

## "WAR" (AND EVACUATION)

"War," was declared between the U.S. and Japan, which changed many a Japanese career and life. Boys and girls going to college had to stop, people too going to high school had to be set back in mid year. Then the evacuation comings had many worried. Would the camps be like Germany's concentration camps? Would the food be poor, etc? Internment of all the fathers, curfews, money frozen in banks, etc. bothered many more too.

Evacuation brought us to camps. Here worries dividled alittly, except for a few who wanted to go outside and study or earn a living so he or she may live in the future. \$8--\$12--\$16--was not enough money for a living, here one would only become ignorant and waste time, and would not be ready for the future.

Here one would only learn and do things parents did not want them to learn, but things went on. Diseases spread, the measles, etc. At the height of it came the time to be relocated agin. Packing and crating was done again.

The first group are going to "Idaho" wrote the "News Letter."

"Idaho", what part of it are we going to? Rocky, sandy, cold, barren part? Well, we found out. Summer was hot with sand storms, winter was below zero and windy with snow. Yes, this is the place we were sent to, very cold in the winter, hot in the summer, with dust storms.

"It isn't even worth living out here, and isn't even fit for a dog," said many a workmen, but now as things become better it has encouraged many. Since we have to say here we might as well make it worth while living here said the pro-people.

Coop was started, 7 men council and reps from each block started, spaces were leveled off, to make and beautify this community of ours. In the future, this community would be one of the noted places in the state of Idaho, (I presume.)

These are some things war brought on the Japanese Americans, but to thing of what is happening in "war torn Europe" it is not too bad staying here. (Minidoka Idaho)

And war has taught many a fine lesson too. War teaches to work, study, learn harder, and to face the future on better ground.