the Manzanar Free Press and a general campaign by the block leaders.

Construction is being completed on a new shed where bur-lap will be cut, making additional room for actual net weaving work.

SALES SOAR IN COMMUNITY STORES: REASON: FIRST 'PAYROLL' OUT

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Both the canteen and general store reported the biggest two days' business since their opening as scrip money, issued as cash allowances on June wages, was accepted at both places.

The dry goods department of the general store sold nearly \$1000 on Wednesday, falling short of the mark by four dollars, according to manager Kiichi Uyeda.

Payroll cash allowance disbursements are continuing and should be completed tomorrow.

The general uplift in spirit among workers and residents generally as the result of the issuance of the advance was noticeable in all the projects.

Authorization to print the scrip immediately was obtained by Director Roy Nash, who personally pressed the matter with the Regional Office of the W.R.A. in San Francisco.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD SWIMMING POOL

The Recreation Department today issued a request for volunteer workers to build Manzanar's first swimming pool.

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NEW BLOCK LEADERS' ELECTION SYSTEM SET UP

To enable residents of Manzanar, two-thirds of whom are American citizens, to elect their representatives on a democratic basis, a new procedure for block leaders' nominations and elections has been announced.

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E l i g i b l e to vote will be every adult person, 21 years of age or over.

The block leader will be the individual polling the largest number of votes, the alternate will be the second highest.

Previously, residents were permitted to nominate three persons, from which list appointments were made by the Administration.

The n e w s y s t e m permits a greater degree of self-government.

Nominations on five new blocks are due to be held Monday. Prior to election by secret ballot, nominees' names will be posted for several days.

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C U R R E N T T A L K :

(The cash advance for workers is a prime topic)
(of conversation-- v e r b a t i m quotations)

"At this rate of pay, somebody's going to start a pawn shop; a man with a lot of kids will have to trade his family jewelry to buy shoes for the children."

"I can buy two bottles of pop a day for a whole month now."--youth who works in recreation office, with \$3 scrip.

"I'll spend my money at the general store, all right. But they ought to give the stuff to us at cost, or use the profits in air-conditioning the mess halls for these hot summer months."

"Oh, for a fried chicken dinner in Lone Pine with this money."

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"I'd blow this all for a strawberry short cake and a marshmallow-topped banana split smothered with nuts."

"Gee whiz! Five dollars for fifteen days of work. I used to make that much in two hours in precision tool work."--chief mechanic for auto racer.

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COMMUNITY IRONING ROOMS BEING BUILT

Cement is being laid for the floors of ironing rooms near the block laundry rooms. Not included in the original plans, these have been made necessary when ironing in barracks blew out fuses and plunged the rest of the entire barrack in darkness.

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BLOCK LEADERS MOVE FORWARD AS MANZANAR'S
SELF-GOVERNMENT SYSTEM TAKES SHAPE

Out of the uncertainty and doubt of the past two months, one thing stood out clearly in the self-government program of Manzanar, it was revealed at the weekly Block Leaders' meeting here Friday.

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That was: The l o n g - r a n g e welfare of Center residents rests upon the Block Leaders and the extent to which they fulfill their growing responsibilities.

Up to the present, the office of Block Leader has not been held in high regard. Early elections were characterized by the lack of interest, small attendance at voting places.

Because office-holders were actually appointees, they were frequently not looked upon as elected representatives of the residents. In outspoken quarters, criticism referred to Block Leaders generally as "stooges", "lap dogs", and "messenger boys for the Administration."

Early election meetings were conducted in Japanese, to the virtual exclusion of English.

A l l t h e s e a d d e d u p : Bickering, backbiting, sniping, and discontent--making for a generally unwholesome atmosphere.

To Leaders already in office, the problem presented itself as a two-fold one at yesterday's meeting: (1) to correct acknowledged ills and (2) to make the office one of dignity and

service.

Manzanar's Constitution, discussed at the meeting but not yet adopted, appeared to be the first step in that direction.

Under it, the Block Leaders' position is important because it becomes the most responsible office from the standpoint of residents.

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F o r i n s t a n c e : "Duties" of the Block Leader, as outlined in the Constitution, include: (1) "Assume all responsibility for the welfare of block residents" (2) keep records and an accounting of administration property (3) take responsibility for disseminating official information (4) hear all complaints and assume responsibility for investigation (5) be responsible for all janitor work on the block (6) be in charge of visits from social service, police & fire departments on the block (7) assume responsibility for cleanliness of mess halls (8) coordinate mail for the central distributing system (9) coordinate garbage and rubbish collection-- a l l a m o n g o t h e r r e s p o n s i b i l i t i e s.

In going about the job of gearing the self government system on a permanent basis, Block Leaders are consciously seeking to avoid wasteful duplication.

TWO CARLOADS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT
VALUED AT \$90,000 ARRIVE FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Manzanar is the largest center of population in two counties, Inyo-Mono. Attendant medical and public health needs have resulted in the building of the largest hospital in the area.

The first shipment of medical equipment and supplies for the new 250-bed hospital, now nearing completion, arrived Tuesday from the St. Louis Medical Depot.

A total bulk of 28,000 pounds valued at \$90,000 will go into the hospital, which is expected to be opened on or about July 4.

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Included in the list of equipment are such items as floor screens, electrical instruments, chairs, service tables, glassware, cotton laundry bags, dry goods. Medical supplies of drugs, bandages, and instruments are now enroute and due early next week.

H o s p i t a l p e r s o n n e l is presently staffed with 290 workers, including five doctors, seven registered nurses, eight student nurses, four practical nurses, four dentists, X-ray technician, 12 sanitary inspectors, Red Cross instructor, 34 clerks, six dental assistants, 53 attendants, 21 orderlies, 17 stenographers, 79 diet girls stationed in the mess halls.

Superintending the entire set-up as Chief of the Medical-Health Section is Arthur Miller. Directly under him, serving as Office Manager of Manzanar Hospital is:

Frank Chuman, 25, born in Santa Barbara, California, Valedictorian graduate of Los Angeles High School '34, A.B. in political science, U.C.L.A. '38, student U.S.C. Law School, prior to evacuation held job in Welfare Department of Los Angeles County Civil Service; evacuated to Manzanar with first volunteer group March 21.

The Medical Staff is composed of five practising physicians and surgeons:

Dr. James M. Goto, Chief of the Medical Staff, formerly

resident surgeon, L.A. County Hospital, deputy County Coroner.

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Public Health Administrator, former resident physician, specialist in pediatrics, L.A. County Hospital.

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Dr. Teize Takahashi, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Specialist, formerly of Los Angeles, private practise.

Dr. Masako Kusayanagi, Head of the Out-Patients' Clinic, also formerly of the Los Angeles County Hospital staff.

Dr. Tom Watanabe, Chest, Gastro-Enterology Specialist, formerly in private practise in Los Angeles.

With seven registered nurses at the present time, plans are to secure the services of at least two more.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY CENSUS GROUNDWORK LAID

The staff of 50 persons in charge of the W.R.A. census has now been selected, and scheduled interviews begin next Monday.

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THE WEEK'S REPORT ON MORALE :

On the basis of evidence gathered in our daily reports
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- (1) Family Relations & Information report fewer complaints
- (2) Current talk throughout the week (documented in our reports) indicate a favorable trend, i.e., less griping & grouching
- (3) Some comment on improved mess hall service
- (4) Increased interest & activity in the hobby "Victory"

gardens

- (5) First boost in camouflage net production
- (6) Work department heads report general improvement in attitude of workers.

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Factors in morale improvement:

- 1. First cash advance on pay for workers issued this week.

STORY BEHIND this "event" reflects favorably upon Project Director's office--from the standpoint of workers in particular & residents in general. The securing of authorization from the W.R.A. Regional office to print scrip money locally made it possible for payment this week, gave needed impetus all around.

- 2. Local spending of the payroll--scrip was cashed upon demand at general store & canteen.

Satisfying of postponed needs through purchases appeared to make people more contented.

- 3. Assignment to new quarters, relieving housing congestion. Approximately 500 persons have been moved. (Every block in Manzanar is now open for occupancy)

- 4. Educational facilities have been initiated for school youngsters.

- 5. Inauguration of additional organized recreation:

First community sing held this week.

First "symphony under the stars" classical music recording program.

- 6. Popularity of new administrators: Both Ned Campbell, new Assistant Project Director, and Thomas Temple, Service Director, have been very well received and liked by residents who have come into contact with them.

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NEWS OF THE WAR
A report on Manzanar reaction to it:

Top items today: The Oregon coast shelled by enemy Japanese submarine. Tobruk falls to Nazis.

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Residents get their news from (1) L.A. newspapers sold in the canteen and (2) radio broadcasts.

Among one element, numerically small, the war is followed closely. War news is discussed largely in terms of possible effects upon residents here.

Despite differences of opinion on the war, ranging from (1) a complete sympathy for Japan and openly expressed hopes for her victory to (2) a neutral attitude usually summed up in the hope that the war will end in a draw, neither side prevailing in arms, to (3) complete support and sympathy for United States war aims and openly expressed hopes for the crushing of the Japanese military,

there have been neither serious quarrels, friction nor trouble
 --from this source.

HOWEVER, today's news items provide the occasion for the pro-Japan element to be more outspoken.

For instance:

(Nearly all the following conversation was in Japanese)--
 "Nihon wa zettaini makemasen. Kimitachi wa sono kakugo dewa nakattara dameda. Sono shoko ni imamade katsu ippoh

deshoo. Mata sensuikan ga Oregon ni kita!"

translated--

"Japan can't lose. You fellows might as well realize that. As proof, Japan has been winning right up to now without losing at all. Now another submarine has come right up to Oregon!"

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another: (in Japanese also)

"I wouldn't want to stay in a country where you're treated like this, stuck away in a desert infested with snakes and scorpions. Sure, I hope Japan wins. Why should I work in the net factory?"

another:

"You nisei make me laugh. Is this democracy? They'd treat you better in Japan. When the war is won by Japan, that's where your real opportunities will be."

News of Axis military victories, particularly those of Japan, seem to heighten talk of the foregoing nature.

The element in Manzanar's population which holds a neutral viewpoint, appears to be swayed by such talk.

The effect upon camp thinking: "Who cares about war relocation, or long-range permanent planning? This camp is only temporary; we'll be out of here and back in Japan soon." This view is held by a numerically small but articulate group. (Articulate in Japanese).

One possible indication of the effect on local progress of this kind of talk: THE NET PROJECT'S record to date.

WAR NEWS is looked upon more remotely by those whose

sympathies have always been and are with the United States. Theirs is the conviction that principles of justice and equality to which the United Nations are pledged, will ultimately triumph.

Theirs is a more academic point of view, one bolstered by idealism which compels them to overlook their present circumstances.

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This group seems to discuss war news less frequently, and with less intensity, than the pro-Japan element.

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'REBUILD YOUR LIFE TEMPLES HERE WITH FAITH AND STRENGTH'

--MESSAGE OF BISHOP CHARLES REIFSNIDER'S SERMON

Approximately 500 young men and women attending Christian services yesterday (Sunday) received inspiration in the message of Bishop Charles Reifsnider, of the Episcopalian Church, and former President of Rikkyo University in Tokyo:

"I am going to talk with you about things in which you are now engaged. You have been brought here, through circumstances of the war, uprooted from all that has been familiar, and placed in strange and difficult surroundings."

"All of you are now rebuilding your life temples here. To quote from the scriptures: 'In my Father's house are many mansions.* Ask yourself: are you engaged in rebuilding your life temple here of gold, or silver, precious stones, or wood, or hay, or stubble?"

"Now more than ever before, in these surroundings will the cooperative attitude, courtesy, helpfulness toward others, patience, forbearance make for the rebuilding of your life temple with the finer building materials of gold, silver and precious

stones."

To those who knew of the Bishop's background, the sermon was particularly impressive. For 40 years a missionary in Japan who had attained pre-eminence in that country as President of Rikkyo University, Bishop Reifsnider had come to look upon Japan as his adopted home. There he had met his wife, married, and raised a family.

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As monuments to his four decades of unceasing Christian work are such institutions as the Aoyama Gakuin, which he helped to found; the great St. Luke's Hospital, and Rikkyo University itself. But more than that, in the minds and hearts of Japan's people, his work carries on.

The Bishop had hoped and planned to spend his last days in Japan and to be buried there.

The effect of his visit and sermon here upon Manzanar residents was that of renewing faith and hope and courage.

His own experiences as an evacuee in exile were all the more inspiring to his listeners because, as those who knew the Bishop's background said: "There is absolutely no bitterness nor rancor in him at all, even when he was torn from all the things he had spent a lifetime in building. Nor did these circumstances diminish his faith in the eventual triumph of the forces of good."

P r o g r e s s R e p o r t s :

FIRST TRUCK CROP HARVESTED FROM MANZANAR'S FARM--

RED RADISHES CARNISH SALADS SERVED IN MESS HALLS

The agricultural section of the Production Division brought in 45 crates of red radishes last week-end, the first

crop to be harvested from the fields now under cultivation. They were served in salads and also as brine pickles, leaves and all.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES GET DONATIONS OF TOYS, CRAFT MATERIAL

Among Sunday visitors to Manzanar yesterday were Mrs. Lucille Colyer, kindergarten teacher at Melrose Avenue School in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Esther Kinsella, faculty member at Fullerton Junior College, both of whom brought with them a sedan full of nursery equipment for local classes.

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SEWING, DRAFTING & PATTERN MAKING CLASSES NOW UNDER WAY

Three hundred pupils, from 16 to 60 years, are now enrolled in the six-days-a-week classes in sewing, pattern making and drafting. Teachers are Miss Yumi Ogura, former professional designer with a custom clientele in Pasadena, and Linda Kinoshita, former costume designer for the Gladys Parker Shops in Hollywood, exclusive caterers.

OCCUPANTS IN EVERY ONE OF MANZANAR'S 36 BLOCKS NOW

Progress in improving the Center's crowded housing conditions is reported by the Coordinator's Office in disclosing that occupants now reside in every one of the 36 blocks here. Latest to be opened up are blocks 35 and 36. Running hot and cold water are provided in every block except in the laundry room of block 36.

PICNICS BEING ENJOYED BY DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Housing workers and police force members are the first departmental workers to hold respective picnics outside present community grounds. Locale for the outings: George's Creek to the

southwest of the Center.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS DECORATE MANZANAR INTERIORS

First classes in making artificial flowers have been started in block 14 with 150 students, girls, women and men, attending 12 classes every week. Students purchase their own material--crepe paper, wiring, tape--through the mails and are permitted to take home everything except one sample of their finished work, which is left for display in the class-room. Instructors are Mrs. Lillie Yamada, Miss Ayako Tanaka, and Mr. M. Kumano.

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OCCUPATIONAL CENSUS STARTS TODAY: STAFF AT WORK

The first and most extensive survey and directory of the Japanese population in the United States is now being compiled by the War Relocation Authority.

Work in classifying Manzanar's population started today with a selected staff of 50 young men and women, mostly college trained.

The collected data will be used in a permanent record as a means of identifying and locating persons, as a record to stand in court, as a guide for the W.R.A. education program, and for the employment program, embracing both placement within the relocation centers and jobs on the outside.

A month to five weeks will be spent in compiling the survey here, and a month will be taken in tabulating. In charge of operations here is George Shigekawa.

Supervising the setting up of procedure in all the Centers is Davis McEntire, Senior Employment Officer, W.R.A., former Senior Economist with the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics

who left Manzanar last Saturday to return to San Francisco.

McEntire joined the Federal service directly from Harvard University where he was taking post graduate work in 1940. A native of Idaho, he is married, has two children, and makes his home in Berkeley.

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O P I N I O N : (From Our Notebook Quotations)

"You know what the trouble here is? You people here have security without a future. One of the best traits of your population was that you have always supported yourself, have always made your own way. Now the government pays your way, and you have security in having your food and lodging furnished. But that's not what you really want, because there's no future. If the war were to end tomorrow, what would you have? What you really want is more opportunity to create your own future. Maybe what you need is less security of the kind you're getting and more chance for a future--which you're not getting--yet."

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THE CAMOUFLAGE NET PROJECT:

JUNE 22 SCORE---314 WORKERS PRODUCE 80 NETS

The best record, both in number of workers and output, was established Monday in the camouflage net project with 314 persons turning out 80 nets. Because new recruits were all apprentices who have to be taught, the per capita production increase is expected.

The new management is optimistic about securing 1000 workers in the next ten days. R e a s o n s : All other job openings at Manzanar have been frozen, departments are being reduced to divert workers to the net factory. Better working conditions--(1) Every net factory employee is now supplied with a sterile mask (2) Two 15-minute rest periods, in the morning & afternoon, are provided (3) Ice water is furnished without charge in the present hot weather (4) A public address system, over which music will be played, is to be installed (5) Salt pills to counteract perspiration loss are given workers.

Far behind schedule, due to a slow start, the local net project should be operating at full capacity (1000 workers producing 700 nets a day) within "10 days at least", according to Paul Fisher, Inspector. Supplies are ample; piled high on the factory docks are rolls of burlap garnish strips, totalling 950,000 yards.

C o n v e r s a t i o n o v e r h e a r d
AT THE CAMOUFLAGE NET FACTORY--

Two workers (both Nisei) were talking: (Young men, one about 21, the other 25)

"Say, this is peon labor. We ought to be paid defense wages."

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"Yeah, some contractor sure must be making money on us."

"Did you know what that guy who brings water to us says?"

"You mean that Hakujin?" (Caucasian)

"Yeah. He asked me how much we were being paid. I told him about 12 bucks a month and our room and board.

You know what he says then?"

"What?"

"He gives out a horse laugh and says: 'Why, you suckers, I'm getting 12 bucks a day'".

Q u o t a t i o n from worker, 31, married, former professional man-----"This camouflage project, as you know, is a government one, and the Army needs the nets for national defense, and from its importance, it is easy to understand why this project comes first over all other types of work... It is not so bad if you refuse to think about it and just do your work mechanically."

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ENFORCED BY POLICE

Manzanar probably more pedestrians and fewer automobiles per capita population than any city of comparable size (10,000 pop.) in the United States.

Most of the vehicles in the relocation center are Army trucks. Driving a truck is considered generally as one of the Center's softest jobs.

Severest "penalty" for violating traffic regulations issued this week by the Police Department is for a truck driver to be "fired" from his job.

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Traffic laws were drawn to afford residents some measure of protection against their own lack of traffic-consciousness. F o r i n s t a n c e , up to the present, no one, either driver or pedestrian, has noticed any difference between (1) street (2) pedestrian path (3) backyards (4) alleyways (5) gardens (6) baseball diamonds.

Manzanar's traffic laws, which supplement the Vehicle Code of the State of California, are expected to change these conditions, placing most of the responsibility upon the truck drivers.

The speed limit is 20 miles per hour, and pedestrians have the right of way at all times. Vehicles are prohibited from driving between buildings, "except when performing some service such as delivery or pick-up of materials, and then at a safe speed not to exceed 10 miles per hour."

MANZANAR: A CITY WITHOUT A JUDGE OR JAIL

Biggest headache of the local Police department:

B r a w l s a n d f i g h t s (Rowdyism)

More complaints have been turned in for this one thing than for any other violations.

Before the Labor Coordinator's Office stepped in to iron out difficulties, fights among mess hall workers, often turning into physical violence were frequent.

In the three months of Manzanar activity, Police have

been able to spot "chronic troublemakers". Adequate disciplinary measures, however, are still lacking.

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In the first place, there is no jail, there is no court. In the second place, restrictions prevent the removal of wrongdoers, to the county jail. Patrolmen are in a dilemma.

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Departmental organization report

TRANSPORTATION & SUPPLIES

Everything that comes by freight truck to Manzanar, with the exception of foodstuffs, must be cleared through the Transportation & Supplies Department, headquarters in Warehouse No.1.

Headed by Director R.R. Best, the office personnel is in charge of Frank Morikawa, general manager: born in Sacramento, 23, single, graduate Sacramento high school, worked in Los Angeles prior to evacuation, came to Manzanar with volunteer group March 23.

Stored in Warehouse #1: sacks of lawn seeds, cases of vial-type fire extinguishers.

The personnel has recently been cut down from nine to five, the excess sent to the net factory.

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B i o g r a p h i c a l S k e t c h N o . 1

A R T H U R M I L L E R

Director of Employment & Housing
Chief, Medical Health Section

Without doubt, Arthur Miller is one of the most personally popular administrators with residents of Manzanar.

His willingness to go out of his way to help ailing persons, his kindness and consideration to all who come into contact with him probably account most for the high regard in which he is held.

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A deep feeling of loyalty for him individually exists among the Nisei who work for him.

H i s b a c k g r o u n d : (He has been at Manzanar
(since the second week
(in April.

Mr. Miller is a native of the state of Vermont, educated in New York public schools, Union College '09, Columbia U. '11; joined the Army, Coast Artillery Corps as a second lieutenant, '12, after serving two years in a public relations capacity with the New York Edison Company. He was with the Army until 1921, at which time he resigned, after having attained the rank of Major. His last two years were spent with the General Staff on the War Planning Board. For the next nine years he was with the National Recreation Association. In 1933, coming to California on a visit, he joined the staff of the California State Bureau of Camps with which he served for the next eight years.

He is the author of two books: "Leadership", published in 1920 by G.P. Putnam & Sons, N.Y., and "Management and Men". The first book was adopted officially by the War Department and a copy placed by the Navy in the library of every ship in the Fleet. In writing the second book he collaborated with General Edward Munson.

His experiences with the State Bureau of Camps furnish the background for his present effective work. He supervised the building of several hospitals, ranging in size from 80 to

250 beds. He has "lived and eaten in camps the past five years", specializing in rehabilitation and placement work.

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A married man and father, he makes his home in Pasadena. His son Anthony is $7\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Q u o t i n g Mr. Miller:

"The essentials of morale here, as in other camps are : (1) provide suitable shelter and living comforts, which include sanitary conditions (2) food--proper quantity and quality (3) health--there should be adequate medical service (4) work--it should be suitable, recognizing there is dignity in all work (5) play--there should be healthy, wholesome recreation, and (6) worship--"After these, then we must recognize there is the problem of rebuilding the faith of these people in their American citizenship. The question is: 'Does citizenship mean anything at all. Is the halo still there? After that, the question is "Where do we go from here?"'

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Camouflage Net Project P r o g r e s s e s :

JUNE 23 SCORE--315 WORKERS PRODUCE 108 NETS

Manzanar's Number One project and only war industry was off to a good start on the second day (June 23 under its new management. The largest number of nets produced in a single day, 108, was turned out.

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Indications are that the factory will be operating at full capacity, possibly within the expected "ten days time."

Placed in charge of the project, Henry Ishizuka, former employee of Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica and graduate of U.C.L.A., expressed optimism and hope for success.

Additional young men and women are reporting for work each day. Facilities are ready to step up production at the rate of 100 new hands a day.

HORTICULTURAL NURSERY LATH HOUSE NOW 'HALF FULL'

Over 5000 plants, in individual containers made of halved milk cartons, are now growing in the nursery lath house.

Plantings include perennials, annuals in shrubbery and trees. The nursery is now half full, with new additions being planted each day.

Manzanar will be landscaped with these plantings. Growing here is in charge of experienced professional nurserymen who maintained successful businesses prior to evacuation: Joe Kishi, former owner and operator, Wilshire Nursery, Los Angeles; Sho Komai, proprietor, Westgate Nursery,

West Los Angeles; Henry Nishi, owner of the Pacific Rose Company, located on the grounds of the Veterans Home in West Los Angeles, who, despite private offers of purchase, donated \$6000 worth of nursery stock to the government before evacuation.

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STREETS GET FIRST OIL COATING

East-West thoroughfare which go through the Administration area received their first sprinkling of oil, giving Manzanar streets their first "dust treatment".

WATER-FALL AND POND TO BEAUTIFY ADMINISTRATION GROUNDS

Now under construction and due to be completed within a month is a rock-studded waterfall and pond extending 100 feet in front of the newly-built Administration building.

Digging is now being finished by a crew of four young men from the Planning Department. Supervising the project is Ryoze Kado, professional rock garden artist, formerly of Santa Monica where he operated the Kado cactus and rock gardens.

The pond has been Mr. Kado's pet ambition since his arrival here. Plans and specifications are his own. He has been a consistent winner of landscape arrangement prizes in the Los Angeles County Fair exhibits.

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B i o g r a p h i c a l S k e t c h N o . 2

W I L L I A M L . H A L L
Chief Steward, Mess Division

To achieve harmony among 1150 workers in a smooth-

functioning mess hall organization is the aim of Chief Steward William Hall, entrusted with that job by director Captain T.I. Clevenger.

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"Sure, there've been some fights among workers and complaints by people, but we're weeding out all the trouble, and things are improving, aren't they?"

Plain-spoken, energetic, and concerned about his work, Chief Steward Hall has been an executive chef for the past quarter century in jobs all over the United States.

Native of Kansas, raised in Livingston, Montana, he served during the First World War in the 13th Division. His experience in the last 20 years includes work in camps of Washington, Oregon, and California. To get his present job, he successfully passed rigid examinations.

He sums up his job at Manzanar:

"My job is to give 'em all the food they want, and the kind of bill of fare they want, according to the food they send us."

FIRST CONTINGENT OF ORPHANAGE CHILDREN ARRIVE HERE

Two busloads of boys and girls, ranging in age from six months to 18 years, accompanied by seven staff members of the Southern California Japanese Children's Home, arrived in Manzanar June 23. Forty-one children were in the group, including 10 from the Maryknoll Home in Los Angeles.

The youngsters were supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsumoto who will take charge of the Manzanar Home.

Twenty-five more children are due to arrive from the

San Francisco Salvation Army Home.

Features of the Manzanar Children's Home: (1) Organization is bringing own beds and cribs for children because they would fall off the wooden cots, the only beds available presently (2) Organization brought own private stocks of shoes, clothing, baby's formulas, special diet ingredients, medicines (3) 3 insulated buildings of superior construction comprise the Home, one is a boy's dormitory, one a girl's dormitory, and the third a mess hall and Administration building.

The Southern California Japanese Children's Home has a history dating back to February, 1914, and at various times has been under the management of private and religious groups, including the Angelus Temple of Aimee Semple McPherson.

More recently it has been supported by private donations, supporting memberships, Community Chest, church and civic organizations.

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The Maryknoll Home has been a Catholic-supported institution, a branch of the Los Angeles Maryknoll Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsumoto, who headed the Southern California Home, have been designated as supervisors of the only orphanage of all the relocation centers. Matsumoto, 33, is a graduate of Hollywood High School '28, U.C.L.A. '42 major in child psychology. Mrs. Matsumoto, the former Lillian Iida of Berkeley, is 29, a '33 graduate of U.C., and holder of the Social Service certificate from Berkeley.

The staff: Miss Maseo Deguchi, matron (age 28,

graduate of Los Angeles High School); Ruth Hisako Takamue, (of Honolulu, graduate of Los Angeles Bible Institute); Alice M. Kaneko, (born in Riverside, graduate of L.A. City College); Dorothy Taeko Kajiwara, 21 (graduate, John Marshall High); Chiduyo Imoto, 28 (born in Betteravia, California, graduate of Glendale Junior College.)

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crease in both workers and output for the third successive day was reported at Manzanar's Camouflage Net Factory. Figures showed that 352 workers produced 130 nets, largest totals to date. "Morale has definitely picked up," according to Inspector Paul Fisher. Inducements for additional workers now included the promise of "Skilled" rating for qualified workers. Bus service and early dismissal for meals are also granted.

Administrators Return -- Back at their desks after a week-end trip to Rupert, Idaho, three Manzanar administrators brought back word about the volunteer workers in the sugar beet fields.

Project Director Roy Nash, Assistant in charge of Project Reports Bob Brown, and Transportation & Supplies Director H.L. Best were accompanied by Ted Akahoshi, chairman of the block leaders, on the trip.

Hobbies for Old Folks -- Literary and musical tastes of the older generation are being revived in the formation of a "hokku" and "tanka" groups and the opening of a "shakuhachi" hall in block 36. Subject matter for the philosophical poetry which is "hokku" is drawn largely from Manzanar's surroundings. First classes in "shakuhachi", a reed-like instrument of bamboo, have attracted over 20 persons already.

H o u s i n g A d j u s t m e n t s M a d e -- Although the average family at Manzanar comprises between four and five persons, some have as many as 10 and 11, others only two. To make up for these differences, the Housing Coordinator's Office has ordered moving of partitions in barracks. This work is now being done on Block 32.

F i n i s h i n g T o u c h e s o n C o n s t r u c t i o n W o r k -- Completion of the ironing rooms on all 36 blocks was reported today with finishing touches requiring only the tar paper covering and electric wiring.

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C o r n P l a n t s F o o t - H i g h -- Twelve inches toward reaching the tables as corn-on-the-cob. That is the growth to date of nearly two acres of sweet corn planted and cultivated by the Agricultural Division of the Production Office. Planted and sprouting on the 128 acres cleared are the following: radishes, daikon, tomatoes, honey dew melons, watermelons, romaine, lettuce, squash, potatoes, nappa, beets, carrots, turnips, and cabbage.

M a n z a n a r P o l i c e V e r s a t i l e -- Add volunteer duties of Manzanar patrolmen--loading hay for the mules! To make the 12-mile round trip to Independence where hay is purchased directly from farmers, the Transportation & Supplies department recruits policemen to volunteer for the job of loading at the fields and unloading hay in the corrals for the mules which work on the agricultural project.

C h r i s t i a n U n i o n O r g a n i z e d -- Former Southern Californians have organized the Manzanar Young People's Christian Union composed of a Council of 20 members. Their purpose: "to promote and coordinate Church Activities."

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A i r m i n d e d R e s i d e n t s H o m e s i c k --

The sight of airplane-towed gliders overhead evokes the daily interest of a score of pilots and aviation enthusiasts among residents. Interest is kept up by several in building models, powered miniature planes, and in reading aviation magazines. The popularity of kite-flying has drawn the attention of the Manzanar Free Press which printed a warning this week that "as the exposed high tension wires carry 20,000 volts of electricity, parents are requested to permit children to fly kites only in wide firebreaks." P r o b a b l y the "most homesick for the air" couple in Manzanar are Mr. and Mrs. Edson Kurose, of block 15. Kurose, private pilot's license, former employe of Douglas Aircraft, a master mechanic, who courted his wife by airplane jaunts every Sunday, declares that of all the "things we've missed at Manzanar, our air trips stand at the top of the list."

W a n t e d : P h o t o s f o r A l b u m s -- An informal poll of resident requests shows that the following are "most desired and most missed"--(1) a photographer for the Center (2) beauty shop (3) barber shop (4) soda fountain (5) shoe repair shop (6) a "Wimpy" stand--hot dogs and hamburgers (7) motion picture theatre.

Mothers who have been in the habit of taking frequent photographs of their babies, newlyweds have been most insistent in their requests for a "camp photographer." The presence of a number of well known commercial photographers in Manzanar who have offered to donate their equipment for Center use has recently stimulated these requests.

H o m e - G r o w n I n d u s t r y -- Prototype of the Dutch wooden shoes is Manzanar's stilt clog shoes. Literally thousands of them have been made by home craftsmen, for use of residents, chiefly to take showers. The making of these shoes has reached the proportions of a small-scale industry. The shoes are fashioned out of discarded scrap lumber. For those who are unable to make their own, the general store sells "Made in China" stock.

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B o o k s i n D e m a n d a t L i b r a r y -- Over 7000 books have been received here for the main library and its three branches, according to Ayame Ichiyasu, chief librarian, who was brought here from Tanforan to organize the library system. "Because most of our present volumes are discards from public libraries and obsolete science books, we need recently published works of all kinds. We do not yet have a single current paper or magazine. We hope that the situation will be improved, for one thing, by placing the library under the Education department rather than the Recreation, as it now is. Books can be used for morale building as well as starting many constructive activities," Miss Ichiyasu said.

"I came from Tanforan, and conditions here are already better,

as far as the library is concerned. At Tanforan, for example, there was only one book for all the thousands of issei. It was a novel by Kan Kikuchi, and it was reserved on a "hold for" list for months ahead. The issei were reading Life and other picture magazines because they were the only things available."

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WEEK'S PROGRESS ON CAMOUFLAGE PROJECT:

June 19.....	167 workers	60 nets
June 20.....	265 workers	87 nets
June 23.....	325 workers	.....	102 nets
June 24.....	354 workers	.....	142 nets
June 25.....	389 workers	.....	147 nets
June 26.....	401 workers	.....	219 nets

Although Manzanar's net production was still far from the goal of 1000 workers turning out 700 nets per day, Assistant Project Director Ned Campbell, optimistic and enthusiastic over the past week's progress, declared:

"The Net Project is coming along smoothly. Don't let anyone fool you otherwise."

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As working crews gained proficiency and new recruits were "broken in", camouflage workers received their first release announcing the "System of Wage Scale" which also set forth the required production quota:

12' x 12'	- 3 nets per day per man
22' x 22'	- 1 net per day per man
30' x 30'	- $\frac{1}{2}$ net per day per man

New men start at the wage scale of U rating, with a two-day period of apprenticeship for every worker, after which placement on a permanent crew is assured.

Advancement to S (skilled) rating is made when a crew of five persons produces five nets (22' x 22') per day for one week.

Failure of any crew to produce the minimum quota for five consecutive days automatically drops workers to U ratings

until the quota is again attained.

Observation shows that nearly all workers are in their early twenties, or of teen-age. Superintendent Henry S. Ishizuka himself is 25. They are all citizens. Spirit and morale had improved this week in direct proportion to the increase in number of workers and production.

CENSUS OFFICE INTERVIEWS 1709 PERSONS IN FIVE DAYS

Source material for the education and employment programs of the War Relocation Authority was rapidly being compiled by the Records Office which began interviewing every Center resident over 13 years of age last Monday.

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The staff of 65 persons in the first days had completed interviews of 1709 residents, covering five blocks.

With this experience behind them, interviewers hope to compile records at personal interviews, at the rate of 500 per day.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTED BY BLOCK LEADERS

A six-man executive Council, to represent the block leaders in interim and liaison work with the Administration, was elected at the regular meeting of Center representatives June 26.

Members are Ted Akahoshi, Tomomasa Yamasaki, Fred Ogura, Henry Nakamura, H.K. Osawa, Henry Tsurutani. Term of office is for six months, and the Council will be responsible to the block leaders.

Background:

Ted Akahoshi, formerly of Los Angeles where he was executive secretary of the Wholesale

Japanese Produce Commission Merchants Association, active in Japanese community affairs; graduate of Stanford U.

Tomomasa Yamasaki, formerly of Los Angeles and San Francisco, assistant English Editor of Japan-California Daily News, L.A., active in political organization work.

Fred Ogura, of Los Angeles, at one time in exporting business, more recently with the Signal Oil Company; Catholic, active in Maryknoll Mission of Los Angeles.

Henry Nakamura, of Los Angeles, partner-operator of I & I Produce at Ninth Street Wholesale Market, floor manager of same concern.

H.K. Osawa, of Los Angeles, owner-operator of H.K. Osawa & Co., commission house at Seventh Street Wholesale Terminal, president of the Produce Commission Merchants Association.

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Henry Tsurutani, of Santa Monica & Los Angeles, practicing attorney-at-law in L.A., former Chairman of the Southern District Council, Japanese American Citizens League, active in civic work.

Five of the six Executive Council members are non-citizen Japanese. The lone-exception is Henry Tsurutani, U.S.-born citizen.

BOY SCOUTS TO CONDUCT PAPER DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS

Over 100 youths who comprise the Manzanar Boy Scout troop will collect old newspapers and magazines in a drive to raise funds for scouting equipment.

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Block leaders heard an appeal for support in the campaign from Yoshio Kiyohiro, Scout Commissioner here. A request was also made that Scouts be permitted to make hiking trips, to study woodlore, and engage in regular Scout activities outside the present restricted boundaries of the Center.

Brother Theophane Walsh, former Commissioner for the Hollenbeck District of Los Angeles, with 17 years of Boy Scout experience, has been appointed field Commissioner in charge of troops in the relocation centers.

Block leaders have also been asked to furnish merit badge examiners for the Scouts.

LACK OF WATER SUPPLY HOLDS UP LANDSCAPING

Beautification of the Center with lawns and flowers has been temporarily held up by a water shortage.

This was disclosed in a report submitted to Block leaders June 26 by Henry Fukuhara, representing the Planning Department.

Additional storage and plumbing facilities are necessary before further work can be done, it was reported.

COMMITTEES ORGANIZE TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVES

Interviews of eligibles for committees to take charge

of Community Enterprises will start Monday, it was announced by Henry Tsurutani, Chairman.

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Full control and operation of beauty shop, barber shop, shoe repair, radio repair, bakery, and other enterprises to be opened in the Center. The following committees will be selected: Constitution, Finance, Grievance, Membership, Education, New Enterprises.

OILING OF STREETS KEEPS DOWN DUST

Eleven of the 15 east-west thoroughfares of Manzanar have been sprayed with a covering of oil-asphalt mixture, providing for quicker transportation and eliminating clouds of dust in pedestrian faces when vehicles pass.

DISPUTE LOOMS OVER ELECTIVE OFFICES

Differences of opinion over the eligibility of non-citizens to elective offices of Manzanar's self-government were expressed here today, following a statement made by Ted Akahoshi, chairman of the Block Leaders, quoting a letter from Milton S. Eisenhower, former director of the War Relocation Authority.

According to Akahoshi, Mr. Eisenhower's letter indicated that only American citizens, would be eligible to elective offices in the relocation centers. Over half of Manzanar's present block leaders would have to be replaced by citizens, including the chairman, under the ruling.

Assistant Project Director Ned Campbell, present at the block leaders meeting where the disclosure was made, declared:

"That's one of the three things I'm going up to San Francisco to battle over." Campbell indicated he was opposed to any such regulation.

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Karl Yoneda, former San Francisco longshoreman and leader of Block 3, who is a citizen himself, declared: "We should submit reasons against such a ruling."

Chairman Ted Akahoshi, however, said: "The ruling has been made. We'll stand on our record."

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VISITORS HERE OVER THE WEEK - END :

Dr. Robert Emerson, Associate Professor of Bio-chemistry, California Institute of Technology, arrived Saturday with 50,000 seedlings for the guayule nursery.

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Dr. L.R. Blinks, Professor of Plant Physiology, Stanford University, close friend and collaborator with Dr. Emerson, accompanied the Cal-Tech scientist.

Rev. J.B. Hunter, of the Disciples of Christ denomination, six years a missionary in Japan, visited here Sunday to conduct the English protestant services. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hunter and their son and daughter, Jack and Betty. The Hunters hail from Little Rock, Arkansas.

To confer on W.R.A. business with Project Director Nash, Lewis A. Sigler, Assistant Solicitor of the War Relocation Authority in Washington D.C., and Robert B. Throckmorton, Attorney for the W.R.A., San Francisco office, accompanied by Mrs. Throckmorton.

To shoot the pictures of the concluding chapter of evacuation Miss Dorothea Lange (Mrs. Paul Taylor), Documentary Photographer of the W.R.A.

GUAYULE EXPERIMENTAL STATION NEEDS SPACE

Highly pleased with the results of seed germination and seedling propagation Dr. Robert Emerson commended the staff of the local Guayule Experimental Station for their results which have bettered those of the Salinas Station.

Greatly disappointed, however, with the delay in transplanting, now six weeks behind schedule, Dr. Emerson pointed to the first blooms of the guayule in the lath house and said: "If these plants had been set out in the field, we would have been supplied with enough seeds next year for all the experimental stations and commercial production in the fields." However it is not yet too late, he said.

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Reasons for the delay, according to the guayule staff have been: (1) non-availability of land (2) no tractor or plow provided, for even an hour (3) lack of two-inch piping for water (4) lack of lumber for additional lath houses, (5) no truck has been available for use of the project.

To provide a backlog for synthetic rubber production, guayule is important, and the Manzanar experiment is being watched closely because tests to date show production is promising in California, according to Dr. L.R. Blinks.

A new, high-speed method for testing rubber extraction is being developed, in addition to the four extraction processes now being used at present, Dr. Blinks revealed.

MANZANAR SEWING PROJECT SUPPLIES LOCAL NEEDS

Fifteen women reporting daily for work at the Production Warehouse have sewed by hand, pending arrival of long overdue and requisitioned machines:

- (1) Six dozen nursery aprons for children
- (2) Ten dozen more nursery aprons are now being finished
- (3) Two dozen aprons for camouflage net factory cutters, and two dozen additional are now being completed.

The present supply of material has almost been depleted, according to Mrs. Taya Jow, director of the project, and her assistant Miss Aiko Miyoshi.

SUMMER PICNICS POPULAR AT NEW SITE

Adjoining the swimming pool now under construction south of the Center, the cool shady banks of George's Creek provide the locale for numerous picnics, weenie bakes and outings for Manzanar residents. Several hundred people thronged the spot on Sunday. Three barbecue pits are being constructed.

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W.C.C.A. PAYROLL CHECKS FOR MARCH ISSUED

Workers in the first volunteer group to Manzanar have received checks for March employment from the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

Ranging in amounts from 33 cents to eight dollars and 83 cents, totalling \$1803.48, the checks were distributed last Saturday. Announcement was made by E.H. Hooper, fiscal accountant for the War Relocation Authority which has since supplanted the W.C.C.A.

WEEK-END RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY:

F o r t h e y o u n g p e o p l e : Bruin-Trojan dance attended by 160 couples, kitchen 36, sponsored by former students and alumni of U.S.C. and U.C.L.A., Saturday night. Police weenie bake, picnic grounds, attended by about 100, Friday night. Phi Kappa Sigma (girls' club) dance, attended by 100 couples, kitchen 36, Friday night. Symphonies Under the Stars, recordings of popular arias, weekly series, Sunday night, attended

by 1000. Softball games, in eight leagues, the main feature tilt being broadcast over a loudspeaker system. Weightlifting & wrestling competition for youths. Dancing classes, ping pong tournament, first aid classes, flower arrangement, needlework & knitting.

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R e l i g i o u s : Catholic Mass on Sunday conducted by Maryknoll fathers; protestant services in both English and Japanese; young people's fellowship and community singing; Higashi Hongwanji Buddhist services.

Departmental organization report

THE MANZANAR POLICE FORCE

There has not been a single major offense at Manzanar to date, according to police records.

Credit for this remarkable record, according to Chief of Police Kenneth Horton, can be attributed to (1) the law-abiding make-up of the population (2) no liquor is permitted on the Center (3) there is hardly any traffic problem.

Responsibility for the enforcement of Center regulations lies with a force of 110 men headed by Chief Horton, Assistant Chief Lloyd Day, Captains Ed Newton and A.L. Williams, and Lieutenants Ken Oseki and Kiyoshi Higashi.

The work of the force is divided into three divisions: (1) Patrol Division, in charge of routine investigations, the foot patrol, traffic control and temporary assignments (2) Investigation Division, charged with baggage inspection, vice control, crime prevention and crime investigation and (3) Records and Identification, which compiles all case records, the

Center Directory.

The organization was set up by Chief Horton and his assistants, and is now awaiting final approval of the Administration.

Biographical:

KENNETH HORTON, b. Nov. 2, 1909, Bishop, California, son of former Chief of Police of Bishop; '28 graduate of Bishop Union High School, attended University of Nevada School of Engineering, '28-'31; married, homeowner of Bishop; has lived all his life in this County; on leave of absence from Bishop force "for the duration"; has been at Manzanar since April 6.

The two resident officers on the Force: KEN OSEKI, formerly of Los Angeles, graduate of Garfield High School, formerly attended U.S.C., was employed by the Los Angeles Vegetable Exchange; KIYOSHI HIGASHI, formerly of Santa Ana and Terminal Island, insurance broker. Both men are married. Higashi is a former Chairman of the Southern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League.

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Jurisdiction over issuance of Visitors' passes is with the Police Department. To date, 797 such passes have been issued since April 26 when the force was formally organized, taking over the work of the military police within the Center.

Chief offenses are classified by the Department, on the basis of cases so far, as follows: (1) brawls and disturbances (2) petty thefts (3) domestic troubles and family quarrels. Over

half of all police calls to date have been in the latter classification, with Family Relations turning over some of its "in-corrigible" cases.

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Q u a l i f i c a t i o n s for becoming a policeman--

Applicant must be a United States citizen, 24 years of age or over, must have high school education at least, complying with physical standards not definitely stated but generally recognized. Selection is made by the Lieutenants with final approval of the Chief.

E q u i p m e n t has not yet arrived but is hopefully "expected soon." Tan uniforms, flash lights, night sticks and badges are to be supplied all patrolmen and officers. Two trucks are currently being used by the department. Finger print records are to be kept by Manzanar's force, and a regular section will be established for the work. Chief Horton himself is a finger print expert.

THERE IS YET NO JAIL, although plans call for the construction of a building for that purpose.

"It would simplify matters a great deal if we had one, not that its need is urgent or pressing," Chief Horton says. "The psychological force of a jail's presence would probably eliminate many of the minor cases which take up our time."

Chronic troublemakers are card-indexed with a record of their cases; at present this is about the most "severe penalty" meted out to offenders, although a recent gambling raid brought a trial and fines with suspended jail sentences.

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'OPEN HOUSE' HELD AT CAMOUFLAGE NET SHEDS
TODAY TO ENCOURAGE MORE WORKERS , BOOST OUTPUT

To give added impetus to Manzanar's net project, an 'Open House' program was held this afternoon at the factory sheds where over 500 workers are now employed.

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For eight consecutive days, there has been a steady increase, both in number of employees and production of nets, bringing the local daily output almost abreast of Santa Anita with nearly double Manzanar's population.

"We're gaining every day and expect to continue until our capacity is reached," declared Henry Ishizuka, production supervisor.

Yesterday's production : 280 nets by 494 workers. This represented an increase over Monday's mark of 239 nets by 481 workers.

Breakdown of tabulations on yesterday's figures show that of the 494 workers

140	girls	.....	net workers
216	young men	....	net workers
32	young men	....	dock hands
20	young men	....	foremen
9	young women	..	foremen
21	young men	....	rig hands
20	young men	....	reefers
29	young men	....	cutters
5	young men	....	administrative staff

Essentially, the net project at Manzanar is an industry, managed, staffed and worked by youths. The average age of net garnishers, for instance, according to Ishizuka, is in

the late teens.

The 'Open House' program was held today primarily today as a parent-education move, to overcome some of the prejudices and rumors regarding work in the net project.

C h i e f m i n o r p r o b l e m of the production staff currently is that of personnel selection. The inevitable crop of idlers, loiterers on the premises has an adverse effect upon other workers, according to Ishizuka, and steps to weed and keep away trouble makers are to be taken. A card-index for production control is to be set up.

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W o r k i n g c o n d i t i o n s in the net factory are considered the best at Manzanar: Grounds are kept constantly sprinkled to keep down dust and to keep premises cool; ice water is provided from barrel dispensers; each worker is furnished a sterile gauze mask; fifteen-minute rest periods in the forenoon and afternoon are on the day's schedule; music is provided through a newly-installed public address system; 35 benches were built by the carpenter shop last Friday for young women workers; screens to shade workers from the direct sunlight are now being put up.

SUMMER SESSION CLASSES AND LIBRARY RECEIVE DONATION OF 2000 BOOKS FROM L.A. CITY COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS

"One of the most important things for the Nisei to retain--even in the comparative isolation of the relocation centers--is their contact with Caucasian friends."

This is the belief of Professor Otis D. Richardson, head of the English Department of Los Angeles City College and

former adviser of the Student Nisei organization of that institution, who was a visitor here last Saturday accompanied by fellow educators and a group of students.

Mingling with fellow citizens of other racial extractions has always been, in the opinion of Professor Richardson, "an effective medium for the process of what we term 'Americanization' of the citizens of Japanese origin. One of the unfortunate results of evacuation has been to curtail and restrict normal opportunity to do just that. The Nisei should strive all the harder to keep up their contacts."

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Professor Richardson believes that Americans of European extraction should recognize their responsibility in leading citizens of Japanese origin to feel that they too belong to America.

Driving a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton canvas covered truck on which Student Nisei formerly made week-end excursions with fellow classmates, Professor Richardson arrived with 2000 books and magazines, baseball equipment, games, a radio phonograph and records, recreation apparatus for the Center.

Several scores of former students and friends of the City College faculty member were cheered by the visit, with Shizuo Hori, former president of the Student Nisei, conducting the visitors about the Center. Accompanying Professor Richardson were Dr. J. Lombardy, head of the Social Science and Economics Department; Dr. Coan, of the English Department; Dr. King, also of the English Department; Mr. Mayer of the Hollenbeck Junior High School of Los Angeles.

W.R.A. PHOTOGRAPHER 'SHOOTS THE WORKS', GETS CLOSE-UPS

Life at Manzanar, as seen through a photographer's lenses, is being documented currently by War Relocation Authority photographer Dorothea Lange, who is Mrs. Paul Taylor, wife of the professor of labor economics at the University of California.

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Every phase of Center activity, from dining in the mess halls to softball games to drama and recreational programs, furnishes subject matter for the clicking camera of Miss Lange.

THOUSAND ISSEI MOTHERS LAUGH, CHEER, MOVED TO TEARS, TURN SOLEMN, AS REV. NICHOLSON ADDRESSES THEM--IN JAPANESE

In one of the most unusual meetings yet held at Manzanar, Rev. Herbert Nicholson, for 25 years a Quaker missionary in Japan, spoke to over a thousand Issei mothers who jammed mess hall 22 yesterday afternoon.

Addressing his audience in simple, forceful Japanese, Rev. Nicholson told his listeners:

"In these critical times, you mothers do indeed have a great responsibility in keeping alive the spiritual strength of all of us. In the days that are ahead, surely there is just reward for the faith in the ultimate good and justice that will prevail."

His recounting of his experiences at other centers, at the federal detention camps at Missoula, Montana and Santa Fe, New Mexico, brought tears to the eyes of many women.

"You are not forgotten by your many friends on the outside," he said. "At the recent commencement exercises of the

Pasadena public schools held in the Rose Bowl, one of the main speakers got up and said: 'Some of our fellow students and classmates are unable to be with us today, because, they are either in concentration camps or are serving the colors. At any rate, they're both at the front, fighting our battles in this war.'

He also told of the 632 Japanese detainees originally taken to Fort Missoula, Montana, and of the letters written by the children to interned fathers. If those poignant and solicitous letters of the children could be published and read by the American people the public would indignantly demand the release of those fathers whose family ties were so tender and close. Those letters are so pathetic and tear provoking that they couldn't have been addressed to and prompted by "subversive" characters, declared Rev. Nicholson.

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Mrs. Nicholson also spoke to the women--in Japanese--preceding her husband on the program.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE RECEIVES 27 FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Accompanied by Captain and Mrs. S. Uchida and a staff worker, 27 orphans from the Salvation Army Home in San Francisco arrived at Manzanar's Children's Village June 30.

Total number of youngsters now being cared for in the Children's Village is 68, according to Superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsumoto.

Children and staff workers are presently quarantined to their quarters pending inoculation for typhoid and small pox vaccination.

APPLE AND PEAR CROP EXPECTED THIS FALL

After 15 years of neglect, Manzanar's apple and pear orchards are being nursed back into bearing fruit under careful supervision of the Production Division.

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According to Frank Cummings, foreman of the orchards, the last crop harvested in Manzanar "was about 1932 when 73,000 bushels of apples, pears and peaches were picked."

Most of the orchard has since disappeared, but the few acres remaining are expected to produce enough for a few pies for "several meals."

This season, spraying and pruning was too late to save most of the crop from worms; however, thinning was accomplished by the June drop. Further thinning is now being carried on by T. Shima, orchardists' foremen, and G. Watanabe, spray foreman.

Premature picking of green apples and pears by over-anxious youngsters is not a serious problem, it was reported.

FOUR HUNDRED YOUNG MEN SIGN UP IN FIFTH REGISTRATION

Approximately 400 young men between the ages of 18 and 20 signed up in the fifth national draft registration yesterday, conducted at Manzanar by Clark. E. Demerest, Selective Service official, and his assistant Paul Aiso.

WATERFALL ROCK GARDEN TO BE RELOCATED

Plans for completion of the water fall and rock garden in front of the Administration building were rudely upset in a sudden change of the Engineers' plans to construct a new wing of the building directly over the proposed site.

The excavated area was refilled and carefully placed rocks removed last week-end. Rock garden specialist Ryozo Kado indicated that he would "start all over" at an approved site in the new hospital area.

JOSHUA TREES, CACTI, ROCKS, LAWNS TO LANDSCAPE ADMINISTRATION CIRCLE:

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Directed by foreman B. Wada, a crew of men from the Construction Department is now speeding completion of landscape work in the Administration Circle.

"Although we would like to have shrubbery, and trees brought here from Los Angeles, we are making out the best we can with native plants and cacti taken from surrounding hills," Wada said.

A giant Joshua tree, planted on an upraised, rock-walled circle, is the center of attraction. Numerous cactus plants border the road which is yet to be surfaced.

Administration buildings are surrounded by green lawns which have already been seeded.

MANZANAR RESIDENTS 'HUNGER' FOR READING MATTER

"All our first week's supply of magazines, with the exception of 50 copies of 'Liberty', was sold out in the first three days. People sure want things to read around here," according to George Yamashita, formerly of Los Angeles, who is in charge of the newly-opened news and magazine stand located in the canteen.

Most-in-demand publications which sold out first were

Life, Time, Movie Stories and Sports Stories, Yamashita said. Also popular were Reader's Digest, Fishing and Hunting magazines, Strength and Health. Saturday Evening Post also sold out, although purchasers frequently commented: "Well, if you don't have anything else..."

Four Los Angeles metropolitan newspapers are sold daily at the stand: Herald & Express, 200 copies; Los Angeles Times, 200 copies; L.A. Examiner, 150; Daily News, 30.

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Three persons service the stand. Assisting Yamashita are Mary Handa and Aimee Fujiu, both formerly of Los Angeles.

TEMPERATURE READINGS : M a n z a n a r : JULY 1, 1942

Inside barracks:	7 a.m. -- 75 d. F.	Outside:
	8 a.m. -- 80 d. F.	Generally 10 degrees
	9 a.m. -- 91 d. F.	hotter than inside.
	2 p.m. -- 106 d. F.	

HALF OF MANZANAR'S POPULATION EXPECTED AT FOURTH PICNIC

Night checkers are now taking reservations for the first Fourth of July week-end picnic to be celebrated by residents of Manzanar. Early indications are that more than half of the 9,700 residents plan to attend the outing to be held in a wooded section adjoining the proposed school house site within the Center.

Q U O T A T I O N S from our interview notebooks:

"The hottest, bitterest newspaper editorials against the Japanese Americans come from counties where there isn't a single Japanese. We've checked it through the W.R.A. in Utah, in Idaho, in a number of other states." -- Mrs. Paul Taylor (Dorothea Lange), W.R.A. documentary photographer.

"This whole evacuation program was largely brought about by the pressure of lies. That thing we call public opinion was influenced by rumors and lies that were later discredited. Pressure groups have been at work. Democracy is an imperfect instrument, and we've got to be patient. Don't lose faith. I quote from a letter to Dr. Nakaya from his son: 'Keep shaved, keep washed, keep your chin up, and read the Bible.'" -- Rev. Herbert Nicholson,
American Friends Service Committee.

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"I am depressed, dejected, oppressed, and thoroughly mad at not being able to rejoin my husband in Sioux City, Iowa." -- Mrs. Sue Noma Yamada, director of Women's Recreation,
who has been seeking official release from
Manzanar.

"There isn't so much resentment against you people generally in this valley as there is politics. I'm in a pretty good position to know what feeling here is because I've worked out of the county tax collector's office and managed a market in Lone Pine. Trouble was, the Federal government didn't consult local officials enough." -- M.L. Harback, Assistant
Steward of the mess halls.

"Americanism, to me, is being fair, tolerant, open minded, and rising above small differences. Trying to segregate the citizens from aliens here isn't, to my way of thinking, real Americanism. All of you are here; and you haven't got a prayer of a chance to get out of here. So let's be realistic." -- Ned Campbell, Assistant Project Director.

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"It takes a lot of diplomacy and discretion to handle cooks in any camp; but especially in one as big as this. You've got to know these people to know how to handle them." -- Chief Steward William Hall.

COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT NATION READY TO RECEIVE QUALIFIED NISEI STUDENTS FROM CENTERS

Seventy-two colleges and universities are now ready to receive enrollees from evacuated students now in the relocation centers, according to word brought here by Herbert Nicholson of the American Friends Service Committee which has been canvassing institutions of higher learning throughout the nation.

Grinnell College in Iowa alone is willing to pay expenses for as many as 50 qualified Nisei undergraduates, it was revealed here yesterday.

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Net Factory Progress Report:

July 1 figures-- 516 workers
 267 nets (shortened day -- work
 ended at 2:30 p.m. for
 'Open House' program)
 1500 visitors at factory for ob-
 servance. Speakers--Dr.
 Yoshiye Togasaki, Henry
 Ishizuka, Ted C. Gilbert,
 Assistant Supervisor.
 (Ice lemonade served)

MANZANAR HAS FIRST AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT:

Five persons were injured when a ton and a half stake truck, loaded with over 50 passengers, struck a soft shoulder on the road yesterday afternoon, at the southwest corner of block 26.

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It was Manzanar's first auto accident, and three of those falling off the swerving vehicle were treated at the hospital for cuts and bruises and sprained ankle. All injuries were of a minor nature.

Driver of the truck was Tar Marumoto, whom investigation showed was without driver's license. All passengers were workers in the net factory, and the accident occurred while they were being transported back to the sheds.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES: Canteen & General Store

<u>Figures --</u>			
<u>Canteen sales</u>	<u>June 29</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>July 1</u>
Customer count	4,713	5,452	4,580
Total amount	\$983.94	\$1,151.74	\$980.99

<u>General Store sales</u>	<u>June 29</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>July 1</u>
Customer count	1,475	955	686
Total amount	\$1,204.11	\$729.28	\$555.01

(Figures include State Sales & Federal Luxury taxes)

H o t w e a t h e r n o t e from Canteen--Thirteen tons of watermelon were received on Tuesday. The entire supply is expected to be sold out by Saturday, July 4, when the Canteen will be closed in observance of the National Holiday. Sale price is $3\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound. The average melon has been costing the Manzanar resident 65 cents; some as high as one dollar.

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Two hundred boxes of oranges and ten cases of grapefruit are sold each week at the Canteen. Because of bottle shortage, the soda pop supplies are insufficient to meet Center demands.

In the afternoon alone, after being closed in the morning for inventory, the store sold 171 cases of soda pop. Deliveries are being received on the basis of 175 cases every other day.

REFRIGERATOR SHEDS BEING CONNECTED WITH CUTTING ROOM

Coollest spot in Manzanar during hot summer months is the two-wing barrack comprising the meat and vegetable refrigerator sheds which are now being connected to form a 'U' shaped structure with a cutting room.

Both structures are 20 feet wide and 80 feet long, completely insulated, with refrigerator pipes running through their lengths. The meat room alone is large enough to hold a

five carload capacity, according to M.L. Harback, Assistant Steward of the mess division.

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GIRL GUIDES TO CONDUCT VALLEY VISITORS THROUGH CENTER

Manzanar's streamlined information service will be staffed by personable young girl guides who will conduct Owens Valley visitors through the Center.

Public Relations Director Robert Brown is inaugurating the service to further better understanding between residents of the Center and the people of the Valley. ✓

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NEW CONCRETE-BASIN RESERVOIR (600,000 Gallon Capacity)
COMPLETED TODAY : WILL SUPPLY MANZANAR'S WATER

To maintain an adequate supply of water to feed the purification tank, a new concrete reservoir was completed today in the boulder-strewn desert area northwest of Manzanar by the Griffith Construction Company.

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Work was started on the 600,000-gallon basin on May 22 to replace the make-shift system hurriedly set up for immediate need. Twice during the past month, residents were without water for a day, once when screen filters were clogged by debris.

Manzanar gets its 1,500,000 gallons of water daily from Shepherds' Creek which traces its source to the snows of the High Sierras.

Oldtimers in the Valley don't recall Shepherds' Creek ever shrinking to a trickle; it's always been a gushing brook, rising in the hot summer months instead of drying up.

At the present rate of consumption, less than half of the Creek's flow is diverted for Manzanar's use; the remainder flows east and south into the Owens River.

Fear of a water shortage in the "above 100" summer heat, expressed by Manzanar residents, is allayed by Jiro Matsuyama, reservoir foreman, who says "there is plenty of water at the source." He does, however, point out that "the present tank, located west of block 24, is inadequate. It only holds 98,000 gallons, and is emptied fifteen times in 24 hours."

The Center's water consumption has been increasing daily, especially during the past few weeks when mid-summer temperatures have prevailed. On June 28, for instance, the aggregate intake registered through the tank was 1,009,000 gallons. On July 2, it was 1,500,000 or roughly 150 gallons per capita.

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R e s p o n s i b i l i t y for maintaining the normal flow of the Center's water supply is with the Maintenance Department's reservoir crew headed by Foreman Matsuyama.

P e r s o n n e l : Jiro Matsuyama, 22, graduate of Fremont High School in Los Angeles, class of '40; an airplane mechanic by trade, he was employed in the Aviation Parts Factory in West Los Angeles, earning about 50 dollars per week; he evacuated to Manzanar with the first family group on March 23, 1942.

Crew members: Yoshinobu Tachibana, Ted Yotsukura, Dick Sakamoto, George Yamaguchi, Frank Saneta, Joe Nagano, Joe Kuramoto, Mike Zoriki.

D u t i e s : Generally speaking, the reservoir crew's job is to see that the water supply is kept clean and the flow through Center faucets uninterrupted. To do the job, the crew maintains a 24-hour vigil over the reservoir, keeping the screen free of debris, cleaning out sediment, inspecting pipes, checking chlorination apparatus in the tank house.

P r o b l e m s : **POLLUTED WATER**-- "We've quite a job keeping the water clear, especially when sheep are permitted to cross Shepherd's Creek up above," declares Foreman Matsuyama.

"Fences should be erected on both sides of the brook all the way down from the bridge which the herders are supposed to use. One day when sheep forded the creek, we could see the droppings in the water all the way down to our reservoir. It was awful, and Manzanar water was yellow that day."

Matsuyama suggests concrete culverts would keep the channel free from debris clogging, thus making it easier to keep clean.

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HYPO-CHLORIDE APPARATUS -- Used for purifying the water, the tank apparatus now being used is simply too small for Manzanar needs. The 14-inch steel piping through which the water flows from the reservoir into the tank has bent in and broken on two occasions when water was stopped during cleaning of the reservoir.

FIRE FIGHTING HANDICAP -- When two fire hydrants are used simultaneously the pressure falls alarmingly. If fire should break out in two places at the same time fire-fighting would be impeded. The present system of gravity flow does not have a high head of pressure. **I n e m e r g e n c i e s**, the standby unit used for supplying the **Center** when the reservoir is being cleaned is a well pump located across the highway east of Manzanar.

COMMUNICATION & TRANSPORTATION -- Watching over the water supply is a responsibility that requires speedy communication and transportation, according to the reservoir crew. At

the present time, one truck is at the crew's disposal, and that irregularly. However, "a telephone system would certainly be welcome," Matsuyama points out.

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LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, BO PEEP, THE RED HEN -- ALL LIVE AGAIN IN MANZANAR'S NURSERY SCHOOLS

Seven nursery-kindergarten schools are now in daily session, conducted for youngsters from three to six years of age.

Under supervision of the Recreation Department, 21 young women, both married and single, comprise the teaching staff. Their average age is 23.

Class lessons and conversation are all in English, according to Miss Joyce Soeda, director, 27, who came to Manzanar with a background of five years training in nursery and kindergarten work. (She is a native of Honolulu, where she graduated McKinley high school in '35, and a former student of Castle Memorial Institute, part of the University of Hawaii.)

Approximately 50 children are in daily attendance at each nursery, with three teachers assigned.

A typical day's schedule: Free play, with blocks, cutting, painting, pasting; moulding clay--9:00 a.m. Wash up--9:30. Milk serving--9:35. Singing of nursery rhymes--9:50. Story telling & reading--10:15. Outdoor play (supervised)--10:55. Fifteen minutes of rest & dismissal to return home.

Instruction in the nursery schools follows a uniform pattern throughout. Youngsters taught rules of health and good habits; fair play; respect for the rights of others and "standing

up for their own rights." Teaching is largely through means of activities.

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"Children here are very tractable, and they seem to enjoy coming to the schools; some of them don't want to go home for lunch," says Miss Soeda in checking with the various teachers.

"Our biggest problem at the present," according to Mrs. Frances Kitagawa, assistant director, "is the lack of materials such as paper for cutting and drawing, clay, as well as swings, jungle jims, educational toys, large blocks, as well as partitions to separate our different age groups."

While the English of the youngsters is "fairly good", there is a trace of "Japanese accent" creeping into the children's pronunciation, Mrs. Kitagawa points out. This, she attributes to the evident greater influence of the Japanese language used by elders in such a community.

"To counteract the tendency, we are emphasizing the teaching of good English and etiquette to children in the nursery schools."

In the afternoons the same barracks are used for grammar school instruction for pupils from seven to 15 years of age. Until regular public schools are opened in the fall, the private tutoring is being employed.

S e a s o n a l i t e m :

RESIDENT DISCOVERS ANTIDOTE FOR STING OF DIVE-BOMBING GNATS

July heat has brought out swarms of mosquitoes and

gnats as evidenced by red welts and swellings on exposed portions of the anatomy, complain Manzanar residents.

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To the rescue: Hyojiro Honda, fish hatchery foreman, who has an unique hobby. He is making internal medicine and ointment out of herb found near the streams. The finished product is effective in soothing gnat and mosquito bites, say grateful recipients of the home-made medicine.

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NET WORKERS BOOST PRODUCTION, SET NEW RECORD

Despite rising July temperatures, workers in the camouflage net factory garnished a total of 418 nets on Friday, July 3, setting a new record as their observance of the Fourth week-end. Saturday was a holiday for the 504 workers, largest number to be employed on the project to date.

The July record is .12 above the quota set by the production Supervisor's office. All crews were reported to have reached the required minimum daily output.

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COOKS RETURN TO MANZANAR FROM IDAHO SUGAR BEET FIELDS

Replaced by feminine members of the party, for whose culinary art the workers showed preference, five men cooks returned via bus to Manzanar Saturday morning from Rupert, Idaho.

Originally enlisted here to feed some six score volunteer sugar beet workers, the quintet ran into trouble the first week. Reason: workers grumbled, accused them of spending 'too much' for food. Result: rather than accept offered smaller wages, the cooks quit, took the field work. However, they couldn't earn enough for their own board there. So home they came, their transportation paid by the sugar beet company.

None the worse for having 'seen the country': Kenzo Nagano, Minoru Tsukahara, William Masamitsu, Takashi Kasai, Nobuyuki Furumura.

DUST AND DIARRHEA PLAGUE FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM

An unscheduled dust storm forced cancellation of the Fourth of July picnic Saturday, driving nearly 7,000 would-be picnickers into the shelter of their barrack rooms for the afternoon. There they munched on sandwiches prepared in bag lunches and distributed that noon at all mess halls.

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Residents retired that evening, anticipating a wind-less Sunday, when the remaining half of the July Fourth program was to be staged. However, meat used in the sandwiches from several kitchens, was reportedly spoiled by the heat. Over 200 cases of diarrhea were reported in one block alone.

The ill effects hardly made a dent in the Sunday celebration, however, as residents consumed 10 tons of watermelon, scores of cases of pop, thousands of sandwiches (made of carefully inspected meat), thousands more of rice balls, oranges, apples, hardboiled eggs, and tsukemono (salt pickles)

The evening program, at which 19-year-old Midori Shimizu was crowned 'Queen of Manzanar', was attended by the largest gathering yet held here. It was estimated that over 6500 persons witnessed the festivities which included a parade of over 100 ondo dancers.

Among introductions made from the stage was that of Mrs. Margaret D'Ille as head of the Social Service and Family Welfare Department.

Two all-star softball games, broadcast over the new public address system tower, drew the season's largest crowds. Exhibition wrestling matches were staged by Manzanar's mat exponents.

Patriotic keynote for the observance was sounded by the

Manzanar Free Press, center publication, which editorially said:

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"For American citizens of Japanese ancestry, herded into camps and guarded by the bayoneted sentries of their own country, it will be a doubly strange and bewildering day. For they remember too well the carefree Fourth of last year when they stood along Broadway to cheer the nisei soldiers who marched shoulder to shoulder with American soldiers of all races...

"We nisei have temporarily put our individual freedoms on ice, so that national morale might remain sound, and the fight for world democracy might continue unfettered. Of all diverse American groups, we are in the best position to appreciate the blessings of liberty...

"For those whose faith in America burns bright-- who were eager to give their blood to prove that faith--this is a difficult test, a Valley Forge....."

NEW REGULATION ISSUED ON VISITORS TO MANZANAR

Direct control over the issuance of passes for visitors to the Center has been assumed by the office of the Project Director.

The ruling went into effect without prior notice on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, barring approximately 150 Caucasian friends of Center residents.

Hereafter permits must be secured by visitors in advance of arrival at Manzanar. These are to be obtained directly from

the Project Director or his Assistant.

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'BE OF GOOD CHEER: HAVE NO FEAR'-- MESSAGE OF REV. C.A. COLE

State secretary for the Christian Church Association of Los Angeles, the Rev. C.A. Cole, of Glendale, was guest pastor at Protestant English services here Sunday.

"Place your faith, not in hunches or mechanical guidance, but in God," he told over 550 young people.

"Surely as the Arab knows a camel has browsed around his tent by its track, God Himself is manifest all about us."

"When I missed a train which was subsequently derailed and scores were injured, someone said, 'It must have been God's hand which delayed you', but I thought of the injured and the killed. That wasn't God's hand which kept me from embarking on that train. It was one of those examples of mechanical guidance."

"Rather, we should be like the engineer in a ship's hold, having our faith in the officers on the ship's bridge who direct the boat's destiny."

"By looking to our ship's captain we know we will arrive safe and happy to our journey's destination."

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MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER

Number 20.

July 8, 1942

NET PRODUCTION STAYS AT SAME LEVEL

Output: Monday. 505 workers made 431 nets.
Tuesday. 500 workers made 442 nets.

Last Friday's results showed 12% above quota. According to the tabulations of the above two days men workers indicated 90% efficiency. Women workers for the same period tabbed only 80% efficiency, stated Henry Ishizuka, Supervisor of net production.

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C a u s e s : Lack of music cuts down efficiency 5%.
Lack of competitive spirit holds pro-
duction down to quota levels.

P r e s c r i p t i o n : More frequent use of the
public address system for
broadcasting music is urged.
Watermelons for team members
of the weekly top crew have
been announced.

CENTER RECREATION FACILITIES ADDED

A wrestling arena, elevated with sand and blocked off with four tree posts, has been constructed at Block 10 where evening programs are now being held.

Residents of Block 23 have completed wiring of lights strung on poles for ondo and folk dancing which is now held every evening. A public address system for music has also been secured.

Improvised baskets nailed to cottonwood trees are being used by youngsters as makeshift basketball courts in the firebreak area between blocks 10 and 11.

VICTORY GARDENS PRESENT 'GREENEST SPOT IN MANZANAR'

Harvest has now started in the Victory Gardens, most successful cooperative venture undertaken by Center residents. Definitely the 'greenest spot in Manzanar', the gardens are the collective effort of over 300 families who share in the watering, weeding and cultivating of the plants.

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Chinese cabbage, daikon (white radishes), red radishes have already graced the tables of residents who turned their leisure time into the hobby of growing things. Among unusual plots in the area are those marked: 'Guayule Rubber' and 'Soy Beans'. In addition to edibles, residents have also planted flowers.

E x p e r i e n c e to date is that leaf vegetables are difficult to grow. Reasons: Excessive heat and wind as well as pests; no spray is available.

BAIR'S CREEK OPENED AS PICNIC GROUND NUMBER ONE

Complete with three resident-constructed barbecue pits (named Angel's Haven, Cupid Pit, Bum's Roost), Bair's Creek park has been opened to Manzanar as Picnic Ground Number One. Average number of visitors on week-days alone is 800. The creek is located in the southwest corner of the Center close to the guayule lath house.

MANZANAR YOUTH REGISTERED FOR FOURTH DRAFT

A total of 432 young men, 18 through 20 years of age, were signed up in the Fourth National Draft Registration at Manzanar.

CENSUS PASSES HALF-WAY MARK HERE

The 15 most heavily populated blocks have now been completely covered in the War Relocation Authority Census, with over 5000 persons individually interviewed by a trained staff.

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Arriving here Sunday night from Poston, Arizona, to train the Manzanar personnel in occupational classification according to standard United States Employment Service procedure, Miss Mary Bonack began work here today.

Leaving Manzanar on Monday, George Shigekawa of the Federal Security Agency, is due in the Relocation Center at Tule Lake to set up a similar system.

Expectations are that the interviewing and compiling will be completed in about three weeks. Classification work follows.

HOME-MADE AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS : Hot Weather Note

July doldrums and plus-100-degree heat may drive some residents to ice cold pop and watermelons, but Yuki Furuto, 30, resident of Block 23 was inspired to build an air-conditioning device which now keeps his barrack 10 degrees cooler than before.

LINOLEUM CREW WORKING ON SIXTH BLOCK

Linoleum flooring has been laid in barracks of five of Manzanar's 36 blocks, with work starting today on the sixth block.

Work will be completed in September, according to present plans as outlined by Kenichi Tanaka, foreman.

F i g u r e s : Total floor space to be covered is 27 acres, requiring 17 carloads of material, including both Pabco linoleum and saturated felt and malthoid cement.

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Three workers comprise one crew; daily quota of crew--one room (this will be doubled when cooler weather arrives). All told, 81 linoleum crew workers, 78 of whom are former Terminal Island fishermen. "They work well together, there has been no labor trouble in spite of the fact the work is very dirty and strenuous. It took a month to organize the crew"---- Kenichi Tanaka.

Although overalls are furnished by the government, the crew had to overcome equipment shortage by making their own brushes and tools.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Joining in the 'beautify Manzanar' movement, the Recreation department has started planting lawns in the open space adjoining recreation halls on every block.

B i o g r a p h i c a l S k e t c h N o . 3

DR. (MRS.) GENEVIEVE CARTER

Superintendent of Public Education

Curriculum vitae: Bachelor of Arts, major in psychology, University of New Mexico, 1934; Master of Arts, Columbia University, '36, thesis--"Delinquency"; E.D.D., University of California at Berkeley, '40, thesis--"Disciplinary Behavior in Its Social and Economic Setting."

An educator with sociological learnings, Dr. Carter has a record of five years' experience as a full-fledged social worker. Launching her career at the age of 18 when she taught in the seventh and eighth grades in Illinois, she went on to occupy the position, unique for a woman, a Chief Probation Officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her most recent position before Manzanar was on the research staff at the University of California at Berkeley.

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Personal: She is married, has a daughter four years old; husband is an attorney in Berkeley where the Carters make their home.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS 'NEXT WEEK'

Work in construction of four buildings, to be built by the Farm Security Administration for the public schools of Manzanar, is scheduled to begin sometime next week, according to word received by the Education department.

Two elementary school structures, a junior high and senior high school building are to be built for the estimated enrollment of 2200 students. Gymnasium, health clinic, and science laboratory quarters are included in the plans.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO 'ABSORB' LIBRARY AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

The newly-reorganized Education Department under Dr. Genevieve Carter will take over jurisdiction of Manzanar's growing library this week, it was announced yesterday. Heretofore, the library project has been under the Recreation Department awaiting formal organization of the Education program.

The nursery schools, still under Recreation, are also to be taken over by the educational staff in the near future.

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PRELIMINARY PLANS DISCUSSED FOR FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

A faculty of approximately 75 selected teachers will staff Manzanar's public elementary, junior and senior high schools opening in September.

Instruction will meet accredited state standards, according to announcement yesterday. Teaching opportunities for qualified Nisei will also be opened.

Peculiar problems: Unlike other situations, the school at Manzanar is the last institution to come in. This means, according to Superintendent Dr. Carter, the school will have the job of correlating and integrating into community organizations already existing.

Nucleus of the growing educational staff: Dr. Carter, superintendent; Mr. Edward Chester, formerly of Alameda High, accredited graduate California School of Social Welfare, teacher of social studies; Mrs. Edward Chester, teacher of English who will superintend the elementary division; Mr. Marvin Crites, physical education instructor; Mrs. Marvin Crites, nutritionist and home economist, who is now in charge of diet for the Children's Village; Dr. Velma Woods, University of

California, who will be chief clerk.

NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL IN LOCAL SURVEY

Here to explain the survey work of the National Student Relocation Council, C. Walter Borton and Esther Rhodes of the American Friends Service Committee made a one-day visit to Manzanar today.

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Conferring with a local committee appointed by the Superintendent of Education, Mr. Borton and Miss Rhodes disclosed details of the work accomplished by the National Student Relocation Council, formed May 29 at a Chicago meeting of nationally known educators.

The West Coast Committee, of which Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California is chairman, is now making a questionnaire survey of students in the relocation centers who desire to continue their education in mid-western and eastern universities. Plans for extension courses within the centers will also be laid according to information gained through the survey.

Manzanar has approximately 300 college and university students whose education has been interrupted by evacuation, according to preliminary check-ups already made.

Circulation of the questionnaire in Manzanar is scheduled this week-end.