Dear Mr. Editor:

I have volunteered to be enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States. I did this because it is my firm conviction that the destiny of the Japanese American people is here in America. I say this fully aware of the fact that we, as a minority among 130,000,000 people, have for years suffered from racial discrimination and prejudices, and have found life in this country a continuous and bitter struggle for the elevation of our social status.

I am as much embittered as any other evacuee when I consider how our race was singled out to be uprooted from our homes, farms and business on the Pacific coast and herded behind barbed-wire fences, even though we were American citizens and our parents were law-abiding pioneers who have been denied citizenship by the U.S. naturalization laws.

But my faith in America and in our destiny here is something that, I am certain, can be understood and shared in by every thinking evacuee—-or by any other person who, though oppressed through discrimination, knows that there is in the American way of life something that stands as being incompatible with

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REGISTRATION NEAR END; WAR DEPT. TEAM TO LEAVE

Registration was practically completed today, with the exception of a few isolated cases where illness or other legitimate reason has prevented residents from filling their questionnaires, every person in Topaz above the age of 17 has now complied with the registration program. Registration of male citizens over 17 years of age was reported to be 100%. With the total of male citizens little in excess of 1450, the grand total for all registrants stood today at about 6100.

While scheduled block registration was concluded Thursday afternoon, the registration headquarters in Dining Hall 1 remained opened throughout today to care for a few who had for some reason or other not filled in their questionnaires previously. Also patients between the age limit confined in the hospital are being registered today and tomorrow.

Claude C. Cornwall, in general charge of registration, reported that the few isolated cases of non-registration were being finally checked, and that it was anticipated that Saturday would see the work entirely completed.

This established for Topaz a fine record that will stand up with and probably surpass any of the 9 other relocation centers, he said.

Lt. W.L. Tracy, captain of the War Department team which is registering the (Continued on Page 2)

CLOTHES ALLOWANCES: WAGES ARE TAXABLE

Wages and clothing allowances paid to residents who are employed must be regarded as income for tax purposes, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has ruled, according to Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director. This is true regardless of whether the income is paid by the WRA, consumer enterprises or any other employer.

The bureau has ruled that they need not figure as income for tax purposes the following: Subsistence furnished including food, housing, medical care and education; public assistance grants; unemployment compensation; or clothing allowances paid to those involuntarily employed.

Any single person who earned $300 or over and any married person who earned $1200 or more in 1943 must file a return.

ATHLETICS

Tennis, boxing and softball are expected to be among the City's major sports this spring, it was stated by the Community Activities section. The details of the new program will be released later.
CITY-WIDE FUN CARNIVAL TO BE OPENED TOMORROW

For the first time since the former Tasforan Assembly Center days a carnival will be sponsored by the recreation department for the amusement of the entire public. Canceled at Reo 10, the festival, titled "Igloo Crawly Man," will start off Saturday at 2:30 PM and continue through Sunday.

In addition to regular game prizes, grand prizes will be awarded to the holders of lucky tickets, according to Miss Masako Ikeda, chairman of the carnival committee.

Hot-dogs and French fried potatoes will be sold.

Some of the names of the novel and elaborately decorated concessions are: "Have You Seen Auroa," "Wlekan Shuffle," "Tip the Kayak," "Walrus Golf," "Glacier Slide" and "Spear 'Em."

Committee members under Miss Ikeda are Frank Uno, Koi Kawamoto, Yosh Isono and Miss Mary Fujikawa.

INFANTS ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL FOOD

Infants one to 2 years of age are entitled to receive baby food. Parents should consult their block nurses for their children's need, Brandon Watson, project steward, announced.

Persons requiring special soft diet may contact the block nurses to obtain permits which will be issued by doctors.

Residents should not change from one diet to another without proper authorization, Watson declared.

COMPENSATE MOST FEB. OVERTIME THIS MONTH

Resident employees were notified this week that all overtime accrued to them this month should be compensated as time-off during February, it was pointed out by the timekeeper of the department.

However, if the overtime has been accrued during the last week of the month, the compensatory hours should be taken off as early as possible in March.