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## Editorial:

### STUDENTS' REACTION GOOD

High school began Monday and some 1300 boys and girls traced unfamiliar, faltering steps toward Hunt's makeshift classrooms.

Therein remained the bitter taste of last spring's evacuation. Their school year incomplete, students were caravaned to assembly centers. During the long interim between May and November one of the primary worries of thoughtful parents was the possibility that the evacuation and an over-long vacation would have an adverse effect on their children.

Most children, however, despite their parents' anxiety, seem none the worse for having experienced the evacuation and the attitude of saddle-shod and corduroyed teensters on the opening day showed their willingness to grapple again with the new curriculum and continue the upward climb.

Instructors report that their classes were remarkably well-behaved. Whether they remain ardent disciples or develop apathy toward school is dependent on the teaching caliber of the instructors and their assistants.

The nisei, as a whole, have had exceptional scholastic records wherever they have gone to school and there is every indication that they will continue it here. Competition, needless to say, will be keen. Evacuation has thrown to other many who will vie for valedictory and salutatory honors.

High School Principal Light and the educational staff have faced innumerable problems in getting the school started. The residents know this and appreciate their effort which has resulted in a tangible note of encouragement and a promise of a school system equal to those students left behind. R.C.T.

### LABOR BOARD RAPS WIRE FENCING

Vigorous opposition will be given by the Fair Labor Board to the erection of guard towers and barbed-wire fences, George Takigawa, executive secretary, announced at the board's executive staff meeting last week at the administration building.

"A lot of people are talking about the guard towers and barbed wire but nobody is doing anything about it. So, the Fair Labor Board is going to take some action soon to oppose

them," Takigawa said.

"We won't take it sitting down. It will undermine our confidence in the WRA," he added.

Takigawa also announced plans for a meeting of harvest workers who have returned to hear their stories on work conditions. He stated he had already been handed reports by workers on misrepresentations in contracts, inadequate travel allowances, poor living conditions and uncomfortable modes of travel.

### Exchange

TOPAZ TIMES - Utah

A hog farm will be started here soon, consisting of 160 acres with equipment for about 4500 animals....a slaughter house for butchering hogs and cattle will be built next fall....500 attended formal opening of Protestant Church.

TULE LAKE - Calif.

The erection of a 200-foot brooder house, ready to accommodate about 5000 chicks, is the start of a proposed poultry plant with a capacity of 40,000 hens....400 pounds of hamburger tickled the palate of hungry Tulcans at the recent Harvest Festival... Found in Ken Miyashita's column: "Reports from those who have visited the Minidoka project are all good. This Idaho center is really super, according to those boys."

GILA NEWS - COURIER

Linoleum coverings for Butte apartments have arrived...."How Green Was My Valley" and "In the Navy" are scheduled for one-night stands....A volunteer Junior Traffic Patrol has been organized here to safeguard school children on their way to and from school.

HEART MT. - Wyo.

Plans for a USO for entertaining visiting soldiers are being contemplated by the girls' club staff....36 girls' clubs have been organized to date....Residents will go to the polls for the first time to elect block representatives to the city charter commission.

GRANADA PIONEER - Colo.

The former Walt Disney studio artists, Chris Ishii and Tom Okamoto, are art instructors in the high schools and fine art classes of the adult night school....A co-operative store for junior high school students will open with the board of directors to be elected from the members.

ROHWER OUTPOST - Ark.

Forty Caucasian teachers and 43 resident instructors attended a four-day confab preparatory to the opening of school.