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## MASAOKA TO SPEAK TONITE

Joe Masaoka, representative of the national JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City, is in Topaz on a brief visit. He will speak before interested young people today from 7:30 PM at 32-8-EF on the latest developments in the resettlement program and the opening of the Denver office.

## RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM PROGRESSING FAVORABLY

"In Washington, Chicago and St. Louis I found enthusiastic reception of the public relations work being done by the Topaz volunteers for the special combat unit of the United States Army," commented Project Director Charles F. Ernst on his return here today from a WRA project directors' conference held at Washington, D.C.

"I come back convinced more than ever that the trend is in the right direction," he added. "One of the things which impressed me greatly was the number of young men and women from relocation centers who were working everywhere I went."

## FUNERAL HELD FOR THE LATE J. WAKASA

Before a gathering of about 2000 residents, the outdoor funeral service for the late James Hatsuki Wakasa was held at the southern part of the high school area yesterday afternoon. With the opening of the Protestant funeral at 2:30 PM, the coffin was carried on to the platform, which was beautifully decorated with over 30 large wreaths and ornaments of artificial flowers.

After the singing of a hymn, the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. J. Fujii. A scripture reading by Rev. I. Tanaka followed.

At the conclusion of a biographical sketch of the deceased by S. Nakajima, a vocal solo was rendered by Kaoru Inouye.

Introduced by Rev. M. Nishimura, who officiated at the ceremony, 5 residents, Tatsumi Watanabe, Masazo Ogawa, Shigeto Yamada, Taira Iwata and Frank Yamasaki ceremoniously offered flowers to the deceased.

Words of condolences were offered by Rev. Okayama in behalf of the Inter-Faith group, Aizo Takahashi, Tsune Baba, chairman of the Community Council, and James F. Hughes, assistant project director, in behalf of the appointed staff.

Sermon given by Rev. E. Kawamorita was followed by expression of appreciation by Tatsumi Watanabe. The 2½-hour funeral was ended with a benediction by Rev. H. Terasawa.

## NISEI TROOPS MAY VISIT WEST COAST

American soldiers of Japanese ancestry on leave or furlough may now visit the Pacific Coast evacuation area freely, according to an Associated Press report dated April 18, from San Francisco.

Public Proclamation No. 17, issued as of April 19 by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commandant of the Western Defense Command, suspends existing prohibitions against the presence of Japanese American soldiers and officers in the evacuation zones.

This is the first relaxation of barriers erected against West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry in the months immediately following Pearl Harbor.

The AP news dispatch added that the nature of the order contrasted sharply with convictions expressed only last Tuesday by Gen. DeWitt when he told a House naval affairs Subcommittee in San Francisco that he didn't want any person of Japanese an-

"It shows that resettlement is not only possible but is actually taking place. This applies not only to nisei, but also to many issei who have made connections for outside work."

"The WRA employment offices have now begun to function in stride as they become acquainted with situations facing them and take proper steps in finding employment for qualified evacuees."

While in Washington, he met the girls from Topaz who were recently hired by the national WRA office. At St. Louis, he was a guest at a gathering which included 8 evacuee students.

Ernst pointed out that the hostel plan, which is being taken up at Chicago, may be adopted on a nationwide basis by the WRA so as to enable whole families to move out of relocation centers and resettle in friendly communities.

## CHURCH NOTE

"The Resurrection" will be the subject for the Midweek Bible Circle tomorrow from 7:30 PM at 32-12-C, Rev. T. Goto stated.

cestry, regardless of American citizenship, on the Pacific Coast.

### WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Sun.night) 77° F.  
Min. (Mon.morn.) 37° F.  
Max. (Mon.night) 73° F.  
Min. (Tues.morn.) 43° F.





## HAWAIIAN NISEI SOLDIERS LAUDED

Within the last 3 months many fine compliments were paid to the Japanese American young men from Hawaii who are now serving in the United States Army. The first all-nisei Hawaiian outfit to receive nation-wide recognition as a crack combat group was the 100th Infantry, originally a Hawaiian National Guard unit.

When the boys of the 100th came to the mainland at the beginning of the Pacific war, they were ordered to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. In less than a year of training at the camp, they won over the friendship of the neighboring communities and earned many commendations from Wisconsin newspapers for their striking discipline and efficiency. Their loyalty and courage were lauded in the Baltimore Sunday Sun (Maryland) and in the February issue of the Readers Digest.

In one nationally-read article, it was stated: "These lads with Japanese faces and American hearts are intensely loyal to the United States. Ninety percent of them are buying war bonds each month...All from Hawaii, many of the men are veterans of Pearl Harbor. When the Japs attacked, no member of the 100th had to be ordered a second time to man his battle station."

More recently, considerable amount of publicity was given to the 2600 Hawaiian nisei boys who volunteered for the special Army combat unit now being trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Almost half of a page in the April 5 issue of the Oakland Tribune (California) was devoted to photographic cuts of the farewell ceremonies held before 20,000 spectators for the 2600 khaki-uniformed enlistees on the Iolani Palace Grounds in Honolulu.

Both individual publications and major press associations have been giving publicity to the Hawaiian group during the past several weeks.

## THE MAIL BOX

Dear Editor:

...There are a good many nisei here in Chicago now, and many more heading this way from the various relocation centers, and so one of the reasons I am writing to you is to ask if there isn't some way that the general public could be informed of a few don'ts. First of all, most of the nisei who come here ask around about jobs, and the minute they learn that one or two nisei have been accepted in a company, they immediately rush down and put their applications in also. Now, why do they have to work where there are other nisei? Are they so afraid that they will be prejudiced against and are unwilling to stand alone to face it? It seems so silly that they should all group together in various spots and make themselves all the more conspicuous. The people here have been very nice to the nisei on the whole, but the time will come when they will resent the nisei over-crowding the bowling alleys, dancing spots, restaurants and theaters. I don't mean to say they shouldn't go to all of those places, but why go in big groups? The feeling won't remain friendly very long if this continues...and the nisei should have recognized the fact that one of the reasons for evacuation is the gathering together in "Little Tokyo's" and such...

Another complaint is that the nisei make no attempt to mix in other societies than their own. Small wonder that people regard them with suspicion when they are always together in small groups. And when someone brings a Caucasian over, many don't even have the courtesy to be friendly and sit in a corner and talk to one of their own friends, and rather ignore the newcomer. The lack of initiative on the part of the nisei is pretty disgusting too. So many of the boys and girls won't even try to apply for a job, just because someone else told them that they didn't think that a certain company would hire Japanese. Well, why don't they try and see for themselves? What harm is there in being refused once or twice? And just because they have been refused doesn't mean that it was because they were of Japanese extraction--it is possible that it was because they didn't need any added help at the time.

...I'm not complaining or criticizing any individual or groups of individuals, but all that I've written has actually happened and I am interested enough in the welfare of the nisei to try to be of some help via this letter to you...

Sincerely,

ALICE KIRUCHI

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## Job Openings

### MALE

Salt Lake City. Fuller Topone Truck Co. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour 48 hour minimum, 60 hour maximum week. No time and half. Increases according to ability. Service man for shop work, consists of greasing, washing, tire repairing. Warehouse laborers (two). Work mostly at night.

Salt Lake City. Fuller Topone Truck Co. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour with time-and-half overtime after 40 hours per week. Minimum week 48 hours.

Chicago, Ill. Central YMCA. Part-time employment for boys interested in attending school. Job two-fold and can be handled by one boy. Locker boy, 6 days a week, 12 PM to 5 PM; Elevator boy, 6 PM to 9:30 PM or may be divided for two boys interested in going to school part time. Beginning salary for one job \$42.50 or \$85 month for both jobs.

Salt Lake City. Garff Automotive Repair. \$35 week. Gas and mechanic helper.

Chicago, Ill. 30 auto mechanics. \$1.10 hour to begin. Union clearance granted.

### FEMALE

Rockford, Ill. St. Anthony's Hospital. \$10-\$14 week with room and board. Girls to work carrying trays, cleaning, etc.

Glencoe, Ill. \$60 month with room and board. General household duties, simple cooking.

Wilmette, Ill. \$15 week. General household duties. Generous time off. This should be ideal position, as the work can be done quickly and there are no mid-day lunches to get. Separate room.

### COUPLE or COOK

Milwaukee, Wis. \$125 month with full maintenance for couple, \$75 month plus room and board for single person. Wife to do cooking and domestic work (no laundry or care of children). Husband to be responsible for upkeep of small garden, lawn and to assist in heavier duties around the house.

## 2500 NISEI SOLDIERS FROM HAWAII AT CAMP SHELBY

CAMP SHELBY, Miss., April 14 (Associated Press)--Encamped Wednesday in the raw, rust-colored hills of southern Mississippi was a military unit of 2500 Japanese Americans from Hawaii who traveled 4000 miles to learn to fight for the land of their birth against the military despots of the land of their ancestors.

With another 2500 Japanese Americans from the continental United States these men will form a compact streamlined army with units of infantry, field artillery and engineers, and its own medical personnel.

Their commander, Colonel Charles W. Pence, told them, after their march into camp Wednesday:

"Each of you soldiers is a symbol of loyalty--the loyalty of the Japanese American population both of Hawaii and the mainland. We're going to be tough. We are going to be well-trained, well-disciplined. Our weapons and equipment will be the best."

### Eager For Action

Said Hirota Sugana of Kolo: "We are all anxious to get started. It will help some of us to forget."

Said Jeanaya Arakaa of the island of Maui: "We waited a long time for this. We are ready."

But they were mostly 'teen age boys with youthful curiosity. George E. Suenaga, former milk truck driver, thrilled to lights at night after Hawaii's blackouts. Ralph N. Tamaka, a Honolulu carpenter, got his hands into snow for the first time at Chicago enroute here, and said it was "better than sand for throwing." Private Nobury Segi peered into ditches and dark clumps, saying: "Where's a snake? I was promised I'd see a snake. We don't have them in Honolulu."

Although only recently inducted in Hawaii, the boys are a strikingly orderly lot, said C.W. Schermann, veteran Pullman conductor on their train. He added:

"I've worked exactly 508 troop movements similar to this. I've never

## NURSES AIDES TO BE HONORED AT CEREMONY TUESDAY

A ceremony in recognition of the service of the nurses' aides will be held tonight at the Topaz Hospital from 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Donnell Boardman, chief medical officer.

The occasion will also serve as a presentation of the members of the nurses' aides corps in their new uniforms, which consist of white blouses and pinafores striped with blue and white.

Invitations have been sent to the parents of the aides, hospital personnel, representatives of the appointed staff and members of the Community Council.

The principal address will be made by Charles F. Ernst, project director.

seen one as quiet and well disciplined. There wasn't a cuss word all the way. that, buddy, is news."

### Boys Give Serenade

All along the line during their train trip from San Francisco to Camp Shelby, the soldiers were treated royally by civilians. At Louisville, a laughing, welcoming crew of 200 asked the boys to sing some native songs. Thirteen carloads of Hawaiian melody was the result. Many of them hauled out steel guitars, ukeleles and mandolins for accompaniment.

Private Kenso Tanaka got a giggle from his comment on a sign on a massive piece of olive-colored field artillery. The sign, placed there to warn motorists when the equipment is being moved read:

"Danger--Air Brakes."

"I bet it'd take more than air brakes to stop that baby," Tanaka commented, grinning.



## NYA OFFICIALS PLAN TRAINING PROGRAM HERE

To discuss preliminary plans for the projected National Youth Administration training program in Topaz, representatives of the NYA regional offices in Denver, Colorado, held conferences with the appointed staff Saturday. The group, headed by Clifford R. Noxon, regional chief of training from the War Manpower Commission, included William Gartin, regional director; Byron J. Brophy, regional director of operations; and Rulon T. Howells, state director.

Noxon pointed out that inasmuch as the NYA training units constituted a phase of the country's war operations program, the NYA is under the jurisdiction of the WMC.

"The NYA is charged with the responsibility of equipping young men and women to carry out the assignments of the various war production industries," Noxon said, "and the young people here should take advantage of any opportunity to be trained in the work offered under the NYA program, such as welding, ma-

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS PREPARE PROGRAM

The Protestant Sunday schools are completing preparations for their program Easter Sunday, May 25, at 10 AM, at which time new babies will be baptised into the Christian membership. Stories of the resurrection and the triumph of Christ will be expounded by the ministers and students.

Easter baskets will be distributed to the children, it was pointed out.

chine shop, woodwork, drafting, auto mechanics, sheet metal, and other similar trades."

## TOPAZ PUBLIC LIBRARY

**VIOLET** by Whitfield Cook, an uproarious book about a frightening female child of a casual family of five parents (Reno cases) and five brothers and sisters. She knows all, sees all, and tells all, terrifying anyone who crosses her path. It is a book to read aloud and to share with anyone who has ever had a "problem" in the family.

**IN PEACE JAPAN BREEDS WAR** by Gustav Eckstein, a frequent visitor of Japan, gives a rambling picture of the complexities, the contradictions, the certain strength and the weaknesses of the Japanese character, drawn from his personal experiences. Since December 7th, he has reconsidered what he knew of Japan and wrote in this charming travelogue (mainly a revisiting of scenes) his impressions and, as he sees it, the significance of incidents which occurred during the years of peace.

**CORDELL HULL** by Harold B.

Hinton is the first full length publication of Hull's life. It is sympathetic, yet objective, tracing his career from his log cabin home in the rough regions of Tennessee to his position of international importance. We see current American domestic and foreign policy in the light of Cordell Hull's personality.

**SUEZ TO SINGAPORE** is a forceful and accurate account of the war as seen and experienced by Cecil Brown who served as foreign correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System attached to the British forces in the Middle and Far East. He outlines in clear pictures personalities, the circumstances under which they fight, and conveys what he has seen in the eyes of the common man all over the world. He writes with a straightforward quality which makes it clear to the American reader the scope of the war and the task which lies ahead.

## LEWES

Indefinite: Grace Shinko Iida, Hisako Kobayashi and Miyuki Maruyama, Salt Lake City; Hana Irie, Cedar City; Hiroshi Higashi, Denver, Colo.; Asako Hasegawa, DeKalb, Ill.; Toichi Meri and Kimi Nao, Chicago, Ill.; Tadami Ishida and Richard Miyahira, Detroit, Mich.; Sumiye Noda, La Sal.

Group Work: Minoru Ishida, Minoru Tamaki, Kaoru Sagimori, Saburo Kinoshita, Matao Tomimatsu, James Uchiyama, Kazuo Wada, Joe Takata, Vernon Matsui, Kamekichi Suzuki, Susumu Ota, Salt Lake City; Jubei, Susu, Toshiko, Kazuo and Shigeko Kato, Kiyoshi Kimoto, Atsushi Sawai and Thomas Miyamoto, Provo; Junichi Korematsu, Ryosuke Mishima and Bill Sasagawa, Nounan, Idaho; George Egashira, Howard Imada, James Katayanagi, Henry Kono, Jean Moritani, Shomatsu Akagi and Ray Goto, La Sal; Shizu Miyake, Delta; Charles Araki, Cedar City; Katsutao Tanaka, Fusayo Ikoma and Mary Tanaka, Lehi.

## COLLEGE MATERIAL OFFERED STUDENTS

Students planning to continue their education in various colleges were today advised against contacting schools individually and directly as a great deal of information concerning accepted schools are available in the Student Relocation office at Rec 30.

College catalogs and material pertaining to requirements and Japanese-American student quota are available to interested students at all times.

## MOVIE CHANGES

Movies scheduled for this week are "The Mark of Zorro" with T. Power and L. Darnell at Rec 32 and "Bringing Up Baby" with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant and the first episode of Flash Gordon serial at Rec 31.

Movies will begin from 8:15 PM Tuesday through Saturday.







