RESIDENTS HEAR PROCLAMATION ON COMBAT TEAM

To familiarize the residents with the purpose of the recent War Department plan to enlist Japanese American citizens into the U.S. Army, a special invitational meeting was called last night at Dining Hall 1 by the Administration.

Before some 350 representative residents of Topaz, First Lieut. William L. Tracy, head of the army registration team which arrived last Friday, read the proclamation issued by the War Department in clarification of the new enlistment program.

The proclamation, which was issued to all the relocation centers, explained the evacuation and expressed the desire of the government to permit the loyal evacuees to re-establish themselves into their rightful places in the normal life of the nation through service in the armed forces and in war production.

Subsequent to the announcement by Tracy, Project Director Charles F. Ernst stated that indisputable evidence of loyalty can be manifested only by the voluntary actions of the Japanese themselves.

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1. Registration will be accomplished in the dining hall of Block 1 and will be done block by block.
2. A staff of interviewers has been selected and is being trained so that each member will be familiar with the details of their assignment.
3. Care is being exercised to insure that all will have the same interpretation of the questions and that the forms will be correctly filled out.
4. Registration will commence at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, February 11. Block 8 will be the first to register. Block 11 will follow on Thursday afternoon.

Further notification to the block residents will be given in advance, so that those 17 years old and upward can arrange to remain at home until they are notified by their respective block managers. Those employed will be excused on that day.

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Buddhist Group To Sponsor 3 Sermons, Feb. 10

The Buddhist Church Sanjijn will sponsor sermons on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. The schedule for this Wednesday 13:

Dist. 1 (Elks, 9, 9, 16) at Dining Hall 9; Rev. T. Kashima, Dist. 2 (Elks, 22, 23, 29, 30) at Dining Hall 22; Rev. C. Okayama, Dist. 7 (Elks, 31, 36, 37, 38) at Dining Hall 31; Rev. S. Sandara.

ATTORNEY: The Project Attorney's office has been moved from Rec 4 to the east end of the U.S. Engineers building near the strobouse.

WAITED: 100 volunteer workers to map out a golf course at the east end of the City. Apply at Rec 3.

POSTPONED: The Adult Education class, "Democracy in Action," under Ernst, originally set for tonight, has been postponed until further notice.

NEWS BRIEFS

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Mon. night) 29 F. Min. (Tues. noon) 19° F.
CITIZEN QUESTIONS ANSWERED

The following are the exact questions lowing the citizens' meeting last Thursday, formulated by a committee of 15 residents, selected at random by Tamotsu Baba, gentleman team headed by Lieutenant William Tracey, chairman of the Community Council:

(1) Why Nisei segregation in the combat unit?
   A. This is not segregation. Refer to #2.

(2) What is the real basis for forming the Japanese combat unit? We would like to know the factors leading to this decision.
   A. See Answer #1.

(3) In view of the fact that the WRA has announced its policy to be that of assimilation of the Japanese population by dispersion, is it not better to attain assimilation by dispersion of the Nisei soldiers than by complete segregation?
   A. See Answer #1.

(4) If we volunteer, will we have the choice of going into the Japanese Battalion or any other?
   A. No. The volunteers obtained there will go into the combat team, which is an exceptional organization. Others may later be taken into the Army and will be given assignments on the same basis as other American soldiers.

(5) Will the draft follow this volunteering?
   A. Yes

(6) If we are drafted later, will we have the choice of going into the Japanese Battalion or any other?
   A. You will be given assignments on the same basis as other American soldiers.

(7) Why segregation in this War when there was none in the last War?

Of those who were previously in the Army and later released, the extent and nature of their previous military service will be carefully considered and, so far as possible, they will be returned to their former status. This also applies to those who have completed R.O.T.C. in schools and colleges with commissions and ratings.

(11) Will all enlistees be granted travel privileges?
   A. Yes. Except that return to the evacuated area will not be permitted except on authorization of the Western Defense Command. Permits for temporary visitors will be granted automatically to Japanese American soldiers in uniform.

(12) Will qualified enlistees have an opportunity to enter the Military College Training School?
   A. A reply to this question will be secured later from the War Department.

(13) If qualified, will Nisei enlistees be accepted for Officers Training School?
   A. Yes. You will be taken in the same way and given the same training as any other candidate.

(14) Can Nisei soldiers be granted the privilege of visiting relocation centers?
   A. Yes

(15) In the case of persons honorably discharged, will they be reinstated with their former rank?
   A. For those of you who were previously in the Army and later released, the extent and nature of your previous military service will be carefully considered and, so far as possible, you will be reinstated.

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MORE ON QUESTIONS, ANSWERS

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turned to your former status. This also applies to you who have completed R.O.T.C. in schools and colleges with commissions and ratings.

(16) Will post training in R.O.T.C. and C.M.T.C. (Citizens Military Training Corp) camps be accredited toward advancement?
A. For those of you, who were previously in the Army and later released, the extent and nature of your previous military service will be carefully considered and, insofar as possible, you will be returned to your former status. This also applies to you who have completed R.O.T.C. in schools and colleges and with commissions and ratings.

(17) Will all types of defense industries be open to nisei and aliens, irrespective of location?
A. Upon receipt of indefinite leave from a relocation center, if the loyalty check shows that you have the interest of the United States at heart, you will be given the chance to work in defense plants. The government cannot promise to find work for you. In some plants, there is prejudice against employment of those of Japanese blood. But skilled workers are needed and news of the formation of a combat team from among your number will do much to counteract the prejudice already referred to.

All such indefinite leaves are subject to the present requirements of the War Relocation Authority, one of which at the present time precludes entrance into the Western Defense Command.

(18) Can our issei parents be classified and treated as friendly aliens such as the German and Italian aliens? If so, may their families return to their homes in California if they desire?
A. In the event that indefinite leave is granted, this will indicate their loyalty to the United States and they will be given freedom of movement under War Relocation Authority regulations which at the present preclude entrance into the Western Defense Command.

(19) Assuming a draft, for those with dependents, will the fact that a Relocation Center is available make any difference in the status of dependency?
A. A reply will be secured from Washington.

(20) Is the War Department exercising its influence in discouraging anti-Japanese legislation in the various states? If not, will the War Department do its best to clarify the public misconception of our position?
A. While the War Department has nothing to do with legislation in the various states or in the formation of public opinion, this very program will go far toward curbing discrimination against you both in and out of the Army.

(21) Will the President of the United States or Secretary of War Stimson make a public statement attesting to the loyalty of the citizens of Japanese ancestry and the friendly Japanese aliens? We feel this is necessary because of the general public misunderstanding due to evacuation.
A. Secretary of War Stimson has already made such a statement, and it is understood that this will be endorsed by the President and released to the press.

(22) Is it not possible for issei to enlist and receive their eligibility for citizenship?
A. No. At this time only citizens are to be inducted under this present program.

(23) Has the War Depart-

ment considered compensation for damages and losses due to evacuation?
A. A reply will be secured from Washington.

(24) What happens to conscientious objectors?
A. The same policy would apply as does to any other American citizen.

(25) After a person has enlisted, what guarantee of security will his parents or dependents have?
A. Regarding wives and children, the regular allowance of dependencies will be paid them the same as any other soldier.

The War Relocation Authority will make all families and soldiers special cases of Project interest to the Project Director and his staff. This will mean health and protection to the families while they remain at the center, and, in the event they wish to leave, priorities of employment and every possible assistance in relocation, including cash drafts when necessary.

(26) In the case of dependents receiving a Government allotment for a man in the service can the WRA charge for room and board?
A. Under the present ruling of the WRA, no charge will be made.

(27) Is there a quota for volunteers? If so, what is this quota?
A. No.

(28) What is the difference in status between selectees and volunteers in the Army? What are the privileges?
A. There is no difference.

Other questions asked by residents regarding problems raised by the volunteering program will be printed from time to time in this paper, together with answers by the War Department representatives.
在住者の質問に対する陸軍富局の回答到着

将来徴兵制実施を確言

日本陸軍当局は合同問題闘争に関する質問書に答えた。徴兵制を実施することを表明した。回答の全文は以下の通り。

『徴兵制実施の理由』

1. 国の存立を図るため
2. 国の防衛を図るため
3. 国の繁栄を図るため

徴兵制実施の詳細は次ページに続く。

加州への帰還全く絶望

在住者に対する特別許可証必要

問答は以下の通り。

問：帰還の許可を求める。

答：帰還の許可は一切認められません。