CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

A concerted drive to secure more volunteers for the Japanese American combat team was launched Saturday by the Executive Committee, "Volunteers for Victory": Bob Iki, John Yoshino, George Kawai, Paul Matsuki, Kano Arimoto, and Aki Moriwaki. As an initial step, a mimeographed pamphlet, "Volunteers for Victory", was published to emphasize the importance of this volunteer combat team and its direct relationship to the future of the Japanese in America.

Men between the ages of 17 and 35 may still volunteer for the combat unit until 9 PM, Wednesday, March 10. The volunteering office has been set up at the east end of Rec 4. Office hours will be 9 AM to 9 PM.

The following statement was issued by the committee:

The purpose of the volunteer enlistment program is to bring to the attention of the American public at large the fact that the great majority of Japanese in America are loyal to the United States. The WRA, realizing that certain conditions in the relocation centers are detrimental to the future of the Japanese Americans, young and old, requested

ENLISTEES FETED BY FUTURE WAACS

Tremendous enthusiasm marked the social function, which was sponsored Sunday night at Dining Hall 2 by the Committee of Future WAAC's, in honor of the Topaz volunteers for the Japanese American combat unit. The event was attended by 130 invited guests, which included appointed staff members, residents, and 35 of the volunteers. All the enlistingees were unable to be present. Bob Iki was the master of ceremonies.

The most impressive sight of the evening was the array of volunteers standing at attention in the center of the hall as they were introduced.

Project Director Charles F. Ernst, the only speaker for the occasion, commended the volunteers for the great service which they were doing for the Japanese in America by demonstrating to the nation their determination to be a complete part of America. He interpreted the significance of the answers to 27 and 28, pointing out that a negative to 27, and an affirmative response to 28, did not preclude the opportunity of volunteering, because there was no question of loyalty involved.

On the varied program were folk dancing led by Miss Toshi Koba, community singing led by L. Lewis, solos by Mrs. Donnell Boardman and Frank Twocoy, and piano selections of the last World War by Mrs. Carl Rogers.

Climaxing the evening's festivities was the serving of the 2 huge cakes, frosted in white, and with the words, "Volunteers for Victory" inscribed in pink icing. The cakes were sufficient for 200 servings.

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Fri.night) 45° F.  
Min. (Sat.morn.) 13° F.  
Max. (Sat.night) 57° F.  
Min. (Sun.morn.) 27° F.  
Max. (Sun.night) 55° F.  
Min. (Mon.morn.) 40° F.
VOTING PRIVILEGES OF EVACUEE CITIZENS UPHeld

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (From the Pacific Citizen) -- Americans of Japanese ancestry cannot be deprived of their right to vote, the seven judges of the Federal Appellate Court (U.S. District Court of Appeals) ruled on February 20, without leaving the bench.

U. S. Webb, former California Attorney General, argued in behalf of the Native Sons of the Golden West that the names of Americans of Japanese ancestry should be stricken from the registration rolls, and asked that the right of franchise be denied all Americans of non-white ancestry except Negro Americans.

The Native Sons case had been before the court in July, 1942, when the case was thrown out of court by Judge St. Sure of the Federal Court on the ground that the point on which the California group had based its argument had already been determined by the United States Supreme Court in the Wong King case of 1899, at which time the right of citizenship of a Chinese born in this country was brought up. Webb asked the court to rule contrary to the decisions made by the Supreme Court on that case. Webb announced that he would take the Native Sons case to the Supreme Court of the United States. Money has been raised by both Native Sons and Native Daughters organizations in California to accomplish this purpose.

Niiso attorneys representing the JACL and attorneys representing the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild were present at the case hearing as "friends of court." These representatives will again be present if the Native Sons' case should be taken to the Supreme Court, it was announced by A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, who is the special counsel for the JACL. The JACL, through Wirin, had filed a 100-page brief in the Federal Appellate Court in defense of the citizenship rights, not alone of Americans of Japanese ancestry, but of all non-Caucasian Americans.

TANFORAN POINTS TO COUNT TOWARD BRIDGE RATING

With the election of K. Takeuchi as chairman and James Mishima as vice chairman, the Topaz bridge committee was formed last week at the home of Ken Yabe, bridge tournament director. Other members of the committee are Norman Nakahima, Tochichi Yamazaki, Ray Kaneko, George Shigemizu, and Iwao Watanuki.

Tokujii Hedani and Yasuo Abiko were designated as official scorekeepers and Ken Baba will be bridge instructor.

Tanforan rating points will be counted toward the 100 points needed to attain major bridge standing, the committee announced. This is expected to increase the number of major players for the first major tournament, which is to be held in the early part of April.

For each additional 100 points won by a major player in a major tournament, one master-point will be awarded. It was added.

QUESTIONS ON WORK ABSENCE ANSWERED

Questions have been raised at various times regarding absence from duty and the following citations are given for the information of evacuee workers.

When an employee—except those on a part-time basis—fails to report for duty for reasons other than illness without having been excused for cause by his immediate supervisor, such as time-off for compensatory overtime, he will be penalized for the days of unauthorized absence and the loss of credit for the three previous work days.

When such an employee fails to report for duty for five days, for reasons other than illness, without having been excused by his immediate supervisor, the evacuee will be terminated from duty, and not be re-employed in any capacity until his case has been examined by the proper authority.

Any sick leave shall be limited to 15 days for any one illness. If the worker is unable to perform his duties after the lapse of 15 days, he will be terminated and will then be eligible for unemployment compensation.

TOPAZ KITCHEN TO GET TOFU

The steward's department is at present making arrangements for the manufacture of tofu with the cooperation of the Public Works department, it was announced. Equipment for this process will either be made here or sent in from the coast.

Plans call for the use of steam from hospital generators, but if this should prove to be unfeasible, methods for setting up the cooking equipment will be developed by the Public Works department. It is anticipated that tofu will be served in all dining halls soon.

CO-OP CONGRESS ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors of the Co-operative Congress was elected last week at Dining Hall 26.

Eight directors will serve for 6 months and 7 directors for 1 year. They are as follows:


YOUNG WOMEN OFFERED WRA OFFICE WORK

Positions as secretaries and stenographers are to be offered to several young women of Topaz, it was announced in a communication from D.S. Myer, National WRA Director, to Project Director Charles F. Ernst.

Myer stated that the Washington offices of the WRA will probably employ 30 of these girls from all the projects, and 10 or 15 more are to be employed in the relocation offices which have been set up in various parts of the country.

Project Director Ernst has been requested to submit a list of applicants from Topaz who are well qualified for secretarial and stenographic positions and who would be interested in taking employment with the WRA in Washington or in the field.

For those applicants who are accepted for employment in the Washington offices, the personnel section will find living quarters and will help plan their program during their stay in Washington, Myer added.

BIRTH OF FIRST PRIZE PUPPIES IN TOPAZ CLAIMED

A unique "first" for Topaz was claimed by Mr. and Mrs. K. Kido, 9-6-B, whose English fox terrier gave birth to 2 pups last week. The registered names of the 2 newcomers are "Debutante of Topaz" and "Desert Beauty of Topaz." They are descended from "Norway Saddler," a champion who has won 55 blue ribbons in national dog shows.

INCOME TAX ADVICE GIVEN TO BARNHART

The California Franchise Tax Commission has officially advised the Washington offices of the WRA that persons evacuated from California now living in relocation centers remain California residents for state income tax purposes and, hence, are taxable on their entire income regardless of its source. This information was received today by Project Attorney Ralph C. Barnhart, from Washington.

TRAINED PEOPLE AVAILABLE FOR BABY FORMULAE

Services of trained people are to be available to mothers who wish to handle food formulae for their babies in their own homes. The regular service of the formula kitchen for children, however, will continue to be operated, it was announced today.

The facilities of the kitchen have been transferred to a ward in the hospital that is not required for other use at the present time, it was also revealed.

TROOP 2 WINS BOY SCOUT FIELD DAY WITH 54 POINTS

Troop 2 under the leadership of George Suzuki walked off with every event except the knot-tying contest to score 54 points and capture the first Boy Scouts Field Day meet, Saturday afternoon at the high school plaza.

More than 30 scouts of all ages from the 4 wards of this city vied for individual as well as team honors. Officiated in the successful affair were George Suzuki, Sunao Iwata, Ichiro Sasaki, Frank Maruoka, Kats Kawaguchi, Keigo Inouye, James Matsumoto, Ed Hitomi, Kingo Koike and Yoshiro Kato. Results of the field day were as follows: Drill team—First—Troop 2 and Troop 3 tied with 99% and 3rd—Troop 4; Water boating—First—Troop 2 represented by Hama and Sagimori, 2nd—Troop 3 represented by Akashi and Hayashi, and 3rd—Troop 2's Fujita; Relay—First—Troop 2, 2nd—Troop 3, and 3rd—Troop 2; Signaling—First, 2nd and 3rd by Troop 2; String burning—First—Troop 2's Hama and Hara, 2nd—Troop 2's Date and Yashima, and 3rd—Troop 3's Ono and Matsui; First aid—First—Troop 2, 2nd—Troop 2, and 3rd—Troop 3; and Tug-of-War—First—Troop 2, 2nd—Troop 2, and 3rd—Troop 3.

Results of the team standing were announced as Troop 2, 54 points; Troop 3, 19 points; and Troop 4, 3 points. Troop 1 was not represented at the meet. Inequality in age and experience was the contributing factor to an overwhelming victory for Troop 2.

The next similar event will be held in the near future.

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ENGINEERS

A number of civil service positions in the engineering field are now being opened for persons who have had appropriate training or experience. Copies of the announcement and the necessary forms for filing may be obtained at the Topaz Post Office.