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COUNCIL HEADS REMINDE YOUTHS OF WAR DUTY

The youth of all countries are now serving in the armed forces. In the United States, all young men 18 years of age or over are subject to selective service.

It is well for parents to remember that the lives of their sons and of their future families depend on what those sons do in this situation. The boys of 18 today, in a few years, when the war ceases, will be living in American communities and will be asking each other: "What did you do in the war?"

Parents must be careful not to handicap the future of their sons.

Tsune Baba, chairman, Community Council; Mike Maruyama, vice-chairman, Community Council.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

The immediate relatives and friends of the following 2 deceased residents of Topaz wish to express appreciation for the sympathy extended to them during their bereavement:

CHERRY SUZUKI--Mrs. Haruyo Okahara and George Suzuki, on the passing of Cherry Suzuki.

SHOBEI KUSHIDA--Mrs. Fude Kushida, George Shioichi, Tatsuo, and Iwao Kushida, on the passing of Shobei Kushida.

NEWS BRIEFS

HANA-MATSURI: A special meeting of the Hana-Matsuri program committee will be held on Thursday from 7:30 PM at the Buddhist Church, it was announced.

All those connected with the affair are asked to attend the meeting.

1000 VOLUNTEER, ARMY ANNOUNCES

The War Department announced today at Washington, D.C., that more than 1,000 had volunteered from the 10 relocation centers for the Japanese American combat team. Of this number, 104 or 10% of the volunteers are from the Central Utah project at Utah, it was pointed

STATEMENT ISSUED BY HOSPITAL STAFF

In view of the difficulties which have occurred between the hospital and administration, a special committee from the Community Government conferred with the medical staff on the nights of March 13 and 14. As a result of these meetings, the staff has issued the following statement:

STATEMENT

We, the Topaz resident medical staff, because we have in our hearts the welfare of the patients in the hospital and the residents of the community as a whole foremost, do resolve to do our utmost to carry on the duties of our profession.

It will be noted by the public that any actions past, present, and future have been taken with the welfare of the Topaz community in mind.

The Council wishes the residents to give their wholehearted cooperation and support to our doctors and staff who have through the past trying nine months sacrificed any thought of their own well-being so that the community would not suffer. They in the hospital have given in great measure more than the public can realize, and we wish the Topaz residents to show their full appreciation for the deeds of the staff.

The conclusion of the meeting was to the effect that the staff would place their faith in the administration and act accordingly. There will be complete

out by Project Director Charles F. Ernst, following the announcement made by the War Department. He added that approximately 7% of those eligible for volunteering in Topaz offered their services for the combat team.

In connection with the volunteering program in Topaz, the volunteers formed themselves into a "Volunteer for Victory" organization and adopted a credo which has been submitted to the volunteers from each of the other 9 centers as the first step in the formation of a general organization intended to bring all American citizens of Japanese descent who serve in the armed forces of the United States together to work for civil rights now and after the war.

The plan is to form a local organization in each Project to serve as a point of contact so that the volunteers in each Center may communicate with each other and plan for a long-range program in behalf of all Japanese American citizens.

co-operation among all members of the staff to the end that the residents shall not suffer.

Negotiations were carried on between the hospital staff and the administration by the Health committee and the Extraordinary committee, both from the Community Council. As chairman of the Council, Tsune Baba was present at all meetings.

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Wed. night) 51° F.
Min. (Thurs. morn.) 23° F.

SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD ADVISES MALE CITIZENS

The following notifications have been issued by the Selective Service Board of Topaz to all male citizens of the City:

1. Report immediately to your local board any change of address.
2. Report immediately at your local board any change in your work, your dependents or your physical condition.
3. Consult your advisory board for registrants when in doubt about your status as a registrant and particularly about your questionnaire.
4. Consult with your Government Appeal Agent if you believe you have been improperly classified.
5. Keep in touch with your local board.

The present members of the advisory board are Tsune Baba, Vernon Ichisaka, Saiki Muneno and Masato Maruyama. Residents of the City having any questions or doubts concerning Selective Service are urged by the board to consult with them. Families whose male citizen members have already left Topaz should notify them to be sure to get in touch with their local draft boards, it was added. By local board is meant the one located in the registrant's place of residence prior to evacuation.

Civil Service To Employ Those In Centers

Authority has been received from the U. S. Civil Service Commission to employ persons residing in the War Relocation Centers who have worked for the Federal Government prior to evacuation in classified government positions, it was announced today by Claude C. Cornwall, chief of the Employment division. Cornwall said that any persons interested in this offer should apply at his office for a copy of Civil Service Form 57.

CALIF. BOARD WARNED NOT TO BAR EVACUEES FROM LIST

SACRAMENTO, Calif.--The State Personnel Board, which has acted to remove Japanese American employees from state service, has been cautioned by the State Department to "take no action which would be inconsistent with policy toward loyal American citizens of alien parentage."

TOPAZ SCOUTS VISIT LINDEL

Approximately 26 Topaz scouts attended the inter-troop Boy Scouts meeting with Lindel Troop 105 last Thursday afternoon at Lindel. Competition in various scout activities as well as in basketball games was enjoyed by those in attendance.

During the recent induction of people from Hawaii, the scouts were responsible for the efficient handling of ushering, guiding, baggages, fire making in all the stoves, and checking equipment in all the apartments. Over 72 scouts assisted in this undertaking.

TOPAZ MARIONETTE SHOW WINS HIGH PRAISE IN DELTA

Last Friday afternoon, the Topaz marionette troupe presented 2 puppet performances to the grammar and high school students of Delta. Sponsored by the Community Activities section, the puppet show, directed by Nobuo Kitagaki, was greeted with enthusiasm by the audience. A letter written by a third grade student was received at the CAS headquarters in reference to the entertainment. It read as follows:

"Dear people of the puppet show: We liked your show very much. We thought your puppets were very nice little people. We especially liked the magician and the ice skater. We liked the last act too. We liked the part where everyone sang.

"We hope you and your puppets can come to our school again sometime.

"Your friend, Reed Jeffery."

The board last year discharged 74 civil service employees of Japanese ancestry and the Board of Equalization fired an additional 13. About 150 probationary and temporary workers were dismissed. Most of the employees now in relocation centers have requested hearings.

In a letter to the Personnel Board, G. Howland Shaw, assistant secretary of State, advised the members to obtain an opinion from the War Relocation Authority for an opinion regarding the civil service cases.

Shaw forwarded a White House letter to the War Department, dated February 1, in which the President expressed his views on citizens of Japanese ancestry. No loyal citizen of the United States, Roosevelt wrote, should be denied the right to "exercise responsibilities of his citizenship," regardless of ancestry.

The Personnel Board arranged a conference with the State Attorney General's office to discuss possible action in the light of the State Department's letter.

WCCA Requests Evacuees Cease Clothing Queries

Since the Wartime Civil Control Administration no longer has any responsibility in connection with the clothing allowance, evacuees are asked not to send inquiries about their clothing allowance to the headquarters of the Western Defense Command, it was announced today.

The advice was given in view of the fact that the policy of the War Relocation Authority made clothing allowances retroactive to July 1.

