



Ten Western Nisei Killed on French Front

34 Others Wounded, Two Missing in Action in Europe

Ten American soldiers of Japanese ancestry were killed, 34 others were wounded and two are missing in action in eastern France, according to word received by next of kin in the western United States.

The following list is unofficial and is compiled by the Pacific Citizen from information from next of kin and from relocation centers.

Killed in Action

PFC. MITSUO MIKE ISERI, 65, (Auburn, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Iseri and husband of Mrs. Alice Fujinaga Iseri, Ontario, Ore., wounded in action Oct. 27 and died of wounds on Nov. 3 in France. He is also survived by his brothers, Bill and Carl of Weiser, Idaho, Tom, Mun, George, Oscar and Dan, all of Ontario, and a sister, Mrs. Mae Yamada of Ontario.

PVT. ESO MASUDA, 22 (Artesia, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Masuda, 9H-6D, Amache, Colo., killed in action in France on Nov. 6. He was previously wounded in action in France on Oct. 20. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Shoge, of Amache, and two sisters, Mrs. Hideko Ogawa of Amache and Keiko of Chicago. Pvt. Masuda volunteered for the army from the Jerome, Ark., relocation center in 1943.

PFC. GEORGE SUETOMO MIYAOKA, 29, (Sacramento, Calif.), brother of Y. Miyaoka, 64-B, Hunt Idaho, killed in action in France on Nov. 7. Besides his brother, Pfc. Miyaoka, a graduate of Sacramento JC, is survived by his mother in Honolulu.

PFC. JOE NISHIMOTO, (Bowles, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Giichi Nishimoto of 28-12-B, Rohwer, killed in action on Nov. 14.

SGT. KATSUMI OKIDA, 25, (Los Angeles), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoichiro Okida, 11G-8D, Amache, Colo., killed in action in France on Nov. 6. He is survived by his sisters, Yoneko of Chicago and Florence of Amache, and by a brother, Joseph, of Cleveland.

PVT. TOSHIAKI SHOJI, 25, (Livingston, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Rinai Shoji of 9H-9E, Amache, Colo., killed in action in October in France. He is survived by his parents, four brothers, Frank, Chicago, Toshio, New York, Arthur, Roscoe, Ill., and James of Amache and two sisters, Lily, Dayton and Mary, Amache.

PFC. SHIGEO TABUCHI, 27, (Los Angeles), son of Mr. and Mrs. Buntaro Tabuchi, 8K-9C, Amache, Colo., killed in action in France on Nov. 4. He is also survived by his brother, Pvt. Yoshihiko Tabuchi of Camp Blanding, Fla.

PFC. COOPER TAHARA, (Florin, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kumakichi Tahara of 6-2-F, Rohwer, killed in action on Nov. 5.

SGT. HARRY TOKUSHIMA, 27 (Los Angeles), only son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Tokushima, 6E-4F, Amache, Colo., killed in action on Oct. 29 in France.

PFC. SHIGERU YASUDA, (Los Angeles), son of Mr. Hikokichi Yasuda of 17-6-F, Rohwer, and husband of Mrs. Shizue V. Yasuda of Chicago, killed in action on Nov. 1.

Missing in Action

SGT. NED T. NAKAMURA (Gardena, Calif.), husband of Mrs. Kimiko Nakamura, Hunt, Idaho, missing in action in France since Oct. 31. The Nakamuras have a small daughter.

PVT. MASAO IKEDA, 27, (Seattle, Wash.), husband of Mrs. Sei Ikeda, Salt Lake City,

National AFL Convention Hits Discriminatory Treatment Of Japanese American Group

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The national convention of the American Federation of Labor went on record on Nov. 29 condemning "unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

The resolution cited "innumerable incidents of unjust persecution and unjust discrimination."

The resolution, which was passed in addition to another which condemned racial and religious discrimination against minorities, declared:

"WHEREAS, in 1942 by Presidential Order 9066, all persons of Japanese origin resident on the West Coast of the United States were ordered evacuated inland in the interest of national security and,

"WHEREAS, of 126,947 persons of Japanese origin, more than 85,000 are citizens of the United States by birth, and of these more than 8000 Japanese American youths are serving our country splendidly in every theatre of war and

"WHEREAS, the strong tide of unjust hatred against Japanese American citizens has resulted in innumerable incidents of unjust persecution and unjust discrimination,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 64th convention of the American Federation of Labor in session in New Orleans, in reaffirmation of our great tradition of struggle against intolerance and oppression, strongly condemns the unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

wounded in action in France on Nov. 8.

SGT. TOKI MIYAHARA (Sacramento), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Matsu Miyahara, 16-10-D, Topaz, Utah, wounded in action in France on Oct. 30.

PVT. HIDEO OKANISHI, 20, (Delano, Calif.), son of Mrs. Riki Okanishi of 3-9-C, Poston, seriously wounded in France.

SGT. KEN OKUMURA, 27, (Napa, Calif.), son of Sakui-Okumura, 8F-12F, Amache Colo., wounded in action in France on Nov. 3.

PVT. SAM E. SAKO, (Florin, Calif.), son of Tokichi Sako of 27-12-D, Ht. Mountain, slightly wounded in action on Nov. 5 in France.

PFC. AKIRA SHIGENAKA, (Compton, Calif.), wounded in action in France.

PVT. KUNIO J. SHIMAMOTO, (Hynes, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kumago Shimamoto of 29-6-B, Rohwer, Ark., slightly wounded on Nov. 6.

PFC. MACK SHOJI, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otojiro Shoji, 1-12-F, Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action for second time in France on Nov. 6.

CPL. YONEO TAKAMOTO, (Loomis, Calif.), son of Mrs. Oriye Takamoto of 6-14-B, Ht. Mountain, seriously wounded on Nov. 6 in France.

PVT. NOBUICHI TANAKA, 21, (Seattle), husband of Mrs. Itsuko Tanaka, 28-1-C, Hunt, slightly wounded in France on Nov. 7.

PFC. HUGHES H. TATARA, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Naochi Tatara, 12H-7D, Amache, Colo., wounded in action in France on Nov. 17.

SGT. GEORGE TERANISHI, (Stockton, Calif.), wounded in action in France.

PVT. EICHI WAKAMATSU, 25, (Hood River, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Eitaro Wakamatsu, 11G-4B, Amache, Colo., wounded in action in France on Oct. 30.

PFC. SHIGERU YABUMOTO, 27, (Hayward, Calif.), brother of Mrs. Kinuye Yanagi, 9-11-CD, Topaz, Utah wounded in action in France on Nov. 7.

PVT. PAUL TADASHI YASAKI, 22, (Los Angeles), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kozo Yasaki, 9K-2E, Amache, Colo., wounded in action in France on Oct. 15.

Individual Exclusion Program Will Accompany Removal of Mass Restrictions, Says Army

McCloy Tells California Congressmen Government Able to Determine Loyalty of Japanese Americans; Asks Coast Citizens to Show Good Citizenship

WASHINGTON—The War Department advised the California congressional delegation on Dec. 12 that any removal of the mass exclusion order, which today bars persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, would be accompanied by an individual exclusion program.

Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy wrote Rep. Clarence Lea, chairman of the California delegation, that mass exclusion can be sustained only so long as military necessity requires it.

Sixteen Nisei Soldiers Invited To Join Legion

NEW YORK—Sixteen American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Hood River, Ore., whose names were erased from a county war memorial, have been invited to become members of Capt. Belvedere Brooks Post No. 450 of the American Legion after the war, the Associated Press reported on Dec. 13.

Officials of the New York Legion post said that they took the action because they said they felt a "black eye" was given the Legion by the Hood River, Ore., post which erased the names of the 16 Japanese Americans from its war memorial last week.

State Senate Group Acts to Bar Evacuees

California Committee Will Offer Resolution To State Legislature

SAN FRANCISCO—A California State Senate fact-finding committee on Dec. 12 adopted a resolution opposing the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to California.

The resolution expressed fear that the return of Japanese Americans would cause "riots, turmoil and possible bloodshed."

The resolution will be presented to the State Legislature when it convenes in January.

At the committee's hearings on Dec. 11 U. S. Webb, a leading official of the Native Sons of the Golden West and former State Attorney General, urged the abolition of rights of persons of Japanese ancestry claiming "dual citizenship."

H. J. McClatchy, secretary of the Joint Immigration Committee, testified that persons of Japanese ancestry should not be allowed to return to the Pacific coast unless it was shown that they had done everything they could to assist the war effort.

Strengthening of the present Anti-Alien Land Law, possibly through shifting of responsibility for enforcement and establishment of a basis of presumption for prosecution, was urged by Senator George J. Hatfield of Newman who also advocated a systematic check-up in every county in the State of title to all property acquired by persons of Japanese ancestry in the last 20 years.

Sen. Hatfield suggested that additional funds might be made available and help assigned to law enforcement officers for the task.

The possibility of a Constitutional amendment barring persons of Japanese ancestry from citizenship was touched on by Senator Irwin T. Quinn of Eureka, and his suggestion was supported by U. S. Webb who drafted the present Anti-Alien Land Law.

The congressmen had sought the War Department's views as to the possibility of evacuees of Japanese ancestry returning to the Pacific Coast.

McCloy wrote to Rep. Lea, in a letter made public on Dec. 12, that it can no longer be said that the West Coast is in danger of large-scale invasion.

The government also has been able to determine which of its population of Japanese ancestry is loyal and which is not. Already "in cases of special merit, where the records of the individual are absolutely clear," some Americans of Japanese ancestry have been allowed to return to the coastal area, he reported.

If the mass exclusion order were rescinded, McCloy said, "certain problems" would be created but these adjustment problems are ones for which the civilian agencies of the state and federal government, and not the army, are responsible. He said he saw no reason why the civilian agencies could not solve these problems.

McCloy said the possibility of serious disorders if Japanese Americans should return to the Pacific Coast is of interest to the War Department because it might result in retaliation against American prisoners of war in Japan.

He added, however, "we have every faith the people on the West Coast . . . will show their good citizenship by abiding by the military judgment and do their utmost to prevent any acts of discrimination against any of these people who may be permitted to return."

Lea said the delegation was assured efforts will be continued to resettle the evacuees in other states where they may become adjusted to their new homes while their services are needed in their new locations.

Since that time, the statement continued, many Japanese Americans of military age have been selected by the army for military service and have proven the soundness of the army's judgment through their records of courage and devotion to this country in its military engagements.

Lunt and Fontanne Pay Tribute to Wounded Nisei

A U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL, England—Actress Lynn Fontanne and her actor-husband, Alfred Lunt, interrupted their program at this hospital on Dec. 7 to pay tribute to five Japanese American soldiers in an observance of Pearl Harbor day.

The five Nisei, all wounded in eastern France, were brought to the stage by Lunt and received an ovation from their wounded buddies in the audience.

"These Japanese American boys," said Lunt, "showed their loyalty to the United States by volunteering for service in the army. They showed further proof of their loyalty in the fighting in Italy and in France where they were wounded. They deserve our thanks and praise."

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EDITORIALS: Three Incidents

In these columns in the weeks and months since evacuation the thought often has been expressed that Japanese Americans, or any other minority race group in America, do not stand alone, and that their fellow Americans are fair-minded and believe in the democratic tradition. There is no better substantiation of this thesis than the reaction of the general public to three recent widely separated evidences of discriminatory action against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. In an Arizona desert town a crippled Nisei soldier was ejected from a barber shop; at a Hollywood studio a strike was threatened if a Japanese American war veteran was employed; and, in Hood River, Ore., the American Legion post erased the names of 16 soldiers from its county war memorial. Each of these incidents was reported widely in the press and on the radio. And each was answered by Americans who know that democracy is not just a glib war slogan but a way of life.

Pfc. Raymond Matsuda, wounded in combat in Italy, knows today that the barber, Andy Hale, is not a typical American (though there are many Andy Hales in the cities and towns of the Pacific Coast.) The farmer's wife in Elk Grove, Calif., who wrote to this Japanese American soldier to invite him to spend his furlough on their farm, and the Boy Scout in Washington, D. C., who asked for his autograph to place alongside those of Generals Marshall, Eisenhower and Doolittle are far more representative of the America in which the Japanese Americans grew up in the period between the two World Wars.

The Nisei soldier who returned to his routine job in a Hollywood studio, only to find some of his former fellow employees threatening to stage an unauthorized strike if he were reemployed, also must have been reassured by his experience. It is probable that this ex-soldier might have lost his job had his case not been championed by the columnist and radio reporter, Walter Winchell. Intolerance flourishes in dark corners. When Winchell focused the bright light of national attention on the case, the opposition scurried for cover. Similar national publicity may have a salutary effect on the racist opposition to the return of the evacuees to the West Coast. The people of America as a whole are unaware as yet of the purposes and programs of such organizations as the Remember Pearl Harbor League of western Washington.

There was an immediate repercussion to the revolting exhibition of the American Legion post of Hood River, Ore., in removing the names of Hood River soldiers of Japanese ancestry from its memorial plaque. Although the national American Legion leadership which has encouraged the race-baiting of Japanese Americans has remained silent, local Legion posts and officials in many parts of the nation have not been similarly reticent in expressing their indignation of the discredit cast upon the Legion as a whole through the activities of the Hood River post. This indignation was best expressed by a New York Legion post which invited the 16 Hood River Nisei soldiers to join their organization.

Americans of Japanese ancestry have undergone a series of wartime experiences to which few other American groups have been subjected. They have learned that the great majority of their fellow citizens believe in democracy and that a noisy few do not.

Hollywood Citizen News: Simple Prejudice

Though there are many people who express fears about the return of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to California, it hasn't yet become apparent to this writer what they are afraid of.

Certainly there are no fears that returning Japanese would lessen our war effort by contributing their labors to the raising of crops or the manufacture of war supplies.

Perhaps it is not fear that is bothering some people. Perhaps it is simply prejudice. If it is prejudice it will not be admitted, for that would be admitting that the fundamental rights of American citizens are not recognized.

From the editorial page of the Hollywood, Calif., Citizen News of Nov. 24, 1944.

War Department Announces Five Killed, 24 Wounded

WASHINGTON—Five Japanese American soldiers were killed and 24 others wounded in action on the Mediterranean front, presumably in Italy, the War Department reported.

On Dec. 10 the War Department identified 1788 United States soldiers wounded in action. Among them were the following soldiers of Japanese ancestry reported wounded in the Mediterranean area:

TOMOOKA, Pfc. Arato F.—Izumi Tanouye, friend, WRA center, Rivers, Ariz.

TANOUYE, Tech. Sgt. Ted T. — Mrs. Momoye Tanouye, mother, last War Dept. address, WRA center, Jerome, Ark.

SHIOMICHI, Pfc. Tokio—Mrs. Carol Y. Shiomichi, wife, 2847 North Shepard St., Milwaukee, Wis.

TASAKA, Pvt. Henry—Dr. William H. Mandrey, guardian, Happy Valley school, Pomona, New York.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII

ABE, Sgt. Sadaichi—Mrs. Tama Abe, mother, Kahoka, Paia, Maui.

AKIMOTO, Pvt. Tamotsu — Mrs. Sato Akimoto, mother, 925-D Robello Lane, Honolulu.

ARAKAKI, Pfc. Charles Y. — Mrs. Kana Arakaki, mother, Keahua, Maui.

HIRAOKA, Pfc. Norman I.—Shouske Hiraoka, father, Box 102, Kaalakekua, Hawaii.

JINNOHARA, Pfc. Kiyoshi—Enkichi Jinnohara, father, Paia, Maui.

KOITO, Sgt. Sadamu—Hinaichi Koito, father, Box 55, Wailuku, Maui.

KUBO, Pvt. Sadao H.—Miss Hisako Kubo, sister, Kaneohe, Oahu.

KURASAKI, Pfc. Miyoshi—Umizuchi Kurasaki, father, Koloa, Kauai.

KUWAHARA, Pfc. Harry M.—Miss Dorothy K. Kuwahara, sister, 567 Quinn Lane, Honolulu.

MAEDA, Pvt. Yoshichi—Mrs. Sada Maeda, mother, Kurtistown, Hawaii.

MATSUZAKI, Pfc. Edwin I.—Kotaro Matsuzaki, father, 1628 Homerule St., Honolulu.

MİYABARA, Pfc. Raymond Y.—Koshiro Miyabara, father, Box 24, Makawao, Maui.

MORIKAWA, Pfc. Harumi—Mrs. Hisayo Morikawa, mother, 643 North King St., Honolulu.

MORIYASU, Pvt. Seichi—Miss Edith H. Moriyasu, sister, Aiea, Oahu.

NAKAE, Pvt. Masato—Mrs. Hatsuyo Nakae, mother, Box 1621, Lihue, Kauai.

NAKAMURA, Pfc. Thomas T.—Matasaburo Nakamura, father, Waikane, Oahu.

ODA, Pfc. Yoshinobu—Hideo Oda, uncle, 521 Kinoole St., Hilo, Hawaii.

OKAMURA, Staff Sgt. Satoru—Torasuke Okamura, father, Eleele, Kauai.

SHIMABUKU, Pfc. Choriki—Matsu Shimabuku, father, Paia, Maui.

SHIMABUKURO, Pvt. Shinsuke — Shinso Shimabukuro, brother, 336 Kamehameha Ave., Hilo, Hawaii.

On Dec. 15 the War Department announced the names of 2404 United States soldiers killed in action. Among the names were those of the following Japanese Americans killed in the Mediterranean area:

SAHARA, Staff Sgt. Atsuo—Kanaye Sahara, brother, Newell, Calif.

KANZAKI, Pfc. Akira—Mrs. Asano O. Kanzaki, WRA center, Hunt, Idaho.

HOSHINO, Pfc. Robert S.—Mrs. Nobu Hoshino, mother, 5738 South Maryland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

KAMIKAWA, Pfc. Shizuto—Mataichi Kamikawa, father, 1456 Chung Hoon Lane, Honolulu, T. H.

SUWA, Pfc. Nobuyuki—Mrs. Hiro Suwa, mother, Kaukonahua Camp, Wahiawa, Honolulu.

Silver Star Medals Awarded Three Salt Lake Nisei Soldiers

Three American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Salt Lake City have been awarded the Silver Star, one of the army's highest decorations, for gallantry in action in the European war theater.

Captain Shoichi Asahina, Pfc. Thomas T. Takao and Pfc. Bunjerie Ochitani are the Japanese Americans who have been honored, according to the War Department.

Capt. Asahina, a medical officer in the 7th Armored division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Asahina, 377 East 3rd South St.

He volunteered and was inducted into the army medical corps in Aug., 1943. He has a brother, Gunji, with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

According to the citation Capt. (then Lieut.) Asahina continued to treat casualties during furious

German attacks at a squadron aid station under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire for an extended period.

Pfc. Takao was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Italy.

His citation says he advanced to within 10 feet of the enemy's outposts to gain information. Disregarding his platoon leader's instructions to withdraw when almost surrounded by the enemy, he continued to observe German movements.

In withdrawing, he was forced to fight his way back against a numerically superior force, the citation added.

Pfc. Ochitani of Salt Lake City was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Italy while a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Future for Nisei in Iowa

The Des Moines office of the War Relocation Authority has just released a report on the occupations of Japanese Americans in Iowa. As of the date of the report, Dec. 2, there were 486 Japanese Americans in the state.

This figure breaks down as follows: 97 housewives, infants and retired persons; 152 students in universities and colleges, high schools, business colleges, beauty schools and U. S. Cadet Nurses Training; 18 in agriculture; 21 in unskilled industrial jobs; 74 in skilled industrial positions; 80 in the service trades; 21 in clerical or sales positions; and 18 in professional jobs; and 5 who had just entered the state and were unemployed.

The professions include four physicians, three of whom are hospital resident physicians and the fourth an osteopathic physician who opened his own practice recently in a small Iowa town. Others in this class are a registered nurse, two pharmacists, four college instructors, three accountants and three part or full-time ministers.

Other Nisei occupations, without regard for the number in Iowa include: retail sales clerks, chefs, auto mechanics, one retail butcher, one refrigerator technician, one florist's assistant, one jeweler and watch-maker who recently opened his own shop, welders, woodworkers, draftsmen, chick sexors, newspapermen, dry cleaners, dental technicians, a commercial photographer, linotype operator, seamstresses, lens grinders, tire retreaders, factory hands, gas station attendants, common laborers, farm hands, janitors, domestics, rooming house operators.

The list reveals an unusually diversified group of occupations, especially when more than half of the persons in the state are either students or otherwise not gainfully employed.

Every employed person, except the rooming house operator, deals almost exclusively with non-Nisei trade.

The largest employer of Nisei help is a war plant where approximately a dozen Nisei welders are among the several hundred in the shop. In the great majority of instances there is only a single Nisei in the firm, although most of these outfits are anxious to get other capable Nisei help.

These figures will bear considerable analysis before any significant trends or conclusions can be drawn. But it is obvious that there is wide diversification of occupations among Japanese Americans in Iowa, that there is no dangerous concentration, that assimilation and acceptance are likely to be promoted by this absence of concentration.

Furthermore, the relatively small number in strictly war work indicates possibilities of long term planning with chances of permanent settlement in contrast to towns where Nisei are in perhaps better-paying but less secure jobs.

Economically and sociologically, it appears Japanese Americans who have chosen Iowa in which to relocate have an unusually favorable setup. In what prewar Japanese American community of corresponding size was there such diversification of occupations? Besides, the Nisei in Iowa aren't taking in each other's laundry in order to make a living.

VAGARIES

Canada's conscription crisis has delayed the Dominion's program of segregation of its evacuees of Japanese ancestry, most of whom are still living in interior housing projects in the Canadian Rockies . . . Pacific Pathfinder, the interracial magazine started in Los Angeles earlier this year by Fred Fertig and Stanley Garibay, has suspended publication . . . During the recent football season Tory Iura, an evacuee student from Los Angeles, was one of the yell leaders at the University of Wisconsin. . . . Two Nisei are now working for the State of Wisconsin. They are Bill Mambu (Seattle), an attorney for the Department of Public Welfare, and Shinji Yamamoto, an architect for the Engineering Department.

An advertisement of the Trans-Lux newsreel theatres in New York city newspapers last week read: The Lost Battalion Saved: Japanese Americans rescue 141st Regiment. . . . The Herald-Express, Los Angeles Hearst newspaper, predicted on Dec. 4 that tuna fishing interests may attempt to prevent Japanese Americans from returning to the fishing industry. . . . Alan Ladd, film star and his wife, Sue Carol, recently visited Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver. They posed for a Rocky Mountain News picture with Pfc. Edwin Ohki, formerly of Livingston, Calif., whose brother, Arnold, was killed in action in Italy, and Pvt. Ichino Kato. . . . Another film star, Humphrey Bogart, recently rapped race-baiters and people who swallow racist propaganda. . . . A Nisei war veteran who recently returned to Portland, Oregon, has been offered a job in the shipyards. However, he was informed that he must get FBI clearance, which takes 30 days.

Eric Johnson, a liberal Republican who is president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, recently discussed Japanese Americans at the annual meeting of the National Grange whose western units have been in the forefront of a race-baiting campaign against Americans of Japanese ancestry. Johnson told the Grangers that minority groups should be treated fairly, and warned against racial and religious prejudices which could disunite the nation. . . . Carey McWilliams' "Prejudice," the story of Japanese Americans, is the non-fiction best-seller at the CIO United Auto Workers bookshop in Detroit.

CIO Leader Hits AFL Union's Attitude on Nisei Americans

Nothing But "Filthy Race Prejudice," Says Osman in Statement

NEW YORK—Taking issue with an attack on Japanese Americans which appeared in the International Teamster, organ of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Arthur Osman, president of the CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers declared on December 11 that "the incitement against Japanese Americans has nothing in common with patriotism" and was "nothing else but filthy race prejudice," the Federated Press, labor news service, reported.

"No organization can be considered a genuine union if it does not fight against discrimination," the CIO union president declared.

His criticism was directed at the AFL Teamster's magazine which carried on an intensive campaign against all Japanese Americans. In its latest issue the International Teamster carries an article, "So Sorry, Please—Throw Them Out," calling for the revocation of the citizenship of all Japanese Americans and a permanent bar to any future immigration from the Orient.

"It is unnecessary to point out that there are great numbers of Americans of German and Japanese descent who are making tremendous contributions to freedom and to the struggle against the Axis," Osman said. "One of our members, Roy Fukushima, serves with a whole battalion of Japanese American soldiers, fighting in Italy and demonstrating the kind of courage, skill and de-

vation that has won for them many honors and the gratitude of their commanding officers.

"It is essential that we realize that the incitement against Japanese Americans has nothing in common with patriotism. It has no relation to our devoted struggle against Japan. It is nothing else but filthy race prejudice.

"It is most common among those who are prejudiced against Negroes and against Jews. If we don't defeat this incitement against Oriental races we will be defeated by the very race theories which provide Nazism with its great bulwark of strength."

CATHOLIC COUNCIL PROTESTS STAND OF TEAMSTERS

LOS ANGELES—In a wire to Daniel J. Tobin, international president of the Teamster's Union, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles on Dec. 10 protested the union's stand objecting to the return of Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast.

The union's objections were published in its magazine, The International Teamster, of which Tobin is the editor, and were republished last week in an article in the Los Angeles Times.

The Council's telegram was signed by Daniel G. Marshall, chairman of the council's executive committee.

Capt. Iwashita's Son Dies in Accident

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—It was reported here that the young son of Captain and Mrs. George K. Iwashita of the 171st Infantry Battalion, Sep., had been fatally wounded while playing with his playmates.

Bronze Star Medal

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — A Japanese American soldier, Pfc. Tadao Aramaki of Puunene, Maui, was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery on the Italian front in a ceremony on Nov. 29 at Percy Jones hospital.

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SONO MATSUO and TOMI KAWAKAMI, Cadet nurses for the past ten months at Kansas City General Hospital where they are in training, visited their parents last week at the Minidoka relocation center at Hunt, Idaho. Cadet Matsuo is the daughter of Mrs. M. Matsuo, formerly of Seattle, Wash., and Cadet Kawakami is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. Kawakami, formerly of Auburn, Wash.

Earl Finch Takes Wounded Nisei to Chicago Night Club

CHICAGO—Eight wounded soldiers, all Japanese Americans who fought for the United States in Italy and who wear presidential citations, Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badges and service ribbons with several battle stars, saw a bit of Chicago's night life on Dec. 4 at the Latin Quarter as guests of Earl Finch, cattle raiser of Hattiesburg, Miss., who flew up to Chicago from New Orleans.

Mr. Finch, who "adopted" the Japanese American Combat Team which trained at Camp Shelby, contacted the eight wounded Nisei at Vaughn General Hospital at Hines, Ill., and received permission to take them out.

The eight soldiers are Lieut. Francis Kodo, Staff Sgt. T. Nohara, Pfc. Kimichi Ishikawa, Cpl. Joe Hironaka, Staff Sgt. Stan Serikaku, Pvt. Wimey Furutani, Sgt. James T. Inake and Cpl. John Oda.

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Secretary Stimson Condemns Hood River Legion's Stand On Nisei GIs as Undemocratic

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference on Dec. 14 that the Hood River, Ore., American Legion's action in erasing the names of 16 Japanese American soldiers from its county war memorial "was wholly inconsistent with the American ideal of democracy."

Discussing Americans of Japanese ancestry, Stimson said "these loyal citizens should not be subjected to discrimination."

The Secretary of War praised the fighting spirit of Japanese American soldiers, many of whom, he pointed out, have distinguished themselves in the fighting against the Germans in Italy.

American Legion Post Protests Anti-Nisei Action

CHENEY, Wash.—The Cheney American Legion Post No. 72 has sent a communication to the Oregon and Washington Legion departments protesting the action of the Hood River, Ore., post in excluding names of 16 Japanese Americans from a county war memorial, Paul Rozell, post commander, said on Dec. 8.

Rozell said the communication stated:

"We think such action is contrary to the Americanism we have sworn to support and defend. To foster such racial persecution and discrimination is to imitate the methods of our enemy, and to betray the ideals of America and also the Legion."

Hood River Legion Wants Clarification Of Nisei Status

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Clarification of the government's stand on persons of Japanese ancestry must be made before American Legion members of Hood River Post No. 22 make any decision on replacing the names of 16 Japanese American servicemen on the county's memorial plaque, a resolution passed by the Legionnaires declared last week.

The Hood River post declared that persons of Japanese ancestry are being permitted to return to their homes on the West Coast "against the wishes of the majority of citizens of Pacific Coast states."

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Hood River Legion Head Non-committal

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Informed of Secretary of War Stimson's condemnation of the action of the Hood River American Legion, Post Commander J. B. Edington declared tersely on Dec. 14 that he had "no comment."

It was explained that the Legion post's action had been taken as a protest against the return of Japanese Americans to the valley.

Meanwhile, it was reported that three of the soldiers whose names had been erased from the memorial by the Legion had been wounded in action. One of these soldiers is Pvt. Eichi Wakamatsu who was wounded in France on Oct. 30.

It was also reported that protests from all parts of the nation have been received in Hood River over the Legion post's action.

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Legion Urged To Back Rights Of Nisei Group

San Diego Hospital Turns Down Proposal To Train Group

SAN DIEGO—Outspoken opposition of D. C. Zaun, American Legion commander, was credited here with the rejection of a proposal for the acceptance of Japanese American girls for training in San Diego County Hospital's Nursing school.

Six of the seven members of the hospital's advisory committee voted against the enrollment of Japanese Americans following the Legion commander's opposition.

The proposal had been urged in letters received from various groups and individuals in the San Diego area.

Dr. H. P. Emeis, committee member who declined to vote, said he questioned the right to deprive any taxpayer of the right to train in a tax-supported institution.

Victory Committee Slates Dance

The Nisei Victory committee will sponsor a sport dance on Friday, December 22, at the YW-CA, with Slater's orchestra slated for the music.

Admission will be \$1.25 per couple and 75c for servicemen and women.

Nisei War Veteran Reemployed by Hollywood Studio

Walter Winchell declared on his nationwide Blue Network broadcast on Dec. 10 that a war veteran of Japanese ancestry had been reemployed by a Hollywood studio despite the objections of some members of a studio labor union.

Mr. Winchell focused nationwide attention on the case in his Dec. 3 broadcast when he reported that a Japanese American veteran had returned to Hollywood to a pre-war film studio job and had been met with a strike threat if he were reemployed. The noted news columnist and radio reporter declared that if this Nisei could not get a job in Hollywood he (Winchell) would give him one.

Last Sunday Mr. Winchell declared he was glad to announce that the Japanese American was back at his old job through the personal intervention of the president of Paramount Pictures in the case.

Berkeley Committee To Assist Evacuees

BERKELEY, Calif. — A resolution pledging cooperation of the Berkeley Inter-Racial Committee with other organizations and government agencies in sponsoring the return of loyal Japanese Americans to the West Coast was passed at the committee's last meeting. Dr. Allan Newman was chairman.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Takume Yagade, 330-12-D, Poston, a girl on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tsutomu Enomoto, 28-4-A, Poston, a girl on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kakita, 35-11-A, Poston, a boy on Nov. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Takemoto, a girl, Elaine Chiyo, on Dec. 3 in Detroit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Nakamura, 25-18-D, Mt. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyohiko Ijichi, 6-20-F, Mt. Mountain, a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shimane, 23-11-B, Mt. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gosaku Yokota, 27-14-F, Mt. Mountain, a boy on Dec. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nose, 24-7-A, Mt. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Masaoaka, 2-7-B, Rohwer, a boy on Dec. 2.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Haruo Miyamoto a girl on Dec. 8 at Honeyville, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Iwao Kishi of 21-10-D, Gila River, a boy on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Inouye, 25-3-C, Gila River, a girl on Nov. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaro Teraji, 8-10-D, Gila River, a girl on Nov. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Goro Sato, 24-8-D, Gila River, a girl on Nov. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Kanazawa, 11-12-CD, Topaz, a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Hirota, 27-9-F, Topaz, a girl on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kinjiro Moriguchi, 33-9-D, Topaz, a boy on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Umakichi Endow, 27-1-CD, Topaz, a girl on Dec. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeichi Adachi, 5-11-A, Topaz, a girl on Dec. 7.

DEATHS

Yasutaro Fujii, 61, 19-2-A, Poston, on Nov. 23.

Taka Hoshi of 29-16-A, Mt. Mountain, on Dec. 2.

S. Honma, Caldwell WFA camp, formerly from Portland, Ore., on Nov. 19.

Shichigo Shimada of 32-10-D, Gila River, on Nov. 24.

Mrs. Kumeno A. Horiuchi, 40, on Dec. 9 in Ogden, Utah.

MARRIAGES

Alice Korenaga to Ben Hirano on Dec. 7 in Chicago.

Akiko Yamanaka to Frank Noboru Sugiyama on Sept. 2 in Syracuse, Kansas.

Shizue Kadoguchi to Pfc. Yukio Sakai on Nov. 19 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Irene Wakamatsu to Keen Yanagi on Dec. 4 in Billings, Mont.

Machiko Okazaki to George Yamamoto on Nov. 25 at Caldwell, Ida.

Yukiye Kusuda to John Tsumi Ogata of Camp Wolters, Tex., on Dec. 1 at Rohwer.

Yayeko Ichisaki to Hiroshi Marubayashi at Gila River.

Shizu Hara to Pvt. Francis Itaya on Nov. 30 in Salt Lake City.

Emiko Kajiwaru to Hitoshi Maniwa on Nov. 25 in Cleveland.

Aiko Takahashi to Saburo Okamoto on Nov. 25 in Topaz.

Gresham Ministers Oppose Stand Taken By Anti-Evacuee Group

GRESHAM, Ore.—The Eastern Multnomah County ministerial association on Dec. 5 took a stand in opposition to the recently organized Oregon Anti-Japanese organization, and adopted a statement by President Roosevelt as best expressing the ministerial group's attitude toward Japanese Americans.

President Roosevelt's statement declared "no loyal citizen should be denied the right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of ancestry."

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