

TANFORAN TOTALIZER

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ASSEMBLY CENTER HEAD GREETES RESIDENTS

EDITORIAL...

The Tanforan Totalizer is intended to be this center's paper in every way. Its interests are those of all the residents here. It is not the organ of any self-seeking group and it will not play any politics. It will seek to promote a democratic and cooperative spirit within the community as the basis of all action whether individual or collective.

That the paper may be truly representative of the whole community, it will be open to every sort of suggestion from its readers for improving it from issue to issue. All those interested in the venture are invited to take active part in the publication.

The present temporary staff has taken the initiative in starting the paper in the belief that the common good would be served thereby. Final adjustments within the staff will be based on ability and willingness to do the work.

COOPERATION STRESSED

Wm. R. Lawson, Tanforan Assembly Center Manager, today greeted residents here in a statement made to this paper as follows:

"May I take this opportunity of extending my greetings to all the residents of Tanforan Assembly Center and to congratulate them on the first issue of their newspaper. This paper can play a most important part in the community life of this Center and I wish it every success.

"I would like to impress upon every resident the importance of accepting his full share of responsibility in the operation of the Center...There is a big job to be done and everyone must do his or her part.

"It will be the policy of the management to make this community as self-governing as possible. The success of this policy and the happiness and welfare of everyone will depend on the cooperation of all concerned.

"Only such rules and regulations will be made by the management as are necessary for the health, welfare and best interests of all concerned. Strict compliance with these regulations is essential."

p.o.'s daily tote hits 6000

Handling about 6000 pieces of mail--3000 going out and an equal number coming in--the Tanforan postoffice is today one of the busiest places in the center.

Of the outgoing mail, about 1000 are postcards. But the most hectic activity of the postoffice is in selling and cashing money orders.

Postmaster Gill Juchert reports that his office sells more money orders daily than the town of San Bruno, even though hours for handling them are limited to the morning.

The postmaster advises those who have not yet done so to notify the home town postoffice of changes in address, otherwise mail may be delayed two days.

According to Frank Iwanaga, in the lost letter department, over 1000 letters a day are received by the office because barrack and apartment numbers are lacking.

Although it may be provided later, no special delivery service has yet been established. Regular deliveries occur twice a day. Letters leave camp (Cont'd on P. 3)

MEDICAL CENTER

EMERGENCY!

If you slice a nice gob of yourself or something akin, the report's to be dashed to the Medical Center (main hospital) where an ambulance and a sedan are on 24-hour duty for cases warranting use.

HAVE YOU BEEN SHOT?

Typhoid shots and vaccinations for smallpox are being given during May at the Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m. All residents still unshot are to report.

THE CENTER

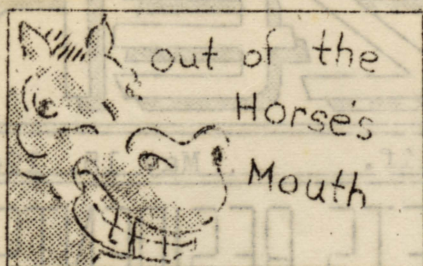
The Medical Center (see map on page 4) at present has five buildings, with 1 as the general clinic; 2 as the main hospital; 5 as the dental and special baby clinic. Dr. Hajime Uoyama and his staff are in charge. Dr. Carl Hirota and Miss Masae Mori, RN, head, respectively, the dental and nursing staffs. Clinic schedules have been posted thruout our City.

MRS. NARUO SETS PACE WITH JUDY...

The newest Tanforan arrival is 7½ lb. Judy Naruo, born to Mrs. Michie Naruo last Monday at 8:50 p.m., Dr. Kazuo Togasaki attending.

Mother and infant are both reported doing well in the center hospital.

The proud parents reside in B. 110, A.3 and are from San Leandro.



'HOME SWEET STALL'

Though still far from an earthly paradise, Tanforan has come a long way since the first week when residents were whinnying to one another, "Is it my imagination, or is my face really getting longer?"

INTRODUCTORY

This stall is reserved for the incidental whinnies of the paper's staff. But what comes out of the horse's mouth will depend a good deal on what goes into its ear.

So, residents, it is your column as well as ours--give us the provender and we will neigh to your taste.

FLAG UP

An informant tells us that the first barrack to unfurl an American flag overhead is No. 22. A good example to set, say we, particularly since this is Citizenship week.

HEY, CAREFUL THERE!

When putting up those shelves, closets, etc., make sure of two things: (1) that your neighbor is not blissfully leaning against the wall on the other side, and (2) that nail length and wall thickness are proportionate.

We know of one person who almost got an involuntary inoculation in the back from the energetic party in the next stall.

We don't want any repetition, on however small a scale, of a certain international incident of ill repute.

TRIPLE DEUCES

Three sets of twins, all fillies, live in Barrack 24, according to Tad Yamada, house manager. The Takeuchi twins, Fusayo and Tokiko, 14 years old, are from San Lorenzo; the Hironaka pair, Mary and Amy, also 14, hail from San Leandro; while the third duo are Megumi and Hagumi Takizawa, 19, of Oakland.

BATTLE HYMN

Attention, editors of other center papers: If Manzanar's Free Press is "most unique," And Sant' Anita's sheet is out to set The pace by claiming that it ranks "most best"--- Then ours can nothing be but "bestest yet"!

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

RECREATION PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY

Tanforan's recreation program was officially launched last Monday with a meeting of those with previous experience in the field and Leroy Thompson, department director.

The organizational plan to be followed embraces, among other things, the setting up of eight recreational communities with a director in charge of each. Community director appointees will be officially announced soon, Thompson said.

BUILDINGS, FACILITIES

Buildings and facilities now available for recreational use are:

- No. 1--next to B. 99.
- No. 2--btwn. B. 84 and 86.
- No. 3--next to B. 54
- No. 4--next to B. 127.
- No. 5--library, next to B. 160.
- No. 8--mess hall 4, next to B. 9.
- No. 9--back of B. 4.

Hours for the above are as follows: general recreation buildings, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Monday thru Saturday; library, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., 6 to 9 p.m., every day of week.

PRE SCHOOL CENTERS

In addition there are two pre-school play centers for children aged 2 to 6, open daily, Monday thru Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Center No. 1 is located between B. 2 and B. 3, No. 2 between B. 19 and B. 20.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Under construction now, Thompson stated, are an athletic field, including an official softball diamond, and another field at the northeast corner of the assembly center.

REMEMBER THE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES AT 7:30.

With the addition of curtains and hand-made furniture, most apartments have lost the appearance of horse stalls.

The new spirit is to christen homes with names like Bel-Air Arms, Ritz Apartments, Kum Inn and The Inner Sanctum. The exception is Son of the Biscuit's Mansion, an apartment on the south side of camp, representing a reactionary tendency.

The residents lost no time in trying to make themselves as comfortable as possible. Many families ordered drapes and camp-chairs from the outside.

Flower gardens and window boxes glamorized the classic simplicity of stables. Victory gardens, complete with home-made cultivating equipment, were planted.

With better food, morale is improving. A resident since April 29 remarked: "You can tell they are feeling better. They never used to laugh so much the first few days when they ate."

The consensus is that if developments of the last two weeks are a criterion of future progress, Tanforan may become---to some at least---a poor man's Shangri-La.

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR ART CLASSES

Those interested in the art classes headed by Prof. Chiura Obata may enroll at the Protestant church (mess hall 14) all this week, Mary Takahashi, secretary, announced.

Elementary, high school, college and adult classes will be offered, it was revealed.

Further details will be supplied by the educational director of the center who will be in camp this week.

THE KITCHEN

FOR BABES AND INVALIDS

Near the north end of the Grand Mess Hall you'll find a special Kitchen for babies and invalids. The Medical Center's the place to apply for particulars on this service.

When our Roving Man visited the Kitchen, a total of 99 babies, ranging from 2 weeks to 18 months, and several adults requiring special diets were being served from there. Mrs. Harue Yamashita, RN, heads this staff.

INTRODUCING MR. FOGARTY

You will want to meet Mr. John E. Fogarty 'cause he's the Chief Steward of our Commissary. Happily, he's pledged his best by us; and we trust his best will prove quite good.

And with him in the Commissary are Yuk Kawahara, Archie Hirashima, Isamu Yamakawa, Mrs. Pat Hirashima; and in the warehouse are Shoji Bou, Joe Ichiyasu, Noboru Hanyu, Sim Nambu and Effie Kawahara and a number of others who are all concerned with the well-being of our Kitchens.

AND THE MANAGERS

Then there's the people who manage our community Kitchens and so are of vital import to all of us. To begin, there's Chef Alvin Griffis, at the Grand Mess Hall, who was born in Sweden, speaks five languages and now has come to look after a large portion of us here.

And among the managers of local Kitchens are Marri Kyogoku, Mess 8; Ky Nomura, Mess 9; Hideso Noishi, Mess 10; and Harry Korematsu, Mess 15.

All of those named, including the Chief Steward, have invited suggestions from their diners. They really mean it, and so, people, let's do it!

BUY U.S. WAR BONDS STAMPS

Residents, did you know you can buy War Bonds and stamps at your community postoffice?

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT: Mess Hall 14

Sunday school..... 9-10 a.m.
Young People (English)..... 10-11 a.m.
Japanese service..... 10-11 a.m.
Evening fellowship (Young People)..... 7-8 p.m.
Evening fellowship (High School)..... 7-8 p.m.
Evening fellowship (Japanese)..... 7-8 p.m.

CATHOLIC: Mess Hall 3

Confession..... 8:00 a.m.
Mass..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday school..... 10:00 a.m.

BUDDHIST: Mess Hall 17

Sunday school..... 9-10 a.m.
Japanese service..... 10-11 a.m.
(Services on non-sectarian basis)

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS (Saturday): Mess Hall 17

Sunday school..... 9-10 a.m.
Japanese service..... 10-11 a.m.

OUR CIVIC CENTER

Told to tour our fair City's Civic Center, like all of you, we went right to the Canteen for some cigarettes and settled for two White Owls and a promise, in the near future, of a drug store type Canteen carrying a complete line of necessities. Very near, we hope. The hours now are 10:30 AM to 1 PM; 4:30 to 6 PM.

Mr. McDonald, Canteen boss, will cash government and travelers and cashiers checks but no personals. We refused this service firmly, kindly --- but being impecunious, 'twas but a hollow gesture, like Ulys-

ses refusing the sirens.

Then we met the Police Station at the best side of the grandstand. This is where you go for packages but they didn't have any extras for us and so we sidled up to the Information, Lost-Found bureaus. Lots of things, like pens, billfolds and sunglasses, were here but no dice on account of they wanted to be rather strict about such details as establishing ownership. There were, also, a detailed map of our City and two Montgomery Ward cats for those yearning to have things from other Cities than our own.

Then we braved the Fire Station near the main gate and were told: "No bonfires and absolutely no candles and no loose litter. Just now we can't afford a fire as we would then be homeless. As to a litter, shall we leave it to next week?"

ADDRESS CHANGE

Emphasizing that all residents of the community should give proper notifications of change of address, William R. Lawson, Center manager, stated today:

"It is the responsibility of each individual evacuee to notify his Draft Board or Alien Registration Board of his change of address."

DON'T FORGET THERE'S A TALENT-VARIETY SHOW EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7:30 P.M. IN THE CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL HALL!

PLEASE NOTE!

CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS!
THE TOTALIZER STAFF IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FORMED. A GENERAL MEETING OF ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY, 2 PM, IN MESS HALL NO. 14.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

(Cont'd. from P. 1)

four times per day: 8:30 in the morning; 1, 4 and 5:30 PM. Incoming mail is received at 8 AM and 1 and 4 PM.

To facilitate delivery residents should have incoming COD packages sent parcel post, and not by express, it was stated.

