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## President Roosevelt Praises "Wonderful" Combat Record Of Japanese American Soldiers

Chief Executive Expresses Support of Relocation Program; Declines Definite Statement on Possible Lifting of West Coast Military Exclusion Order

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt hailed the "wonderful record" established by Japanese Americans in the United States Army at his press conference on Nov. 21.

In a discussion prompted by a reporter's question, the President paid high tribute to Japanese American army units which have fought in Italy and which are now fighting in France.

Mr. Roosevelt supported the War Relocation Authority's resettlement program, declaring he thought Japanese American citizens could be absorbed readily throughout the country.

Many lawyers believe, the President noted, that citizens of Japanese ancestry cannot lawfully be confined in relocation centers.

He added that he did not know whether military restrictions could be relaxed to allow return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast, but said that of the 100,000 sent to the relocation camps, 20 to 25 percent already have placed themselves in other parts of the country.

Using what he termed his favorite word, Mr. Roosevelt said it would not discommodate the existing population much if 75,000 Japanese Americans were distributed around the United States.

He added that in a unit the size of a county whether it was in the Hudson Valley or in Georgia, it would not upset anybody to have one or two Japanese families.

### To Our Readers

In compliance with a recent War Production Board order limiting use of newsprint by newspapers using less than 25 tons per quarter, the Pacific Citizen is forced to limit the size of this edition to allow for the publication of two special sections in its annual Christmas issue.

The newspaper will return to its regular 8-page size after Jan. 1, 1945.

In addition, in compliance with the paper conservation order the Pacific Citizen has cut temporarily the more than 1000 copies sent to relocation centers for sale in canteens by more than 50 per cent.

## Gov. Warren Says California Will Give "Full Recognition" to Nisei Citizens Upon Return

SACRAMENTO—Governor Earl Warren declared on Nov. 18 that if the Federal Government determines military necessity no longer requires the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from California, the State government will give "full recognition to their constitutional and statutory rights," the Associated Press reported.

Convalescing after a lengthy illness, the California governor issued a written statement through his office in which he declared that the State government is powerless to prevent the return of persons of Japanese ancestry and reviewed discussions which he said he has had with the Western Defense Command over problems involving Americans and aliens of Japanese ancestry.

"The evacuation of the Japanese from this area and the permission for their return here during the war, have been and are matters wholly within the jurisdiction of the United States army in exercise of war powers delegated to the army by the President of the United States," Warren said.

A number of protests from individuals and organizations in Northern California had been received by the Governor following a report that a Japanese American, James K. Yamamoto, was returning to his berry farm near San Jose, Calif.

Warren said his statement was prompted by misapprehension among "many people" that the State government could prevent the return of Japanese Americans.

Warren declared that in conversations with Western Defense commanders since Pearl Harbor he had pointed out "factors" which should be considered in connection with any plan for the return of Japanese Americans during the war "in addition to the possibility of air raids, invasion or sabotage."

"I had in mind, "Warren said, "that any termination or substantial modification of the existing military order would bring about a reconcentration in California of the great majority of the Japanese in the United States."

"I had in mind that California, by reason of its proximity to the Pacific war area, is crowded with feverish war activity, with de-

barkation centers, hospitals, and with military concentrations, and with acute housing shortages and overtaxed law enforcement machinery.

"In their agricultural work, the returning Japanese would be thrown into close contact with and would be a constant irritation to Filipinos and Koreans whose relatives and nationals have been so greatly wronged by the Japanese government.

"Other Japanese returning to our war congested cities would find their former quarters already overcrowded by war workers.

"These factors existing in California are over and above the general resentment of the American people resulting from Government published reports of Japanese atrocities against our heroes of Bataan and Corregidor and from the mutiny of Japanese evacuees at Tule Lake and disorders at the Manzanar relocation center.

"We, in California, take pride in our freedom from racial conflict and civil disorder and we are apprehensive of the outcome of reintroducing Japanese into our complex and strained wartime life.

"I have stated to the commanding Generals that California is not asking for preferential treatment and that it is not trying to force the Japanese into other States of the Union. I have suggested that they evaluate the dangers to the war effort from civil disturbances.

"I have assured them, however, that if and when they do determine, under all these circumstances, that military necessity no longer exists for the exclusion of the Japanese, California proposes to support their determination as patriotically as it did the original order of removal."

## 22 Japanese Americans Killed, 79 Wounded on French Front

### Six Other Nisei Reported Missing in Action Following Recent Operations in Europe

Twenty-two American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from the western United States were reported killed, 79 wounded and six missing in action on the French front, according to War Department information conveyed to next of kin, the Pacific Citizen learned this week.

All of the casualties, the majority of whom are from California, were presumed to be members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a part of the 36th Division now fighting in the Seventh Army of Gen. Alexander Patch on the southern sector of the western front in France.

(The following list is unofficial and has been compiled by the Pacific Citizen from reports of kin of the casualties and from reports in relocation center newspapers. It does not include casualties from the Territory of Hawaii, or from the Granada relocation center.)

#### Killed in Action

STAFF SGT. ABE MEGUMI FUJI, husband of Thelma Noguchi Fuji of Denver, Colo., killed in action in France on Oct. 15.

STAFF SGT. JOHN HARANO, (Berkeley, Calif.), son of Sataro Harano, 20-3-E, Topaz, Utah, killed in France. He is also survived by five brothers, one of whom, Pvt. Roy, is stationed at Camp Blanding, and three sisters. Volunteered for the army in 1943.

PFC. TORAO HAYASHI, 30, (Sacramento, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ichimatsu Hayashi of 209-8-C, Poston, killed in action in France on Oct. 28. Survived also by a brother, Masao, Detroit; and five sisters, Toshiko, Sueko, Tomiko, Ruth and Ruby.

PFC. HENRY S. IZUMIZAKI, 23, (Watsonville, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kanetsuchi Izumizaki of 220-8-C, Poston, killed in action in France on Nov. 2. He is also survived by two brothers, Pfc. James Izumizaki, wounded in France on Oct. 17, and Pvt. Arthur Izumizaki, Camp Blanding, Fla.

PFC. JERO KANETOMI, (South Park, Wash.), husband of Mrs. Mio Inouye Kanetomi, a cadet nurse in Elgin, Ill., killed in France on Oct. 20. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kanetomi of Oregon Slope, Rt. 2, Payette, Idaho. Inducted into the army on Dec. 3, 1941, and served three years in the Medical Corps before being sent overseas.

PFC. YOSHIO KATO, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenzo Kato of 17-7-E, Hunt, Idaho, killed in action in France on Oct. 20. Survived also by his brother, Akira, serving overseas.

CPL. MASUO KENMOTSU, 24, (Los Angeles, Calif.), son of Eijiro Kenmotsu, 6-9-F, Ht. Mountain, killed in action on Oct. 28 in France.

S/SGT. PETER MASUOKA, 24, (Sebastopol, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ushitada Masuoka of the Granada relocation center, Amache, Colo., killed in action in France on Nov. 3. Three other Masuoka sons are in service, Master Sgt. Henry, now at Camp Shelby; T/5 Frank, in the South Pacific, and T/5 Edward, fighting in Italy.

CPL. GEORGE S. NAKAMURA (Al Campo, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Sensusuke Nakamura, 23-9-A, Rohwer, killed in action in France on Oct. 29.

CPL. JOHN T. NARIMATSU, 25, (Reedley, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsui Terakawa of 306-10-C, Poston, and brother of Mary Narimatsu, killed in action on Nov. 1 in France.

PVT. BAN NINOMIYA, 22, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Ninomiya of Hunt, Idaho, killed in action on Oct. 29.

PFC. YOSHITO NORITAKE, 22, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Teichiro Noritake, 24-2-D, Hunt, Idaho, killed in France on Oct. 16. Survived by his father, three sisters and two brothers.

PFC. GEORGE OMOKAWA (San Pedro, Calif.), killed in action on Oct. 30. Survived by a cousin, Sue Omokawa, 29-9-F, Rohwer, Ark.

PVT. YOHEI SAGAMI (Fife, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Fushikichi Sagami of 12-3-C, Hunt, Idaho, killed in action in France on Oct. 15. Survived by his parents, two sisters and seven brothers, of whom two are serving overseas.

PVT. TOLL SEIKE, son of Shinichi Seike, formerly of Ht. Mountain, Wyo., and now relocated to Ann Arbor, Mich., killed in action in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. MASAO F. SHIGEMURA, 21, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shigemura of 149 S. State street, Salt Lake City, killed in action in France on Oct. 20.

PVT. TERUO TABATA, 20, (Oakland, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yataro Tabata, Topaz, Utah, previously reported missing in action, now reported killed in France on Oct. 28. Volunteered for the army in 1943.

PFC. KO TANAKA, (Lodi, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshinobu Tanaka, 19-12-F, Rohwer, Ark., killed in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. MASARU TASHIMA, (Fresno, Calif.), brother of Frank M. Tashima, 14-8-C, Rohwer, Ark., died of wounds in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. FRED YAMAMOTO, 26, (Palo Alto, Calif.), son of Mrs. Yumi Sato, 24-18-C, Ht. Mountain, killed in action in France on Oct. 28. Survivors include a brother, Tom at Fort Snelling; a sister, Mrs. Mitsuye Okada; two step-sisters, Mrs. Kiyo Hashimoto and Rijo Sato; a step-brother, Jack Sato; and his mother.

PFC. HIDEO YASUI, 23 (Olympia, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Yasui of 16-4-E, Hunt, Idaho, killed in France on Oct. 22.

PFC. MINORU M. YOSHIDA, (Linden, Calif.), son of Toshio Yoshida, 34-11-A, Rohwer, Ark., killed in France on Oct. 31.

#### Missing in Action

PFC. HARRY N. KUROIWA, husband of Mrs. Kiyo Kuroiwa, 25-9-C, Rohwer, missing since Oct. 19.

PFC. JOHN T. KAJIMOTO, 12-10-C, Rohwer, missing in action since Oct. 22. Next of kin, Mr. and Mrs. Taroji Dohi of 12-10-C, Rohwer.

SGT. NED T. NAKUMURA, 29 (Gardena, Calif.), husband of Mrs. Kimiko Nakamura of Hunt, Idaho, missing Oct. 31 in France.

KOZO WATANABE, (Dinuba, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Watanabe of 309-5-A, Poston, missing in action in France.

PVT. BEN MASAOKA, 33, (Salt Lake City), son of Mrs. Haruye Masaoaka, 1739 North Wells St., Chicago, Ill., missing in action in France since Oct. 31. Pvt. Masaoaka has four

other brothers in service, two of whom have been wounded in action.

PVT. GEORGE TAKAHASHI, (Artesia, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Takahashi, 9-1-C, Rohwer, Ark., missing in action in France since Oct. 29.

#### Wounded in Action

PFC. BEN ARAI (Portland, Ore.), son of Mrs. Tsuya Arai, 24-21-C, Ht. Mountain, Wyo., slightly wounded on Oct. 30 in France.

PVT. AUGUSTINE Y. ARATANI, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Etsuji Aratani of Spokane, Wash., wounded Oct. 27.

PFC. TADASHI ARIMURA, (Lemoore, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yotaro Arimura, 19-6-C, Rohwer, Ark., slightly wounded in France on Oct. 30.

PVT. SAM ASANUMA, 29, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Asanuma of Hunt, Idaho, seriously wounded on Oct. 20.

PFC. ISAMU AZUMA of 33-1-B, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

CPL. ROBERT SEIKI FUJITA, (Los Angeles, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuemon Fujita, 4-6-D, Rohwer, seriously wounded in France.

PFC. HERBERT FUSHIMI, 21, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. Y. Fushimi of 14-2-E, Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 16 in France.

PFC. YONEO HAMADA, (Concord, Calif.), 64-13-A, Gila River, seriously wounded in France on Nov. 2.

PFC. JACK Y. HARADA, of 6-10-C, Gila River, seriously wounded on Oct. 29.

PFC. SPEED M. HARADA, (Norwalk, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiichi Harada, 17-11-A, Rohwer, Ark., wounded in France.

PFC. TADAYOSHI HASHIMOTO, (Los Angeles, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Chutaro Hashimoto, 3-6-A, Rohwer, Ark., seriously wounded in France on Oct. 31.

PFC. GEORGE Y. HIJIIYA, 20, (Portland, Ore.), son of Kohei Hijiya of Hunt, Idaho, seriously wounded in action on Oct. 22.

SGT. DAVE HIRAHARA, (Seattle, Wash.), husband of Mrs. Chizuko Hirahara, 39-2-B, Rohwer, Ark., seriously wounded in France on Oct. 31.

JAMES HIROSHIMA, (San Francisco, Calif.), son of Mrs. Utako Hiroshima, 6-10-F, Topaz, Utah, wounded in France.

ROY IKEDA, (San Francisco, Calif.), son of Mrs. Takeko Ikeda, 6-11-CD, Topaz, Utah, wounded in France on Oct. 16.

PFC. SHUZO IKEGAMI (San Jose, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Keijiro Ikegami, 27-7-D, Ht. Mountain, Wyo., slightly wounded on Oct. 22 in France.

PFC. HARUO INAI, 24, (La Habra, Calif.), son of Kumeji Inai of 27-7-D, Poston, seriously wounded in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. AKIRA ITO of 54-5-C, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PFC. MARTIN LLOYD ITO, 27, (San Diego, Calif.), son of Yenkiichi Ito of 327-1-C, Poston, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PVT. KUNO T. IWANABE of 48-9-D, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 30.

PVT. HARVEY M. IYAMA, 26, (Salinas, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunekichi Iyama of 219-9-A, Poston, slightly wounded on Oct. 29.

PFC. MASAZO KARIYA, (Belmont, Calif.), husband of Mrs. Shizu Kariya, Chicago, Ill., wounded in France on Oct. 29. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yujiro Kariya, 4-10-E, Topaz, Utah.

PFC. ROBERT T. KISHI, (Stockton, Calif.), son of Yakumatsu Kishi, 27-5-B, Rohwer, seriously wounded on Oct. 26.

T/5 HARUKI KOBA, 24, (San Diego, Calif.), only son of Mrs. Shizue Koba of 330-4-B, Poston, slightly wounded in France on Oct. 30.

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## A Nisei Goes Home

James Yamamoto, a farmer, went back home to his berry farm near San Jose, Calif., last week and to all intents and purposes, the exclusion of evacuees of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast has ended, although the military ban is still in effect.

The return of this Japanese American to the farm from which he was evacuated is no different from a dozen similar cases of evacuees who have received individual exemptions from the Western Defense Command, but in the case of James Yamamoto those groups which oppose the return of the evacuees elected to make a virtual test of his right to go home. Following a statement by Rep. John Z. Anderson in which the congressman complained that he had not been notified of the return of the Japanese American, the Hearst newspapers and the Native Sons, the Grange, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and some posts of the American Legion, all of which have been in the forefront of a campaign of racist opposition to the citizen rights of Japanese Americans, quickly registered their demands for the duration exclusion of the evacuee group. The Yamamoto case became page one copy in coast newspapers.

Demands were served upon Governor Earl Warren, an advocate of evacuation and continued exclusion, that the State of California take action to prevent James Yamamoto's return. The insistence of these opposition groups for State action compelled the Governor to issue a lengthy statement in which he stated that the return of Japanese Americans to the areas from which they were evacuated was a matter for the Western Defense Command and that the State was powerless to prevent any evacuees from returning once these evacuees were exempted from the present restrictions by military authorities.

In the midst of the tumult, while Native Sons parlors, Legions and VFW posts and Grange units were passing resolutions in confusing profusion, James Yamamoto returned to California from his temporary home in Utah. He was greeted by friends, and his neighbors made it clear that they were not opposed to his return. With the exception of the Hearst press and the editorial treatment given the situation by the McClatchy papers in central California, the majority of the West Coast newspapers are to be commended for their fair and sane treatment of the story of this one Japanese American's journey home. In fact, clear-cut editorial comment in support of the rights of Japanese American citizens in the San Jose Mercury Herald and the San Francisco Chronicle pointed up the fundamental issues involved and undoubtedly reflected the opinions of the majority of the people of California and the West Coast. It is apparent that the majority of Californians are unwilling to set aside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in matters affecting the Japanese Americans, despite the noisy campaign of anti-evacuee interests.

During the past week there has been heartening proof that public opinion will support the return of the evacuees to the coast whenever the military decides to rescind the present restrictions. The cases of James Yamamoto and the other individual evacuees who have been reinstated into their former home communities should hasten the inevitable decisions to permit those who wish to return to do so as a matter of right, and not as matters now stand, as an individual privilege to be granted at the discretion of the military official in charge.

## Japanese American Casualties Reported from French Front

(Continued from page 1)

PFC. ARTHUR Y. KOURA, 25, (Bainbridge Island, Wash.), husband of Mrs. F. Koura and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Koura, Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 28.

SGT. PETE KOZU, 23, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kozu of 17-7-C, Hunt, Idaho, slightly wounded in France on Oct. 20.

PVT. MORIO MAKUUCHI, 25, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. M. Makuuchi of 6-3-F, Hunt, Idaho, slightly wounded on Oct. 17.

TECH. SGT. MASAKAZA NISHI, (Hanford, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Nishi of 10-10-F, Rohwer, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PFC. KAY K. MASAOKA, (Gardena, Calif.), brother-in-law of Mrs. Chiyeko Masaoka, 2-7-B, Rohwer, slightly wounded on Oct. 20. Pfc. Masaoka, whose parents are in Japan, has three brothers also in service.

PFC. TAKESHI MASUDA, (Santa Ana, Calif.), 49-11-D Gila River, slightly wounded on Nov. 2.

STAFF SGT. FRED W. MATSUMOTO, 31, (Hollywood, California). Husband of Mrs. Kaoru Matsumoto, 23-18-E, Mt. Mountain, Wyo., seriously wounded in France on Oct. 30.

PVT. FRED MATSUNO, 33, (Alaska), slightly wounded in France on Oct. 28. His wife and two children live in 1-8-C, Hunt, Idaho.

PVT. GEORGE Y. MIHARA, 20, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Genji Mihara of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 29.

PFC. FRANK I. MIZUFUKA, (Whittier, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaburo Mizufuka of 13-9-A, Rohwer, seriously wounded on Oct. 21.

PFC. HARUO E. MOCHIZUKI, 25, (Reddy, Calif.), son of Eitaro Mochizuki of 3-6-D, Poston, seriously wounded in France on Oct. 29.

TECH. SGT. MAKOTO MOCHIZUKI, brother of Terumi Mochizuki, formerly of Poston, slightly wounded on Oct. 30.

PVT. SHIGERU MOMODA, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Momoda of 12-3-B, Hunt, Idaho, and brother of two men in active service, slightly wounded on Oct. 18 in France.

PFC. NOBORU MORIO, son of T. Morio, Coalville, Utah, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Morio, in France.

PFC. JOHN YONEO MURAKAMI and PVT. CHARLES M. MURAKAMI, (Portland, Ore.), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Shuishi Murakami of Brigham, Utah, both wounded in action on Oct. 17.

PVT. SADA O NAKAKAKI of 5-4-C, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PFC. NAKAMOTO, 23, (San Diego, Calif.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Kichisaburo Nakamoto of 323-6-C, Poston, slightly wounded on Nov. 2.

PFC. TETSUO NEZU, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. Tokuye Nezu, 17-9-D, Hunt, Idaho, slightly wounded in France on Oct. 17. A brother, Shigeki, is reported a prisoner of war.

SGT. MIKIRI M. OGATA, 25, (Bakersfield, Calif.), son of Mrs. Yone Ogata of 6-10-B Poston, slightly wounded in France on Oct. 27.

PFC. TAKENORI OHARA, 27, (San Diego, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Buyemon Ohara of 329-5-C, Poston, slightly wounded in France Oct. 30.

PFC. GEORGE OKAZAKI of 66-13-C, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 26.

PFC. TOM OKAZAKI, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Okazaki of 10-5-D, Hunt, Idaho, wounded slightly on Oct. 19. A brother, Pvt. Isao Okazaki, was killed in action on July 15 in Italy.

PFC. WILLIAM OKAZAKI, (Brainbridge Island, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Okazaki of Hunt, Idaho, wounded Oct. 30. He has three brothers in the army, of whom one is overseas.

SGT. KENNETH OTA, 25, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ota of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 29.

PFC. ALBERT YOSHIO OUCHI (Seattle, Wash.), son of Kozo Ouchi of 41-11-G, Hunt, Idaho, slightly wounded in France.

SGT. HIDEO SAIDA, (Los Angeles, Calif.), brother of Mrs. Florence E. Kawasumi, 34-2-3, Manzanar, Calif.

CPL. NOBORU SAKAI of 66-11-A, Gila River, seriously wounded on Oct. 30.

CPL. MISAO SAKAUYE, (Terminal Island, Calif.), son of Mrs. Haru Sakaue, 12-1-D, Rohwer, seriously wounded in France.

SGT. TAKESHI SASAKI of 23-12-B, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PFC. FRED H. SAWADA, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Shin-saki Frank Sawada, 6-6-F, Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action for fifth time in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. RICHARD H. SETSUDA, (Seattle, Wash.), husband of Mrs. H. Setsuda of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 28.

STAFF SGT. MINORU SUGIMOTO, (Palos Verdes, Calif.), son of Jinjiro Sugimoto, 12-1-C, Rohwer, Ark., slightly wounded in France on Nov. 3.

PFC. SAKAI SUGIMOTO, (Los Angeles, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yuitsa Sugimoto of 12-5-B, Rohwer, Ark., slightly wounded in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. SATORU T. SUGIMOTO, (Fowler, Calif.), 22-2-D, Gila River, seriously wounded in France on Nov. 2.

SGT. PAUL E. TAKAGAKI, (Heber, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshigusu Takagaki of 54-2-D, Poston, slightly wounded on Oct. 29.

PFC. SEIYA TANAKA of 10-1-A, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 30.

PFC. KENJI TANI, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yamaju Arakawa of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 18.

PVT. NOBORU TANIHAKA, (Santa Maria, Calif.), relative of Mrs. Yaeko Nobusuye, 25-4-D, Rohwer, Ark., wounded in France on Oct. 20.

SGT. WILLIAM TERAQ, (Seattle, Wash.), brother of the Rev. H. Terao of Hunt, Idaho, wounded Oct. 28.

PFC. JIM J. TOKUSHIGE, 25, (Chualar, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tokushige of 219-10-A, Poston, slightly wounded on Oct. 28.

PF. TOSHIO TOMITA, (Loomis, Calif.), son of Asanosuke Tomita, 17-9-E, Mt. Mountain, Wyo., slightly wounded on Oct. 22 in France.

PVT. MINORU TOYOTA, 26, (Portland, Ore.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Toyota of Hunt, Idaho, seriously wounded on Oct. 28 in France.

PFC. MASAO TSUBOI, (Fowler, Calif.), 25-14-D, Gila River, slightly wounded in France on Oct. 29.

TECH. SGT. LOU S. TSUNEKAWA (Stockton, Calif.), husband of Mrs. Alice E. Tsunekawa of Topaz, Utah, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Tsunekawa, 24-1-B, Rohwer, Ark., seriously wounded on Oct. 20.

PFC. JOSEPH WAKAMATSU, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Jutaro Wakamatsu of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 28.

PFC. KIMIO WATANABE, 27, (Fife, Wash.), Hunt, Idaho, wounded in France on Oct. 28.

PFC. MITSURU YAGURA, 25, (Sanger, Calif.), brother of Jack T. Yagura of 221-2-D, Poston, slightly wounded in action in France on Oct. 28.

PVT. KIYOSHI YAMACHIKI, 26, (Buena Park, Calif.), son of Mrs. Tame Yamachika of 43-6-D, Poston, wounded in action on Nov. 2.

PVT. MITSUGI H. YAMAMOTO of 23-4-B, Gila River, slightly wounded on Oct. 30.

PFC. MICHIO JOE YAMANI, 28, of Rt. 4, Ogden, Utah, wounded in France on Oct. 18, according to War Department notice received by his wife.

S/SGT. FRANK K. YAMASAKI, (Norwalk, Calif.), Rohwer, Ark., slightly wounded on Oct. 23.

PFC. FRANK YANAGIMACHI, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. Toshi Yanagimachi and brother of two other servicemen, wounded in action in France.

PVT. BILL YOKOBE, 23, (Tacoma, Wash.), son of Mrs. Fude Yokobe, 12-12-D, Mt. Mountain, Wyo., slightly wounded on Nov. 1.

PFC. KIYOSHI YUBUKI, (Bellevue, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Terumatsu Yubuki of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on Oct. 28.

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

One of the fellows at the office is a member of the Unitarian church. He came up to me the other day and said:

"I'm going to put the touch on you for about a quarter. The national Unitarian church has a project this year of collecting 1000 Christmas gifts for the kids at Poston, and I thought you'd like to contribute.

"You have a little boy, haven't you? Well, you can put his name and age on a card with a gift, and we'll do the rest."

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So it's Christmas again.

Christmas, 1941, was a pretty bleak affair. War and blackouts and a continual stream of bad news from the Far East where we were taking the licking of our lives. Fear, anxiety and gloom that scarcely was penetrated by the tinsel and colored lights of the Yuletide.

In many ways, Christmas, 1942, was even worse. Out the barrack window there was only gray sand, scudding gray clouds, gray sagebrush that stretched to the gray horizon, Gray wallboard on four walls and ceiling of our cubicle, a floor gray with the desert dust ground into it until it turned only more gray with each scrubbing.

It was Christmas and we tried to make it gay with little gifts and trinkets purchased through mail order houses, even a little artificial tree fashioned of odds and ends and draped with cotton snow.

And yet the grayness permeated the air, for we were lonely in the midst of the 10,000. It wasn't a longing for any particular friend or group of friends; it was the hollow, numbing feeling of being outcast, unwanted and forgotten. Outcast from the communities where we belonged, unwanted by our nation in a war emergency, forgotten by our fellow citizens.

The gray skies turned darker, and with the suddenness of mountain blizzards, the wind whipped snow across the camp. At least it would be a white Christmas.

It will be difficult to forget what happened that night. The mess hall was crowded with wide-eyed children and their parents trying to be gay, and leaders struggling almost frantically to whip up a Christmas cheeriness. Slowly the crowd warmed up, and even the cynical youngsters who wore their hair long and brushed back, their Levis rolled high over their boots as marks of distinction, joined in singing the carols that they had learned as children in a happier day.

Then came Santa Claus, riding from mess hall to mess hall in a olive drab WRA truck. Clad in an ill-fitting red suit, his whiskers awry, he stomped into the mess hall, full of loud cheer.

The younger children gaped in pop-eyed amazement. Many of them were too young to remember their last Christmases, and here was a real, live Santa Claus with a great bulging sack on his back.

The gifts were passed out, and there were enough for everyone from the youngest tot to the oldest grandmother. There were books and toys and games, pictures to hang in the barracks, wash cloths and toilet soaps, trinkets and useful gadgets, all of them poured into the desert camps by the great, generous heart of Americans.

There were cards with the gifts. They came from the Jones, the Smiths and the Browns, and common folks whose names indicated they'd come to America with later waves of immigration. The gifts came from Billings, Mont., and Boston, Mass.; from a mountain colony in New Mexico and from an orphanage where the children had saved pennies to buy gifts for little evacuee children who had no homes either.

The grayness left the camp that night, and never really returned. It wasn't the gifts alone. It was the realization that we no longer were forgotten nor unwanted. They—the American people—remembered us, and had let us know with this outpouring of little gifts from cities and hamlets the country over.

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"Sure," I said, "count me in. I'm very proud to be asked to take a part in this project."

## VAGARIES

Pearl Buck will speak to a meeting of Japanese Americans in New York City on Dec. 6. . . . Japanese Americans in all evacuee centers voted in the November elections by absentee ballot, except segregates at Tule Lake. Not one ballot was cast by evacuee residents at the segregation camp. . . . Tei Ko, Japanese American dancer, made her New York debut last Monday with a program of Oriental dances at the New York Times Hall. . . . Sono Osato, voted the outstanding dancer of the last Broadway season, is now rehearsing in a new musical. A full-page photo of Miss Osato appears in the Christmas issue of Esquire. . . . Ernie Pyle, the GIs favorite newspaperman, recently wrote the wife of an army officer of his regret that he did not have an opportunity to visit Japanese American fighting units on the Italian front. The author of the new best seller, "Brave Men," declared that he was cognizant of the splendid fighting record of the Japanese Americans.

The British Broadcasting corporation scored a "scoop" on the rescue of the "lost battalion" by members of the Japanese American Combat Team on the Seventh Army front in France by breaking war censorship to release the story before field correspondents were permitted to do so. It's reported, according to a CTPS correspondent, that a letter requesting an investigation was being prepared for Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Seventh Army commander, for submission to supreme headquarters. . . .



## Anti-Evacuee Act Prompted by Economic Fear, Says Marshall

LOS ANGELES — Daniel G. Marshall, executive committee chairman of the Los Angeles Catholic Interracial Council charged on Nov. 20 in a letter to Senators Hiram Johnson and Sheridan Downey that fear of economic competition from evacuated Japanese Americans is the root of opposition to return of Nisei to the Pacific coast, the United Press reported.

Marshall asserted top officials of the Americans League of California, which has been demanding American citizens of Japanese ancestry be permanently barred from coast homes, are engaged in or connected with the fruit and vegetable business.

"It is well known that many American citizens of Japanese ancestry were engaged in the same line of business before their evacuation," he said.

### LEGION OPPOSES COAST RETURN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The American Legion national executive committee adopted a resolution on Nov. 19 urging Congressional legislation to defer the return of persons of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens, to West Coast areas until after the war.

## Friends Welcome Evacuee Back To Berry Farm Near San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif. — James K. Yamamoto, Japanese American berry farmer, was back at his pre-evacuation home this week, and the Mercury Herald reported that the Nisei had returned "without causing even the slightest ripple of excitement."

"I'm glad to be back and I feel good that so many of my schoolmates have come in to tell me they're glad to see me," Yamamoto said.

M. M. Stockman of San Mateo, a friend, explained to a Mercury Herald reporter that the school friends were mostly graduates of Campbell high school, which Yamamoto attended.

The Japanese American is the first to return permanently to the Santa Clara valley since the evacuation in 1942.

So quiet was the arrival of Yamamoto, the Mercury Herald commented, that his neighbors on nearby farms did not even know he was back.

Stockman, voicing the sentiment of neighbors of the 40-year old Yamamoto, also added: "It's too bad there's been so much fuss about this business. The poor guy's bewildered. All he wants is a chance to go to work quietly and run his farm the way he did before."

One of Yamamoto's neighbors did not know that the Japanese American, about whom he had been reading, lived next to him but when so informed, exploded: "Well, I hope they let him alone. He's an American citizen and he deserves the rights of one."

Other neighbors also remarked that they were glad to see Yamamoto return.

The Mercury Herald said that sentiment along the Santa Clara-Saratoga road, on which the Yamamoto farm is located, was completely of the "we should mind our own business variety."

James Yamamoto had been evacuated with other persons of Japanese ancestry from the Santa Clara valley in 1942 to the Santa Anita assembly center and later to the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming. He had relocated from Heart Mountain to a farm near Ogden, Utah.

"Last week when the return of Santa Clara-born Yamamoto was announced, a flood of comment, judicious and otherwise, was unloosed in the form of editorial comment, indignant letters, and protests to Federal and State au-

thorities," the Mercury Herald said in a front-page story on Nov. 20. The newspaper headlined its story: "American Japanese Back; Friends Extend Greetings."

### Legionnaires Rap Return of Evacuees

EL CENTRO, Calif.—The fifth area of California of the American Legion declared its opposition to return of Japanese Americans to the State in resolution asking the

State commander to publish voting records of California legislators on the issue.

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# JACL Conference to Discuss Japanese American Problems

A wide range of subjects, covering problems affecting Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States today, will be discussed at the second post-evacuation national conference of the Japanese American Citizens League to be held in Salt Lake City from Dec. 1 to Dec. 3.

Delegates from active chapters in the Intermountain area and representatives from war relocation centers and from eastern resettlement areas are expected to attend.

Dillon S. Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, who is expected to be in the Intermountain area next week, will head a list of speakers on questions concerning the evacuation and resettlement of Japanese Americans.

Other speakers will include: A. L. Wirin, special counsel of the JACL and noted civil liberties attorney of Los Angeles; William Carr, Pasadena, a leading member of Friends of the American Way; George Rundquist, executive director of the National Committee on Japanese American Resettlement; Mrs. Ruth Kingman,

executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; Masao Satow, special representative of the National YMCA Board; and, Togo Tanaka, representative of the American Friends Service Committee and the Baptist Home Missions Society on evacuee resettlement.

Saburo Kido, national president of the JACL, and Joe Masaoka, chief of the Denver office of the JACL, are completing arrangements for the conference. Teiko Ishida, former head of the Eastern office of the JACL who is now on the staff of a San Francisco inter-racial church, is expected to attend.

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## Joe E. Brown Says Japanese Americans "Wonderful, Loyal"

NEW YORK—"There's one thing I would like you to write about," Joe E. Brown, famous comedian of screen and radio, told on interviewer recently, "and that's those Japanese Americans that some people are trying to run right out of the world."

"I saw some of them in Italy, 1500 of them, and plenty of them in front-line hospitals, badly wounded," said Joe.

"One kid from Virginia who was fighting with them told me, 'they're just too big for their own skins, they can't do enough.'"

"Those Japanese Americans were wonderful, loyal Americans."

"A lot of us are going to have to learn to stop hating them. In fact, we're going to have to stop hating. As long as we hate, there will be wars."

## Nisei in Washington Form Liaison Group

WASHINGTON—Climaxing an evening of dancing and entertainment held at the Calvary Methodist Church on Nov. 11, approximately 300 Nisei of Washington, D. C., chose 5 members of their group to an Executive Council which will act as a liaison between the Washington Citizens' Committee and persons of Japanese ancestry in the city. Those elected were: Marvel Maeda, John Kitasako, Yvonne Noguchi, Ray Hashitani, and Bob Iki.

On Nov. 17, the newly-elected Council met with Dr. Nelson Schlegel, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, at the Hostel, 2211 Washington Circle, and selected the following officers: Chairman, John Kitasako; Secretary, Lily Tamaki; Treasurer, Ray Hashitani; Education, Harry Oshima; Community Activities, Marvel Maeda; Social, Yvonne Noguchi; Hostel, Mary Ogawa; and Public Relations, Bob Iki.

## Native Sons Protest

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Parlor No. 3 of the Native Sons of the Golden West adopted a "strongly worded" resolution on Nov. 17, opposing return of Japanese American evacuees to the West Coast.

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# Minneapolis Group Organized To Protect Rights of Nisei

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The organization of the Citizens' Committee for the Protection of American Rights, composed of religious, labor and civic leaders, was announced last week as the City Council prepared to investigate a neighborhood controversy over the location of a chick sexing school, operated and staffed with Americans of Japanese ancestry, in Minneapolis.

Members of the Citizens' Committee, including CIO and AFL officials, inspected the school and reported that they found a clean and well-run institution, contrary to the charges of those who have opposed the establishment of the school in the neighborhood.

Dr. F. J. Hill, city health commissioner, disclosed an inspection made by a member of the department disclosed "nothing objectionable from a health standpoint."

The school, operated by the International Chick Sexing Association, teaches the little-known but valuable art of the sex determination of day-old chicks. The desire of many poultry raisers to concentrate on pullets and their willingness to pay hatcheries premium prices to get them makes the sex determination skill a valuable and profitable one, it was stated.

The Citizens' Committee in a statement last week contended that the neighborhood objections to the school were based on racial rather than on health grounds.

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