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NISEI OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO ENLIST

In an effort toward amelioration of its rulings under the Selective Service, whereby enlistment of nisei personnel has been suspended since the outbreak of the war, and in response to urgent requests from nisei circles pleading that Nisei men of draft age be granted the opportunity to prove their loyalty by enlisting in the armed services of the United States, the War Department has now inaugurated a plan whereby such an opportunity is now presented to qualified nisei personnel, according to instructions from Washington D.C.

This opportunity is being extended to nisei who can meet the following qualifications, and is open to both single and married men alike:

1. Applicant should have at least a high school education in this country and must have a fluent command of the English language.

2. He must have an adequate command of the Japanese language, both oral and written. He should be able to read and write "kotokoku" and "kongou" and a good number of "Kunjii" normally used in written Japanese.

3. He must be physically fit for field service.

Meeting the above qualifications will be given the opportunity of volunteering for enlistment in the United States Army. Recruiting officers will be visiting this Center in the immediate future, and further detailed information may be had from them.

Applicants after passing the regular army physical examination will be directed to the Army language school for a further intensive training of six months, and upon completion of the course will be sent out into the field with combat troops. The duties definitely will not be of "espionage" nor "secret agent" type of work.

A limited number of students who show special aptitude and temperament for teaching will be retained at school as enlisted instructors with rating of sergeants or better.

Prospective applicants and those interested should try to settle personal affairs as to be ready to leave this Colony with these recruiting officers.

The response to this plan for nisei to enlist in the Army will be lock-ed upon as the acid test of the Selective Service requests for opportunity to enlist being made through the various nisei publications are made in real sincerity backed up with action, or whether they are just empty dialects.

It is the first step in re-approving the status of nisei under the Selective Service, and the standing and treatment to be accorded to nisei under future changes in the Selective Service, as well as their post-war status, will depend to a great degree on the nisei reaction to this plan which Army officers expect to have worked out with no small amount of deliberation and trouble expended on the nisei side of the picture with the present Selective Service system.

Marutomi Cooke, who received the above release further stated that volunteers for this course of study and opportunity must be prepared to enlist in the United States Army for the duration of the war at the regular standard army pay and must be able to meet the enlistment standard set up for normal army service as well as their physical requirements.

In addition to other opportunities, accepted volunteers will have the value of the war veteran status after the war and during the reconstruction years to follow.

Anticipating the arrival here in the near future of a recruiting officer, we would like to have all nisei men who meet the necessary qualifications and who wish to volunteer their services call upon their block managers and fill out the form designated for the purpose so that they may be called in for a preliminary interview at the administrative building.

After reviewing the opportunity offered by this type of service, we feel that this really affords an excellent opportunity, and we hope that this recruiting program will meet with a large response.

Please call upon your block managers who will instruct you upon completing the preliminary forms for interview and who will keep you advised as to the next steps to be taken.

Funeral services for Mrs. Toku Tanabe, former resident of Tacoma, Wash., will be held at 2:30 p.m., this afternoon.

Deceased is the mother of the Rev. Shigeo Tanabe.

SUNDAY MUSIC HOUR

Classical music hour for Sunday evening will be held 15 minutes earlier than previously with the announced starting time hereafter at 9:30 p.m. The place will remain at #0250.
CHURCH SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Episcopal)
9:00 a.m. Beginners:
10:00 a.m. Junior:
11:00 a.m. Adult:
12:00 p.m. College of Life:
1:00 p.m. High School:
2:00 p.m. Choir:
3:00 p.m. Youth:
4:00 p.m. Bible Study

EXPLANATION
1. City Circuit Available At Block Manager's Office
2. Request To Arkansas Farmers Denied By Project Director
3. Open House Planned By Community Enterprise

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