

## BIDDLE DOUBTS NEED FOR MASS EVACUATION

In a report to Congress recently, Attorney General Francis D. Biddle indicated his "doubt about the need for removing all Japanese from the west coast," according to a news dispatch datelined Washington, D.C., by Warren B. Francis of the Los Angeles Times in the January 22 issue.

Biddle's report said that the removal of the west coast Japanese after weeks of discussion--was carried out by the War Department because "only the Army had the facilities required to handle such a large-scale migration."

In his report Biddle also declared that the bulk of Axis citizens in the United States are no menace and should be released. At present nationals of Germany and Japan, although legal residents of the USA, are classified as "enemy aliens" and are subject to travel and other restrictions.

"While it is clear that most enemy aliens do not constitute a source of danger to our national security, it was deemed wise to impose the restrictions to which I have referred because of that undetermined small group who are not loyal to the United States," Biddle said in his report.

"It is our aim and hope that these restrictions may be eased and that groups of enemy aliens may be freed from all restrictions as we become more and more certain

## NISEI OUTSIDE WRA CENTERS CAN VOLUNTEER FOR ARMY AT ANY LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

WASHINGTON, (Special)--American citizens of Japanese ancestry who are between the ages of 18 and 38 and who live outside WRA centers may volunteer for active service in the United States Army by applying at the nearest local draft board, according to instructions issued by national headquarters of the selective service system and mailed to draft boards throughout the country. The instructions make refer-

### ANOTHER RUMOR SPIKED!

## SCHOOL BLDGS. NOT FOR HOSPITALS

Administrator James D. Crawford of Poston Two denied any truth to the rumors being circulated by irresponsible persons to the effect that the school buildings being constructed in Unit 2 are to be used as hospitals when completed.

"There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that the school buildings will be used as hospitals," Administrator Crawford emphasized yesterday. The story has been traced down to its source and you may assure the residents that there is no foundation to it and there never has been," he told a Chronicle reporter yesterday.

that we have apprehended and interned all those who are actually disloyal."

The Attorney General pointed out that only 228 out of approximately 600,000 Italian aliens in this country have been interned. Italians were recently released from "enemy alien" restrictions.

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ence to the announcement here last week that a combat team composed entirely of United States citizens of Japanese extraction or parentage is to be formed for active service in a theatre of war. Volunteers for this team, it is announced, must have been born in the United States or its Territories and be able to speak English.

A special form entitled "Statement of United States Citizen of Japanese Ancestry," (Form 304A), will be used by local draft boards in accepting applications from those who wish to volunteer for the special combat team. This form will also be used by the Army representatives who are scheduled to start receiving such applications at the ten relocation centers not later than February 10.

### IMPORTANT

Voluntary enlistment in the Nisei Army Combat Team is not confined to citizens 18, 19 or 20, but is open to all men of military age.

POSTON WARTIME WEATHER		
	High	Low
Feb. 9	60	35
10	61	36



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## CO-OP Vs. ENTERPRISES

The editorial by a T.K. in the Tuesday issue of the Chronicle is one step nearer to what this editor requested on behalf of the people. Such articles tend to go a long way toward destroying the suspicions which are being harbored, and justifiably, the residents concerning the actions of those who are in responsible positions in the Community Enterprise set-up.

Every loyal American citizen of Japanese extraction should be fully aware of the great historical significance attached to the message which President Franklin D. Roosevelt dispatched to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

For the first time in the brief history of their lives, the loyal Japanese Americans were directly recognized and assured of their priceless heritage of citizenship by the Chief Executive of these United States of America. In the following 39 words, "The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry." President Roosevelt affirmed his confidence in the loyalty of the Niseis and offered every American of Japanese descent renewed faith and affiance in the democratic way of life.

At the same time, it served to silence those intolerant politicians who have been criticizing the Japanese American citizens and the WRA. It is indeed a sad commentary on our national history that such so-called patriotic statesmen and many influential members of the citizenry are unable to diagnose the true meaning of Americanism; that it is, as President Roosevelt so profoundly observed, a matter of the mind and heart and NOT a matter of race or ancestry.

However, it may be too much to ask that a comparatively young nation of 130 million people completely realized its fundamental aims, as stated so inspiringly and idealistically in our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, within so short a period of time. Suffice it to observe that in the above-quoted message, our perspicacious Presidents has contributed another milestone in unifying the free peoples and in realizing those Constitutional objectives.

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In passing, however, permit this particular editor to comment on one phase of T.K.'s effort to enlighten the people. That is in respect to the assets of the Enterprises. It matters not how much the amount involved. The question posed is what's going to become of that asset which rightfully belongs to some 18,000 people?

Before the purchase tag retaining system was instituted, no individual records were maintained of purchases. With the acceleration of the relocation program, thousands are expected to leave soon who nevertheless should have some share in the assets built up prior to January 15.

Liquidation will, probably, take place after the war. In the meantime, under the present KNOWN set-up, those who leave the Center for resettlement and who spent their money prior to Jan. 15, in the enterprise shops will be deprived of their just share.

In all fairness, some compensation should be made. Perhaps we are in error. If so, our minds are wide open for corrections. In the meantime, more information concerning the Coop vs. the Enterprises setup will certainly be welcome.

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In the meanwhile, every American of Japanese descent who harbors expectations of remaining in this country should, as the Chief Executive offered, take steps to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contributions--be it in the ranks of the armed forces, war production, agriculture, government

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service, or other work essential to the war effort. Only in this way shall such minority citizens be able to assure themselves a firmer foundation for their posterity.

K.O.

## LOW FLYING OF PLANES TO CEASE

The Chronicle was informed that in reply to a letter sent by W. Wade Head, proj. dir., steps had been taken by the War Dept. to hereafter cease the low-flying which had Postonites "on ends". "I have taken steps to see that this low-flying is stopped," quoted the letter from the Ass't Sec'y of War, John J. McCloy.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS TO GO ON OUTING

Poston I High School Junior Red Cross Council will hold a picnic at the hills this Sat., Feb. 13, according to T.K. Shindo, publicity mgr. of the Poston Red Cross. Aside from the council, the Poston I High School Speech Club and the J.R.C. Album Committee are invited to attend this outing.

All participants are requested to meet in front of the Red Cross office at Rec. 30 at 9 a.m. sharp with their own lunch and water.

JOINT ED. COUNCIL MEETING  
SLATED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

A Joint Educational Council including representatives from Poston I, II, & III will meet Friday night, Feb. 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Others to be there are the principals of the Poston schools, representatives of the school governments, leaders of the P.T.A. and the Educational Committee of the three Postons' council.

This is an attempt to revive the plan of having those concerned in education meet occasionally to discuss and solve problems which may arise.

## ART NOTES

Materials for silk screen processing and block printing have arrived at the Art Dept., and orders for holiday and special greeting cards will be taken in the near future, it was announced.

New classes in sculpturing began last Wed. night, Feb. 3rd, and will be held every Wed. 8-10 p.m. at the Blk. 11 Mgr's office temporarily, Kinichi Itaya, sculpturing instructor said. Preliminary lessons will be held on drawing and molding.

## INTENTIONS TO WED

- Feb. 8: James Mayeda to Tomi Kobayashi, Blk. 4-D.  
Feb. 9: Eddie Matsumura to Frances Goto, 307-9-A.

## WHAT'S BUZZIN' FOR TODAY

7:30 p.m. ....

Integral Calculus, Rec. 36.  
Radio and Electricity, Rec. 18  
Social Problems Discussion,  
Rec. 36, "Health in Poston"  
Advanced Shorthand, Rec. 14, 42.  
College English, Rec. 43.  
Issei First Aid Class, Rec. 30.

## BLESSED EVENTS

To Mr. & Mrs. Jitaro Waki, Blk. 222-3D, formerly of Needles, Calif., a girl, Feb. 9th.

To Mr. & Mrs. Benji Hara, Blk. 35-9B, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif., a boy, Feb. 9th.

To Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo Shigemoto, Blk. 216-11-C, formerly of Watsonville, Calif., a boy, Feb. 10.

To Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Kawasaki, Blk. 19-14-A, formerly of Salinas, Calif., a boy, Feb. 10.

## MUSIC APPRECIATION HOUR

The postponed Music Appreciation Hour, sponsored by the Dept. of Adult Education, will be held this Friday night, Feb. 12, at 7:30 in Rec. 26. Excerpts from the Mikado will be given, and comments by Mrs. K. Tanigashi. All music lovers are invited to attend.

## AIKO FUJIOKA IN MANZANAR

Persons requesting the address or whereabouts of one, Aiko Fujicka please be advised that he is in Manzanar.

## OBITUARY

Masahi Hatakeda, 15, Blk. 316-2-A, Feb. 9, formerly from Tulare County.

## TWO JOBS FOR MAIDS OPEN

Two openings for maids--one in Topeka, Kansas, preferable for some one over 30 years old, and another in Dallas, Texas---were announced today by the Unit I Employment Office. Both jobs pay \$40 per month plus room and board. Applicants may call at their local employment office for further details.

## BRIEF BEATS. . . .

John G. Evans, Unit I Administrator, office is to be located in the Old Hospital annex Bldg., it was observed, Wednesday... Sgt. Mas Kanai, of Camp Savage, arrived Wed. morning. He is the grandson of Mrs. T. Kanai of Blk. 36, and fiance of Miss Iku Yamashita.

### Troth Of Well-known Couple Told

Miss Toshiko Kumaki revealed her troth to Mr. George Nishida before immediate families and relatives Saturday evening at her father's residence at 227-14-B.

The bride-elect, formerly of Arroyo Grande, California, is dental assistant to her fiance.

Nishida, who is dentist on the Poston II school campus, was formerly of Lindsay, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Nishida, Mr. T. Kumaki, J. Kumaki, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mikawa, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Nanamura were present at the announcement party.

### Valentine Party Enjoyed At Singespiration

A merry Valentine social was enjoyed Tuesday evening in conjunction with the bi-weekly Singespiration by the members of the Christian Youth Fellowship and their guests.

Singing was led by Lily Maeno and accompanist at the piano was Gladys Onoye.

Games arranged by Kikuye and Yoshiye Takata were played. Topping the event was the refreshments prepared by Yoshi Kodani, Kimi Tagi and their committee members.

### High School Seniors Aid Adobe-making

Poston Two high school seniors representing 68 volunteers worked Saturday morning to mold 443 bricks, making the total of 46,322 bricks completed to date.

Last Monday the block gardeners volunteered by helping to mix the concrete for the foundation.

### Investiture Ceremonies Planned

Girl Scout leaders will be commissioned at the Investiture ceremonies to be held on February 27 at a bonfire fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Committees in charge include Elizabeth Ogata, food; Sally Mizoguchi and Chisato Chara entertainment; Nancy Matsui, fire; 213 Scouts, location.

Kikuye Takata, Chairman of the Council presided. Mrs. James D. Crawford, advisor, gave the second lecture in the leadership training series.

It was disclosed at the meeting of the leaders that there are 12 troops including 84 Brownies, 90 Intermediates and 39 Senior Scouts making a total of 213 girls active in the Girl Scout program in Poston Two.

### Miss Cheney To Address Quad 5 Women Tonight

Of interest to both mothers and daughters will be the speaker for the Mademoiselles meeting tonight at the 229 Kitchen. Miss Alice Cheney of the Social Welfare Department will speak in Japanese for the benefit of the mothers on topics concerning the Poston "home."

Elizabeth Ogata will be chairman of the program, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. All the out-of-high-school girls in blocks 226, 227 and 229 are urged to attend with their mothers.

### Timekeepers To Set Up Unit 2 Extension

At the block managers' meeting Tuesday morning, it was reported by the Timekeeping Dept. that an extension is to be set up here so that unnecessary delay will be alleviated in the Unit 2 payroll. Heretofore Unit II time sheets went through the Unit I extension.

It was also revealed that the December paychecks are in Los Angeles at the present time, and will be distributed very shortly.

When clothing allowances are granted in the near future, it was stated that October and November allotments will be made together.

George Nakaji, chairman of the Executive Committee, in his conference at Unit I explained that the registration of male citizens from 17 and up will commence soon. Registration will be followed by selective service.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unit Two's shoe repair shop announced that the shop is open again for additional repair work.

The Beauty Shop revealed that hair-dyeing services are now available. Roux dyes will be featured. Customers are asked to bring own towels.

### Chronicle Calendars Selling Fast

Limited supply of Chronicle calendars are available as early reservations have been made by local residents.

Copies are on sale at the Unit II News Bureau of the Chronicle office at 5¢ each.

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POSTON III

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# REGISTRATION STARTS IN UNIT III

Following the mess meeting Tuesday afternoon which was attended by a crowd of 2000, questions and answers relative to induction into the army and to mass clearance for residents were presented and answered by Lt. John Bolton yesterday morning prior to registration that began at 2:00 p.m.

Questions most often put up before the meeting was regarding family welfare and benefits, and property disposal and management before leaving for service.

# UNIT II Y.B.A. ENTERTAINS

Fred Nitta, prominent bussei of Poston II, spoke on "The Future of the Nisei" before a capacity crowd at the Y.B.A. Nite Tuesday at Rec 306. Manabu Fukuda, C.Y.B.L. president, spoke on "Why Religion?"

An informal program followed with (congenial) Yoneo Gota as emcee. The program consisted of community singing, skits, tricks, and many talents.

The entire program for the evening was put on by over fifty members from unit II Y.B.A.

# LAST RITES

Last rites for Masashi Hatakeda, 15, formerly of Visalia and a sophomore student will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Rec 316 with Rev. Kawasaki officiating. He was stricken with a sudden case of pneumonia, passing away Tuesday morning.

Surviving him are his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Hatakeda and his brother, Johnny.

# DR. PAGE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC ON SUNDAY

On Sunday evening, in place of the evening worship, Dr. Kirby Page will speak to the public at the outdoor stage site at Mess 310. Although he is scheduled to speak in English, his message will be translated into Japanese for the Issei immediately following the services.

This arrangement was made in order to accommodate the large crowd expected. Everyone is reminded to bring their chairs.

# VALENTINES, CREPE PAPER ON SALE

New supplies of crepe paper in all kinds of colors will be on sale at Industry from today. Duplex crepe paper are also available.

Unique valentines are selling fast but still more are on sale.

Flower vases made from bottles and cans and cleverly covered with fluted fiberboard are also on sale at five cents apiece.

# COTTAGE MEETINGS

- BEGUN -

Cottage prayer circles are beginning this Saturday night with each Roku having their own gatherings, as another phase by the Christian Church. These meetings are specifically for those residing in the blocks in which the meetings are held and the schedule for this Sat. is as follows: Roku I, 305-7-D; Roku II, 325-9-C; Roku III, 322-7-C.

# NOTICE

Anybody who wishes to know the whereabouts of Henry Ushijima in order to get his business records is asked to contact the legal department here.



A group of tough looking coppers came in to the Press office to demonstrate to the staff members, especially the feminine members a novel trick involving partial hypnotism. A two hundred pounder (well, approximately) was lifted several feet into the air by four policemen—each man using only two fingers. How was it done? With proper breathing and concentration on the part of the lifters the feat can be performed by anyone—they say.

# CHICKEN DINNER

In the Heart Mountain Sentinel appeared an article that a chicken dinner with trimmings was enjoyed by the block managers, their wives and office workers.

# 5-6 FEET OF SNOW

A soldier visiting here from Colorado said that there is 5-6 feet of snow in Colorado. It's hard to believe! Maybe he meant the snow drifters were that deep.

# J.U.G. HOLDS ELECTION

Eiji Hamaka will succeed Sara Tsuruoka as president of the J.U.G. Assisting her will be Betty Kurotsuki, v.p.; Edith Hirose, sec.; Nancy Ozaki, treas.; and Ruth Yamauchi, ath. mgr. and publicity.

Installation will be held on February 20,

# SINGSPIRATION TONIGHT

Singspiration will be held tonight at Rec 329 beginning at 7:30. Everyone is invited to join the crowd at these gatherings which have been growing more popular each week.

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