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ALL TYPE LEAVES STOPPED

REPORT

Dug Return From Chicago

"Resettlement is not for good-time Charlies," said Shotaro Hikida, who with Mitsuji Oishi left the center over two weeks ago to investigate resettlement possibilities in and around Chicago. "But for the ambitious who are willing to work and undergo a little hardship, it is the logical long-view step," he added.

Hikida and Oishi undertook their trip entirely on their own initiative and expense. During the trip and while in Chicago, Hikida said that not one incident occurred to lend a bad taste to the undertaking. In short, general public attitude was very good, he said.

Hikida continued, "In Chicago, which has been designated as a labor shortage area, job offers are practically unlimited. We were most favorably impressed by the employer-worker relationships.

"One book firm in Chicago is employing 30 nisei among its couple of hundred workers.

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BALLET TROUPE IN PERFORMANCE

Performing before an appreciative audience of approximately 500, Yuriko Amemiya and her fifteen top classical dance students were well received at the Phoenix Indian School in Phoenix, where the troupe entertained Tuesday evening.

Luther Hoffman, C S D, introduced the dancers to the audience. F. Watanuki was emcee, S. Mittwer, accompanist. Hugo Wolter, CAS, was also present at the concert.

VIOLENCE FEARED AFTER EXECUTION OF US AIRMEN

Nisei In Army, Factories, Fields Do Part In War VS Inhumanity

All leaves, indefinite, short term and seasonal, were stopped for an indefinite period yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock by orders from the WRA in Washington, announced Project Director Leroy H. Bennett this morning.

The stop order came to protect evacuees from possible violence by an American public inflamed by the execution of some of the captured American fliers who bombed Tokyo with Major General James Doolittle a year ago, April 18.

"We hope this will blow over soon," Bennett said, "but until the public cools down we cannot issue any more leaves."

"If anyone leaves the Project without permission, drastic action will be taken," stated Bennett in warning evacuees against leaving the Project area without authorization. He disclosed that the WRA is responsible for any injury to evacuees.

Said an evacuee this morning, "We have more reason than ever to go out, now. We must do our part to stamp out all such inhumanity."

The evacuees here said that the volunteer AJ combat unit, the enlistees at the Military Intelligence School at Camp Savage, and the many evacuees who have left the centers to allay American labor shortage are a part of America's answer to Tojo and his henchmen.

This morning, John Landward, administrative assistant, was detailed by Bennett to check community reaction in Casa Grande and other nearby towns. It was stated that a few evacuees on short-term leaves are still out of the Project in Phoenix and other communities.

Bennett will confer with Dillon S. Myer, who will be here tomorrow, regarding the situation.

U.S. To Honor Boys, Girls

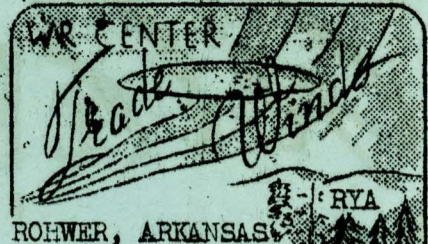
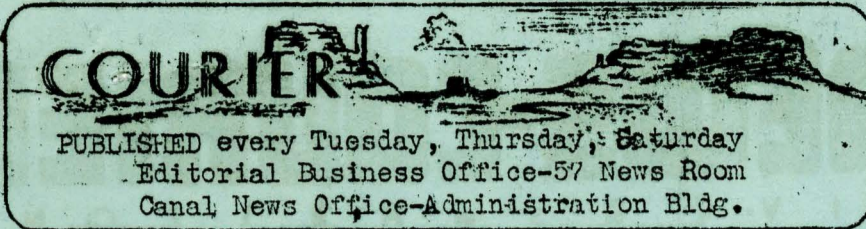
ONE WEEK SET

Youth and their education as the backbone of democracy, will be paid a tribute by the United States in a National Boys and Girls Week to be held throughout the nation from April 24 to May 2, during which boys and girls will receive a maximum of attention in fields which are typical phases of the American life and way. The theme of the week will be "Learning the Ways of Democracy."

Gila because of a delay in preparation, prolonged the time a week and will observe the week from May 2 to May 8. Plans are now being rushed under general chairman Masaji Goto and a host of co-workers, and will probably be complete by April 28.

On Tuesday, May 4, in Butte and Canal, elected high school students will take over Project operation for a day, from the Project director's office to 14 important divisions and sections. Many other administration duties will be taken over by appointed students.

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editorial

LITTLE TOKYOS AGAIN?

It appears as though the evacuees are bent on repeating the mistake which culminated in the evacuation. First, the meccas of evacuees were Salt Lake City and Denver. After those cities reached the so-called "saturation" point (defined as the number of issei and nisei beyond which there is a danger of creating a yellow peril scare in the city), eyes turned to Chicago.

It is understandable why the evacuees turned to those places. The greatest attraction was that there were fellow Japanese and American Japanese residing there, and it is ever a tendency to go where one's kind are. Secondly, these are large cities and job opportunities, it was felt, were plentiful. In Chicago, the creation of Friends' and Brethrens' hostels made the way easier also.

What the evacuees are doing is again to concentrate themselves in limited areas; again they are creating the stage for isolation from the main current of American life.

The evacuees must hack back the pre-evacuation propoganda when the greatest single charge against them was that they were unassimilated. It was not strictly true because culturally, the nisei were as thoroughly American as his Caucasian compatriot. It was their social isolation which created the illusion that they were not American. Then, again, there are other objections. By forming little Tokyos, they become little economic blocs and sometimes, corner a lucrative market which vested interests naturally view with alarm and fight with any means at their disposal. The means employed against the evacuees would, of course, be based prominently on race.

Besides Denver, Salt Lake City, and Chicago, there are large cities much in need of labor. From Ohio and Indiana, plenty of excellent job offers are pouring in. Why risk the future by a short-sighted policy now proven to be a mistake?

HAWAIIANS SET GOOD RECORD

From one end of the country to the other, press releases and pictorial shots of the 2600 Hawaiian volunteers have been used

liberally by the nation's papers. That group has brought the nisei more favorable publicity than any event since Pearl Harbor.

ROHWER, ARKANSAS

Lucky, lucky! One hundred Rohwer fennes will trek to Camp Shelby, Miss. to visit the encampment with all expenses paid... EEK! A 62 inch rattler owning 13 rattles, designating its age at 13 years was caught by some residents. Adding to the menagerie was a salamander... 13 advancements were presented to cubs at a Pack Court of Honor recently.

DEMSON, ARKANSAS

How would you like to receive a 40-page letter? Wow, some people certainly have volumes today!...A center-wide mah jong tournament is being sponsored under the CAS...Recent YWCA delegates in a mission to Jackson, Miss., heartily commend southern hospitality...

PACIFIC CITIZEN

A \$25,000 gift was turned over to the Honolulu YMCA recently following the official liquidation in its entirety of the Kaimuki Japanese school.

TULE LAKE, CALIFORNIA

Elementary schools may be forced to operate under half-day class schedules due to the teacher shortage, caused by teachers leaving the Project, revealed the Tulean Dispatch...Etiquette classes were started...A project-wide cleanup drive was conducted April 17 with workers excused to participate.



SUGAR BEET

Higher Wages To Be Paid

A slightly higher wage scale as compared to other companies was offered by L. R. Cool and Tom Koyama, representatives of the Holly Sugar Corporation, for sugar beet work in Hardin, Montana.

The company pays \$13.00 an acre for thinning, \$4.00 for first hoeing and \$3.00 for second hoeing. Wages for topping are standard.

Cool said that 30 evacuees have already signed for work and will leave the center about today. The representatives are recruiting workers at 42-3-C in Butte, and plan to open soon in Canal.

ISD TO ISSUE OPERATORS' TAG

Within the very near future, operators' licenses will be distributed by the Internal Security Division to all those evacuee personnel whose duties make it necessary that they drive motor vehicles on the Project area, announced Project Director Leroy H. Bennett in a memo to all division and section heads.

Names of evacuee subordinates who should be licensed to drive motor vehicles in each respective division is to be submitted to Chief of the ISD, William E. Williamson, immediately. The minimum age for operating a vehicle is eighteen years and for operating a common carrier, twenty-one years.

ride 'em cowboy abbot costello

Movie goers will be treated to the Bud Abbott and Lou Costello's comedy screen hit "Ride 'Em Cowboy" tonight at Canal and tomorrow at Butte.

BUDDHIST CHOIR

Regular practice hour for the Butte Buddhist mixed choir will be held tonight from 8:30 at Temple 63, announced director Mrs. Jane Imamura. All members are encouraged to be present.

WINDOW ROCK FOR "TROUBLERS" 300 CAPACITY WR AUTHORITY

Definite word has been received by the Navajo Service officials in Window Rock, Ariz., that the War Department has decided to accept the offer of the use of the Leupp properties for a Japanese relocation camp, according to an article appearing in the Arizona Republic, April 20.

The Project will be operated by the War Relocation Authority and is a transfer of the Moab, Utah project. It is a center for nisei who are "incompatible" with the community in relocation centers.

Work is already in progress at Leupp to convert the facilities of school and hospital into a camp, the article continued, and about two score Japanese Americans have already arrived to help with the work which is planned to provide for 500 ultimately.

Special Service Slated Sunday

The Canal Christian Church will hold a Baptismal service at the church Sunday morning, April 25 from 10 o'clock. Those concerned should contact the Rev. Paul Osuni or Clifford Nakadegawa at the Parsonage, 16-9-B by Sunday.

Hamai New Canal Placement Aide

Filling the vacancy made by Emiko Dotamoto is Outside Placement Aide in Canal is Takato Hamai of Block 10. Obtaining worthy employ for those planning to relocate, Hamai has urged all to come see the many opportunities afforded.

Last Rites For Emiko Hotta

Wake and funeral services were held for the late Emiko Hotta, seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Hotta of Canal, Tuesday and yesterday morning respectively.

PREP ARTISTS ARE INGENIOUS

In a three-day public exhibition, the "Brush and Palette," Butte high school art class students displayed their original portrait sketches of persons on the Project.

Yesterday, throngs packed 42-3-C to witness the clever achievements of the young artists. Door will be opened all day today, and tonight from 7:30, it was announced, and the public will still have another opportunity to see it tomorrow. Admission tickets are available at the door.

BUTTE

CHOIR CONCERT EASTER SUNDAY

The Butte Christian Choir, which has been highly praised by Kirby Page and other visiting churchmen, will present in a concert on Easter Sunday evening, the results of months of preparation under its gifted leader, Ayako Matsumoto.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. at Chapel 40. Soloists will be the Rev. Royden Susu-Maga, the first nisei to win a scholarship at the Julliard Graduate School of Music, and Kiyoko Oda, graduate of Oberlin Conservatory.

The public is cordially invited.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

With Luther Hoffman as speaker, District 4 will congregate for their lecture on the series on juvenile delinquency tonight at 8 p.m., mess 46.



GILA AGRICULTURE PROGRAM IN CRITICAL CONDITION-CASE

Unless Gila's sage-studded sands should change sufficiently to a well-tended oasis of green vegetables in the next few months and in the fall, a danger that Rivers and other relocation centers may run short of varied vegetable food was indicated in an article written by W.M. Case, WRA agricultural specialist and recent visitor here.

Case pointed out the difficulties now being encountered by producers and distributors in getting any kind of food to the general public. More than fifty per cent of all canned fruits and vegetables will be required by the war effort.

Labor shortage has converted many vegetable farmers to the growing of more easily harvested staple products, and there is a danger that vegetables, if planted, can not be harvested. Transportation with its overload of war materiel presents another difficulty. Lend-lease program with its good-will gesture, will take its toll. A barrier is presented even by the lack of sufficient quantities of containers.

Case said that if residents wanted to assure themselves of plenty of good food, they will have to produce most of it themselves.

A LETTER TO A RESIDENT

Following letter was received from one of the first group of the 37 workers who left for Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Ishimaru:

Just a line to let you know how we made out here. Reached Morrill, Nebraska on Sunday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Raining here.

Was very much surprised to find food so cheap. Abundant supply of meats, eggs, and canned goods.

All the way up everybody treated us fine. No segregation of races. If an individual were to travel, it would be better in groups of two or three.

Sugar beets not planted we figure working for R. R. till time to go there.

Duke Kusaba

Barbers Open Saturday P.M.'s

Contrary to popular belief, the community barber shops in both communities are open every Saturday afternoons. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday.

HEALTHFUL MEASURES AT NET FACTORY TO BE INSTITUTED

Safety and health measures for the evacuee workers at the net camouflage factory for which the contractor is responsible, are gradually being enforced, stated Ralph Wendell, U.S.E.D. Safety Engineer.

Following his arrival here three weeks ago, Wendell, who sees to it that the contractor lives up to his obligations, said that better factory cleaning measures have been insti-

tuted. To combat a form of rash, an occupational disease which is generally attributed to the actions of a dye in the burlap strips, a protective salve is being used with considerable success, he stated.

Cold drinking water will soon be made available. A first aid field station to care for emergencies until professional care can be obtained will also be made available at the factory.

All employees at the factory are protected by a compulsory federal-state insurance in event of injury or an ailment from an occupational disease. Any such worker is supposed to report to the contractor, said Wendell.

DECISION ON RENTAL CASE

A rental agreement case decided in favor of an evacuee was cited as a test action which will affect many similar cases arising from the removal of persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area.

On April 19, the Los Angeles district court of appeal reversed a superior court decision and freed Y. Oshiro, rooming house proprietor, from a rental agreement to pay \$175 a month. The lower court had ruled earlier that though Oshiro's business was closed and he was in a relocation, he was obliged to meet the payments.

Farewell Party

A farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furuta, who are leaving for Chicago in the near future, will be held Sunday evening at the Christian Church from eight p.m.

LETTER:

TO THE EDITOR

Sidney, Nebraska
GILA NEWS-COURIER:
Editor:

Rain on arrival upon reaching here, no work was to be found. So around 25 out of 37 that left Gila are working on a railroad. No work until May 15 or later.

Come later. It is a nice place.

Seven workers (Editor's note: The "Seven workers" are of the group that left Gila couple of weeks ago under the auspices of the Great Western Sugar Beet Co. The postcard cautions residents to be sure of detail before leaving the centers. However, once beet work is available, it still is a good proposition for any willing worker.)

APPRECIATION

May we take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt thanks in acknowledgement of the many floral offerings and the numerous considerate courtesies shown us during our late hour of bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Honda
Canal.

JOB OFFERS

Salt Lake City-First String Welders. Must be able to weld in all three positions, flat, vertical and overhead; read blue prints and shop drawings. Be able to set up work to be welded in. Must have one year's experience in welding pressure tanks and plate steel as well as sheet steel. Wages \$1.00 an hour, time and one half over forty hour.

Second String Welders. Must be able to weld in all three positions. Should have 6 months practical welding of sheet and plate steel. Wages 90 cents an hour, time and one half over 40 hours.

Third String Welders. Must be able to weld flat and vertical. Should have six months practical welding of sheet and plate steel. Wages 80 cents an hour and time and a half over 40 hours.

Wheaton, Illinois. Truck Farm Jobs. Year round farm help needed on two farms by industrialists of national standing. Each farm needs three older men or two single men and one couple. Wages are \$60-65 a month for each, room. The best of food and a bonus or share of the profits. Room and board will be provided wives although no work is being offered them.

Rockford, Illinois. Hospital work. Openings for three women as tray girls; \$60 a month with board, no room. Opening for experienced male orderly; \$75 a month, room and board.

For further information on these and other jobs, please consult employment offices in Butte and Canal.

Sugar Company Recruiting Time

The Canal recruiting station for the Holly Sugar Company under L. H. Cool and Tom Koyama has been designated at 16-4-D.

Pulling and topping prices were released as \$1.25 per ton and \$1.15 for each additional ton.

Ten residents are leaving tomorrow while another 10 is leaving Monday and next Thursday for Montana.

FUKUSHIMA ELECTED HEAD OF BUTTE PARENT-TEACHERS

A-1 in Army Landward Quits For Service

Called by Uncle Sam for service in the Army, Leave Officer John Landward will issue himself a indefinite leave tomorrow.

He will go to Salt Lake City with his wife and infant son to visit his parents until he reports early in May to the Army.

Henry Freeland, assistant leave officer presently stationed in Canal, will take over as acting leave officer. John Welles Canal's C A S supervisor will fill in Freeland's position in an acting capacity until permanent assignments are made.

Oishi, Hikida Tell Of Chicago

(cont'd. from page 1) city, is using 15 nisei men.

"The housing situation is a problem. But the WRA is working on it and it appears as though they will ship it.

"In our ten days stay in Chicago, we were immeasurably helped by the Brethren hostel, the WRA, and the pioneer Japanese residents of the city. Ben Yoshioka, a employee at the Chicago relocation office, was a great help."

Hikida was particularly anxious to convey to the people that their trip was not sponsored by or in any way influenced by the WRA.

BOY-GIRL WEEK SCHEDULE TOLD

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The schedule for the week follows: Sunday, May 2, Church Observatory Day under Inter-Faith Council; Monday, May 3, School Day under the P.T.A., Tuesday, May 4, Occupational Day under Ken Dyo; Wednesday, May 5, Night at Home, Miye Tachihara; Thursday, May 6, National Service Day, Harry Miyako; Friday, May 7, Safety and Health Day, Ernest Iwasaki and Saturday, May 8, Entertainment day, Modiri Morooka.

Feeling a need to associate themselves more closely with the school system in Butte, the parents of Butte high school students organized a Parent Teachers Association and elected officers at a meeting Tuesday night.

The Association is affiliated with the national PTA organization. The dues are 50 cents per person.

Elected to lead the new group is John Fukushima. His cabinet members are: vice-president-Mrs. Minamide; secretary-Mrs. Matsuura; and treasurer-Mrs. Sato. High school principal Fred Miller was named honorary vice president. Advisory board of three are Misses Sheldon and Montgomery and Mrs. Yamamoto.

ANOTHER GROUP FOR NEBRASKA

The Greyhound bus taking the second group of sugar beet workers on seasonal leave to Colorado and Nebraska farms is scheduled to leave the center at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, according to J. Maynard, recruiting for Great Western Sugar Co.

Baggage will leave Monday, April 26 to be at the destination when workers arrive there.

Three families are included in the coming shipment, and Maynard advises that there is still opportunity for families or single workers to sign up at 42-13-C in Butte and the Interview Room in administration building in Canal by Saturday.

Bussei To Hold Oratorical

Talented orators are urged to compete in the center-wide Bussei oratorical contest scheduled for the latter part of next month. Qualified speakers are requested to contact their block representatives by April 30, the entry deadline. Topic will be on some nisei problem.

Giants Seek First Victory Against Pasadena Saturday

BLOCK 26 ENGAGES CANAL PANTHERS

Seeking their first league win, Kay Yoshida's fast improving Gila Giants engage another strong nine in Pasadena Saturday afternoon from 3:15.

Finishing their three probably most toughest tussles, Giants, who's marked improvements have made them a club now dead-ly feared, are expectedly slight favorites. With their recently fine additions to their tossing staff in Tubby Tomooka reportedly a top shape, Giants are also likely to limit the feared slugging power of powerhouses like Harry Oka, Horse Inouye, and Teiji Itow to a minimum.

IMPROVEMENTS

Pitching, which has been one of Yoshida's greatest bottlenecks, was given a further boost when outfielder-tosser Joe Koyanagi recently displayed a brand of ball which showed definite signs of improvements.

The hard-hitting Pasadena club, one of the better clubs of the league will probably put up one of their toughest fights after a disheartening loss last week.

SPARKLETTES TO RECEIVE PLAQUE

Butte Girls' CAS Athletics Department announces that the Rivers' Cage Champion Sparkettes will be awarded an handsome plaque along with the Bucketees, who were voted the team with best sportsmanship. Funds for the plaques were raised by the Butte Girls' Basketball League.

SWISHERS TRIUMPH IN TOURNAMENT

Both exhibiting smooth, well controlled teamwork, swishers of Coach Jim Amano emerged with an neat 30-22 win over an aggressive Nibors five and later Geronimos severely swamped Papposes 43-22 in the first rounds of paly-off for Butte's 15 year old boys' Southwestern Basketball League Championship last Tuesday night.

Coming back from their heartbreaking loss to the Golden Bears last week, Block 26's hustling nine with new determination face Canal's Panthers Saturday afternoon from 1:00.

In 26's attempt at first win will be hurler Tsuneo Terada or Woodley Kimura with catcher Sarge Nakatsu behind the plate.

Irving Morishita's Vikings engage the Block 27 Tigers Sunday along with other games like the Cards versus Roughriders tussle and Old Timers meet Golden Bears.

Mas Nakanô's Deltans and Redcats draw a bye from the league schedule this week.

Opposing batteries will be Giant tossers Koyanagi or Tomooka with catcher Kaz Ikeda against the sharp hooks of Lefty Nishimura and husky receiver Horse Inouye.

Block 31 and Block 64, two of the stronger Butte bee teams, are scheduled for the preliminaries from 12:30.

BASEBALL ON TAP SATURDAY
Butte--Zenimura Field
12:30 Block 31 vs. Block 64
3:15 Giants vs. Pasadena
Canal--Field 16
1:00 Block 26 vs. Panthers

CAS MAY FORM SOFTBALL LOOP

An Butte boys' softball league similar to the Southwestern Basketball league and with an 15 years age limit will be formed by the CAS soon, announced Athletics Head, Horse Inouye.

All interested in forming teams or for more details are asked to contact the CAS office, rec. 51.

POSTON SUMO MATCH PLANNED

In conjunction with the first anniversary celebration of the Poston Relocation Center, Gila Sumo Organization has arranged an inter-center match for sometime in the early part of next month, announced club secretary S. Tanaka.

TOURNEY

BUTTE 'B' BALLERS PLAY TONIGHT

Butte bee baseballers continue their try-out tourney tonight as Block 28 "B" meet Block 63 and Block 65 clashes with the Unknowns Friday evening. All games will be under the watchful eyes of the bee leagues' commissioners and will be held at Field 28, from 6:15. Block 31 and Block 64 are scheduled to clash on Saturday from 12:30.

MANY TEAMS

Teams which are making good showings in the tourney will be drafted into one of the two bee leagues --The International League and the American Associations--One of the two leagues will be stronger.

Among the teams entered in are Hinodes "B", YMBA "B", Block 28 "B", Block 30 "B", Block 64, Block 31, Block 55, Block 63, Block 33, Red Soxs, Lompoc "B", and Block 65.

REPORTER TAKES SHINMOTO'S PLACE

Crack reporter Shig Okuno has temporarily taken over the Canal sportswriter post left vacant by Tsuneo Shinmoto. He had now held the post for the last few issues.

Standings -- BUTTE 'A' LOOP

Teams	G	W	L	Pct.
Hinodes	3	3	0	1000
YMBA	3	3	0	1000
Block 28	3	2	1	667
Pasadena	3	1	2	333
Firemen	3	1	2	333
Lompoc	3	1	2	333
Giants	3	0	3	000

CANAL AYE LOOP

Teams	G	W	L	Pct.
Deltans	1	1	0	1000
Vikings	1	1	0	1000
Roughriders	1	0	1	1000
Cardinals	1	0	1	1000
Tigers (Drew bye last week)				

CANAL BEE LOOP

Teams	G	W	L	Pct.
Redcats	1	1	0	1000
Golden Bears	1	1	0	1000
Old Timers	1	0	1	000
Block 26	1	0	1	000

WANTED... Canal sportswriters. Apply at Canal news room in adm. bldg., splendid opportunities.