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## TOPAZ RESIDENTS FIVE NISEL DRAFT REFUSERS SEEK CIVIL RIGHTS, IN CUSTODY AT GRANADA U.S. PRESS

Japanese in Topaz are seeking restoration of civil rights and the right to return to the West Coast was the report given in Associated Press and International News Service stories this week.

information was This based on the series of questions on selective service sent to Washington, by Charles F. Ernst, project director, which was printed in the Topaz Times recently.

An AP article stated that Roscoe E. Bell, acting project director, reported that there was no agitation at the center, 7000 evacuees that but sought to rearn merely rights under selective service regulations which permit induction of Japanese Americans.

### HOMIKWAI SET BY BUDDHISTS

Homikwai services (mass meeting) will be held Sunday from 7 PM at the high school auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Buddhist Church. The main sormon will be given by Rev. T. Kashima.

Following the services, an entertainment program will be presented with the movie, "Henry Aldrich, Editor," and a short, "Kit Carson," as features.

### W. SMART DEPARTS FOR SLC WRA JOB

William Smart, leave officer, left the center to assume new duties as relocation advisor for the WRA office in Salt Lake City, headed by Ottis Peter-

Negotiations are under way for naming a successor.

WEATHER	Max.	Min. 32° 31°
Tuesday	44°	32°
Wednesday	48°	31.0

Lamar, Colo., Feb. 22(AP) Five American-born Japanese were in technical custody at the Granada relocation center Tuesday night after having refused to report for military. induction, Center Director James G. Lindley said. Forty-eight other Japanese-

### Blood Donors Needed At Hosp.

Another appeal for blood donors was made yesterday to meet emergency needs at the local hospital by the modical technologist. He stated that he expects to canvas the center by blocks for donors soon with the co-operation of the block managers. Volunteer donors should be between 18 and 45 years old.

Blood transfusions are needed for many surgical. cases, it was stated.

All donors will report to the hospital medical laboratory to have their  $\mathbf{A}$ file blood typed. of willing conors will be kept according to blood types so that they may be called whenever necessary.

### JAPANESE FIGHT CANADA'S ORDER

Federal government powers to order compulsory Japanese owned sale of properties on the Canadian cy." Pacific Coast will be tested before the Exchequer Court at Ottawa in April, according to the New Canadian.

The case will center around 3 properties, as yet not sold, which are in the names of a Japanese national, a naturalized Japanese and a Canadian a naturalized

DISCUSSIONS: With the completion of 268 family interviews, further discus- ver after a banquet in sions have been suspended temporarily, welfare said.

Americans were inducted.

Protests were made recently meetings of at small groups of the center's 7000 evacuees against limiting Japanese-Americans to military service in the army only. The protestants also sought, Lindley said, removal of other restrictions including the prohibition a -gainst their return to the Pacific Coast.

The privileges of the five who did not appear for induction were revoked, and at Denver US District Attorney Thomas J. Morrissey said the federal bureau of investigation would investigate.

The names of the five were not disclosed, but Lindley said three of them explained:

An 18-year old--"I don't think I owe the United States anything after the way they have been treating us, and I don't see my future the United in States."

Another 18-year old--"I asked for repatriation before. I feel no loyalty to the United States. When we came to the center we lost all civil rights. The constitution says that in the United States all men are created equal, regardless of color, race or creed. I don't call this democra-

A 25-year old -- "I don't like the idea of going into a combat team. I would like to have all the ser-Japanese vices open to just as they are to Caucasians,"

Of the 48 nisei who were inducted, Emmett Waring, a member of the Prowers county solective service board, said:

"They were a fine bunch

of fellows."

They departed for Dentheir honor at the center Tuesday night.

# AN EDITORIAL

# DRAFT "LIMITED"

REPRINT

When on January 21, the war department announced the reinstitution of selective service for Americans of Japanese descent "on the same basis as other Americans", it left open for speculation the issue most fundamental to all nisei.

The army has, by its segregation of Negro and white soldiers, been Jim Grow. It has organized two all-Japanese American units-guinea pig outfits, it calls them—to test the nisei under fire.

At the time of their organization, the reasons for the segregated units were impressive. The 100th battalion and the 442nd combat team would be composed entirely of volunteers, segregated to show America the fight ability of Japanese Americans.

With the record of the 100th battalion which has won distinction on the Italian front at the cost of one-third of its number, and the outstanding training record of the 442nd combat team, the purpose of segregated nisei units has been fulfilled. Further segregation can only be interpreted as Jap Crowism.

Every loyal American is willing to give his life for his country, but, in so giving, wants the assurance that the principles for which he fights will be preserved. No American of Japanese ancestry wants to give his life for the preservation of Jap Crowism.

With rare exception the navy, marines, air corps and armored forces are closed to the nisel. The army is the only branch of the service open to Japanese Americans.

The nisei want to fight side by side with other American soldiers, and rightfully look upon further segregation as outright discrimination. They feel the policy of the army is closely linked with the principles for which they are fighting.

In the years to come, no one can tell the crew of "Tupelo Lass" that Ben Kuroki is not a good American, Neither can they speak ill of S/Sgt. Shigeo Ito, Sgt. Harold Makamura and Sgt. Masami Mayeda to those boys who fought side by side with them for 18 months in the Aleutians. The thousands of other Americans of Japanese ancestry now serving in unsegregated units in widely scattered theaters of war are living examples of loyal nisei to their Caucasian comrades. Such proof of loyalty from a man "who was there" is worth more than all the vicarious tales of heroism that have and will be published about the 100th battalion and 442nd combat team.

Those American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought in World War I have today as their staunchest supporters, veterans who fought through the Argonne forests with them.

Selective service "limited" will be the interpretation of the Americans of Japanese ancestry as long as he is not given the opportunity to choose the branch of service through which he sacrifices his life the same as every other American. He cannot feel he has proven himself a real American until the mavy, marine corps, air corps, and armored forces welcome him or until he is offered V-12 and V-5 courses and training in the ASTP (army specialized training program) along with other Americans.

Heart Mountain Sontinol



America is now observing Brotherhood Week. President Roosevelt set aside the week of Washington's birthday as "a time both of reminder and dedication. It reminds us of the basic religious faith from which democracy has grown—that all men are children of one Father and brothers in the human family. It dedicates us to the practice of understanding and justice through which freedom and equality flourish

in human society."

The observance of a whole week from brotherly understanding and justice is a step toward the right direction. However, we feel that this spirit of cooperation should be extended throughout the other 52 weeks of the year and not be confined to seven days. The simple fact that a "Brotherhood Week" was set aside by Presidential proclamation is sufficient proof that intolerance and bigotry exist today -let alone the existence of 10 relocation centers -- mute evidence of West race mongers.

RELOCATION GOES ON

According to the December, 1943, Intercollegian, up to late November, "2136 nisei students had been relocated on college campuses--as many as were studying in colleges on the West Coast when the war broke out. The National Japanese American Student Relocation Council has been widely commended for its able handling of a complex situation.

"Most of the cost of nisei relocated students is borne by church denominations, with tuition often granted by the colleges. The World Student Service Fund last year helped 70 students, with \$14,000-an average of \$200 for each 'relocatee'. A similar sum is being furnished this year."

CHRISTIANITY AND EVACUATION Said Dr. E. Stanley Jones,

Said Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist, after a recent visit to 5 relocation centers, as reported by The Christian Century: "I have the conviction that American Christianity may receive a revitalization from 3 possible sources: the American Negroes, the young men in the CPS camps, and the Japanese Christians in the relocation centers."

Henri Takahashi

### SGI KUROKI TALKS OVER RADIO

Sgt. Ben Kuroki, turret gunner and hero of 30 bombing missions, spoke on the Ginny Simms radio program Tuesday night as one of the guests from the Armed Forces. Sgt. Kuroki was originally refused appearance on the same program by the War Department on advice from the National Broadcasting Company which questioned the advisability of his appearance.

Set. Kuroki stated that though his crew members came from different parentages, they are all fighting for the same cause--that of winning

the war.

# HANDICRAFT SHOW SFT FOR WEEK END

A handicraft and art exhibition will be sponsored Saturday and Sunday by tho local slate club at rec 10. The display will include stone craft, handicraft, artificial flowers and Oriental arts, it was related.

The exhibit will be open from 2 to 9 PM, Saturday, and from 10 AM to 9 PM, Sunday. All those who wish to exhibit their articles are requested to bring them in to rec 10 on Friday, it was indicated.

DOG OFFERED: A small, black and white dog will be given away free. Contact 33-12-F.

# DEDICATION OF USO-YWCA CLUBHOUSE SLATED SUNDAY

# JACL OPPOSES ARMY SEGREGATION

vice, Saburo Kido, national JACL president, said that "we hope segregation will not be the rule," in his annual report, "JACL in Wartime", published on January 1, 1944.

"We bolieve the 100th Infantry Battalion and the Japanese American combat toam are serving the role to symbolize nisei loyalty," reserves will act as hoswrote Kido. "We believe tesses and the junior girl it will be of immense value to have our boys serve alongside those of cauca-

sian descent.

"It will demonstrate the value of co-operation and bring about greater racial understanding. The result undoubtedly will be to make a greater circle of friends who will ha willing to speak for the nisei when they return to civilian life. Those soldiers who have had actual contact with nisei soldiers in the South Pacific. Alaska, and elsewhere, attest to this fact."

#### THOMAS TAKES OVER STINGLEY'S POSITION

Oscar E. Thomas, formerly of the Manzanar center. arrived here Friday to succeed David Stingley, local administrator, hospital who left last Thursday for Manzanar.

# Sf Chronicle Writer Visits Here for feature Material pinion that the Japanese

William Flynn, feature writer of the San Francisco Chronicle, visited To-paz yesterday morning to paz yesterday compile data for an artied Japanese are determined to return to the Pacific Coast. He is now making a tour of Salt Lake City and various Colorado communities and will attempt to answer whether communities where the evacuees are relocating are willing to accept them as permanent residents.

Flynh expressed the o-

Americans should not make themselves conspicuous, as more attention is focused on a nisei who behaves cle on whether the evacuat- poorly than those of other groups. He explained that a nisei driving a large limousine at excessive speed in a small Colorado community had unknowingly caused resentment there.

"Japanese Americans will have more grounds in fighting for their civil rights after the war if they serve in the armed forces now," Flynn stated.

Dedication coremonies for the YWCA-USO building at rec 4 will be held this Sunday from 2:30 PM, it Regarding selective ser- was announced today hv Toshi Koba of the community activities department. The new clubhouse uled to be dedicated during the youth conference held here recently; postponed until now.

formal Following the dedication program, will be given in the new clubhouse. The senior girl reserves will serve tea: All residents are invited. it was stated.

A program of USO activities will be announced soon, Miss Koba said.

# LAY COMMITTEES TO GET \$4 FACH

All block lay tees will receive four dollars for their individual block recreational fund, according to Rev. Masamoto Nishimura of the Protestant Church. The money is being distributed from the fund which was received here as part of the Protestant Church Christmas Fund.

Blocks 3 and 41 which are partly resident blocks will receive three dollars

### GIRLS MAY APPLY FOR GOV'T JOBS

Girls interested in stenographers' and typists' jobs now open in Washington, DC, should apply to Emery Fast of the Washington relocation office. copies of notarized civil service form 57 should be enclosed when applying.

Robert Dolins of the office Washington area stated that about 50 nisei girls are now employed by government agencies in the capitol, many roceiving advancement in ratings to \$1800 and \$2000 positions.

Job now open are for grade 3A ratings with a base pay of \$1620, plus overtime.

# Raps Colorado

### Representatives

In the hushed chamber of the Colorado House of Forresentatives on Feb. 5 a Japanese American sergeant of the US Army from Camp Carson pleaded with members of the Colorado Legislature to refrain from enactment of laws would militate against loyal non-citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Other Japanese American soldiers from Camp Carson, two of whom had served for six months in the Alcutian Islands, were present as Set. Jimmy Gozawa said that democracy should be a thing "above race, color, or creed."

Gozawa, who was inducted in San Francisco where he operated a flower shop, stopped in Denver while en route to Camp Savage, Minn.

He appeared, unheralded, at a meeting called by the Constitutional Amendments committee of the Colorado House to discuss several proposed amendments to the state constitution which would prohibit aliens Japanese ancestry from buying or owning property.

He pleaded in behalf of both Japanese American citizens and aliens who, by law, cannot be naturalized.

"I am an American by birth and it means a great deal to me," he said. "It is almost impossible for you to understand this titanic struggle, sitting here comfortably.

"There are thousands of people who are suffering and dying -- not because they are black or white, Japanese or something else --but because they are believers in democracy.

"We are going overseas. We are going to be hungry. We are going to be scared. Many of us are going to be crippled.

"We are not asking for special privileges. We are only asking for a chance to show that we do believe in democracy, that it is dear to us.

"Please give us hope that our loved ones here will be taken care of."

# Nisei Doughboy 1001H INFANTRY PRAISED FOR FIGHTING AT CASSINO

The United States Army's 100th Infantry Battalion; composed of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, "has been fighting effectively in the Cassino sector in Italy," Secretary of War Stimson declared Thursday at his press conference in Washington, according to the Pacific Citizen dated February 19.

Secretary Stimson's announcement was the first indication that the now-famous battalion, which has been in action in Italy from the time of the capture of the Salerno beachhead, was engaged in the bitter for the strategic city of Cassino.

Dispatches Thursday evening reported that the United Nations forces besieging Cassino were still contesting the Nazi stranglehold on the town in fierce fighting which raged in the streets and from house to house.

Secretary Stimson's statement was the first official mention of the Japanese American unit since Jan. 21. when he reported that the unit had suffered casualties amounting to approximately one-third of its strength. Japanese American casualties announced at that time were 96 dead, 221 injured and 17 missing. It was believed that most of these casualties were sustained in heavy fighting in the Volturno River front.

Previous dispatches from the War Department from front-line correspondents have disclosed that the Japanese Americans were fighting as part of a "famous American division," the 34th, one of the first U.S. units to reach the European front. Press dispatches indicated that the Japanese Americans were spearheading the attack of this famous division in the Italian fighting.

In a Columbia Broadcasting System newscast on Feb. 16, Bob Anderson reported over KNX, Los Angeles, that the 100th Infantry Battalion had taken many German prisoners in recent fighting. Anderson said that .these Germans were bewildered at being captured by men of Japanese ancestry, and that many of the Germans believed that "Japan had switched sides" when they saw the Japanese Americans, the Pacific Citizen said.

# WEST COAST CONGRESSMEN COOL ON TRANSFER OF WRA TO ICKES

President transfer of the war reloca- ganization remains intact. tion authority to the incool response Friday from to have added western congressmen who led the long attack on the the ouster of Director Dil- Engle (D., Cal.). lon S. Myer, according to a UP report.

Many members of the 21 representatives from California, Oregon and Washington who petitioned the president for Myer's dismissal said the transfer was simply an attempt to place WRA in a position where it would be more dif- the interior ty for its action.

Under the transfer Myer continues as head of the organization, directly under Secretary of Interior

Roosevelt's Harold L. Ickes. Myer's or-

"The only result of the terior department met a transfer is that it seems one portfolio to Mr. Ickes' already bulging briefcase," agency with demands for said Representative Clare

"It doesn't to seem mean anything and it does not satisfy," said Engle, whose district includes the turbulent Tule Lake, Cal., WRA camp.

Representative Shepard (D., Cal.) said:

"The placing of WRA under the jurisdiction department ficult to fix responsibili- will not affect its administration if its are not changed. If Myer's policies are to continue, the transfer is an idle gesture."

# RAM HOOPSTERS INVADE DELTA GYM ON FRIDAY

trouncing After league-leading Delta Rabbits twice on their home court, the Topaz Rams, unthe officially leading league by virtue of their victories over teams in the the top division, will invade the Delta gym this Friday night at o'clock.

Under Coach Fred Koba's tutoring, the local high school cage team has shown spirit and sportsmanship in their games with outside teams and have greatly improved since the season began.

The lineup as announced by the casaba coach is as follows: Hank Hidekawa(c), Shig Yoshimine and Tom Tomicka (f) and Vince Homii and Stan Tsujisaka (g), Others who are likely to play are Yosh Fujita, Ossie Tamaki, Harlem Sano, Kiyoshi Kusunoki, Willy Hamada, Mike Mayeda and Yosh Yamada.

### Free Toss Cops Tilt For Blk 28

With the scoreboard reading 16-all, Junji Doa-mi. block 28 guard, pitched in a charity toss for the winning point to edge out the block 39 five, 17-16, Tuosday night. Block 28 is now in second place behind block, 27 in the National loop race.

Shinoda of #39 Willy Hamada of #28 scored high with 5 points apiece.

## HOOP RESULTS

MODDAY RESULTS American (AA)

Block 5--20, Block 1--19 Block 20--24, Blk 19--22

Northern

Block 13--15, Block 7--3 Southern

Block 31--13, Blk 36--10 TUESDAY RESULTS

Eastern

Blk 37b--16, Blk 42--12 National (AA)

Block 28--17, Blk 39--16

Blk 31--35, Blk 22-23--22 Southern

Blk 37a--31, Blk 38--17



# BLOCK 5 UPSETS FAVORED BLOCK I QUINTET, 20-19

On the short end of a 19-18 count and with 10 seconds remaining in the fracas, a long heave by Tak Take -moto from quarter-court put block 5 to the fore to upset the highly favored block 1 quint, 20-19, in a thrill-packed American league hoop tussle last Wonday

night. With block 1 was this loss, lowered into second place.

From the opening minute of play, it became evident that the block 5 hoopmen were out to give their opponents a bad time. #5 took a 15-6 lead at the half but block I forged ahead in the middle of the final quarter by one point. Takemoto then chalked up a deuce to ice the game.

The three-man scoring team composed of the Sano brothers and Takemoto scored 3, 5 and 12 tallies Takemoto . respectively. Iggy Yoshimu-

## Intermountain Tournament

FLASH: Topaz has just received an invitation to defend its title in the JACL Intermountain tournament on March 10. 11 and 12 at Salt Lake City. About 12 players will be picked on the all-star team to represent Topaz.

## BLOCK 20 WINS IN SECOND EXTRA

Mearly causing the sec- ra scored high with 7. ond upset of the night, gers knotted the score in the final minute of the battle and again in the initial overtime but were out when lanky nosed. George Yonekura followed un on a missed foul throw in the last minute of the second extra to break the deadlock in favor of the undefeated block 20 casabans, 24-22, in a National loop game Monday night.

A long toss by Yamamoto maining tied the count at 18-a11.

8 apiece and Takahashi scored high for the losers with 8.

### BLOCK 31 CASABANS TAKE 35-22 FRACAS

time by one point, the 31 basketballers block came through to crush the combined blocks 22-23 in a 35-22 scramble last Tuesday night. George Yamamura led the scoring with 15 markers followed by Harry Sekigahama and Tom Yoshitomi with 14 and 11.

## the persistent block 19 ca- TOUGH SCHEDULE FACES H.S. FIVE

The Topaz Rams will meet some of the toughest competition in the state within the coming weeks, according to reports just received.

Slated for March 8, the locals will tangle with the Nephi quintet and in the same week, March 10 or 11, they will meet one of the strongest teams in the with less than a minute re- state--Granite. In their last encounter with Nephi, the Rams were nosed out on Makata and Yonekura cop- the victor's court. ped high point honors with Granite Farmers are reported to be at the top of their league and a strong contender for the state championship.

Also tentatively scheduled are an all-star team. Trailing at the half-from Millard County, Jordan, Brigham Young, Davis

and Payson.

# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 7:00--34 vs 35...Eastorn 7:45--6 vs 12...Northern 8:30--5 vs 9....American



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