

Conversation between Lt. Bolton, Arizona, and Lt. Hughes; 2-16-43;
10:35 A.M.

H: Bolton, this is Hughes.

B: I thought I had better contact you - I have a couple of things. We had a very satisfactory meeting day before yesterday and everything seems to be entirely satisfactory. The registration started yesterday morning and when the first of them came into register with the sergeant - something seemed to be wrong. After some questioning, we saw what had happened. At a block meeting a few questions had been asked and it seems that the older K&bei had told those wishing to register not to answer (question 277) I talked with some loyal Nisei and they suggested that the proper thing to do was to get those boys out of the camp.

H: What does Wade Head say about that?

B: He says it is all right.

H: The decision is up to the project director. It is his responsibility to get them out.

B: We had some good results yesterday. I am reporting 311 registrations - 364 registered in all. We got 11 and then three more came in addition to those from unit 3; so that isn't so bad.

H: What percentage did you get? *only 364!*

B: I have no figures as yet, but it was pretty high.

H: There are two points I would like to bring out. You should take this position: make it definitely clear that we are not going to stand for any opposition to our program. If there is any indication of opposition or blocking of this program, warn them that we will

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proceed against them, using violation of Espionage Act.

2. This constitutes a definite election on their part.

This is the ~~the~~one opportunity for the loyal Japanese Americans to take their stand with the Government of the United States. If they do not do this, ~~it~~ they may not expect any further favorable treatment from this Government. If you have a pressure group developing there talk it over with Head and have him arrange for the removal of them. Do not tolerate any opposition. We insist that each individual be given the opportunity to make a free answer. We do not insist that they answer Yes! We insist that they give the answer they desire to make. Talk it over with Head and if there is any organized opposition have him to effect their removal at once, but it should be done through the Project Director. If your situation does not clarify, call us again tomorrow. I telegraphed you last night to hold up transmission of 304a, in which the answer is no. Do not send them in to Washington yet. Hold them for a reasonable period of time and if anyone ~~wishes~~ wishes to change his answer, let him do so.

B: I have reported a few changes on separate slips of paper.

H: That's right - let an individual change his answer if he desires to.

B: There is another situation here - I received an order from the Commanding Officer, Ninth Service Command, ^{Fort Douglas} in which he asked me - rather this letter was sent to Mr. Head. Mr. Head received the letter and the Com. Officer asked him if he would please deliver the letter to the senior officer of the War Department. I am enclosing a

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copy of this letter in my report.

H: What does it say?

B:

Upon being inducted, ~~xxx~~ inductees/^{should be} sent to induction station at Salt Lake City, Utah, which is quite a distance from here.

H: Who signed it?

B: Gene, A. Robbins, Major AGD. The next part: Upon induction the inductees ~~xxx~~ will be transferred to the enlisted reserve corps. The inductee will be required to report at Fort Douglas, Utah, and soon there after he will be sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for assignment to the combat team. The rest of that paragraph is merely detail. This paragraph is not right. It does not permit under any circumstances, the Jap volunteer to enter Military Areas No. 1 and 2. Military Area 1 is Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

H: You mean this doesn't permit 7 day furlough period?

B: That's right.

H: As soon as they are inducted they are automatically given passes if they ask for leave. General DeWitt has agreed that any volunteer who is in uniform may visit those areas.

B: That settles that - When I got here Mr. Galvin informed me that he had orders from 9th Service Command. ^{that under no circumstances would they be permitted to enter areas} they had been quartered inside the areas here and the sergeant was not permitted to visit his relatives.

H: But you straightened that out?

B: Very quickly. ^{is it} ---- the ~~first~~ paragraph is that you convey this information to all applicants.

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H: What is the date of that letter?

B: February 10th.

H: Any symbols?

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H: These people are to get 7 days leave if they want it and they are to be permitted to visit Military Areas 1 and 2, providing they are in uniform.

B: Some of them have asked if they could go into California to be sure their business is taken care of before they leave for the Army.

H: They will have to wait until they are inducted and are in uniform before they do it.

B: They have been advised that they can go into California.

H: They must be in uniform and that is after induction but any soldier not in uniform will not be permitted to return to those areas. They must be in uniform and have a pass - the pass is issued upon request.

B: All right. I don't know how much more of this sort of thing I'll keep getting from the 9th Service Command.

H: Keep in touch with us and if you have a continuation of this situation let us know.

B: Well, I may not know the situation completely, but it doesn't disturb me. I think WRA and I have sufficient understanding of the situation and I don't think any trouble will result.

H: Try to get the point over ~~that~~ and make it stick that if they fall down on this we don't know when they will get another chance.

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And we will straighten up this other thing - it takes time to get all the factors involved. Keep in touch with us and if there are any other developments, let us know.

H: We had thought that we might get Tracy down when he finished but it looks like now that he won't get through in time to be of much help.

B: We have two very satisfactory men.

just instead of Cresta-mary 285 or 300
H: If we get another team finished and you need help we will send them down. Let us know.

B: Don't worry - everything will be all right.

H: Send us the letter from Major Robbins.