



Hood River American Legion Erases Names of 16 Nisei From County War Memorial

Veterans Group Tells Of Opposition to Return of Evacuees

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Hood River post of the American Legion has erased the names of 16 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry now serving in the U. S. army from its county war memorial, Commander Jess Edington announced on Dec. 2.

Many of these soldiers are serving on overseas battlefronts, it was reported.

Edington said his post would attempt to have all persons of Japanese ancestry excluded from the Hood River valley.

In addition, the commander

said, his post would cooperate with the American Legion post in Gresham, Ore., in a similar plan there.

Edington later explained that the step to erase the names of Japanese American soldiers from the servicemen's plaque on the Hood River courthouse was taken following a vote by members of the American Legion post two months ago.

"We feel sorry for Japanese in service and this action isn't especially against them. However, locally we do not feel any national legislation will settle this problem here in time to prevent violence and bloodshed if Japanese return to Hood River county," Edington added.

Four Nisei Win Gold Bars at Fort Benning OCS

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Four more American soldiers of Japanese ancestry graduated from the Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, it was reported on Dec. 2.

They are 2nd Lieuts. Haru Miyamoto, Hidetaka Nakaki, Dye Ogata and George Sakamari.

It was indicated that many other Japanese Americans are now in OCS training.

Sgt. Kuroki Wins Chance to Fly in Pacific

Nisei War Hero Will Be Assigned to Combat Duty in Far East

OMAHA, Neb. — T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki, veteran of 30 heavy bombing missions over Europe in a B-24, will soon see fulfilled his wish to fly over Tokyo in a bomber, it was indicated here on Nov. 28 in the Omaha World Herald.

Speaking before a group of Nisei in Omaha, Sgt. Kuroki revealed that the War department had granted his request for assignment to combat duty in the Pacific.

"I have the face of a Japanese, but my heart is American," he said in telling of his ambition to fly over Tokyo in a bomber.

The Nisei war hero returned to his native Hershey, Nebraska, in December, 1943, following thirty combat missions during a year's service in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in the historic raid over the Ploesti oil fields in Roumania, and wore in addition an Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

Six Western Nisei Reported Killed, Eleven Wounded In Action on French Front

Sgt. Hashimoto Is Missing in Action With 442nd Infantry

Six American soldiers of Japanese ancestry were killed, eleven wounded and one is missing in action on the western front in France, according to reports received by next of kin last week.

It is presumed that these casualties were sustained during recent action in the Vosges mountains on the Seventh Army front.

(The list printed below is unofficial and is compiled from reports in relocation centers and from next of kin of casualties. The official War Department casualty list will be published when it is received.)

Killed in Action

SGT. JOHN S. KANAZAWA, 25, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. Hanako Nagafuchi, 29-10-B, Ht. Mountain, killed in action on Nov. 7.

PFC. TAKEO KANEICHI, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaneichi, 34-7-C, Rohwer, previously reported seriously wounded, now reported to have died of his wounds on Nov. 8 in France.

SGT. KEN MIZOKAMI, 24, (Monterey, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kumazo Mizokami, 41-1-D, Topaz, Utah, killed in action in France on Nov. 13. He is survived by two brothers in service, Prys. Roy and Dick Mizokami, the former having been wounded recently in Italy, and three other brothers, Ben, Dan and Bob, and three sisters, Sally, Mrs. Nishiyama and Mrs. Grace Nishiyama.

TECH. SGT. TAKAOKI OKAZAKI, 29, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Okazaki, 27 West First South St., Salt Lake City, killed in action in France on Nov. 7. Sgt. Okazaki was previously wounded in action on July 4, 1944, in Italy.

TECH. SGT. WILLIAM UETARU SANMONJI (Hollywood, Calif.), brother of Mary and Ruth Sanmonji of 4522 South Wentworth St., Minneapolis, Minn., killed in action in France. He is also survived by a brother, Pfc. Bujiro (Butch) Sanmonji, now with the U. S. armed forces in France.

PFC. KEN TSUMAKI, brother of Minoru Tsumaki, Tyhee, Idaho, killed in action in France.

Missing in Action

SGT. JOHN T. HASHIMOTO, husband of Mrs. Amy Hashimoto of Riley, Kansas, missing in action since Nov. 14 in France. He is the father of Jonathan Hashimoto, 19 months, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hashimoto, 8-14-A, Rivers, Ariz. He has a brother, John, at Camp Blanding, Fla. He received his training at Ft. Lewis and was transferred to Fort Riley and Fort Meade before joining the Japanese American Combat Team in France.

GI Newspaper Devotes Section To Nisei Troops

The Sunday supplement of the Beachhead News, founded on the Anzio Beachhead and now published somewhere on the Western front in France, devoted its entire issue on Nov. 12 to the exploits of the Japanese American Combat Team in France.

The special section featured an article on the Japanese Americans by Pvt. Joseph E. Palmer who quoted Lieut. Col. Virgil Miller, executive officer of the 442n Combat Team, as describing the unit as "the best outfit in the U. S. Army."

The article told of the Japanese Americans' combat record against the Germans in France, including the now-celebrated rescue of the "lost battalion."

Wounded in Action

PFC. MAKIO AKIYAMA, husband of Mrs. Mary H. Akiyama, 5-11-1, Manzanar, Calif., slightly wounded in action in France on Oct. 29.

PFC. YOSHIO DOI, brother of Vincent J. Doi of 25-5-4, Manzanar, slightly wounded in action in France on Oct. 27.

PVT. KAZU ENDOW, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. Endow, wounded in action in France.

STAFF SGT. SHIRO KASHINO (Seattle, Wash.), Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action on Oct. 30 in France.

PFC. MILTON KONDO (Los Angeles), son of Mr. and Mrs. Chohei Kondo, 33-11-3, Manzanar, Calif., wounded in glider landing during invasion of Southern France in August.

S/SGT. SUIKIOH MATSUMOTO, 26, (San Pedro, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunihei Matsumoto of 59-8-D, Poston, and husband of Mrs. Margaret E. Matsumoto of 54-3-D, Poston, slightly wounded in action.

PFC. KAZUO J. NAGATA, 24, (Indio, Calif.), son of Mrs. Aye Nagata, 24-10-D, Poston, slightly wounded in action.

STAFF SGT. MINORI SUE-DA (Hawthorne, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Sawachi Sueda, Rt. 1, Box 29-A, Layton, Utah, wounded in action on Nov. 6 in France.

PFC. GEORGE TAKIZAWA, 24 (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Takizawa, 22-10-C, Hunt, Idaho, slightly wounded in action in France on Nov. 3.

PFC. KENJI TANI, Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action for second time on Oct. 29 in France.

PVT. JOE TSUCHIYA (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. M. Tsuchiya, 13-6-C, Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action in France.

Anonymous Threats Reported By Portland Church Official

Oregon Religious Group Had Backed Right to Return

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Unit-Press reported on Dec. 4 that anonymous phone calls, some of them threatening bodily violence, have been received by Dr. H. J. Maulbetsch, president of the Portland Council of Churches, since he signed a council resolution calling for constitutional treatment of Japanese Americans.

Dr. Maulbetsch said his first anonymous caller, who apparently thought the Portland Council of Churches was some sort of Nazi organization, told the church leader he represented an organization "which knows how to handle snakes" and which is determined that Japanese Americans shall not return to their Pacific coast homes and property.

He explained the church group's support of the return of evacuees, adding:

"That is the army plan and that is the Supreme Court plan," he said. "If they are coming back, then let us not try to work against them by methods outside the Constitution."

PORTLAND, Ore.—The executive committee of the Portland Council of Churches has voted to do "everything in its power" to assist the War Relocation Authority in its efforts to "relocate certain loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry in West Coast communities," it was announced on Dec. 1 by Dr. H. J. Maulbetsch, president.

"We have noted with deep concern the attitude of groups attempting to promote public sentiment against the return to the Northwest of American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry," a statement issued by the church group said. "We call attention to the fact that these are law-abiding citizens whose character and conduct have not been called in question by any responsible authority."

The resolution passed by the Council of Churches commended the War Department and the Department of Interior "for its considerate and humane adjustment of the complex human problems arising out of the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast and that we do everything in our power to assist the War Relocation Authority in its efforts to relocate certain loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry in West Coast communities."

"To do any less than this or to deprive them of the privilege would be to deny the very principles of Americanism which our boys are fighting to preserve. Individual character should be the sole basis on which to judge every American citizen. We are confident that the state of Oregon will assure them full recognition of their constitutional rights."

Issei Veteran Returns Home

LOS ANGELES—Tadayuki Todah, naturalized citizen of Japanese ancestry, was back in Los Angeles this week with full approval of Army authorities, the Los Angeles Times reported with a front-page story and picture of Mr. Todah.

Todah's release from Poston was the result of an injunction suit brought in his behalf by Attorney A. L. Wirin for the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Another petitioner, Mary Duco of Terminal Island, was also reported back in California.

Improvement of West Coast Attitudes Toward Evacuees Told at JACL Conference

By JOE GRANT MASOAKA

For the first time since evacuation JACL delegates to the National Conference held in Salt Lake City, Dec. 1-3rd, heard first hand of the democratic fight for their rights as it has been waged in their absence by West Coast organizations. Reporting at this meeting were William C. Carr, Friends of the Way; Mrs. Ruth Kingman, executive secretary of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, and A. L. Wirin, special JACL counsel and Representative of the American Civil Liberties Union.

This struggle for recognition and acceptance along the West Coast was indicated as a three front challenge of public relations, direct action on the neighborhood level and civil liberties. That resentment toward Japanese is fading, except in Oregon, was the general opinion of the speakers.

Aspects of farming as they pertain to Japanese were among topics discussed by a federal and state expert. It was suggested that regional farm conferences for Issei and Nisei be held.

Spurred by an appeal for American citizenship by Miss Helen Eto, resolutions asking for government recognition of the aid which Issei are making in indispensable capacities and naturalization for Japanese aliens were adopted. Opening up of all wartime services, irrespective of race, was also urged. The National Conference conveyed its reiteration of JACL recommendations to Gen. Bonesteel for:

1. Automatic clearance for Nisei soldier's families to the West Coast.

2. Revocation of the edict denoting certain articles as "contraband."

3. Issuance of a statement by the Western Defense Command that disloyalty was not the basis

for evacuation.

4. Declaration of policy by civilian authorities to protect evacuees on their return.

Passed unanimously was an amendment to the JACL constitution to allow for participation as active members by all Americans, irrespective of race. The amendment will be brought up before local chapters for ratification by majority vote.

Recommended by the national staff of the JACL, a proposal to issue a monthly league publication was adopted unanimously by delegates at the conference.

Participating in conference discussions were Masao Satow, YM-CA national board field representative; Roy H. Fisher, chairman of the West Coast Protestant commission; and Togo Tanaka, Amer-Friends Service committee.

Finale of the three-day sessions came with a banquet held Sunday evening at the YWCA. Impromptu guests of honor were nine Nisei soldiers of the original 100th Infantry Battalion. Still in battledress, they were on their first furlough after 15 months on the front.

Group members made a final pledge to "dedicate ourselves and our communities to building up a democratic environment of a kind which our returning soldiers will be proud to have fought for."

War Department Announces Seven Hawaiians Wounded

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week identified seven American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii who were wounded in action in the Mediterranean area.

The following Japanese Americans were included among a list of 2,698 United States soldiers reported wounded in action on Dec. 7:

KAWAKAMI, Sgt. Kazuji — Kaname Kawakami, brother, Pihihonua 3, Hilo, Hawaii.

MAEDA, Pfc. Isamu—Mrs. Masano Yamauchi, sister, Box 384, Waipahu, Oahu.

NAGAO, Pvt. Goichi—Mrs. Tei Nagao, mother, Panaewa St., Hilo, Hawaii.

NAKASHI, Pfc. Kazuo C.—Isurumatsu Nakashashi, father, Box 453, Hana, Maui.

NAKASONE, Staff Sgt. Glenn H.—Allen Nakasone, brother, 1046 13th Ave., Honolulu.

YAMADA, 1st Lieut. Masao—Mrs. Ali Yamada, wife, Box 35, Kealahakua, Kona, Hawaii.

YASUNAGA, Pfc. Tim T.—Miss Umeyo Yasunaga, sister, 955-A Cooke St., Honolulu.

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New JACL Policy

In a far-reaching move that cut suddenly at one of the most binding and hampering of JACL constitutional by-laws, the national conference of the league, meeting in Salt Lake City last weekend, moved unanimously to amend the constitution to permit enrollment as active members of all Americans, irrespective of race.

The amendment will be placed before local chapters for ratification, and it is expected that the amendment will soon become part of the constitution.

This new departure from traditional JACL membership procedure will enable many persons not of Japanese ancestry who have nevertheless been actively working with local chapters to become members of the organization.

The new proposal is in line with the widened scope of Japanese American Citizens League activities and as recognition of the wider problems of minority groups.

The league will not depart from its present main task, which is the furthering of the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, but it will benefit hugely by the increased personal contact afforded by the new constitutional clause.

But it does, by this act, recognize that Americans of Japanese ancestry cannot limit and isolate themselves in activities in behalf of their group. The boundaries holding in racial minorities of this country must be broken down.

Speaking to conference delegates, A. L. Wirin, special JACL counsel, declared:

"As a non-Japanese, as a Caucasian, as an American with full rights, it seems timely to emphasize that the fight for the restoration of your rights is a fight you are also carrying on for the Chinese in the United States, for the Negroes in the United States, for the Jews in the United States, and for all minority groups. The challenge which is ahead of us is a challenging fight for the preservation of such rights and not only for yourself. So I look for a continuing opportunity to carry on that fight."

How far the JACL has gone in its realization of this fact was made evident in another resolution which called for consideration of a national conference to be called among all the minority groups in the country, an inter-racial American conference to discuss common problems.

Three Years After

Two days ago the nation marked the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. And on that day the Japanese Americans of this nation marked its passing with intensified selling and buying of war bonds.

From many of our midwestern and eastern cities come reports of Japanese American participation in the sixth bond drive. Nisei in Ogden, Salt Lake City, Milwaukee and other cities have been especially cited for their work, and at the Tooele ordnance depot in Utah, Japanese American workers oversubscribed their quota by 68 percent.

The day has passed when Nisei Americans felt only shame at the memory of Pearl Harbor, shame that it was members of their race, though not their citizenship, that had perpetrated the attack. But the bombs that struck Pearl Harbor struck down first a Japanese American, Ted Fujimoto. The first building hit in the attack was the clubhouse of a Nisei group. And in the days since that Dec. 7 the disquieting rumors of Nisei disloyalty have been disproved time and again.

Today we are proud of Japanese American participation in the war, abroad and here at home.

The Des Moines Register: A Shameful Exception

In erasing from a war memorial the names of 16 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, the Hood River, Ore., post of the American Legion did a very un-American thing—and a very un-American-Legion thing.

American soldiers who have fought beside Japanese Americans will find this sort of thing hard to forgive, for they know by experience what good soldiers and good Americans their high-cheek-boned comrades are.

We shall never tire of recalling how in Shenandoah, Ia., American Legion men came to the defense of Japanese American chick-sexers there who were threatened by un-thinking super-patriots—though one of the chick-sexers was actually a United States soldier on leave.

The Shenandoah incident occurred back early in the war, when the Army wasn't taking any more Japanese Americans for a while. And West Coast Japanese Americans then were nearly all government wards. The general public could be forgiven for some ignorance and hysteria on the subject at that time.

But since then, the relocation policy has had many months to work, the draft has been reopened to Japanese Americans, and those in service have demonstrated their valor and devotion beyond all possible doubt.

Today, though a good deal of hysteria still remains on the West Coast, the better elements there are working to undo the harm it has done. In the rest of the country, happily the Japanese Americans have won many new friends who hardly knew they existed before.—An editorial in the Des Moines Register of Dec. 5, 1944.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

A Post-War Job for Nisei

Writing in the New York newspaper, PM, last Monday, Ramon Lavalie declared that the only hope in postwar Japan exists in the democratic reeducation of the people, and the removal of all feudal institutions and past leaders. For the job of reeducating the people of Japan Mr. Lavalie suggests the help of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. Lavalie, it may be recalled, is the Argentinian consular official who resigned his post in Tokyo in protest to Buenos Aires neutrality in the war and came to the United States. His articles in PM were motivated by his opposition to any American policy regarding postwar Japan which would support certain so-called Japanese "liberals" and would maintain the imperial institution. Mr. Lavalie believes that a democratic Japan can only be realized through a clean sweep, solving the economic plight of displaced industrial workers by nationalizing the land, and proceeding with a vigorous program of reeducation with the help of the Nisei.

As American military and naval forces strike closer to the home-islands of Nippon, there will be increasing talk of postwar plans for Japan. Liberation of such European nations as Belgium, Greece and Italy has been followed by political struggles which test the strength and integrity of our peace aims. A similar situation may arise following victory in the Pacific unless the triumph of our military power is accompanied by a well-formulated plan for a postwar Japan.

At present in the United States it is evident that there are at least two prevailing points of view on the political complexion of a postwar Japan. Newspapers like PM and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, speaking for a wing of American liberalism, are opposed emphatically to the maintenance of the imperial institution. On the other hand a larger body, at this writing, of articulate opinion have looked with favor on the suggestions of Joseph Clark Grew, our former ambassador to Tokyo and the new Undersecretary of State, in regard to postwar policies in Japan. It is understood that Mr. Grew favors the retention of imperial authority, on a limited basis of course, as a stabilizing factor in rebuilding the Nipponese nation. At present Mr. Grew holds most of the aces through his influence in the State Department.

Both groups are united, however, in their determination for the complete destruction of the Japanese military power and the extermination of the warlords and both have warned of the dan-

gers of a compromise or negotiated peace, as Mr. Grew did most recently in his Honolulu speech.

A factor which must also be considered in the preparation of any postwar blueprints is the interest of China which has been fighting the Japanese militarists since 1937. In addition, there is a committee of Japanese anti-militarists functioning in Chungking which may conceivably provide much of the postwar leadership for Japan. This committee is led by Wataru Kaji, an anti-fascist writer, Susumu Okano, Seisaku Shioimi and others and has enlisted the support of many Japanese prisoners of war.

The suggestion that Americans of Japanese ancestry assist in democratic reeducation in Japan has been made from many quarters, both friendly and unfriendly to the Nisei in America. The idea was given voice shortly after Pearl Harbor and variations on the theme have been proposed by Pearl Buck and by Louis Adamic as an extension of his "two-way passage" movement for Americans of recent European origin to return to Europe for the democratic reeducation of liberated peoples, many of whom have lived under fascism for a generation. However, those who have supported the fight of the Japanese American to maintain his rightful place in America soft-pedaled their suggestions when they were taken up by the West Coast race-baiters who see in such a program an adjunct to their demand for wholesale deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry. And although there have been repeated discussions on the possibility of using Nisei as civilian emissaries of democracy there have been no concrete proposals for the training of Japanese Americans to fit them for this bilingual mission. There are no civilian Nisei in training for AMG jobs in the Far East, and none in UNRRA and similar government services.

Japanese Americans, however, already are taking an active and important part in the war in the Pacific as members of the armed forces of the United States. The large number of Japanese Americans in every theatre of the Pacific and Asiatic war conceivably have shortened the war against Japan by their use of their bilingual talents which have been developed and trained by the military. There are Nisei soldiers today in the tough China-Burma-India theatre, in the liberated parts of the Netherlands East Indies, in the Marianas and in the Philippines.

The fact of Nisei loyalty to the United States has saved hundreds of American lives in the Pacific. The importance of their service in this phase of the global war is slowly recognized. It appears inevitable, therefore, that Nisei talents will be drawn upon in the years of postwar reconstruction.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Apples and Legionnaires

The Hood River, Ore., country is the sort of place one dreams about. The river itself tumbles out of the foothills of magnificent Mount Hood to join the majestic Columbia. Across the Columbia are the sere brown hills of southeastern Washington, but on the Oregon side the hills are clothed with green woodland and lush orchards.

In good times when the price of apples and pears is sky-high, as it is now during the war, Hood River prospers, for the hillside orchards bear in wondrous profusion.

And that, perhaps, is one reason among others why, in a community where prewar relations between Japanese Americans and Caucasians were better than average, the American Legion post has effaced the names of 16 Nisei soldiers from its war memorial.

It didn't seem to matter that many of the 16 had gone to school in Hood River with the sons of the Legionnaires, had played on the same athletic teams, had enjoyed together all the things that American youths enjoy.

Many of the 16 are overseas now, and some have shed their blood to underline in crimson their right to a place on Hood River's war memorial.

It doesn't help much to condemn the Legion post's action as a stinking, spiteful, adolescent stunt, quite unbecoming of supposedly responsible adults, and certainly less becoming of an organization which holds an influential position in the nation.

One might have expected an act of this sort in either Nazi Germany or Fascist Japan, where in desperation of impending military defeat the people are easily moved to hysteria.

The Axis peoples have been told that they are members of a master race, and the theme of a race war has been carried to the ridiculous extreme of calling the Japanese "honorary Aryans."

We laugh at such foolishness, for certainly it is that. But there are some in our midst who seem to subscribe to the Axis racist line, and pay more than lip service to it.

The war is not going to be made a moment shorter by the act of these Hood River super-patriots. Nor is the devotion of these 16 Yanks with Japanese forefathers going to slacken one whit by this stab in the back.

No, they are made of sterner stuff. Though they may grieve over the sentiment that apparently prevails back in their homes, the act itself can only strengthen their resolve to win the battle of democracy.

They will know, better than most American servicemen, that after the war is won overseas, there still will remain a great job to be done at home—to educate Americans to the fact that there can be no world-wide democracy until it prevails here in the United States for all, regardless of creed or color.

VAGARIES

A resolution passed by the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles at its November meeting condemns the Hearst press for inciting race hatred against Japanese Americans. . . . Sono Osato will open in New York on Christmas Day in George Abbot's new musical, "On the Town." . . . Taro Yashima, author of the "New Sun," is preparing a new book. Yashima's drawings were recently shown at an exhibition of interracial art in New York. His latest painting is, "Portrait of a Young Nisei Merchant Seaman."

Possible return of some Japanese Americans to the West Coast may mean an easing of Hollywood's shortage of Oriental actors. Many of the new Hollywood films, like James Cagney's "Blood on the Sun," use Caucasian actors in Oriental roles. Nisei players on one of the last of such films made before evacuation gave a day's pay to China Relief. . . . Walter Winchell in his broadcast last Sunday (Dec. 3) told the story of a Japanese American war veteran who had returned to Hollywood recently to go back to his old studio job. According to Winchell, a Hollywood union objected to the employment of the Nisei ex-soldier. Winchell warned against such discrimination and declared that if the Japanese American could not get a job in Hollywood, he (Winchell) would give him one.

Rumors: Take rumors of West Coast violence against returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry with several grains of salt. Pacific coast groups may resort to spreading false stories about such violence in an effort to deter Japanese Americans from returning to their homes. In this category can be placed the stories, published in some papers, of a Japanese American being attacked by a war veteran on returning to his farm, and of a Japanese American being "applied out" of a small Oregon town.

Carey McWilliams' "Prejudice" is listed by Nation magazine among the notable books of 1944. . . . In "Continents' End," a collection of California writing edited by Joseph H. Jackson, (Whittlesey House, 1944), one of the stories reprinted is "Miss Mori," the story of an immigrant woman of Japanese ancestry, written by Idwal Jones.

Rackam Holt's new biography of a Japanese American which Henry Fukuoka is illustrating, and which will be published by John Day, is tentatively titled, "The Golden Door." The title comes from the inscription on the Statue of Liberty.

Selma Enterprise Condemns News Furore Over Evacuees

SELMA, Calif.—Publicity given to the return of a few Japanese Americans to California "smacks too much of Hitlerism," the Selma Enterprise declared in an editorial on November 23.

Declaring that the Western Defense Command had permitted a few evacuees to return to their homes, the Enterprise said, "Until the Army lifts the ban, the War Relocation Authority has no jurisdiction over the return of these people to the Pacific Coast. This fact ought to be kept in mind when reading the lurid accounts of this situation in the Fresno Bee, which implies that the return of a few evacuees is a part of a deep plot on the part of the WRA to thwart the will of the people of California."

"There is no reason for the furore that is being created over this situation by those historically (and hysterically) opposed to the presence of persons of Japanese ancestry in California."

The Enterprise declared that when military reasons no longer exist for the prohibition against persons of Japanese ancestry, the ban should be removed. "The Army ought to know better than the average civilian as to when the military necessity for the evacuation, if it ever existed, no longer exists," the Enterprise said. Californians ought to realize that this state is a part of the United States, that other states (including the Atlantic Coast) have Japanese Americans in their populations and that they have been no threat to the safety and security of the nation."

The Enterprise charged that the publicity given to the return of the evacuees "is out of proportion to the importance of the incident."

Killed in Action



TECH. SGT. TAKAAKI OK-AZAKI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Okazaki of 27 West First South St., Salt Lake City, was killed in action in France on Nov. 7, according to information received by his parents last week.

He had been wounded previously in Italy on July 4.

He is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Koyama and Amy, Dorothy and Miyo, employed in government service in Washington, D. C., and Mary, Salt Lake City, and a brother, Frank.

Infantry Journal Features Article on 100th Battalion

WASHINGTON—The Infantry Journal, authoritative military publication, features an eight-page article on the famous 100th Infantry Battalion of Japanese Americans from Hawaii in its December issue.

The article by Lt. Col. James J. Gillespie, former commander of the battalion, and Captain Lauren E. McBride describes an action of the 100th Infantry in November, 1943, along the Volturno near Veneffro, Italy.

The article is titled "The 100th Battalion (Nisei) Against the Germans" and is accompanied by a full-page map which explains the military strategy employed in the battle near the Volturno.

Hirabayashi Found Guilty, Sentenced On Draft Charge

SPOKANE, Wash.—Gordon K. Hirabayashi, former University of Washington student and a figure in a Supreme Court case testing the legality of the curfew orders against Japanese Americans in 1942, was found guilty on Nov. 30 of failure to report at a conscientious objector camp and was sentenced to serve one year in a federal road camp by United States District Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach in a Spokane Federal court.

The jury deliberated only 12 minutes.

Information Wanted!

Regarding the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Takichi (Tom) Tanimoto, and their son, Shukuwo, who formerly resided at 1710 1/2 Bridge Street, Los Angeles, Calif. Last heard from on Dec. 30, 1940. It is of great importance to us that they be located. We will pay for the trouble to anyone having information. Please write Clipper Air Mail to Yoshio Tanimoto, P. O. Box 305, Hilo, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

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Military Reported Satisfied With WRA Loyalty Procedure

LOS ANGELES—The Washington correspondent of the Los Angeles Times reported on Dec. 4 that military authorities are satisfied with the thoroughness of the War Relocation Authority's "loyalty test" for evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

California congressmen were given that assurance at a special meeting in Washington on Dec. 4 with Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, and Brig. Gen. Miles H. Reber and Col. Harrison A. Gerhardt, representing Assistant Secretary of War McCloy.

The Times correspondent reported that California congressmen were "unable to reconcile assurances that the barriers erected in 1942 have not been lowered" to permit return of the evacuees to the West Coast.

Meanwhile, Myer advised Rep. Phillips of Banning that his organization "has no authority or responsibility for determining where American citizens or law-abiding aliens should live so long as they are not restricted from certain areas by military policy."

At the meeting Myer denied any

member of the WRA staff ever solicited aid from California State authorities in paving the way for return of evacuees in large number.

Gen. Reber reasserted that the War Department's position that the policy in effect has not been modified.

Victory Committee To Elect Officers

The Nisei Victory Committee of Salt Lake City will elect new officers at a meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at Dawn Noodle. The Victory Committee will sponsor a sport dance on Friday, Dec. 22, from 9 p.m. at the YWCA.

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The newspaper will return to its regular 8-page form after January 1.

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Baldwin Predicts Evacuees Will Return to West Coast On Individual Permit Basis

ACLU Director Urges Naturalization For Loyal Issei

Treatment of minority groups, though better than in World War I, must be increasingly squared with the Bill of Rights, Roger N. Baldwin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, told an audience of 60 representative leaders, educators, lawyers, and social workers at a luncheon at the Salt Lake City YWCA, Friday, Dec. 8.

Characterizing the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act as the greatest single act of the American people in Asiatic relations, Baldwin also urged the eventual naturalization of Japanese aliens.

"Are we going to say to the fathers of the Japanese American soldiers, 'You go back to Japan?'" Baldwin asked.

The ACLU director, now on a national tour, discussed other phases of the preservation of civil liberties.

Members of the luncheon sponsoring committee were Judge James H. Wolfe, State Senator Warwick C. Lamoreaux, Sydney Angelman, Dr. Raymond C. Cope, D. H. Oliver, Florence Pierce, Saburo Kido, Clarence Palmer and Fullmer Later.

1100 Have Returned To Pacific Coast Area, ACLU Director Says

PORTLAND, Ore. — Return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry to the West Coast will be accomplished "without too much trouble" despite objections from hysterically patriotic groups, is the belief expressed by Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, in Portland on Dec. 1, the Journal reported.

"These American citizens will be moved back on an individual permit basis, a good many before the war ends, and no doubt will be accepted into their respective communities as they were before the war," Baldwin said. "Of course there will be isolated acts of discrimination against them but these will be definitely in the minority."

In making a study of the California situation in relation to Japanese Americans, he reported finding only a few who thought there will be any trouble in returning these citizens to the West Coast. He believes most of the trouble will come from the farming sections.

Mr. Baldwin said that 1100 already have been returned to California, but was at a loss to explain why few, if any, had been returned to Washington and Oregon.

"I am expecting a decision shortly from the Supreme Court that will enable the military to issue appropriate orders for their return, or perhaps the military will issue them first," he said.

"The problem has now become national with 35,000 Japanese Americans settled in various parts of the country. Some may not want to return. Also agencies of the federal government have shown racial discrimination," he said.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Jinbo (40-7-C, Topaz) a girl on Nov. 28.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Hattori (16-12-F, Topaz) a girl on Nov. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Tsurui (30-1-F, opaz) a girl on Nov. 30.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Oishi (30-14-A, Ht. Mountain) a boy on Nov. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sakamoto (27-20-D, Ht. Mountain) a girl on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi Kariya (2-1-D, Ht. Mountain) a girl on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Yoshizaki (28-8-D, Ht. Mountain) a girl on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yamato (17-10-D, Ht. Mountain) a girl on Nov. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matsura (28-13-B, Ht. Mountain) a girl on Dec. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. Ueyama (3-7-C, Rohwer) a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Horide (9-10-C, Rohwer) a girl on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Kunishima (5-10-D, Rohwer) a boy on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Yoshimura (23-1-E, Rohwer) a boy on Nov. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Kamei (9-3-1, Manzanar) a boy, Kay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harry Hasegawa (29-11-3, Manzanar) a girl, Arlene Hideko.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoroku Ray Kihara (27-11-3, Manzanar) a boy, Masaru Michael.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Shibuya (19-9-3, Manzanar) a boy, Hiroaki Edward.

To Mr. and Mrs. William K. Morita (19-3-1, Manzanar) a girl, Jean Sachie.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fujiwo Tanisaki (36-12-1, Manzanar) a boy, Jun.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Kadonada (25-13-1, Manzanar) girl, Matsuye Judith.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Kobata (11-7-1, Manzanar) a girl, Nobuko Ann.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Ikeda (6-5-4, Manzanar) a girl, Kazuko Helen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Martin Takeuchi (20-5-2, Manzanar) a boy, Martin Takeo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Motoi Ida (13-3-5, Manzanar) a girl, Yoshin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fujitaro Takahashi (31-1-4, Manzanar) a girl, Teruko.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Toshikazu Kishie (15-4-D, Minidoka) a boy.

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Ben Yoshizumi of 6-13-2, Manzanar, on Oct. 15.
Kishin Fujiwara of 3-12-4, Manzanar on Oct. 25.
Ronald Shinobu Harada of 10-2-2, Manzanar, on Nov. 6.
Seisaburo Kinoshita, 64, of 5-8-B, Minidoka, on Nov. 6.
Infant Nomiya of 41-4-F, Minidoka.

Tokio Fujioka, 50, of 24-2-C, Rohwer, on Nov. 29.
Sahei Nishimura, 62, of 41-10-C, Rohwer, on Nov. 29.

MARRIAGES

Masako Kagawa to Haruo Imura on Nov. 30 in Billings, Mont.

Fujiko Kataoka to Mas Hayano on Nov. 27 in Billings, Mont.

Fred K. Dobana to Ruby Tamako Yamanouchi on Nov. 27 at Rohwer.

Yoshiko Kubota to Dr. Obo T. Sakaguchi on Nov. 4 at Manzanar.

Masao Okine to Ayame May Tanimoto on Nov. 23 at Rohwer.

George Masami Yamasaki to Mary Meriko Yamasaki on Nov. 22 at Rohwer.

Shizue Takei to Haruki Kuroiwa on Nov. 27 at Topaz.

Four Topaz Draft Evaders Ask for Expatriation

Four draft resisters from the Central Utah relocation center at Topaz who have requested expatriation were sent to a federal prison camp at Tucson, Ariz., last week to await the end of the war and deportation, Deputy Marshal John Babcock said in Salt Lake City on Dec. 5. They are Irvin Hirabayashi, Satoru Joe Nakahira, Kenchiro Mike Yoshida and Sakaye Yoshida.

Wounded Veteran Returns to Topaz

TOPAZ, Utah—First Sergeant Bill Ishida, Topaz's first World War II veteran, arrived here Nov. 27 to visit his family at 33-2-D, Topaz, following his medical discharge, the Times reported here. Sgt. Ishida was seriously wounded in action while fighting in Italy with the 442nd Infantry.

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