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EDITORIAL

A PRIVILEGE AND A DUTY.

The release of five more students from Hunt raises to 21 the number of students who have thus far been given an opportunity to continue their college education.

It was not without a trace of disappointment that many of us watched the apparently futile efforts of the National Student Relocation Council during early days at the assembly center. Many were openly cynical of relocation possibilities for college students.

But the untiring efforts of relocation officials like Joseph Conrad in Berkeley, "Bob" O'Brien of the University of Washington, Joan Hatton and Joan Russell, seem to have spurred the program toward realization of its aims.

The Relocation Council has shown sagacity in their recommendation of students to be released. Selections were made keeping in mind the student's scholastic record, his personality, his background. Students representing the finest type of nisei youth will help their impression on many a wary community.

It is their fortunate privilege to be able to continue their interrupted education. Upon them will rest the obligatory task of reshaping prejudices, of creating a true understanding of this Japanese-American. That is their duty.

They carry with them to their colleges and universities a heavy responsibility. For theirs is the task of showing to many a heretofore nisei-less college town that they are regular, saddle-shod "Joos"; all-American. It is a privilege. It is also a duty. —BOT

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CITIZENSHIP BILL RUMOR FOUND FALSE

Rumors that "Congress has adopted a bill abolishing citizenship status of nisei" were branded false in a telegram received today by Project Director Harry L. Stafford from Philip H. Glick, WRA solicitor in Washington D. C.

The telegram is as follows:

An sending you this wire at request of acting Regional Director Rowait. I understand that rumors are circulating at Minidoka that Congress has adopted a bill abolishing the citizenship status of nisei and another bill providing for internment of evacuees.

These rumors are not true. They are probably due to a misunderstanding of a bill recently introduced in the Senate to amend the Federal Constitution to permit Congress to regulate conditions under which persons subject to dual citizenship may become citizens of the United States. That bill has not passed.

It has merely been introduced in the Senate and referred to a committee. It would take a two-thirds vote in each house of Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures to adopt such a constitutional amendment.

Congress has not adopted any legislation that would deprive evacuees of citizenship or would provide for their internment.

The War Relocation Authority recognizes and will defend the citizenship right of those evacuees born in the United States.

SCHOOL DELAYED

Hunt schools will not open before Oct. 15, R.A. Pomeroy, sup't. of education, announced today. Space in Blk. 23 will not be available until occupants move to Blk. 44.

MORE ON JOBS

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the responsibility of those remaining to carry on the essential project needs," James said.