

"Repats" Gripe Over Filthy Living Conditions In Land Of Rising Sun

By DUANE HENNESSY
URAGA, Japan, Dec. 10 (AP)—In the stench-ridden halls of the filthy barracks in which Japanese civilians returning from the United States are housed, one of those who renounced his American citizenship hurried over and said:

"This place is terrible! Why can't the American army disinfest these buildings? Why didn't they do it before we arrived?"

"It's tough, brother, but the American army has nothing to do with this place. You are under the Japanese government now," I told him. "They are running this place. These are the buildings they picked for you."

He said his name was Robert Tsuda, that he was born in Hawaii, had been a cook in Chicago, and had worked in Santa Ana, Calif.

"This is terrible!"

"We never thought we were coming back to anything as bad as this," he complained. "This is terrible!"

The "welcome" in Japan for the repatriates who asked to be relieved of their American citizenship is indeed a harsh revelation. Once they leave their American ship, they are completely under the care of the Japanese government. Uruga Cami, at the mouth of Tokyo bay, is even off limits for allied military personnel.

Civilians trudged for a mile up a muddy, rutted road to reach the camp—a half-dozen weather-beaten, unpartitioned barracks. Windows were broken, letting a chill wind whip through the barren rooms.

Rotting and untended since the Japanese army moved out, the buildings had not been cleaned for months. Halls were littered with old tin cans, ashes dumped from charcoal burners, and cardboard boxes of refuse and junk.

No Beds

There were no beds, just worn, woven straw sleeping mats. Each man was issued four dirty blankets, presumably salvaged from the Japanese army.

"At least, they could have cleaned the blankets," Tsuda said. "They even smell bad. Living here is miserable!"

"Not like Japanese relocation centers in the States?" he was asked.

"There's no comparison. I sure wish I had an American meal right now, but I guess it will be a long time before I get that kind of food again."

He was told the American army is not feeding the Japanese people, and that henceforth he would be on the standard Japanese ration, as set by the government.

Former KF Girls Friendly Rivals In Queen Contest

"Friendly enemies" in the Crescent City, Calif. Victory Queen contest, were Dorothy Wilcoxin and Beverley Bailey, who came in second and third respectively in a six-girl contest.

82 Children Examined At Health Center

Eighty-two children were examined by visiting specialists at the recent crippled children's clinic held at the Klamath county public health center, 1949 Main.

Dr. Lawrence Noall, orthopedist affiliated with the Shrine hospital in Portland, examined 60 children the two days he was here. He recommended built-up shoes in some cases and will send back reports to family physicians who will supervise exercises and care of patients between clinics.

Dr. Claude Kampner, speech specialist with the state crippled children service, was here one day and examined 17 children. Mrs. E. M. Snook, physical therapist also of the state crippled children service reviewed children needing exercises.

Three children were brought over from Lakeview to attend the clinic and one from Medford. One was brought over from Alturas, Calif., for consultation service.

The next clinic will be held May 8 and 9, 1949.

The health center is working short-handed and would like to interview a public health nurse or a clinic nurse, Dr. Peter H. Rozendal stated.

At least 500 of the repatriates were waiting in the mess hall, a place of unmopped floors, with pools of water here and there on the uneven cement. Each person was served one saucer of rice—a plate the size of an American coffee saucer—and one apricot, shriveled to the size of a walnut.

Then they all returned to their quarters, shivering. There was no heat anywhere in the camp.

That's what they came back to, from America.

KUHS Concert Will Feature Choral Groups

The feature number on the Klamath Union high school music department's annual Christmas concert to be given in the high school auditorium, Wednesday evening December 19, will be the singing of Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis" by the combined choral groups of the high school orchestra. Approximately 200 voices will comprise this singing group which is composed of the girls' glee club, the intermediate choir and the cappella choir.

The Christmas concert, which is presented to the public as a Christmas gift, has long proven to be one of the highlights of the musical season and this year should prove no exception. Musical organizations appearing on this program in groups of numbers will be the cappella choir, the girls' glee club, the orchestra and the girls' nonette. The nonette is a new organization in the school and is composed of first sopranos, Dorothy Howry, Betty Glidden and Doris Weaver; second sopranos, Alyce Wells, Lola Whisenand and Dorothy Collier, and altos, Marie Wright, Beth Chastain and Patsy Hambrick. Barbara Zinn is the accompanist.

Most of the music to be sung or played in this concert is not of the conventional carol type but rather does the program contain some of the outstanding Christmas music of the ages.

Special scenery and lighting are being directed by the high school stage crew under the advisement of Chester Newton of the high school faculty. The beautiful cathedral window painted by the Rev. F. W. Wisenbach will again be used.

Warren Batty, Lakeview, posted \$5 bail for an appearance in court today for a violation of the basic rule. James McCarty, Tulelake, posted \$10 for running two stop signs at the Commercial street intersections with Elm and 6th.

Carl Calloway, 715 St. Francis street, posted \$10 bail for operating a vehicle with defective brakes and having no muffler, and Robert Stacey, 212 Lewis, put up \$7 for making an improper left turn and failing to procure an operator's license.

Ten other parking and traffic tickets were paid in court this morning. None of the accidents reported resulted in extensive damage and no persons were injured.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

Doctor Arthur Brown spoke to the sophomores, juniors and seniors Friday morning on science in relation to the Bible. Dr. Brown was introduced by Rev. Charles S. Understrom, minister of the Emmanuel Baptist church.

Following the lecture Jim Howard, student body president and chairman of the TAC committee, conducted a short student body meeting. Jim explained that the TAC had not been opened because the committee was cleaning it and making changes in some of the furnishings. Two new davenport and chairs are to be bought.

Jim stated that any member of the TAC committee has the right to take the ticket of any member of the club whose conduct is unbecoming. He also read the newly formed rules and introduced the members of the TAC committee. Representatives of Henry high and the Sacred Heart academy have been asked to attend the next committee meeting Wednesday, December 12.

Faculty-H-Y Game

The athletic minded members of the KUHS faculty will play a basketball game against several members of the H-Y next Thursday noon. The faculty lineup consists of "Dutch" French, Ed Ryan, Hip Largent, Paul Angstead and H. O. Palmer. These faculty members are slated to hold the five positions, but Goodwin, Kuykendall, Ross, and Newton have also volunteered to help win the battle.

Bill Perrin, Ted Reeves, Don Eittrheim, John Carstensen, and Jim Palmer will be the big five for the H-Y. John Linman, Bill McLean, Bob Thompson, Jim Pope, George Zupan and Gordon Veitch will make up the reserves. Dorothy Gustafson and Lillian Redkey, girls athletic teachers, will be the officials at the game.

The game will start at 12:30 and 10 cents admission will be charged.

And Incidentally

Tickets are still on sale for the George Hopkins concert of Chopin music which will be Friday evening, December 14, at 8 o'clock. Student tickets are being sold by the Jobs Daughters at a special rate of 50 cents.

Janice Blyeu and Effie Botons have spoken at several clubs around town on Christmas seals. The Big and Little Sister club of the Girls' League sold Tuberculosis Christmas seals at various stores about town Saturday.

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Two Hunters Bag Big Bear

ALTURAS — The Lions club of Alturas will again hold the annual bear feast owing to the hunting prowess of Ernest Server and Uel Marr with the able assistance of Marr's bear dogs.

Delegated by the club, the hunters succeeded in bagging their quarry near Montgomery creek. Server wounded a large black bear that had been run down by the dogs. Bruin had turned on the dogs when Server appeared, taking a shot at the animal. Throwing caution in the air, he advanced to help the dogs.

Bruin turned and made a few passes at Server ripping his trousers from his body before Server was able to finish the animal. Server, former deputy sheriff and now probation officer, states that the Lions will have to name a different bear hunter for next year's feast.

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Extension Unit News

The Merrill home extension unit will meet Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the high school. Members and interested homemakers are asked to bring one-half yard of sewing material, a zipper and necessary sewing equipment. Members are also urged to note the time and change in date.

SHORT OF QUOTA

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—Bond sales in Oregon stood at 71.7 per cent of the quota today with the campaign officially over.

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