

VARIETY OF EVENTS MARKS SECOND CHRISTMAS IN HUNT

D.H.'s 28, 17, 1, 32, 36 Judged Big Five;
Blocks to Hold Parties, Talent Program;

With the theme, "May All Your Christmases Be Bright," brought out in striking blue and white simplicity, Blk. 28 was honored with the coveted first place in the Christmas Dining Hall Contest.

Close behind with clever draping curtains effects, Blk. 17 was judged second best, with Blk. 1 and their patriotic theme winning them third place honors. Painstaking originality placed Blk. 32 in fourth place, while Blk. 36's "Keep The Home Fires Burning" theme won them a berth on the Big Five.

Among the winners, Blks. 17, 32, and 36 also placed in last year's contest.

Judges were impressed with the amount of careful work put into the decorations by all the blocks whose members labored late hours this past week. They commented on the percentage of participation and on the fact that every dining hall was decorated. The four appointed personnel members who made the final decision were: W. E. Kipp, R. S. Davidson, Mrs. R. Pomeroy, and W. Jaeger.

"We urge all dining halls to stay open until 10 p. m. tonight so that everybody can admire the displays," Kipp said.

Judging was based on originality, Christmas theme, general effect, participation, and Christmas tree. Preliminary surveys were made of all dining halls by the judges on Dec. 22.

In observance of Christmas, union issei and nisei services were to be held this morning in four places throughout the center from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.

In a lighter vein the meaning of Christmas was melodiously carried to the residents by the combined young people's choirs of the Federated Church who sang carols at the hospital and throughout the camp Christmas Eve.

The choirs had rehearsed for several weeks under the direction of Willard Jaeger at Rec. 8 and Miss Gwendolyn Cline at Rec. 34.

Christmas Week

December 24—"Gangster's Ball" Dance at D.H. 16.

December 25—Joint Issei-Nisei Christmas services: Rec. 8, Rec. 16, Rec. 22, Rec. 24.

December 25—Christmas parties and programs in each block.

December 26—Talent show comprised of best acts from each hall in Dining Hall 28.

December 27, 28, 29—"Hi-Jinx" in Rec. Hall 8.

December 31—New Year's Eve Dance at D.H. 28.

December 31—Carnival at High School (Blk. 23).

Requests For Repatriation Must Be Sent Now

Evacuees who wish to be repatriated to Japan should submit requests promptly if they have not already done so in order that WRA can keep the State Department accurately informed of their wishes, acting Project Director R. S. Davidson, announced Friday.

WRA will continue to submit requests for repatriation or cancellation to the State Department for use in connection with negotiations with Japan concerning further exchanges, if and when they can be arranged.

Stressing that there is no definite word at this time concerning future exchanges, the Project Director advised all evacuees to file applications with both the WRA and the Spanish Embassy in Washington.

Persons who have applied for repatriation sometime in the past and who have since changed their minds should inform the proper authorities at once. Such evacuees should file a declination with WRA and also inform the Spanish Embassy of their decision. Notifica-

Yuletide record concerts, featuring the beloved carols, were held during the week at 7:30 p. m. in various Rec. halls under the sponsorship of Dixon Miyachi.

Following the Christmas dinner this evening in each dining hall, which promises to provide culinary treats, talent programs will be held in each block. Gifts will be distributed to all those 15 years and under and those over 70 years by "Santa Claus." Many blocks will conclude with a party for the younger set.

Since November, Christmas gifts by the thousands have been pouring in from all over the nation from kind friends and various church organizations. At their headquarters in the Federated Christian Church office and at Rec. 21, a beehive of volunteers took on the enormous task of receiving, sorting, and preparing the presents for block distribution under the supervision of Mrs. H. Yamada.

"We are finding that we have more friends now than ever before," said the Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama. "The number of gifts show that the heart of America is essentially warm and that the vociferous race mongers constitute only a small minority."

Four secretaries were kept busy writing thank you letters for the love and kindness shown by the givers—to be well rewarded by personal letters of thanks on behalf of the children.

The majority of the gifts are from the various denominations that have been allocated certain relocation centers. The American Friends are dividing their efforts among five of the centers.

After a week of dances, parties, caroling, and Christmas merriment, the climatic conclusion will be provided in a talent show combining the best acts in each block to be presented on Dec. 26 in the top winning dining hall, D. H. 28.