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Partial evacuation for Hawaii Japanese decreed

Disturbing news to Manzanar has been the recent announcement of the partial evacuation of a minor and "unnecessary" portion of Hawaii's 161,000 Japanese to the mainland. The order was released by Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, military commander of Hawaii.

Evacuations will be made by families and only a small part of the Japanese population will be concerned in the initial movements, it was revealed. Because the Japanese constitute a vital working majority in Hawaii a mass evacuation will not take place.

MOVE 'NON-ESSENTIALS'

This recent order is in line with the general plan to remove all non-essential persons, whether they be of Caucasian or Japanese ancestry from the Islands, due to the overcrowded conditions there.

"We don't plan to evacuate very many and we do not propose to interfere with the economy of the islands, but we would like to get rid of as many unproductive people as we can," said Emmons.

Evacuated Japanese will be moved to "areas where schools and employment will be available," according to the announcement.

STUDIES TO AID IN RELOCATION

With one eye on possible relocation adult education department points out the virtues of cooking, sewing, child care, house-cleaning, and table preparation which are being taught by Martha Groth in her domestic science class at 7-1-1 every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.

With plans for outside lecturer to give demonstrations, already methods of finding and applying for work as well as interview techniques in answering questions of prospective employers have been taught.

Activity hours are also planned with students working with the real children and demonstrations by cooks on the preparation of various dishes. At the end of the course, students will be armed with the proper commendations to present to future employers, it was contemplated.

Miss Groth is a graduate of UCLA, specializing in home economics. She also attended the summer session in USC. At present, she is the Secondary school teacher of clothing and interior decorating.

TSURUTANI BACK

Henry Tsurutani, head of the legal aide division and a member of the temporary judicial committee, was welcomed back to his department. One of his first actions was to write and submit a written report to the project director incorporating suggestions.

Also recently returned and expressing the necessity for better organization and improvement of furlough conditions was George Kurata, former superintendent of housing. He is scheduled to assume his new duties in the relocation department.

DEPARTURES

On November 11, the following group left for Tule Lake Relocation Center: Mokichi Sasaki, Mutsu Sasaki, Tetsu Sasaki and Tamio Jow.

Co-op news

CONGRESS MEETS AGAIN TONIGHT

Tonight the Co-op Congress will gather in Mess hall 22 at 7 p.m. at the behest of the board of directors. Taizo Inazu, president, will wield the gravel for the meeting at which reports on the progress made in the transfer of assets and liabilities from the former temporary enterprises to be hand of the Japanese.

"We are more anxious than the members themselves to transfer the business into the hands of the Japanese and to begin distribution of membership certificates to those over 16 years of age and then proceed into the payment of rebates," announced a member of the board.

He further stressed that there is no fear of members losing their membership rights; that it is only a matter of time before the actual rebates are made.

In fact, the board of directors have the assurance from the regional WRA office that the date of legal transfer was definitely set for October 1st, and the business was actually turned over to us as of that date. We are only waiting for the legal papers to be received for the signatures of the two parties concerned.

Highlighting tonight's important meeting will be the presentation several new enterprises for final action, including the much discussed motion picture project. It was announced that some of these enterprises are now being operated privately and the board members believe that unless quick action is taken by the Co-op there will be a handful of individuals making money instead of the enterprises being operated by and for the people.

Specialists here For child clinic

A delegation of child specialists headed by Dr. Martin Mills of the Crippled Children's Service of California opened the crippled children's clinic in ward 5 today from 12:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Those who were already registered for examination were notified and examined, as well as others not registered.

This group constitutes a traveling clinic, augmenting the regular pediatric facilities of the local hospital. Highly trained specialists and observers make up the personnel and Manzanar is fortunate in obtaining their services, it was announced.

MORE SOUGHT

More translators and instructors are being sought for these civilian positions. After thorough investigation by the army and the F.B.I. these men were accepted. They will work on a probational basis for six months after which they will be certified for civil service ratings, it was announced.

Liquid contraband . . .

"For gargling, gurgling dusty throats,
There's nothing good as whiskey.
But do not try to bring some in
As it is very risky!"

The above little ditty is dedicated to the returning furlough workers by the police and the military authorities.

Although sympathetic with the sentiments of the workers in bringing the "liquid refreshments" as gifts to the internees, the police state that all alcoholic stimulants will be confiscated.

Nearly 20 half pints have been discovered and confiscated from the returning furlough workers thus far. The police wish the word passed to those still to come not to attempt any "smuggling" of "presents" since all incoming persons and baggage will be thoroughly searched by the military police.

Workers return in good Spirits after hard labor

Rolling into Manzanar on specially chartered busses more returning furlough workers were greeted at the gates by welcoming relatives and friends Friday morning at 10:55. This was the third group within four days to return from sugar beet harvesting work and swells the total of returned workers to over 200.

As in the previously returning groups all had a tale of back breaking labor to tell. None expressed much dissatisfaction on the inability to make the venture pay financially and were usually satisfied with just the experiences gained.

The majority revealed that they received fair treatment by the farmers and the outside populace, although a few instances of prejudiced sentiment were also cited.

The opinion of the group as a whole showed that they did not begrudge whatever experiences they underwent to help out in the harvesting work but everyone questioned was unanimous in saying that "They certainly were glad to be back."

REST EXPECTED SOON

Although no definite information has been received from furlough workers it is expected that most of the workers from the Montana area will be back within a week or 10 days, stated Walter Heath, placement officer in charge of outside work activities.

Sugar beet harvesting work in many localities is completed or nearing completion, he said, while in some districts snowfall and freezing weather combined has impeded further continuance of work. However, Southern Idaho regions are still working and the workers from that area may return a little later.

The list of names of the third contingent of returned workers follows: G. Aiso, Y. Arita, Y. Fujii, M. Furuta, H. Ida, H. Jimbo, F. Kaminaka, K. Kanamori, S. Kato, Y. Kato, I. Kikuchi, G. Kishimoto, J. Kitazumi.

L. Mihara, I. Minato, T. Minato, T. Moriwaki, N. Murakami, E. Naide, M. Nakamura, T. Nakashima, S. Nitahara, Y. Sakimoto, Y. Sasaguchi, M. Sasaki, H. Shiba, F. Shiohara.

T. Taira, V. Takahashi, M. Tomoshige, J. Uchiyama, K. Yamamoto, K. Yamashina, A. Yokomizo, M. Yokoyama, S. Yoshi-

Three depart for Army Teaching jobs in midwest

To participate directly in the war effort three Manzanar nisei and kibel left yesterday by bus for the Army Intelligence school in Savage, Minnesota where they will instruct United States Army officers in the devious intricacies of the Japanese language.

ITAMI LEAVES

The three were: Dave Itami, well-known former newspaper editor and recently in charge of the information division under Robert L. Brown, Mas Kadomatsu of the community services section, and Shoji Takimoto, a member of the adult education staff here.

This is the first group to be selected by the army following the registering of eligible applicants last Aug. 6 by Lt. Col. K. E. Rasmussen.

false alarm

FIRST PRACTICE PROVES SUCCESS

With almost clock-like efficiency, because residents prepared for the event in advance—block 36 was emptied of men, women, and children in less than five minutes on Saturday afternoon when the first Manzanar fire drill was held.

The frantic clanging of the mess hall "bell", beating in double quick tempo, sounded the pre-arranged "alarm" when the general evacuation began. Block 36 menfolk had appointed a 16-man fire brigade at a special meeting earlier in the week for the occasion, and each member sprang to his duty, some dragging out lengths of hose, others snatching fire extinguishers from barrack walls, others bringing ladders to scale barrack roofs, still others checking each room to see that occupants were vacated.

A member of the brigade dashed off on foot to the nearest resident with a bicycle and pedaled furiously for the fire department to bring the Manzanar firefighters.

A southerly wind was blowing; evacuees were directed to the south fire break. It was a mock drill, but residents have been warned that, "due to the continual winds and the situation of the Center, fire hazards are great unless extreme precautions are taken." Instructions regarding the drill were given at a meeting last week by Fire Commissioner Hon and Chief Robert Kubota.

Famed experts in Guayule seminar

Guayule again occupies one of the top spots on Manzanar's weekly calendar as famed Dr. Robert Emerson, godfather of the local guayule project, together with Flora M. Scott, professor of botany at UCLA, E. G. Anderson, professor of plant genetics at Caltech and Dr. Kenzie Nozaki, local expert conducting a lively third seminar on the subject last Friday in ironing room 6.

The principal speaker was Professor Scott who elaborated on "The Anatomy of Guayule in Relation to Rubber Formation."

Tabbed to lecture at the next seminar Anderson introduced the subject of his coming lecture which will reveal how a knowledge of plant genetics might be used to develop a guayule breeding program intended to combine the valuable characteristics of different varieties in a single strain.

Dr. Emerson reported on the recent progress in guayule research.

STARDUSTERS

Climaxing the Stardusters' activities for the month of October was the surprise tamale bake given on the 30th at the office of Henry Ushijima for Esther Naito, advisor who is leaving shortly for relocation, and Sam Uyemura, baseball coach.

The persons responsible for the success of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ushijima, Mona Kinoshita, and the P. A. system.

oil on

Troubled Waters

"Don't use oil for cleaning the floor," says Takeshi Shindo, assistant superintendent, which means that although there'll be plenty of oil for everyone, there's none to be wasted.

The difference in cost between regular stove oil and diesel oil has forced the latter upon the community. Though better burning, the stove oil costs 10c per gallon against 6c on diesel.

Any complaints on fuel distribution or stove defects should be brought in to Warehouse No. 35.

Vital Statistics

DEATH

Tsuneji Sugimoto, age 55 died at the hospital. He resided at 21-11-1.