



121 Japanese American GIs Reported Wounded in Action in Battle for Germany

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week identified 121 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who have been wounded in action in the European area, presumably in the Battle for Germany.

The casualties listed next of kin in 20 states and the Territory of Hawaii.

One soldier was also reported wounded in action in Italy. (In the cases of all casualties announced by the War and Navy Departments, next of kin have previously been notified and have been kept informed of any change in status. The War Department points out that clerical work of preparing casualty lists delays these lists, sometimes by several weeks. Some of the casualties listed below have been previously published in the Pacific Citizen in unofficial lists obtained from next of kin.)

On Dec. 29 the War Department made public the names of 3,059 United States soldiers wounded in action in the European area, presumably in France. Among these casualties were the following Americans of Japanese ancestry:

ARIZONA

ARII, Sgt. William E.—Sakai Arie, brother, WRA center, Rivers.
HIRATA, Pfc. Louis M.—Mrs. Margaret T. Hirata, mother, WRA center, Poston.
HOKEDO, Pvt. Takami—Mrs. Soi Hokedo, mother, Poston.
KOWASE, Pfc. Harry T.—Mrs. Mineye Kowase, mother, Poston.
KUMAGAI, Pfc. Frank T.—Mrs. Chikano Kumagai, mother, Poston.
MATSUBARA, Pfc. Koichi — Mrs. Kiri Matsubara, aunt, Poston.
MORIMUNE, Pvt. Shigetugi—Mrs. Tai Morimune, mother, Poston.
MUTO, Pfc. Kazuo—Hirokichi Muto, father, Rivers.
SHIBATA, Pfc. Henry M.—George Shibata, brother, Poston.
SUZUKI, Tech. Sgt. George T.—Mrs. Michi Suzuki, mother, Rivers.
YAMACHIKA, Pvt. Kiyoshi—Mrs. Tami Yamachika, mother, Poston.
YOSHIMOTO, Pvt. Noboru—Mrs. Hana Yoshimoto, mother, Rivers.

ARKANSAS

FUJITA, Cpl. Robert S.—Mrs. Tokuyo Fujita, mother, Rohwer WRA center, McGehee.
KANEICHI, Pfc. Takeo—Mrs. Misao Kaneichi, mother, Rohwer.
MASAOKA, Pfc. Kay K. — Jimmie S. Masaoka, brother, Rohwer.
OKI, Pvt. John S.—Mrs. Kazuyo Ishimaru, sister, Rohwer.
SASAKI, Pvt. Minoru—Mrs. Yuki N. Sasaki, mother, Rohwer.
TAKENAKA, Pvt. Harry—Mrs. Rosemary Takenaka, wife, Okolona.
YAMADA, Pfc. George—Mrs. Shinho Yamada, mother, (last War Dept. address, Denson, Ark.)

CALIFORNIA

MURAKAMI, Pfc. Yoshihiro — Mrs. Mary E. Murakami, wife, Long Beach.
OKADA, Tech. Sgt. Frank S.—Mrs. Tona M. Okada, mother, WRA center, Manzanar.

COLORADO

ARAO, Pfc. David M.—Mrs. Shizue Fujioka, sister, WRA center, Amache.
KOZUWA, Pfc. Fred I.—Umakichi Kozuwa, father, Box 504, Alamosa.
MASUDA, Pvt. Eso—Eiichi Masuda, father, WRA center, Amache.
MITOBE, Pfc. Roy K.—Mrs. Toku Mitobe, Amache.
NISHIO, Pfc. George K.—Kaichi G. Nishio, uncle, Amache.
ODA, Tech. 3rd Gr. Uteana—Sam Oda, father, Rt. 2, Grand Junction.
YOSHIOKA, Pfc. George S.—Magoichi Yoshioka, father, Rt. 2 Brighton.

CONNECTICUT

TAKAHASHI, Pfc. George O. — Mrs. Jennie Takahashi, mother, 45 Hazel St., New Haven.

FLORIDA

YOSHIDA, Pfc. Jun—Mrs. Jean Yoshida, mother, 1100 Connecticut Ave., St. Cloud.

GEORGIA

MASUI, Pvt. Minoru G.—Mrs. Mary L. Masui, wife, 110 Tanner Rd., College Park.

IDAHO

ASANUMA, Pfc. Sam S.—Mrs. Masuno Kitamura, sister, WRA center, Hunt.
FURUKAWA, Pfc. Fred Y.—Koshiro Furukawa, father, 503 South 14th St., Boise.
HIJIYA, Pfc. George Y.—Frank K. Hijiya, father, WRA center, Hunt.
KOZU, Sgt. Pete M.—Satoshi Kozu, father, Hunt.
MAKUUCHI, Pvt. Morio F.—Mrs. Katherine M. Sakuma, sister, Box 311 Twin Falls.
MOTOKI, Pfc. Seiichi—Joe S. Motoki, father, Hunt.
NEZU, Pfc. Tetsuo—Mrs. Tokue Nezu, mother, Hunt.
OKAZAKI, Pfc. Tom T.—Mrs. Yukie O. Okazaki, mother, Hunt.
SHIMOYAMA, Pvt. Seigo—Miss Nellie Shimoyama, sister, Hunt.

ILLINOIS

OKUSAKO, 2nd Lieut. Frank S.—Mrs. Mary Yamashira, sister, Cathburn Apts., South 6020 Harper St., Chicago.

MICHIGAN

YATABE, Tech. 4th Gr. Robert—Mrs. Misao T. Yatabe, wife, 118 South 22nd St., Battle Creek.

MINNESOTA

TAKAICHI, Pvt. Robert S.—Mrs. Yaye Takaichi, mother, 275½ Summit Ave., St. Paul.

MISSOURI

IWAMOTO, Tech. Sgt. George — Miss Mary M. Iwamoto, sister, c/o Mrs. Hazel Logan, 4316 Summit No. 2, Kansas City.

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37 Nisei Troops Decorated in Rescue Of Lost Battalion

WASHINGTON — Twenty-nine American soldiers of Japanese ancestry of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were decorated on the battlefield recently by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 36th Division, for heroism in the rescue of the Lost Battalion of the 141st Regiment in France, it was reported here last week.

Posthumous decorations to eight other Japanese Americans who were killed in effecting the rescue were also announced by Gen. Dahlquist.

Gen. Dahlquist declared: "We have only the utmost admiration for you and what you have accomplished. No finer fighting, no finer soldierly qualities have ever been witnessed by the U. S. Army in its long history."

Speaking of 7th Army operations in the 36th Division sector, spearheaded by the 442nd Combat Team, Gen. Dahlquist credited the Japanese American regiment with gaining all its objectives through some of the most difficult terrain in the world.

JACL to Open San Francisco Office Jan. 3

Teiko Ishida Now Making Arrangements On West Coast

With the reopening of the Pacific Coast area to loyal persons of Japanese ancestry, the national headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League announced this week that a JACL office will be opened in San Francisco on Jan. 3, 1945.

Miss Teiko Ishida, acting national secretary of the JACL, who is already residing in San Francisco, will take charge of the new office. She was formerly the head of the eastern office of the JACL in New York City. Miss Ishida was completing arrangements this week for the reopening of the San Francisco office on Jan. 3.

The national secretary of the JACL, Cpl. Mike Masaoka, is now somewhere in France on active military duty.

According to Saburo Kido, national president of the JACL, the organization's most important immediate task will be to assist in public relations work on the Pacific Coast, as well as to help those who will need assistance in resettlement on the West Coast.

Legion Post in Los Angeles Asks Full Rights for Nisei

LOS ANGELES—The American Legion's Post No. 8 in Los Angeles last week unanimously passed a resolution condemning "any expression emanating from an American Legion source which refuses to accord any American ex-serviceman the same rights, privileges and honors as any other citizen solely because of his ancestry."

The resolution pointed out that the attitude of the Legion toward Americans of Japanese ancestry "is of transcendent importance not only to them but to all Americans of whatever ancestry, since it concerns a preservation of our Constitution and the maintenance of the rights it guarantees."

"Recalling that among Americans of Japanese ancestry are those who have served in the armed services in World War I and II and that many of them have served actively and patriotically in the Legion where their conduct

Full Force of Government's Support Promised to Loyal Japanese Americans by Ickes

Interior Secretary Says Nisei Have Set "Astonishing Record for Loyalty;" Believes Returning Evacuees May Enter New Court Cases

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Interior Ickes declared on Dec. 21 that loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry would have "the full force of the government behind them" in their efforts to reestablish themselves as American citizens in normal communities outside the relocation centers.

Mr. Ickes noted that most Japanese Americans, with the exception of those at the Tule Lake segregation center, had set "an astonishing record for loyalty."

"There has not been a single case of sabotage," he added.

Secretary Ickes told the news conference that the War Department had rescinded the West Coast exclusion order recently because "it was the proper time to do so."

Mr. Ickes expressed belief that it was possible some Japanese Americans, who might run into difficulty in gaining complete acceptance in their original home areas, would take their complaints to the Federal courts. However, he said he was doubtful that the Interior Department, either of itself or through the War Relocation Authority, would take any part.

He added that West Coast reaction to the revocation of the exclusion order is "better than anyone had a right to expect some time ago." With the exception of a few "bad spots" and a "sour note" from one mayor, Mr. Ickes said the Pacific Coast had taken the order with good grace.

Asked why the revocation order was issued just at this time, he explained that it was linked with the Supreme Court's decision Dec. 18 in the Endo case.

"We thought it would be more graceful if the ban was removed before we were rapped over the knuckles by the Supreme Court," he declared, "As it was, we beat them to the draw only by about 24 hours."

Two Wounded, One Missing In France

Two soldiers of Japanese ancestry were reported wounded and one is missing in action, according to information received by next of kin in the United States last week.

The casualties are: PFC. GEORGE FUNAI, 29, (Bothell, Washington), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kametaro Funai of Ogden, Utah, missing in action since Dec. 5 in France. Three brothers and a brother-in-law of the missing man are in the service: Pfc. Toshio, France; Pvt. Frank and Pvt. Aubrey, Ft. Snelling, Minn., and Sgt. Howard Sakura, France.

S SGT. CHARLES T. SHIMOMURA, 28, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mrs. M. Shimomura of 34-11-E, Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action on Nov. 18.

PFC. NORIYUKI TASHIMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Funjiro Tashima of 21-10-B, Poston, seriously wounded in action on Dec. 1. Pfc. Tashima is the 72nd casualty from Poston.

Many Evacuees Plan to Remain Outside Coast Area

LOS ANGELES—Thousands of evacuees of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from Los Angeles county in 1942 have decided not to return and their household goods are being shipped to various eastern and mid-western cities at the rate of four carloads a month, Earl W. Barton, area supervisor of the WRA's properties division, declared on Dec. 21.

Sgt. Yamaguchi Wins Citation In Burma War

Los Angeles Nisei Awarded Bronze Star Medal, Says Report

NEW DELHI, INDIA—"For meritorious service during the north Burma campaign," Technical Sergeant Jimmie N. Yamaguchi has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, Commanding General of the U. S. Forces in the India Burma Theater.

Yamaguchi has served for more than fifteen months in the most distant theater of the world. He accompanied Merrill's Marauders in their historic trek from India to Myitkyina, Burma, and is entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation awarded the outfit for "outstanding achievements behind the Jap lines in Burma." He also wears the Combat Infantry Badge, "for exemplary conduct in battle," and a Bronze Campaign Star.

Prior to his induction at Ft. MacArthur, Cal., he attended Los Angeles Junior College. He has been in the service for more than three years.

Justice Department Expected to Take Over Tule Lake Camp

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is expected to take over and operate the Tule Lake, Calif., segregation center, it was reported here.

At present there are approximately 18,700 persons at Tule Lake.

and activities in the 17th district had been closely observed, the resolution stated:

"We are of the conviction that the time has come for a fair, honorable and American expression regarding this so-called Japanese problem."

The resolution urged further that there must be no discrimination whatever against any American citizen solely on his Japanese ancestry, and added:

"We are deeply concerned over the widely disseminated expressions of certain groups and individuals which seek to deny these Americans their rights and attempt to establish a distinction between them and other citizens solely by reason of their race."

"We urge our comrades in the American Legion to see to it that the persons and property of the Japanese returning to our community are safeguarded and protected and that they be accorded their full rights under the Constitution without reservation."

121 Nisei Soldiers Wounded In Action on French Front

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MONTANA

ENDOW, Pfc. Sho, Jr.—Mrs. Tei Endow, mother, Box 5, Garryowen.

NEVADA

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NEW MEXICO

TOGAMI, Cpl. K. — Arthur Y. Togami, brother, Box 72, Bluewater.

OHIO

ASAZAWA, Pfc. Esam—Robert K. Asazawa, brother, 7419 Lexington Ave., Cleveland.

ISHIKAWA, Pfc. John G.—Mrs. Rose Ishikawa, mother, 3415 East 123rd St., Cleveland.

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UTAH

KATO, Pfc. Haruo—Mrs. Mura O. Kato, mother, 2924 Kiesel Ave., Ogden.

MARUYAMA, Pvt. Henry H.—Mrs. Koto A. Maruyama, mother, 69½ West First South St., Salt Lake City.

MITANI, Pfc. Kazuo—George Mitani, father, 145 East 2nd South St., Salt Lake City.

MORIO, Pfc. Noboru—Tsunemichi Tom Morio, father, Rt. 1, Coalville.

MURAKAMI, Pfc. Charles M.—Shuichi Murakami, father, care of J. J. Sumner, Rt. 2, Brigham City.

YATABE, Pfc. Takeshi—Mrs. Kuni T. Yatabe, wife, WRA center, Topaz.

WISCONSIN

KATO, Staff Sgt. William—Mrs. Catherine B. Kato, wife, 215 Sumner St., La Crosse.

WYOMING

MATSUMURA, Pfc. Hiroshi—Mrs. Juye Matsumura, WRA center, Heart Mountain.

OKUBO, Pvt. Senji—Mrs. Yoshie Tanaka, sister, Cody.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII

ENDO, Sgt. Kenzo—Miss Fujie Endo, sister, Box 392, Puunene, Maui.

FUJIMURA, Pvt. Hiromi — Mrs. Sato Fujimura, mother, Camp 3, Lower Spreckelsville, Maui.

FUNAKOSHI, Pfc. Kaneo—Mrs. Terue Hamada, sister, 1021-A Long Lane, Honolulu.

HIRAYAMA, Staff Sgt. Chikami — Tsunehiko Hirayama, father, 3054 Kalei Rd., Honolulu.

IKEDA, Pfc. Takeo—Teruyuki Ikeda, brother, Wailuku, Maui.

IKEDA, Pvt. Yoshio—Miss Dora S. Ikeda, sister, Box 1801, Honolulu.

ISERI, Pvt. Takeo—Masuo Iseri, brother, 923 Winant St., Honolulu.

ISHIZAKI, Pfc. Shigemi—Fukumi Ishizaki, father, 2051-B Young St., Honolulu.

ISHIZUKA, Pfc. Sakai—Nagayoshi Ishizuka, brother, Ewa, Honolulu.

IWAMI, Staff Sgt. Toshio — Hichinosuke Iwami, brother, Wailuku, Maui.

KAKAZU, Pvt. Yasumori—Mrs. Uto Kakazu, mother, Box 301, Waipahu, Oahu.

KAWACHI, Pfc. Takeshi—Fusayoshi Kawachi, brother, Box 366, Pahala, Hawaii.

KAWAKAMI, Pfc. Takeshi—Mrs. Chito Kawakami, mother, 416 Ponahawaii St., Hilo, Hawaii.

KOMIYAMA, Pfc. Clarence M.—Mrs. Agnes Shima, sister, 4051 Pahoa Ave., Honolulu.

KOZUMA, Staff Sgt. Howard T.—Kenjiro Kozuma, father, 1622 Fort St., Honolulu.

KUNIEDA, Pfc. Minoru—Miss Mikie Kunieda, sister, 174-B Hukuau St., Hilo, Hawaii.

MASUDA, Pvt. Shuichi—Kazuyuki Masuda, father, Box 245 Honaunau, Kona, Hawaii.

MATSUI, Pfc. Mitsuoki—Mrs. Kameyo Matsui, mother, Box 508, Wailuku, Maui.

MATSUMOTO, Pfc. Fred T.—Kanari Matsumoto, father, Box 25, Kai Maling, South Kona, Hawaii.

MIYAUCHI, Pfc. Frank K.—Monjiro Miyauchi, father, Box 762, Paia, Maui.

MOCHIZUKI, Sgt. Komao—Noboru Mochizuki, brother, Box 784, Wailuku, Maui.

MORIGUCHI, Pfc. Rokuro—Miss Viola Fukie Moriguchi, sister 614-A Captain Cook Ave., Honolulu.

MORIMOTO, Pfc. Tadashi—Isao Morimoto, brother, 106 Kalamanaole Ave., Hilo, Hawaii.

MORINAKA, Pvt. Rodney T.—Mrs. Fui Morinaka, mother, Box 1343, Lihue, Kauai.

MORITA, Tech. 4th Gr. Mamoru—Mrs. Nobue Morita, mother, Box 92, Waipahu, Honolulu.

MURAKAMI, Staff Sgt. Minoru—Yoshitaro Murakami, father, Box 329, Puunene, Maui.

MURAMOTO, Pfc. Mutsuo—Tsuya Muramoto, father, Box 281, Hilo, Hawaii.

NAKAHARA, Pfc. Thomas T.—Mrs. Kiyo Nakahara, mother, Box A, Paunilo, Hawaii.

OKAZAKI, Sgt. Edward V.—Mrs. Tanayo Okazaki, mother, Box 239 Paia, Maui.

OKUMOTO, Tech. Sgt. Walter T.—Miss Violet K. Okumoto, sister, 131 Koalele St., Honolulu.

SADAOKA, Pfc. Goro—Noboru Sadaoka, father, Box 1027, Lihue, Kauai.

SATO, Pfc. Tomiya—Mrs. Hanako Sato, mother, 214 North Kukui St., Honolulu.

TAKASAKI, Pfc. Raymond T.—Mrs. Shime Takasaki, mother, 275 North Queen St., Honolulu.

TAKAYESU, Pfc. Seijin—Mrs. Fumiko Tsuha, sister, 3858 Keanu St., Honolulu.

TOYAMA, Pvt. Sueo—Mrs. Shizue Toyama, mother, Naalehu, Hawaii.

TOKUKE, Pfc. Shigeru—Jirohachi Tokuke, father, Box 1240, Hilo, Hawaii.

WATANABE, Pfc. Fumio—Bunzo Watanabe, father, Wailua, Honolulu.

YASUI, Pvt. Ricki R.—Mrs. Matsuno Yasui, mother, Wailuku, Maui.

YOKOYAMA, Sgt. Raymond M.—Akira Yokoyama, father, 4141 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu.

YUKITOMO, Sgt. Robert M.—Andrew T. Yukitomo, brother, 207 Luhi Way, Honolulu.

On Dec. 27 the War Department identified the following American soldiers of Japanese ancestry wounded in action in the European area, presumably in France.

ARIZONA

IWAMURA, Cpl. Seishi C.—Mrs. Natsuye Iwamura, mother, WRA Center, Rivers.

GIs in the Pacific Say: This Is An Anti-Fascist War

(This is an editorial from the Midpacifican, the armed forces' newspaper in the Central Pacific area, published at Honolulu. The Midpacifican is written and edited by servicemen.)

Three dispatches just came in from Army News Service.

Two will make you proud.

One will make you angry.

The first, datelined Washington, reveals that a single AJA (Americans of Japanese ancestry) division in Italy was awarded 1,000 Purple Hearts. The second, datelined France, reports how the "lost battalion" in the Saint Dies area was rescued by American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought their way through to the trapped men.

The third, datelined Poston, Ariz., tells how a crippled AJA was ejected from a barbershop because the proprietor didn't like his ancestry. The GI was Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, 29, from Hawaii. He had served two years with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy. He wears seven campaign ribbons and decorations, including the Purple Heart.

The action of one ignorant American brings shame to all of us.

His ignorance is dangerous. It stabs at the heart of the things for which we fight.

GIs who kill Japanese on Pacific battlefronts can tell you why they feel friendship for the AJAs fighting in Italy. They're brother Americans.

GIs who kill Nazis know they continue to like and respect German Americans now fighting at their side in Europe.

We don't make war on people because of the color of their skin, or hair, or the shape of their faces of the nationality of their fathers and mothers.

We fight for an idea.

We kill fascists because it's our idea that people from every race and of every tongue should keep on living in our country as good neighbors.

We kill fascists because they think their race or blood makes them better than other people.

We fight for our idea because it is the cement that holds democracy together. We fight against the fascist idea because it is the poison that holds our enemies together.

GIs know that the only difference between our enemies and our friends is what goes on in their minds.

The ignorant American from Arizona is one of a few rotten apples in the big barrel of America. His thinking does not reflect the way America thinks.

He probably doesn't even realize he thinks like our enemies.

But he does.

Misguided people, such as he, parrot the racial ideas of the Nazis and the Japs.

As long as they do, they constitute a menace to our country.

It would be foolish for any GI to feel that fascism will be wiped out with the defeat of Germany and Japan.

The job will not be done until all Americans are educated to think and act like Americans.

That's our job, too.

IZUMIZAKI, Pfc. James Y.—Mrs. Kitako J. Izumizaki, wife, WAR center, Poston.

KATO, Pfc. Tetsuo—Rinshi Kato, father, Rivers.

KUWAHARA, Pvt. Roy—Mrs. Takeno Kuwahara, mother, Poston.

MARYLAND

FUJIWARA, Pfc. Tugue J.—Mrs. Shizu Coles, sister, 628 North Arlington Ave., Baltimore.

MONTANA

KUBO, Cpl. Ben T.—Mrs. Emiko Koyama, sister, Box 177, Hardin.

UTAH

IKEDA, Pfc. Roy Y.—Mrs. Taka Ikeda, mother, WRA center, Topaz.

WYOMING

KAWANO, Pfc. Cike C.—Yonosuke Kawano, father, Rt. 1, Powell.

KUWADA, Pvt. Paul Y.—Mrs. Hastu Kuwada, mother, WRA center, Heart Mountain.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII

FUJII, Pfc. Henry S. — Fred Y. Fujii, brother, Hanalei, Kauai.

KAMAUU, Pvt. Robert B.—Sam Kamauu, uncle, 417-B Cooke St., Honolulu.

KAMEI, Pfc. Mikio—Seitaro Kamei, father, 348 Ponohawaii St., Hilo.

KARASAKI, Sgt. Robert H.—Tetsuichi Karasaki, father, 3326 Brokaw St., Honolulu.

KUBO, Pfc. Roy M.—Mrs. Grace K. Dashiwamura, sister, Kahuku, Oahu.

NAKAHARA, Pfc. Mitsugi—Mrs. Yukie Hayashida, mother, Waiakea Uka Camp 6, Hilo.

SUMA, Sgt. Takeo—Mrs. Akiko A. Higa, sister, Box 653, Hilo.

TAGAWA, Pfc. Kazuo—Takaichi Tagawa, father, 837 Millani St., Hilo.

TAKAMOTO, Pfc. Yoshio—Gisaburo Takamoto, father, Ewa, Oahu.

TAKATSUKI, Pvt. Abraham M.—Masao Takatsuki, brother, Box 315, Kapaa, Kauai.

TANOUE, Pfc. Shigeo—Takeo Tanoue, brother, Hilo.

UEHARA, Pfc. Bunkichi — Toku Uehara, father, Waiakea Camp 2, Hilo.

UNEMORI, Cpl. Mitsugi—Mrs. Tsuru Unemori, mother, Kaupakalua, Haiku, Maui.

On Dec. 24 the War Department identified the following Japanese American as wounded in action in the Mediterranean area:

NISHITA, Pfc. Hiroto—Mrs. Kikuyo Nishita, mother, 2719 Nakookoo St., Honolulu.

Rabbi Seeks Fair Play for Nisei on Coast

Jewish Chaplain
Urges Sacramentans
To Accept Evacuees

SACRAMENTO — Rabbi Norman M. Goldberg, a chaplain in the United States Army Reserve, told the Temple B'nai Israel Forum on Dec. 15 he believes the loyal Japanese American has the same right to settle in California, Washington or Oregon as in any other part of the country, the Bee reported.

"When the army determines they may return, singly or in small groups or in great numbers," he declared, "we should not oppose their return."

Taking as his subject, "Treatment of Minorities," Rabbi Goldberg said servicemen generally deplore the prejudice and ill will occasioned by the return of Japanese Americans to their homes and they have voiced the traditional American concept of justice and equal treatment for all citizens.

"The Pacific Coast is the storm center of the controversy," he said. "In other parts of the country I visited a few weeks ago, many of the Japanese Americans have been relocated without fuss and bother and without local disturbances. Yet on the coast some of the organizations and clubs have adopted resolutions against the return of the Japanese American citizens."

Rabbi Goldberg branded as "shameful" the action of the Hood River, Ore., American Legion Post in erasing from a war memorial the names of 16 Japanese Americans from that locality who are serving in the armed forces.

Rabbi Goldberg added that many groups do a distinct disservice to the cause of liberty and freedom by protesting it is unsafe for the Japanese Americans to return before the war is ended.

Veterans of Italy, France Campaigns Now at Bushnell

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah—Sixteen American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, wounded in Italy and France, are now convalescing from battle wounds at Bushnell General hospital in Brigham City, Utah.

They are S-Sgt. Masaru Miyoshi, Ward 2; S-Sgt. Wallace Doi, Ward 1; Pfc. Hiroshi Hirai, Ward 4; Pfc. Masayoshi Nagao, Ward 27; Pfc. George Komoto, Ward C-5; Pfc. Robert Maeda, Ward 25; Sgt. Jerry Miyashiro, Ward 21; S-Sgt. Hisashi Murakami, Ward C-5; Pvt. Joe Higa, Ward C-5; Pfc. Frank Sato, Ward 23; Cpl. Ralph Yamaguchi, Ward 21; Pfc. Dick Toshihara, Ward 24; Pfc. Walter Nakashima, Ward 5; Nagatani, Ward 5; and Nomura.

CHURCH GROUPS URGE FAIR PLAY TOWARD NISEI

LOS ANGELES—Southern California church organizations last week issued statements urging a calm attitude toward the prospective return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

In letters sent to all Protestant churches, the Southern California Council of Protestant churches and the Church Federation of Los Angeles said:

"We urge that all civic and community leaders, the press and all citizens particularly those of Christian confession take a positive stand for a true demonstration on Christian and democratic principles."

PETITIONS ASK BAN ON EVACUEES

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—Warren N. Shingle, president of the Marysville district Chamber of Commerce, disclosed on Christmas Day that petitions are being circulated in Yuba and Sutter counties demanding revocation of a military order permitting persons of Japanese ancestry to return to the Pacific Coast.

The petitions, addressed to Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt, commanding officer of the Western Defense Command, asked suspension of the order "until the temper of the times have moderated."

Pacific Coast CIO Unions Pledge Whole-Hearted Effort Toward Fair Play for Nisei

Harry Bridges Declares Lifting of Exclusion Order Clearly in Line "With Anti-Fascist Purposes Of War;" Maritime Union Lauds Nisei Soldiers

The CIO wing of Pacific Coast labor has gone on record in complete support of the Army's revocation of the order excluding loyal persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and has pledged whole-hearted effort to insure that returning evacuees receive just and decent treatment.

Two large West Coast CIO unions, the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen and the National Maritime Union, and the Oregon State CIO Council and the San Diego CIO council issued statements last week hailing the government's action in reopening the West Coast to Japanese Americans.

Harry Bridges, president of the ILWU, declared on Dec. 18 the order lifting the ban was "clearly in line with the anti-Fascist purposes of the war."

"Our union has never believed that the test of loyalty should be the color of a man's skin," Bridges said. "Our brother Americans of Japanese descent have shown their patriotism the hard way as evidenced by our members on the battlefronts."

"It has been their unfortunate lot to have to prove themselves by doing an even better job, on the home front and on the battlefront, than anybody else. The order is to be welcomed as proof that America will not accept either the Nazi or Japanese imperialist theories of superior race."

The National Maritime Union, through Port Agent James Drury at San Francisco, placed itself on record on Dec. 19 as completely in accord with the revocation order.

"Seamen in particular," Drury told newspapers, "are well aware of the role played by American soldiers of Japanese extraction. Their valor and heroism on the fighting fronts has been second to none and they have unquestionably earned for themselves and the Japanese people of proven loyalty the right to take their places in the communities on par with all other Americans."

"The common people are ready to sincerely welcome them back. Color, creed, race, national extraction—none of these are bars to patriotism. The war has definitely proven that. We are prepared to judge people—all people—on the basis of their personal records."

"We commend the Army, the Federal government, and those civic figures and organizations who have already announced their support of the Army directives."

OREGON COUNCIL OF CIO BACKS EVACUEE RIGHTS

PORTLAND, Ore. — "We insist that all the rights and privileges due the Japanese Americans as citizens be religiously adhered to, and we shall oppose all attempts to infringe on these rights," Stanley Earl, secretary of the Oregon State CIO Council, declared in a letter published by the Journal on Dec. 19.

Earl declared that the CIO wanted to express its policy in the "Japanese American controversy raised by the American Legion post at Hood River and a certain group of super-Americans at Gresham."

"It would be well for these people who advocate these anti-Christian and un-American ideas to show some of the patriotism exhibited by the Japanese Americans fighting for the democracy these people are ignorantly trying to destroy."

San Diego CIO Council to Aid Nisei Evacuees

Labor Group Warns Against Racist Acts By Reactionaries

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The San Diego CIO Council pledged its whole-hearted effort to insure fair play for evacuees of Japanese ancestry returning to the area and warned in a statement on Dec. 26 against domestic reactionaries who would use the return of the Japanese Americans as "a means of converting a war of liberation into a fascist race war."

The CIO Council pointed out in a resolution to local civic and law enforcement authorities that thousands of Japanese Americans have proven on the battlefields of the world that "neither color, creed, race or national origin constitute bars to patriotism."

These fighters "have earned for themselves and for other patriotic Japanese Americans the right to take their places in their home communities, equally with other patriotic Americans," the resolution added.

Recording its approval of the Army revocation order, the CIO Council declared:

"We further go on record as disapproving any words or overt acts which indicate discrimination against these Japanese Americans or any other race. We shall welcome them as fellow Americans and shall bend every effort to insure that they shall receive treatment in accordance with democratic principles of decency and justice."

"Anything short of this," the CIO added, "defeats the purposes for which we are fighting."

Haru Tashiro Passes Away

POSTON, Ariz.—Haru Tashiro, whose father is residing in Poston, Arizona, passed away on Dec. 14 at the Fresno County Sanitarium at Auberry, Calif., after an extended illness.

She was a member of the 1939 class of the University of California School of Nursing. After graduation she was employed at the Fresno County General hospital.

Nisei Hostesses To Entertain At Chicago USO

CHICAGO—Nisei hostesses will be on duty to help entertain Nisei soldiers every Saturday evening from 7 to 12 p.m. at the USO, 131 So. Wabash street in Chicago.

Anyone wishing to volunteer as hostess is asked to communicate with Inez Nagai, 101 S. Ashland street, Chicago 7.

Gardenans May Reconsider Refusal to List Name of Dead Nisei Hero on Honor Plaque

LOS ANGELES — Citizens of Gardena are talking about the city's injustice toward Japanese Americans, committed more than two years ago, the People's World bureau here reported on Dec. 26.

Cause of the change in attitude is the heroic death of a Japanese American from Gardena, Pvt. Ki-yoshi Muranaga, in Italy and the absence of his name from the city's roll of honor.

The story begins in 1942 when a small group of Gardena residents, headed by former Commander Cass of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post took a racist view of the war, the People's World bureau reported.

(Gardena is a city of less than 10,000 people, situated between Los Angeles and the ocean in a truck garden district formerly populated by many Japanese Americans.)

The VFW post presented the community with a service plaque, to bear the names of all Gardena men in the armed services, and at the same time recommended that names of Japanese Americans be omitted. With some misgivings, it was stated, the city council agreed.

Soon the whole country, however, had to acknowledge the heroism of Japanese Americans on the fighting front, and it became increasingly clear that patriotism is found in men of all races, it was stated.

And then, to Gardena, came news of the death of Pvt. Muranaga.

It came as part of Drew Pearson's syndicated "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column which revealed that Muranaga had been

posthumously awarded the country's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, but that his name was barred from the honor roll of his home town.

"Singlehanded," Pearson reported, "Pvt. Muranaga manned a mortar in front of his own lines, and dueling with the German 88 field piece which was imperiling American forces. So heroically did Muranaga fight with his own mortar against the big German gun that the enemy was forced to retreat. Pvt. Muranaga stuck by his gun until he was killed."

It was reported that Gardena citizens were quick to acknowledge that a wrong had been done, and now they insist that the mutilated honor roll does not express the feeling of the community.

The People's World bureau stated that expressions of friendly feeling toward patriotic Japanese Americans, and of honor for Pvt. Muranaga have come from Mayor James E. Rush, City Clerk Lucille Randolph, Louis T. Gill, editor of the Gardena Valley News, Frank Goulet, high school principal, and from W. E. Kelly, secretary-treasurer of the VFW post.

"I don't call them Nisei, which means second generation Japanese. I call them first generation Americans," Goulet said.

It was stated that a new roll of honor is being considered which will contain the names of all of Gardena's sons in the armed services. The suggestion is expected to come from the VFW post, and is expected to be laid before the city council soon.

California State Grange Seeks Evacuee Ban

Promises Vigorous Opposition to Return Of Japanese Americans

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California State Grange declared on Dec. 21 it will "use all peaceable but vigorous means to prevent the return" of evacuees of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

The Grange described the Army's order revoking the exclusion order against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast as "ill-advised and dangerous."

"All the agricultural lands formerly operated by the Japanese are now being farmed by Americans," the Grange declared.

The State Grange statement also added that feeling was "running high" in California against persons of Japanese ancestry declaring that "rural California is almost unanimous in its opposition."

Catholic Group Raps Attitude Of L. A. Mayor

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Catholic Interracial Council termed on Dec. 21 a "disgrace to the community" Mayor Fletcher E. Bowron's "ridiculous reception" of the Army order providing for the return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

Daniel G. Marshall, council chairman, said Mayor Bowron's "feverish imagination, inflamed by ghost stories, has hypnotized him into using very dangerous language."

"His futile hand-wringing is his substitute for calm, courageous and American leadership. If he thinks that his grotesque statements will serve as an illegal threat against the lawful return of those Japanese American citizens and aliens, he is wrong once more," Mr. Marshall declared.

Mayor Bowron had greeted the Army order with the opinion that military assistance would be necessary to keep order if Japanese Americans returned to Los Angeles.

Justice Department Legionnaires Condemn Hood River Action

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice post of the American Legion last week assailed as "contrary to the ideals of Americanism" the action of the Hood River, Ore., post of the Legion in removing the names of Japanese American soldiers from its county war memorial.

The Justice Department Legionnaires pointed out that some of the Japanese Americans whose names were erased were now overseas and added that the action was also "inconsistent with the doctrines of democracy and contrary to the principles of the American Legion."

Boycott Against Evacuees Proposed In Western Yolo

ESPARTO, Calif.—Eighty residents of western Yolo county voted unanimously on Dec. 18 to meet the projected return of evacuees to the area with a boycott.

Speakers at the meeting included Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey, author of several proposed measures in the State Legislature aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry, President Jack Rickabaugh of the Western Yolo County Chamber of Commerce and Albert Tandy, secretary of the organization.

Those attending the meeting decided to act in concert with residents of Winters who recently agreed not to have dealings in the future with persons of Japanese ancestry under any circumstances.

It was reported that persons of Japanese ancestry operated a "vast acreage" of orchard land in the Esparto area before evacuation.

Expect 60 Thousand Evacuees To Return to Former Homes On Coast in Next 18 Months

War Relocation Authority Will Continue With Its Program of Relocating Japanese Americans In Communities Outside Pacific Coast Area

SAN FRANCISCO—Approximately 60,000 persons of Japanese ancestry are expected to return to their former homes on the West Coast after the Army's revocation of its exclusion orders becomes effective on January 3, but the return will be gradual and will probably extend over a period of 18 months, it was indicated here last week.

The number will be between 50 and 60 percent of the Japanese and Japanese Americans who were evacuated from the Pacific Coast in 1942.

Robert B. Cozzens, assistant director of the WRA, issued the following statement on Dec. 18:

"The War Relocation Authority's staff on the West Coast will continue to carry out provisions of executive order 9102 dated March 18, 1942, which empowered the agency to relocate persons of Japanese ancestry."

"Despite modification of the military order, the WRA expects and hopes that relocation to the Middle West, the East and South will be intensified in the months ahead."

"With full constitutional rights having been restored to loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry and to law-abiding aliens, many of the

evacuees will be free to return to the West Coast area. Those who are free to come back will be only individuals of Japanese descent who have full military approval for freedom of movement."

"Individual exclusion will continue under control of the military."

"Movement of loyal evacuees will be conducted in an orderly manner, and no mass exodus from the relocation centers to any part of the country is contemplated."

Figures released by the WRA showed 32,800 evacuees already relocated outside the Pacific Coast and that 61,000 remained in relocation centers and 18,700 in Tule Lake.

Nisei Coaches Nebraska Prep Eleven to Successful Season

OMAHA, Neb.—The story of a Japanese American high school football coach in the town of Deshler, Neb., was told by Tom Dailey, sports commentator for station WOW, on his Nov. 21 broadcast.

The Japanese American, Pete Ida, coached the Deshler high school football team to a successful season. Deshler lost only one game, that a six to nothing thriller to Harvard high. The Deshler eleven defeated Nelson, Edgar, Red Cloud, Hebron and Superior, all by decisive scores. The season figures revealed that Deshler made 1,798 yards from scrimmage, while its opponents were held to 592 yards.

"That's truly a fine record and the school and its football fans are proud of it," Dailey said.

Coach Ida attended Leland Stanford university and received his bachelor of science degree at the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation he was appointed coach and physical instructor at Teachers college high school in Lincoln, and also assistant physical instructor at the Lincoln YMCA. Coach Ida has a brother, a certified public accountant in New York, and another in the army.

He was born and raised in San Francisco, Calif.

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EDITORIALS: Climate on the Coast

Most of West Coast officialdom has accepted with good grace the decision of the Army to lift the exclusion orders against persons of Japanese ancestry.

Because of violent antipathies created and nurtured by coastal race-baiters, it was necessary that strong and decisive statements be made to insure the civil rights of the returning evacuees.

During the two weeks since the Army's announcement it has been demonstrated that majority opinion among officials, the press and among the people as a whole stands firm for fair play for Japanese Americans.

But the ointment has not been without its flies. Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles, in his prediction of race riots, has sounded what Secretary Ickes has called "a sour note" in a chorus of generally commendatory statements. Mayor Bowron's wailing has been echoed by Mayor Earl Riley of Portland who greeted the Army proclamation with a suggestion that the City Council might adopt restrictive policies against returning businessmen of Japanese ancestry. In sharp contrast, however, are statements from the Mayor of Long Beach and by Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco. The latter, in his insistence on fair play for all Americans of whatever color or ancestry, has stressed that democracy might well begin at home.

The vigorous statement of Governor Warren of California, who declared that the Army's action was "designed for the ultimate success" of the war effort and that the protection of constitutional rights and the maintenance of order was a "most important function of citizenship," has had a salutary effect within the State, particularly in view of Governor Warren's open advocacy of evacuation and the duration exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry. Governor Warren, in accepting the Army's action, has impressed upon citizens of the State that support of constitutional rights of returning evacuees is an integral part of the civilian war effort. It is heartening to note that Mr. Warren, who has a record of racist statements against Americans of Japanese ancestry, placed statesmanship above his own personal prejudices when the chips were down. The California State government under Governor Warren and Attorney General Kenny has, in fact, taken constructive measures to comply with the Army's directives. The law enforcement committee of the State War Council, composed of police chiefs, sheriffs and district attorneys, has moved to assure full protection to the home-bound evacuees, and has expressed confidence that the citizens of California will comply cheerfully with the Army proclamation.

Of the other state executives affected by the order, Governor Arthur Langlie of Washington grumbled that the revocation order was "premature," while Governor Snell of Oregon was non-committal. Arizona's Governor Osborn, who sponsored a law forbidding persons of Japanese ancestry to engage in commercial transactions, executed a neat turnabout and called for fair and decent treatment of the evacuee population.

The West Coast press, on the whole, editorially has expressed its support of the military's decision, in wholesome contradiction to its general attitude during the past two years.

It is against this background that Japanese Americans will return to the evacuated area. The voices of fair play and decency are coming to the fore, and the hysteria-ridden voices of fear and racism are lessened.

Nisei USA

The Day Travel Was Frozen

In a few days now, on midnight of January 2 to be exact, the Army orders revoking the exclusion orders will become effective and the West Coast will be reopened to civilians of Japanese ancestry. We will not forget easily the other midnight when travel was frozen for Japanese Americans on the West Coast. That was back in March of 1942 when the war was young for the people of America and some 100,000 young men were alive who are dead today in Pacific jungles, on Bataan, on the banks of swift-running Italian rivers, amid the hedgerows of Normandy and the Vosges forests. It was 33 months ago, but seems much longer.

The personal histories of World War II are as numerous as the billion people who as combatant and non-combatant have been touched and changed by it in those years since the fascists marched in Manchuria, Ethiopia and in Spain. Ours began, along with those of 130 million Americans, on that quiet Sunday in December back in '41. We were in New York then, but a few weeks later we were on a train for California. There had been some talk about evacuation but no one took it seriously until the President's Executive Order 9066 was issued on February 19, 1942. Then the nameless fears which had beset Japanese Americans on the West Coast began to take form. But still mass evacuation seemed impossible. But a succession of proclamations signed by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt made even the impossible a reality.

There was a period of voluntary evacuation but only a few had left and most of these had moved only across the line from Military Area I on the coast to Zone 2 in inland California. The same was true of the Japanese Americans in the Northwest, the great majority electing to stay on their farms and at their jobs. Meanwhile, the Army's evacuation machinery was set in motion. On March 24 a proclamation was issued establishing an 8 o'clock curfew for all persons of Japanese ancestry and German and Italian aliens. On March 27 General DeWitt froze all travel by such persons as of midnight, March 29.

We had decided to stay in San Francisco, but suddenly our plans were changed. The JACL had decided to move its national headquarters and the Pacific Citizen to Salt Lake City. We were offered the job and three days later we were on a car speeding across the Bay Bridge. It was the late afternoon of March 29 and General DeWitt's order freezing travel would become effective at midnight.

The last time we saw San Francisco from the Bay Bridge, the city, rising on its steep hills above the Embarcadero and the Bay, was as dramatic and breath-taking as always. We sped along the Eastbay cities, across Carquinez,

and into the delta country of the Sacramento. Everywhere there were evidences of the integral part which the people of Japanese ancestry were playing in the agricultural and industrial life of the State. There were truck farms and nurseries, shops and produce stands, and on the low delta islands of the Sacramento and San Joaquin were asparagus farms which Japanese farmers had developed out of sub-marginal lands. In that valley through which we moved on that Sunday evening were the Little Tokyos of Walnut Grove, Isleton, Courtland and Florin, little valley towns in which the people of Japanese ancestry were facing with apprehension a future of evacuation.

The highway out of Sacramento for Reno rises easily into the Sierra foothills. Here was orchard country, rolling hills and apple trees, and towns whose names sound a roll-call of California history. Here Japanese farmers had been successful where some others had failed. And at a railroad underpass just outside of Auburn we came to the boundary of Military Area I. Delayed by motor trouble, we crossed 18 minutes before General DeWitt's midnight deadline. We had been prepared for an inspection, but there was no one to mark our passing, nor to check the scores and more of other evacuee cars and trucks which passed under that railroad underpass on that night.

Dawn broke as we raced across the flat monotone of Nevada desert. All night long from Auburn to Reno and from Reno beyond along the highway we had passed heavily loaded trucks and passenger cars and their headlights had made a chain of light across the desert country. And now we could see the faces in the cars as we passed them. We blew our horn and the cars honked back, but there was little laughter that day, none of the excursion spirit. The faces behind the windshields were grim, and in one truck a woman was crying. On that day the evacuee cars with their California, Oregon and Washington license plates must have been strung out across the whole western desert from Reno to Salt Lake and Denver, from Yakima to Spokane and from Bend, Ore., to Boise.

We reached Salt Lake in the afternoon and for hours afterward the cars were coming in down the highway past the Garfield Smelter, Black Rock beach on Great Salt Lake and past the airport. Then there were no more cars. The voluntary evacuation had ended. Months later other evacuees were to come through in special trains with their complement of M.P.'s, bound for Heart Mountain and Topaz, for Granada and the Arkansas centers, fenced-in barrack cities built on lonely ground. That was more than two years ago, a long, long time.

Nisei Officer Wounded Four Times in Battle for Europe

A PACIFIC COAST ARMY HOSPITAL—Carrying five citations and suffering a shattered left leg, Lieut. Dick Hamasaki, 23, is en route to his home in Hawaii, traveling slowly by stretcher from hospital to hospital after two years of war, Robert C. Miller, United Press correspondent who has seen service from Guadalcanal to France, reported in a Dec. 15 dispatch.

Miller, who was seriously wounded in the arm in France, traveled part of his way back to the West Coast in a hospital plane with the Japanese American lieutenant.

He reported that Lieut. Hamasaki wore the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters awarded by a grateful government for four wounds received in the battle for Europe. There is also a Bronze Star for gallantry in action and a shattered leg caused by an exploding German shell.

Lieut. Hamasaki, a member of the famed all-Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion—better

known as the Purple Heart Battalion—is going home to his brothers in Hawaii. Of his parents he knows nothing. He left them in Japan four years ago where he attended school as ordered by his father.

"Had my mother not prevailed upon my father to allow me to return to my brothers in Hawaii I would probably be in the Japanese army today," the wounded hero said.

"That first winter in Wisconsin," he explained "was pretty rugged. None of us had ever seen snow before and we kept the hospitals full of cases of pneumonia. From there we went to the deep south where we were hated bitterly and distrusted. Believe me none of us was reluctant to leave."

Dick got his first Purple Heart when a high explosive shell sprayed him with jagged pieces of steel a few days after his outfit went into action for the first time.

His last wound occurred when a German tank shell fired at point-blank range shattered his left leg.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Exile's Return

The three-year exile of Japanese Americans from their homes is about to end. It has been a period of toil and tears, of fear and gnawing uncertainty, of doubts that shook men's faith in democracy. It has been a period of raw emotions when bigots stood unashamed to trumpet their bigotry, and others made light of the Constitution in efforts to promote their economic self-interest.

It is too early, even now, to assess accurately the full, long-term significance of the evacuation. It would seem a dangerous precedent has been set in the exile, solely on a racial basis, of an American minority.

There is evidence that the American war effort has suffered, on the production front at home and on the propaganda front in the Orient where Tokyo delighted in jeering at American claims to racial equality.

But two tangible, constructive results of the evacuation already are evident. The first is the effect on the Nisei themselves; the second the effect the evacuation has had on the people of the United States.

The evacuation has opened new vistas of opportunity for the Nisei. It has accomplished in a sudden, revolutionary and oftentimes cruel manner something that would have come to pass in a generation or two. And the Nisei and their offspring will profit when the pain of being wrenched from their homes is forgotten—by the stroke which freed them from the confines of the Li'l Tokyos.

The story of the prewar Japanese communities is too well known to need much repetition. There the talents of eager young Nisei were stifled for lack of opportunity. There were not jobs enough to go around, and prejudice kept the Nisei from finding opportunity in the cities which surrounded these colonies.

The bonds of family and habit kept all but a few of the Nisei from leaving the West Coast in search of a livelihood elsewhere.

The prewar plight of the Nisei well could be epitomized in the youth who wore a Phi Beta Kappa key on his watch chain and stacked oranges in a fruit stand for a living.

Now, thanks to the evacuation, the Nisei are scattered in 47 of the 48 states. They have found, on a large scale, job opportunities undreamed of before the war. In spite of occasional local prejudices they have found the chance to compete for jobs and advancement on the basis of merit. And they are making good.

The Nisei have lost their narrow provincial outlook. California no longer is the limit of their interest. They speak more casually of traveling 2,000 miles across the country than they did before the war about making a trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

The Nisei have discovered the real America. They have seen for the first time its towering mountains and its broad plains, its wheatfields and cornfields and the forests of industrial smokestacks. They have found the heart of America, and they know now that they no longer need be a group of marginal citizens of questionable loyalty.

And, perhaps unconsciously, America is the stronger for having undergone the difficulties of the evacuation. Thinking Americans have had it brought home as never before that this is a war of ideals and not of races. They are more cognizant of America's racial minority problems. They understand better the meaning of democracy.

In the once-upon-a-time of prewar days the so-called Jap problem was thought to be solely California's concern. Outside of the Pacific Coast the American Japanese had his prototype in the grinning gardener and truck farmer, or the domestic who spoke in Hashimura Togo English.

Now the Nisei are a curiosity no longer. The American public has found through the dispersal of the Nisei that they are thoroughly American with valuable skills to be contributed to the war effort. Americans have discovered that Nisei make good neighbors and are of credit to the communities in which they have resettled.

Nisei soldiers have brought home dramatically the lesson that the color of one's skin and the shape of one's facial features do not preclude loyalty or disloyalty.

The American public has learned of the problems of a minority, and has reacted sympathetically at a time when there is a great need for understanding of minority problems.

Furthermore, the reaction of the great majority of the Nisei toward evacuation—more tolerant, understanding and patient than we ever would have been, one white American said—has renewed the faith of all Americans in democracy.

A group of people but one generation removed from a fanatical enemy has proven under the most trying circumstances its loyalty to the nation of its choice.

This is incontrovertible proof of the appeal that the American way has for the common man. It is proof that democracy as taught and practiced in the United States is good and lasting and powerful enough in its appeal to overcome the lies of our native fascists, the racists, the bigots and hate-mongers.

Due in large part to the suffering, humiliation and losses suffered by Japanese Americans through the evacuation, America will be better prepared for postwar problems.

And finally, the super-patriots have been unmasked. Their argument that American citizens should be punished because their forefathers were Japanese always had a phony

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Dear Mr. Tajiri:

Joe Masaoka has very likely given you a complete report of our meeting in Colorado and perhaps you have received a transcript of my talk at Brighton, Colorado when I invited Joe to say anything he had on his mind before the audience.

The people in this area are aware of the terrific pressure being wielded by the WRA and by many of the leading church organizations for the removal of all restrictions on the coast. To Californians it is apparent that the infiltration of some recognized loyal Japanese Americans is being used as a wedge by the WRA to open the gates of Tule Lake and other centers. There is no disposition on the WRA to reason with the people on the coast. The entire approach has been one of defiance and name-calling.

So far as some of the "super patriots" in this area are concerned, they are becoming more determined that the WRA shall not accomplish its diabolical scheme. They have lost all faith in the sincerity and in the honesty of Dillon Myer and his staff. Many Japanese Americans would like to make their plans for the future but dare not until the atmosphere is cleared. The stubborn attitude of the more vociferous religious leaders and the WRA has rendered a shameful disservice to the very citizens they purport to defend.

For a long time I have considered a plan which might clear the atmosphere. If we could arrange a conference with five or six outstanding civic leaders and officials, would you, Joe and two or three other recognized leaders in the JACL come to Los Angeles to meet with us? If we can work out together a reasonable program we may effect a favorable solution to a problem which every day creates more ominous aspects. I am sure that the United States Army would look with favor upon such a meeting with the

hope that some definite good will result. There is no question but that this organization, with the help of several others, can allay the apprehension now felt by residents in many localities.

Please let me know as early as you can how you feel about this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

DR. JOHN R. LECHNER
Executive Director

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Bill Hosokawa: EXILE'S RETURN

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ring. Now, by their own actions they have revealed themselves as of the lunatic fringe, not hesitant about denying Constitutional rights or inciting to riot and violence in order to satisfy their pettish prejudices or to fatten their pocketbooks.

Because the facts were little known, it was not difficult at one time for many Americans to believe the charges that West Coast hate-mongers leveled against the Nisei. So skillfully were the lies and half-truths interwoven with the truth by paid propagandists that it was well nigh impossible for anyone to distinguish the facts for certain.

Thanks to national publicity in newspapers, magazines and the radio, the truth has come out. When organizations continue to beat the drums of hatred, to warn of violence against returning Japanese Americans and then go out of their way to arouse unrest, it is obvious that there is more than patriotism behind their efforts. It is only too obvious that covetous eyes are being cast on the verdant fields—most of them developed out of wasteland by Japanese Americans—which evacuation forced their tenants to leave behind. Americans will not be

Milwaukee Journal Honored By Interracial Federation

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Milwaukee Journal, well known to resettlers for its many editorials and news stories in their behalf, was awarded a scroll for "outstanding work in promoting interracial amity during the past year," at the first annual meeting of the Interracial Federation of Milwaukee on December 16. Miss Elizabeth Campbell, executive secretary of the International Institute and Federation president, presented the award to J.

fooled so easily hereafter by cries of wolf on this or other issues. The evacuation has been a tragic experience both for those who were affected directly and the nation as a whole. It is the duty of evacuees as Americans to see that an evacuation and its attendant tragedies is never repeated, on a racial or any other basis.

But out of this tragedy a measure of good has resulted. If this good contributes toward the creation of a better America, it is little enough sacrifice from civilian Nisei. It is their small contribution to their country, indisputable claim to the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

D. Ferguson, president and editor of The Journal.

Dr. Robert Weaver of Chicago, director of community services of the America Council on Race Relations, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Immediately preceding the presentation of the scroll, several excerpts from a number of Journal editorials and news stories, some of them discussing the Nisei, were read by James Doyle of the interracial committee.

The text of the scroll awarded to The Journal was as follows:

"In recognition and acknowledgment of its effective and continued leadership and valuable contribution to the promotion of better understanding and good will among the different racial, cultural and ethnic groups in Milwaukee; for its insistence that adequate housing be made available to all of our citizens; for its constant endeavor to remind the people of Milwaukee of their community duty and responsibility in the maintenance of decency and dignity and equality of opportunity among its citizens;

"We, the members of the Interracial Federation of Milwaukee County, do hereby offer this testament of appreciation to The Milwaukee Journal."

Mugwump's Progress

(A mugwump, according to an old political definition, is an animal which sits on the fence—with its mug on one side and its wump on the other.)

Dr. John R. Lechner of Los Angeles, alleged expert on the pre-war activities of persons of Japanese ancestry, has been playing both sides of the Japanese American evacuee question in California.

On Pearl Harbor Day Lechner made one of his frequent appearances before West Coast groups, appearing before a large crowd at the Brawley, Calif., high school as the main speaker at a "Jap Return Protest mass meeting" sponsored by Imperial County United, newly formed organization of Imperial valley civic and veterans groups dedicated to the exclusion of Japanese Americans from the area.

On Dec. 11 Lechner wrote to the Pacific Citizen, inviting a group of representative Japanese Americans to Los Angeles for a conference on problems arising out of the possible return of the evacuees to the West Coast.

More than any other single individual Dr. Lechner has been responsible for the stirring of doubts, suspicions and hatreds against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast through the scores of speeches he has given before Pacific Coast organizations during the past three years. During the recent election campaign he was called to Colorado by sponsors of the anti-evacuee, anti-alien land bill to speak in Colorado communities for the passage of that proposed legislation. In his Brawley speech on Dec. 7 Lechner declared that he had "allowed" Joe G. Masaoka, JACL representative, to speak from the same platform in Denver. Masaoka did speak on the same platform with Lechner in Brighton, Colo., but was barred from even entering the Lechner public meetings at Denver and Grand Junction.

Dr. Lechner has organized anti-evacuee groups in various West Coast communities where he has spoken and is believed to have been instrumental in the formation of The Americans League, a Southern California group which has bitterly opposed the return of Japanese Americans and most of whose officers and directors have been connected with the wholesale produce and flower industries, fields in which Japanese Americans were competitors before evacuation.

When a group of anti-democrats in Utah sought help in preventing the issuance of business licenses by the cities of Ogden and Salt Lake to American citizens because of their Japanese ancestry, they called Dr. Lechner to Salt Lake for a mass meeting to force public officials to put such a discriminatory policy in effect.

Yet, in 1941 Dr. Lechner helped sponsor a patriotic mass meeting of Japanese Americans in Hollywood.

So it is not surprising, perhaps, to find Dr. Lechner once again playing both sides of a question.

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PALO ALTO, Calif.—The largest gathering of Japanese Americans on the West Coast since evacuation took place on Dec. 12 at the home of Mrs. Roy Smith, 2230 Ramona St., Palo Alto.

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Harry Shioyoma, all from Dibble hospital. The party was planned by Sumio Yoshi, Helen Ban, Alice Hamasaki, Motoko Hirose, Mary Kakoi and Julia Kitayama, all from Stanford University.

Other guests were Mrs. Roy Smith, Mr. Stanford Smith, Master Kevin Smith, Mrs. Marguerite Slater, Mrs. Jean Coolidge and Mr. Harnmohamed Alibasah.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. E. Kadoya, 19-2-A, Rohwer, a boy on Dec. 12.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. Kubota, 1-9-D, Rohwer, a girl on Dec. 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. S. Sakata, 12-3-F, Rohwer, a boy on Dec. 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tanino, 6-10-D, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 9.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Yamasaki, 13-8-A, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 11.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Saito, 24-6-B, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kyo-no, 12-2-E, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Okegawa, 24-11-A, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. K. Yakushijin, 14-5-D, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. B. Yoshihara, 29-8-CD, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 15.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masamitsu Ogawa, 16-2-H, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 22.
 To Rev. and Mrs. Gikan Nishinaga, 13-7-E, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 23.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hayashi, 41-3-D, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 17.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hongo, 35-11-H, Hunt, a boy on Nov. 23.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Higashi, 6-7-E, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 24.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kumao Hobara, 34-7-B, Hunt, a child on Nov. 25.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Shimamoto, 17-F, Hunt, a girl on Nov. 29.
 To Mr. and Mrs. S. Fukuhara, 2204-D, Hunt, a boy on Dec. 1.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurihara, 35-10-B, Hunt, a boy on Dec. 4.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Ogasawara, 41-4-D, Hunt, a boy on Dec. 7.
 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Yamamoto, 40-12-B, Hunt, a boy on Dec. 8.
 To Mr. and Mrs. S. Matsunaga, a boy on Dec. 10, at Hunt, Idaho.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Okawachi (5-8-A, Topaz) a boy on Dec. 15.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Morimoto, 23-1-F, Ht. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 16.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tokiyo Shimizu, 9-19-D, Ht. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 18.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Nomura, 27-17-E, Ht. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 18.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kitagawa, 2-23-A, Ht. Mountain, a boy on Dec. 21.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kozaburo Ichishita, 36-5-D, Poston, a boy on Dec. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yoshida, 43-7-B, Poston, a boy on Dec. 6.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Nishimoto, 55-9-D, Gila River, a girl on Dec. 8.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Take Naruo, 24-9-D, Gila River, a boy on Dec. 8.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Y. Nakano, 74-2-A, Gila River, a girl on Dec. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuzo Takeda, 22-8-B, Gila River, a boy on Dec. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Furuiye of 45-11-A, Gila River, a girl on Dec. 2.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Nakagawa, 44-5-A, Gila River, a girl on Dec. 5.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Akaba, 8-10-A, Rohwer, a girl on Dec. 10.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Tsurumoto, 25-4-C, Rohwer, a girl on Dec. 10.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matsuda, 20-13-B, Ht. Mountain, a boy on Dec. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Hashimoto, 12-23-D, Ht. Mountain, a girl on Dec. 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Yamasaki, 1304-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 25.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Shitanishi, 4913-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 26.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Wakimoto, 7215-E, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 28.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Heitaro Kono, 3503-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 29.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Takao, 2305-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 29.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hataye, 8307-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 29.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sataro Okuno, 5317-C, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 1.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Okazaki, 1607-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 1.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Sasaki, 4315-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 2.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Fusao Ogawa, 8315-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 2.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Yabu-

moto, 4312-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki Koga, 307-4-A, Poston, a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kuyemon Watanabe, 7K-1E, Granada, a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Iba, 9K-12F, Granada, a girl on Nov. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Yokota of 7201-B, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi Niimi, 8011-G, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kentaro Takatsui, 5303-B, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Akiyoshi, 3213-C, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teiichi Kanaya, 1919-E, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Nomura, 8305-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mikami, 7702-H, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abe, 2904-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Kohama, 4619-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuya Tsuruyama, 7818-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadayoshi Kawahara, 2404-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshihiro Nakano, 5917-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hide Setoguchi, 8302-FG, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanichi Take-taya, 4003-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kusuo Tsujimoto, 2614-D, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Kawasaka, 3906-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuhiko Sato, 43-10-C, Poston, a boy on Dec. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yei Shimozono, 318-9-A, Poston, a boy on Dec. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru G. Takaoka, 325-13-H, Poston, a girl on Dec. 17.

DEATHS

Gosaburo Takemoto, 63, 12H-12E, Granada, on Nov. 23.

Eitaro Nishimura, 72, of 1501-A, Tule Lake, on Nov. 17.

Kuniyoshi Yamane, 7-days, of 8114-G, Tule Lake, on Nov. 18.

Kiyokazu Sueda, 47, of 7511-G, Tule Lake, on Nov. 19.

Minoru Nakanashi, 22, of 5301-E, Tule Lake, on Nov. 23.

Isoji Minema, 54, of 1501-D, Tule Lake, on Nov. 24.

Kintaro Shiba, 63, on Dec. 17 in Ogden, Utah.

Kosaburo Mizumoto of 10-3-D, Gila River, on Dec. 3.

Dr. Tatsuo Yamamoto on Dec. 5 in Des Moines, Ia.

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ju-ichi Hayashi, 6-4-B, Gila River, on Dec. 7.

Suyekichi Iwashita, 329-8-C, Poston, on Dec. 10.

Kojiro Shigaura, 30-5-A, Ht. Mountain, on Dec. 10.

Torakuse Yamada, 74, in California.

Rev. Tansai Terakawa, 50, 35-8-B, Hunt, on Nov. 12.

Tomifuku Iida, 53, 12-12-F, Hunt, on Nov. 20.

Taichi Miyoshi, 73, 44-8-D, Hunt, on Nov. 22.

Keitaro Kawashiri, 75, 21-2-D, Hunt, on Nov. 26.

Infant daughter of Pvt. and Mrs. Masayasu Shimojima, 7-1-F, Hunt, on Nov. 29.

Mrs. Kato Sumida, 69, 31-3-E, Hunt, on Dec. 4.

Mrs. Shigeno Asato, 62, 1-1-E, Hunt, on Dec. 6.

Mrs. Hisayo Kimura, 49, 40-3-B, Hunt, on Dec. 8.

Evelyn Uyeda, 16, 29-8-E, Hunt, on Dec. 9.

Yasutaro Kato, 64, 30-19-F, Ht. Mountain, on Dec. 17.

Sukejiro Kakimoto, 75, 28-17-E, Ht. Mountain, on Dec. 20.

Kakichi Nakiwatase, 58, 1-14-E, Ht. Mountain, on Dec. 22.

MARRIAGES

Toshi Kaga to Hiroshi Suzaka on Dec. 9 at Hunt, Idaho.

Nadine Nakahara to Pvt. Tom Yamamoto on Dec. 10 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Betty Higashihara to Ted Kubota on Dec. 15 in Billings, Mont.

Toshiko Kojima to Ken Tanaka on Dec. 18 in Cody, Wyo.

Narumi Yoshikawa to Shigeto Yamaguchi on Dec. 10 at Gila River.

Yumi Shiozaki to Torao Ty Arifuku on Dec. 2 at Gila River.

Taye Yotsukura to Takio Shiozaki on Nov. 25 in Des Moines, Ia.

Kimi May Kuwahara to Frank Tokio Komoto in Billings, Mont.

Kiyoye Sakaguchi to Atsushi Inouye on Dec. 12 in Billings, Mont.

Betty Fusako Miyazaki to George S. Uchiyama on Dec. 7 in Salt Lake City.

Tokuye Kusatake to Bob Sawada on Nov. 18 at Tule Lake.

Masumi Nancy Shimoizaki to Shizuo Mori on Nov. 25 at Tule Lake.

Masayuki Tsutsumi to Tomiko Miyaoka on Nov. 28 at Tule Lake.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Katsumi Yamada, Broomfield, and Mary Y. Higuchi in Denver.

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Shigeo Wakayama and Lorraine M. Fujino on Nov. 23 in Denver.

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