

## Federal, State Aid Promised Japanese American Evacuees Who Return to Coast Farms

Representatives of Public, Private Agencies Participate in Conference Called by West Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal and State assistance for Japanese Americans returning to Pacific Coast farms was indicated at the closing session of the recent two-day conference on evacuee problems sponsored by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play at the Palace hotel.

Farm experts attending the conference discussed grave problems which will be faced by Japanese American farmers, problems of procuring farm equipment, farm loans and labor.

Representatives from the State War Board and the California AAA Committee, the California Department of Agriculture, the Farm Security Administration, the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California and the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley declared their organizations ready to assist without discrimination in these problems, in so far as they have authority to do so.

Ralph W. Hollenberg, regional FSA director, said his department can make rural rehabilitation loans to farmers who meet certain specifications of eligibility. Hollenberg said that before a loan can be made to any applicant the county FSA committee, composed of three prominent local farmers, must pass on his eligibility, character and integrity.

The Federal Land Bank, whose capital stock is owned by farmers throughout California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah, and which previous to the evacuation handled some 400 accounts of persons of Japanese ancestry, will be ready to offer the same treatment to them on their return, Willard Ellis, president, declared, but added that regulations similar to those of the FSA would be observed.

The chief spokesman for Japanese Americans at the conference was Saburo Kido, former San Francisco attorney and now national president of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"There are 60,000 people wondering whether to go east or west or to stand pat in relocation centers," Kido said. "We are in a state of mental uncertainty. We wish the advice of our friends here. Few of our people were on relief even during the depth of the depression years. Japanese Americans now feel if they remain in the centers, where they were sent by the government they will suffer no stigma, but to return and find themselves on relief rolls would be a reflection."

The Chronicle reported that Kido voiced the main concern of the Nisei: Would they be denied employment by white employers because of personal prejudice, or because of fear by those employers of prejudice on the part of other employees with resultant threat of job walkouts.

Representing Filipino communities of the Western States, Antonio A. Gonzales declared that Filipino Americans did not oppose the return of the Japanese Americans.

"The Filipinos are not fighting Japanese people but the Japanese system; they are fighting fascism," he said.

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The Pacific Citizen's yearly subscription rates for non-members of the JACL will be raised from \$2.50 to \$3.00 on Feb. 1. Increased operating expenses and production costs account for the decision to increase the rates. Heretofore, the Pacific Citizen has operated at a slight deficit and it is hoped the increased rate will help the newspaper meet its expenses.

## Joe Scott, Noted Attorney, Repudiates Lechner Committee

LOS ANGELES — Joseph Scott, influential Catholic layman and Republican leader, has resigned from the board of directors of the Americanism Educational League, of which John R. Lechner is executive director, in protest over the League's attitude toward Americans of Japanese ancestry, it was reported last week.

Mr. Scott, who has been in the news recently as attorney for Joan Barry in the Chaplin paternity case, is reported to have written Lechner notifying the latter of his resignation. He is the second prominent Catholic to resign from the Americanism Educational League. In his letter Mr. Scott is reported to have praised the citizenship record of Americans of Japanese ancestry, adding that while he was on the Board of Education in Los Angeles and in the Juvenile Court for ten years he was never faced with a problem involving Japanese American youths.

## Fishing Ships To Be Given Back to Nisei

Coast Guard Will Allow Fishermen to Resume Operations

LOS ANGELES — Fishermen of Japanese ancestry returning to the Pacific Coast from relocation centers will get their vessels back and will be permitted to resume operations under prevailing regulations, Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, said on Jan. 12 in explaining that Federal agencies are prepared to protect the rights of those evacuated after Pearl Harbor.

The Coast Guard, Myer stated, "has assured us they will see that Japanese boat owners will get their vessels back and will be allowed to use them under the same conditions and regulations that affect other American fishermen."

"I don't know how many tuna clippers or other fishing craft this includes, if any," he added. "I am describing principles, not actual properties."

## REPORT NISEI KILLED IN ACTION ON WEST FRONT

One Japanese American soldier was reported killed and another listed as a prisoner of war in Germany, according to information received by the Pacific Citizen this week from next of kin.

PFC. KENICHI TSUMAKI, 24, brother of Minoru Tsumaki of Idaho Falls, Idaho, killed in action in France on Nov. 7.

PVT. WILLIAM YAMAKA, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Y. Yamaka, Twin Falls, Ida., previously reported missing in action in France, now reported prisoner of war in Germany.

## Volunteer to Deliver Coal

RIVERS, Ariz. — Japanese American soldiers at Fort Snelling, Minn., volunteered to aid in coal deliveries to St. Paul and Minneapolis households, which faced a cold wave recently, the News-Courier reports.

## War Department Identifies 363 Wounded Nisei Troops

### Casualty List Reveals Five Killed in Action On European Front

WASHINGTON — The War Department this week identified five American soldiers of Japanese ancestry killed and 363 wounded in action in the European area.

It is presumed the casualties were sustained by Japanese Americans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team after they went into action on the Western Front on Oct. 15 and include those sustained in the 442nd Infantry's rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division near St. Die.

(In all of the casualties listed next of kin have been previously notified, and have been kept informed by the War Department of any change of status. Because of the time necessary to compile these lists, information is listed several weeks after next of kin have been notified. Many of the casualties listed have been previously published in the Pacific Citizen on information reported by next of kin.)

### Killed in Action

On January 17 the War Department identified the following American soldiers of Japanese ancestry killed in action in the European area, presumably in France:

HORIUCHI, Pfc. Paul F. — Thomas T. Horiuchi, brother, 2-14-E, Poston, Arizona.  
FUJII, Sgt. Abe M. — Mrs. Thelma Hatsuko Fuji, wife, 2735 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.  
MURAKAMI, Pvt. Lester T. — Mrs. Bessie J. Murakami, wife, Route 2, Purvis, Mississippi.  
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TENGWAN, Pfc. Yoshio — Mrs. Shigeo E. Lee, friend, 1471-D Pele St., Honolulu, T. H.

### Wounded in Action

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HAMADA, Pfc. Yoneo — Isamu Hamada, brother, Rivers.  
HARADA, Pfc. Jack Y. — George Harada, brother, Rivers.  
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ITO, Pfc. Akita — Kazo Ito, father, Rivers.  
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IWANABE, Pvt. Kunio T. — Mrs. Kiku Iwanabe, mother, Rivers.  
IYAMA, Pvt. Masakatsu H. — Mrs. Hatae Iyama, mother, Poston.  
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MASUDA, Pfc. Takashi — Mrs. Tamae Masuda, mother, Rivers.  
MATSUSHITA, Pfc. Ray — Ichimatsu Matsushita, father, Poston.  
MOCHIZUKI, Tech. Sgt. Makoto — Terumi Mochizuki, brother, Poston.  
MOCHIZUKI, Pfc. Haruo E. — Eitaro Mochizuki, father, Poston.  
MORITA, Cpl. Yoshio J. — Mrs. Kazuyo Morita, mother, Rivers.  
NAGAO, Tech. 4th Gr. Shigenori — Minoru Nagao, brother, Rivers.  
NAKAGAKI, Pvt. Sadato — Miss Eiko Nakagaki, sister, Rivers.  
NAKAMOTO, Pfc. Yasuo — Kichisaburo Nakamoto, father, Poston.  
OGATA, Sgt. Mikiri M. — Mrs. Yone Ogata, mother, Poston.  
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TANAKA, Pfc. Seiya — Kiyoshi Tanaka, father, Rivers.  
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TSUBOI, Pfc. Masao — Saichi Tsuboi, father, Rivers.  
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ISHIMARU, Pfc. Charles B. — Mrs. Mary W. Ishimaru (last War Dept. address), Denson.  
IWATSURU, Pvt. Akira — Mrs. Tokuye Iwatsuru, mother (last War Dept. address) Denson.  
KISHI, Pfc. Robert T. — Yakumatsu Frank Kishi, father, Rohwer.  
NISHI, Tech. Sgt. Masakazu — Masajiro Nishi, father, Dermott.  
SAKAUZE, Cpl. Misao — Masaharu Sakaue, brother, Rohwer.  
SUGIMOTO, Pfc. Sakai R. — Mrs. Toshi Sugimoto, mother, Rohwer.  
SUMIDA, Staff Sgt. Minoru — Kazuharu Sumida, brother, Rohwer.  
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TANIHARA, Pvt. Noboru — Mrs. Yaeko Nobu-sue, sister, Rohwer.  
YAMASAKI, Staff Sgt. Frank J. — Mrs. Eva S. Hirasuna, sister, Rohwer.

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TERAJI, Staff Sgt. Shigeo G. — Mrs. Shina Teraji, mother, Manzanar.  
UYEDA, Pfc. Masatsugu — Masato Uyeda, brother, Newell.  
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## The Death of a Hero: This Is How Sgt. Mizutari Fought--And How He Died

By Staff Sgt. Howard I. Ogawa

SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES—(Dec. 28)—Tonight as I sit here and type this story, my mind wanders back to the day of the New Britain invasion. I would like to tell a story about a friend of mine whom some of the readers may know very well. His name is Tech. Sgt. Terry Mizutari, 24 years old, of Hilo, Hawaii, who was killed in action in New Guinea in June, 1944. I asked many of my buddies who subscribe to the *Pacific Citizen* whether his name was mentioned in the paper or not but no one seemed to know whether they had read anything about him or had seen his name mentioned. This is how he fought and how he died.

(Ed. Note: The death of Sgt. Mizutari was reported by the War Dept. and published in the *Pacific Citizen*. No details were available at the time, however, of the manner of his death in action. Sgt. Mizutari was one of the two "lonely sergeants" who wrote to the *Pacific Citizen* about a year ago asking for letters from girls at home. After their letter was published in the *Pacific Citizen* some 77 letters were received by the two sergeants until the time of Sgt. Mizutari's heroic death in action.)

The story will go back a little more than a year ago today. It was on the night of December 14, 1943, when we both boarded a LCM (Landing-Craft Mechanized) in New Guinea. Before this the rain had been pouring steadily for three days and so we waited, sweating under our ponchos, with our blue barracks bags slung over our shoulders. At 1930 hours we finally boarded the LCM and steamed across the rough Coral Sea. The craft raked and tossed from side to side, but at the break of dawn on December 15th, we sighted the coast of New Britain in the far-off dark horizon. We saw assault troops in their rubber boats creeping stealthily toward the shore of Arawe and our escort vessels bombarding shore positions. They landed, then it was our turn.

We were in the bay, waiting for the convoy commander to give us a signal to head for the beach. We were waiting, when suddenly out of the clear blue sky appeared 15 to 20 Jap Zero fighters and dive bombers. We tried to take cover in the overcrowded craft, trying to cram our whole bodies under steel helmets. The roaring planes spit white and red tracers at us and our gunners on the LCM courageously and bravely tried to fight them off. Our gunners got one of them. Down he went, and in a few minutes he crashed into the sea. Then suddenly, the signal came for us to land. We hit the beach 50 yards from the shore, water deep to our waists. First man to get off the craft was Sgt. Mizutari. Off he went into the jungle, moving cautiously forward across the narrow beach, probing the tangled foliage for snipers and machine guns hidden behind coco-log bunkers.

After we landed, for three consecutive days and nights the Japs came over to strafe and bomb us and each time Sgt. Mizutari from his shallow hard coral foxhole would look up and shake his fist at them. If he had only had a gun that would reach them. I am sure he would have been right behind it firing at them, without regard for his own life. On the fourth day after our landing, our CP (Command Post) moved to another area closer to the front lines, only 600 yards away.

Twice the enemy counter-attacked during the night and broke through our main line of defense. Sgt. Mizutari was right there with the guards, with his carbine in his hands, waiting to take a crack at them. It was moonlight, and I could see his face, that grin, his lips moving now and then as he was saying, "Come on you fools. You started this, and I am going to finish it."

Before the Japanese could advance to our CP, they were stopped. For two months after our amphibious landing, the Jap planes came over day and night. Did you see him hugging the ground each time they came over to bomb us? No, he was looking up from his foxhole, muttering "I will get you some day." He would venture out to the adjacent islands with our intelligence officer, seeking information at times, coming back with a big smile on his face. I knew that he had successfully accomplished his mission. That guy had guts—guts that no one could match.

When things settled down, and there was no longer much to worry about air raids we both would lie awake late at night, talking about the folks back home. He would describe how poor his family was, during his childhood, and how he struggled and worked his way through school to get an education, so he would be able to amount to something in this country of ours where opportunity is plentiful. He was then at that time a Staff Sergeant, but he never wasted a cent. He sent home every penny he had, except for what he needed. He was very "OYA KOKO" to his mother and father, and very kind to his brothers and sisters.

He was relieved from New Britain and went back to the Rear Echelon in Australia. Within two months time, he was right back up north again. While he was in Australia, he contracted malaria and was very sick. But before he fully recovered, he was right up in the front lines. Although I wasn't with him at the time he was killed in action, I will write as I heard it from those who were up there with him at that time.

He was in charge of a group of men, relieving Sgt. Harry Fukuhara who was with us in New Britain, attached to a certain unit. It was somewhere around the first of June and the fighting was thick. The enemy counter attacking. Mortar and artillery shells were falling near the CP. The day he reached his unit for duty, that night the enemy counter-attacked the CP perimeter. All hell cut loose. He didn't even have time to dig a foxhole, for he was on duty the moment he got there. At the time of the attack, he was in the office. Realizing the danger of his men, he ran out with his rifle in his hand, and took over behind a tree. This was the only shelter he had. With machine gun shells flying all around, and knowing that his men were in danger, he tried to save them somehow by shouting encouragement to them. Then a bullet, maybe meant for one of his men, got him through the heart. He was killed instantly without suffering, without pain. A brave and fearless soldier he was. I am glad that he died the way he wanted, for when we were together, he always had told me, "I want to die without feeling a bit of pain and not knowing what got me." The counter-attack was repulsed successfully. The G-2 Colonel came running to his side and picked him up in his arms. He called his name many times, but it was too late. The Colonel with tears in his eyes, carried him to his last resting place.

For his bravery and courage against the enemy, Sgt. Mizutari was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and a citation from the Commanding General of the unit to which he was attached.

I have lost a comrade, a true and loyal friend, but I am proud to say that I had a friend like him. His memory will always lie deep in my heart forever. With him another comrade's memory will also be in my heart. He is the late Sgt. Ken Omura from Seattle, Washington, who was killed in action in the Admiralties. Sgt. Omura and I came overseas together and were like brothers, for I had known him since the days at Ft. Lewis. I have lost two of the best comrades, but I know their spirit will carry on inside of me forever.

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## From Somewhere on the Western Front



The War Department's caption for this Army Signal Corps photo reads: "Japanese Ameri-

can infantrymen move past knocked out Nazi half-track on a road in France." This is one

of the latest photos of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in action in France.

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## Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles Welcomes Japanese American Evacuees Back to California

### Jewish Veterans Condemn Prejudice Against Nisei

BOSTON, Mass. — Formal protest of the Massachusetts Department of Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. against the omission of the names of Japanese American soldiers from honor rolls in the cities of Gardena, Calif., and Hood River, Ore., was voiced recently by William Gilman, State commander.

### Quinn Demands Federal Ban On Fishermen

#### State Senator Seeks Legislative Action Against Evacuees

SACRAMENTO—A demand for Federal action to prevent the resumption of commercial fishing operations by Americans of Japanese ancestry off the California coast was voiced on Jan. 15 by State Senator Irwin Quinn, D., Humboldt county.

Senator Quinn's statement was inspired by a report that fishing boats would be returned to Japanese American owners to resume fishing operations.

Quinn also proposed legislation to prevent the return of Japanese Americans to California, but did not specify what form his bill would take. He also predicted that a resolution will be offered in the State Senate condemning the government's policy of lifting the ban against residence along the West Coast to persons of Japanese ancestry.

"We should investigate them," Quinn said. "For years we have been trying to get these fishing licenses away from the Japanese. We think it is an affront to the people of California that the WRA should come here and use every means to return the fishing licenses to the Japanese."

### Captain Kinoshita Awarded Bronze Star For Battle Action

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo. — Capt. Robert Kinoshita, former physician at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, has been awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster for gallantry in action and has been wounded three times, the Sentinel reported last week.

Capt. Kinoshita was first wounded in the Leves area in France on Aug. 16 and returned to duty to suffer another slight wound later. Refusing to be relieved of duty, he was again wounded on Sept. 21, four days after his second wound.

### Three Infantrymen Return from War Against Japanese

MIAMI, Fla. — Three American infantrymen of Japanese ancestry, one decorated for gallantry, have returned to the United States after months of jungle warfare against the Japanese in the China-Burma-India theater, it was reported recently.

Sgt. Katsushiro Kono, one of

### Pledges City's Aid In Resettlement of Returning Nisei

LOS ANGELES — Flanked by the flags of the United States and the State of California in the public reception room of the Los Angeles City Hall, Mayor Fletcher Bowron on Jan. 13 officially welcomed a group of Japanese Americans back to Southern California, the Times reported.

"We want you and other citizens of Japanese ancestry who have relocated here to feel secure in your homes and in your community life," Mayor Bowron told the group. "Everything which local government can do to make your relocation smooth and pleasant is being done. We want you to join with us in our united effort for victory."

"Winning the war is uppermost in the minds of all of us. Los Angeles is a vital war production center. Our citizens, whatever their origin, are Americans working together in a great common effort. Our democracy recognizes no distinctions of race, color or creed."

Among the Nisei present to shake the Mayor's hand and hear his assurances of protection, the Times said, were Harley M. Oka, honorably discharged war veteran, Henry Yoshimizu, Jack Yoshimizu, Mrs. Melba Matsuura and Miss Mariko Hoshiyama.

Oka was present in his private's uniform and wore a cap bearing the insignia of the newly organized World War II Hollywood Post of the American Legion.

Attending the reception was William E. Kent, Americanism chairman of the World War II post, and Milton Luban, public relations chairman who stated that the new Legion post had an exclusive membership of 464 veterans of World War II.

Warm in praises of their reception in the Southland was Mary Yoshimizu and her brothers Henry and Jack. All are graduates of Roosevelt high school in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Matsuura, whose husband is in the armed services at Fort Snelling, has been residing in Los Angeles for the past year under special permit. She is a dental nurse and returned to her Los Angeles home after more than a year at the Granada relocation center in Colorado.

## Dworshak Asks For Closing of WRA Centers

WASHINGTON — Virtually all war relocation centers would be closed by June 30 under a bill prepared by Rep. Henry Dworshak, Idaho Republican, for introduction into the House this week.

The only exception under the proposed Dworshak legislation would be for centers maintained solely for persons of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty is questioned.

Rep. Dworshak, regarded as a consistent critic of the Roosevelt administration, recently criticized Secretary of Interior Ickes over the latter's handling of the relocation of evacuees of Japanese ancestry in government camps.

the three, was awarded the Bronze Star for holding his post while being fired on from all sides by enemy soldiers.

## Nisei Soldiers Play Vital Role in Pacific, Says Colonel

SEATTLE—The vital role that American soldiers of Japanese ancestry with the United States Army in the Southwest Pacific are playing in intelligence cannot be praised enough, in the opinion of Lieut. Col. Ivan W. Meyer, former chief of intelligence with the 41st Division who recently returned home after 29 months in the New Guinea sector, the Seattle Times reported last week.

Col. Meyer, 42 years old, of 9346 Fauntleroy Ave., praised the work that the Nisei interpreting and translating teams assigned to Army Intelligence are doing with

the 41st Division, the Times said. "I had from eight to 123 Nisei boys with me all the time," the colonel said. "They always did a splendid job and were never too tired to keep going."

"If there is any argument about them here at home, you can put me down as being 100 percent for them. They are playing a large part in the successful furthering of our Pacific campaigns and are certainly good Americans."

The colonel, an architect in civil life, is enjoying a short leave with his wife and two sons before reporting to Santa Barbara, Calif., for reassignment.



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## EDITORIALS:

### The March of Hate

*"Call us fascists if you will!"*

This is the challenge of the Hood River post of the American Legion in its recently issued "white paper" in which it attempts to justify its vicious discrimination against Japanese Americans. This pamphlet of the Hood River Legionnaires already has been condemned by the influential Midwest daily, the Des Moines Register, as "full of half-truths, misleading facts and inferences, and demagoguery of the worst sort." The Hood River post sums up its case against Americans of Japanese ancestry with the defiant cry: *"Call us fascists if you will!"*

The organized opposition to the return of the evacuees to their West Coast homes has been described as consisting of a "vociferous minority." This noisy minority, whose actions skirt the thin edge of crackpotism, has thrown overboard, in its bitterness and anger, any pretensions of belief in democratic government. Their march of hate, from Bainbridge Island to San Diego, is outside the pale of democracy itself. Their activities are stamped with the shame and stigma of a native fascism (or KuKlux Klanism, to use an American word), and it is apparent that some of the leaders of the West Coast hate bands are not unaware that they are the ideological brothers of Hitler, Goebbels & Co. In the words of the Hood River Legion post: *"Call us fascists if you will!"*

One of the interesting developments of this opposition to a group of Americans on the basis of parentage is the fact that hate mongers have found themselves forced to disassociate themselves from even those organizations which have been in the past the standard-bearers of anti-Orientalism on the West Coast. The Hood River Legionnaires do not speak for the American Legion on the West Coast. In fact, the California Department of the Legion has issued a warning that the constitutional rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry must be recognized, and a World War II post of the Legion in Hollywood has inducted a veteran of Japanese ancestry at a time when the Hood River post was erasing the names of Nisei soldiers wounded in action. The Remember Pearl Harbor League, the various anti-evacuee organizations in Auburn, Vacaville, Bainbridge Island, Gresham, Santa Maria Valley, Yolo and Solano counties, and in the Imperial Valley are new coalitions of the extremist wing of West Coast race mongers. In the main these new-born groups represent selfish interests which seek to perpetuate the economic advantages they have gained as a result of the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from their communities. It is also interesting to note that these evacuation profiteers are now using an economic weapon to fight the return of the evacuees to other communities. The double boycott, to which many of these groups are now pledged, is an agreement to refuse to deal with persons of Japanese ancestry or with any person who deals with Japanese Americans. It is possible that this double boycott may prove effective in some of the smaller communities for a time. But it will not succeed. There are too many Americans who believe in the fact of democracy and in the issues of the war to permit these harbingers of fascist race-baiting to prevail.

It may be the workings of a guilt complex which has brought the Hood River Legion to identify their activities with international fascism. In time to come the opposition to the hate mongers will grow on the West Coast as more and more Americans

begin to identify developments at home with the issues of the war. Soldiers overseas, in their published reactions to the activities of the Hood River Legion post, have stressed the knowledge that the war against fascism, and all that fascism implies, is indivisible. It must be fought in Sumner, Wash., and Auburn, Calif., as it is fought on the Western Front and in the far reaches of the Pacific.

*"Call us fascists if you will!"* defy the hate mongers of Hood River.

In the words of the Des Moines Register, that tempts us.

### The Oshiro Case

Now that Supreme Court decisions have been delivered in the Endo and Korematsu cases on the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, there still remains the Oshiro case, testing property rights of evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry, on which a decision is expected soon from the California District court.

In this case of Brown v. Oshiro, the defendant Oshiro executed a lease with the plaintiff, Brown, owner of a hotel building in the Los Angeles "Little Tokyo" area.

A few days before the Civilian Exclusion order became effective on May 11, 1942, Brown filed a suit for a declaratory judgment in which he sought to have it determined that the lease was still in effect, despite the exclusion order.

Judgment was for the landlord, Brown but was reversed and sent back for retrial. Counsel from the American Civil Liberties Union, representing also the Japanese American Citizens League, entered the case as a friend of court, and asked that a new trial be granted.

In the retrial Rev. Fred Fertig of Los Angeles and Carey McWilliams, as experts in the social, geographic and economic conditions of "Little Tokyo," presented testimony. The legal doctrine of "economic frustration" was presented, and argument was made that a Japanese American, forbidden by law to remain in the area, and deprived of possible clientele because of the exclusion of such clientele, should be relieved from a contract impossible for him to fulfill.

Superior Court Judge Carl Stutsman ruled in favor of Oshiro, and the case was again appealed by Brown.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed another brief as friends of court in behalf of the ACLU and the Japanese American Civil Liberties Union in the case, now in the appellate court.

The fundamental right of property involved in the Oshiro case is related to the civil rights which have been clarified by the recent Supreme Court decisions.

### Civil Rights Fund

The two-fold fight of the Japanese American soldier—for the Allied cause and for racial democracy in America—is exemplified in a letter received last week by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The letter was written by a sergeant who is serving in India. Enclosed was a donation for \$50 for the JACL Civil Rights Fund.

The sergeant in his letter declared:

"After reading Mr. Ernest Besig's article in regards to civil liberties which tenderly exposed the apathy of the Nisei in general, I was greatly abashed. Further embarrassment was added by the ensuing article of T. Kako of Denver, an Issei, who shamed me to unprintable ignominy.

"Must the lackadaisical Nisei be admonished by an Issei in cherishing and in defending our rights to the end? The Nisei speak of our rights as citizens, but do we exercise these rights? How many of us have utilized our franchise in the recent election? Yet we speak of our rights being abridged, when we don't fundamentally discharge our duties, our responsibilities as citizens. Fighting for our rights is one of our inherited and lawful rights, and yet many of us are sitting back complacently and waiting for the matter to be settled favorably."

The Japanese American sergeant, serving in India, sends fifty dollars from his pay for the defense of the civil rights of Japanese Americans. T. Kako, Issei, puts \$50 into the coffers of the JACL. The residents of the Topaz center raise \$1200 for the defense of their civil liberties.

These donations express the desire of Japanese Americans to contribute concretely to America's fight for racial democracy now.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Nisei and the Polls

The degree of accuracy with which the so-called scientific public opinion poll, such as the one conducted by Dr. George Gallup, can reflect the vagaries of the public mind is still an open question. The various polls, with the exception of Elmo Roper's for Fortune, did not fare very well during the last presidential election. The Gallup poll, for one, showed a strong Dewey trend until the closing weeks of the election campaign, a trend which was not borne out in the election returns. The straws polled by the various public opinion survey organizations led to similar wishful thinking by Willkie followers in 1940. And the repudiation of the Literary Digest's haphazard poll in 1936 by the Roosevelt landslide was a blow from which that magazine never recovered.

The Digest's tragic misreading of the national tea leaves can be blamed on the fact that, although the magazine conducted a national poll, it surveyed the opinions of only those Americans who were its subscribers and who owned telephones or automobiles. The Digest forgot the millions who owned neither phones nor cars and who did not subscribe. The present-day polls are far better balanced and attempt to reach a cross-section of the American people. However, since it is impossible to quiz each and every American on the questions of the day, these polls use various techniques in their search for an accurate expression of the public mind. Thus the answers received from a thousand interviews are weighted in an effort to make that thousand reflect the views of ten millions. The polls are often right, but sometimes they are wrong, as the record will show.

The latest report of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Denver, one of the country's leading polls, is a case in point. This survey was made to find out what the public was thinking regarding jobs for Americans of Japanese ancestry. Its findings were that the majority of the people of the United States, 61 percent of the people, did not favor job equality for Japanese Americans.

Since it should not be presumed that the National Opinion Research Center deliberately sought a negative report, its directors were guilty of several errors of judgment. In public opinion polls the wording of the question to be asked is of singular importance. For the question itself often determines the answer. The Denver University poll-takers asked a nationwide cross-section of civilian adults:

"After the war, do you think the Japanese living in the United States should have as good a chance as white people to get any kind of job?"

The National Opinion Research Center was taking a poll to determine public attitudes toward jobs for Japanese Americans, not for enemy aliens or for enemy Japs. It is inexcusable, therefore, to refer to American citizens merely as "Japanese." The questioner had asked in effect:

"Do you think Japs should have as good a chance as white people to get any kind of job?"

The poll-taker was lucky if he didn't get a door slammed in his face. The reference to "white people" also begged for a racist answer to a racist question.

Had the poll-taker asked, "Do you think American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have proved their loyalty in this war should have as good a chance as other Americans to get any kind of job?" he would probably have gotten a much different response.

Sixteen per cent of those questioned believed that "Japanese" should have the same job chances as "white people," but 21 per cent more thought that these "Japanese" should have equal opportunity if "they are loyal American citizens." Here again the inference in the questioning is one which casts doubt into the public mind regarding the general trustworthiness of these "Japanese."

The National Opinion Research Center found that 56 per cent of Americans with college educations favored equal work opportunities,

while only 30 per cent of persons with grade school educations or less favored job equality.

"The more education a person has, the more likely he is to favor giving Japanese Americans equal job opportunities," the report summarizes.

In sectional breakdowns of their poll the Denver University group found the least amount of job prejudice in the New England and Middle Atlantic States and the greatest amount in the West and in the South. In the South, however, a majority of Negroes polled, 52 per cent, was not opposed to equal opportunities for the "Japanese."

The report quotes some typical comment from the 61 per cent who believe that "white people" should get jobs "before the Japanese." These answers reflect the fact that many of those interviewed have confused the "Japanese" referred to in the question with the Japanese enemy. "The Japs should not be allowed here at all" and "Ain't the Japs the ones that's fighting us?" are two such replies which show that the poll-taker did not make any attempt to clarify his question.

Most of the wartime prejudices directed against Americans of Japanese ancestry are based on exactly this type of confusion and identification with the Japanese enemy. The National Opinion Research Center could conduct an interesting experiment if it could approach the same cross-section of civilian adults with the same question regarding job opportunities worded in such a way to make it clear that it referred to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

So-called public opinion polls have been used on various occasions in an effort to channel public thinking along definite lines on the promise that the average American likes to be on the side of the majority. This accounts for the short-lived polls which pop up like mushrooms around election time and which invariably reflect the opinions of their sponsors. There should, of course, be a distinction between these polls with a purpose and those taken by some established organizations as Dr. Gallup's American Institute of Public Opinion and the National Opinion Research Center.

Polls were employed in the fight of West Coast Tories against the return of Japanese Americans to the evacuated area. Two of the more notorious of these polls were those conducted by the Los Angeles Times and by the Los Angeles Grand Jury of Public Opinion which purported to prove that the very great majority of the citizens of Southern California inalterably were opposed to both the rights of the evacuees as well as to the citizenship of Americans with Japanese faces. The public reaction to the Army's revocation orders, however, present convincing repudiation of both of these public opinion surveys.

The use of public opinion surveys for propaganda purposes is one which is engaging the interest of a Congressional committee at the present time, and a House group is conducting an inquiry into the functions of one of the national polls during the recent election campaign.

### Captured Japanese Soldiers Quiet, Subdued, Says Nisei

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo. — Most of the captured Japanese prisoners are quiet and subdued, according to T/3 Kaoru Nishida, visiting in Heart Mountain at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jinmatsu Nishida, after 18 months in the New Guinea jungles, in an interview in the Sentinel.

Nishida, whose major work involved translation of documents captured from enemy command posts, on occasion interrogated Japanese prisoners. "They seem to be well disciplined or resigned to their fate, although there are always a few who are hard to handle," he declared.

T/3 Nishida went through such battle points as Fort Moresby, Milne Bay, Lae, Salamaua, all the way up the north coast of New Guinea and on to Goodenough island.



## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Threadbare Arguments Used by Race-Baiters

Little of the West Coast's sound and fury over the return of Japanese Americans echoes back to the midwest. There is only an isolated newspaper or newsmagazine item to remind one that a bare-knuckle, no-quarter battle is being waged on the Pacific Coast over a matter that, supposedly, all the federal agencies from the army down have settled.

On one side are the incorrigible Jap-haters, according to their own stories, but who, actually, are found to be motivated by dollar patriotism or just plain fanatic racism.

On the other side are persons who believe that American citizens and law-abiding, legally-resident aliens are entitled to the rights provided them by the nation's basic documents, regardless of racial origin or pigmentation of skin, and these persons believe this deeply enough to go out of their way and fight for the rights of those whom circumstances have handicapped.

It is a strange circumstance. It is reminiscent of the situation three full years ago when the western areas of this nation were threatened with invasion and no one dared to say for certain that there was no danger of treachery from the Japanese Americans.

But there are great differences. Whereas, three years ago, only a few hardy souls dared to appear before the Tolan committee and say that the sheep could be separated from the goats, now the federal government and its agencies entrusted with the national safety have said in effect: These people are loyal; they may return to their prewar homes, and it will be expected that every American co-operate in this program to further the national war effort.

And whereas, three years ago, the Japanese Americans looked to the future with uncertainty and left their homes with fear, today large numbers of them have found undreamed of opportunity beyond the stifling prejudices of the Coast they loved so well.

The arguments that the anti's now trumpet are timeworn and threadbare. They are, as one mid-western newspaper pointed out, inaccurate generalizations and "half-truths, misleading facts and inferences, and demagoguery of the worst sort."

The same lies and monstrously inaccurate charges leveled in early 1942 have been exhumed, and the stench is worse than ever. We would have more respect for the Remember Pearl Harbor Leagues and the Hood River Legions if they had the originality to come up with new fabrications, no matter how fantastic.

But, unable to find facts for their arguments or to invent new lies, they revert to stories long since disproved.

What these "anti" groups do not understand is this: The three years of time wasted; the \$400,000,000 property loss; and the heartache, doubts and humiliation suffered by Japanese Americans in the evacuation have served one purpose—to give the federal government and all concerned the time needed to satisfy itself of the loyalty of this racial minority.

That such a test ever was considered necessary is a tragedy in itself, but now the record is clear, at least to most Americans.

For a small minority on the West Coast whose racist hatreds or economic greed overcomes their Americanism, it is the battle of the evacuation all over again. But this time they are in the minority.

In contrast to their picayunish concerns, glance at the headlines. There is soul-stirring news these days—the vast Russian offensives, the great American comeback on the western front, and certainly not least the heart-warming feats of the Pacific fleet and MacArthur's land forces.

On almost every American war front there are Americans with Japanese faces serving loyally, many in roles where their particular skill and knowledge may save the lives of hundreds of their buddies. These Nisei Yanks do not question whether America will play square with them. They have never thought of putting a price on their services.

Unfortunately there are other Americans—the nation should be thankful that these persons are civilians—who for the greed of a few acres of apple orchard or truck garden would deny the

Constitution and all the principles fine young Americans are dying for.

We suppose everyone is entitled to his opinions, even on this matter. Personally, we choose to be inspired by the feats of our fighting men, rather than be depressed by a willful handful who are convinced everyone but their particular Johnny is out of step.

### Decorations Won By Nisei in Marianas

Editor,  
The Pacific Citizen:

I would like to correct some misinformation in your issue of August 12 (Six Nisei Soldiers Win Citations on Saipan.)

It is true that the fellows you mentioned were awarded the Bronze Stars, however, only two actually received it for the specified campaign.

Besides the two men, I thought

## From Floyd Schmoe:

### Incident Illustrates Attitude Held by West Coast Residents

Seattle, Wash.

Many people are asking what is the attitude of West Coast people to the return of the evacuees.

Last week in Bellevue, Washington, an incident occurred which, in my opinion, well illustrates the true state of mind of most communities in which people of Japanese ancestry formerly lived.

A Nisei boy who had returned to test out sentiment and check up on business affairs was waiting in the Bellevue bus station. A driver came in, looked at him, and demanded, "Are you one of those damned Japs who are returning here?"

you would like to know that a small group of AJA's (Americans of Japanese ancestry) fighting with the famous 27th Infantry Division from New York were decorated with one DSC (first and the highest award received by an AJA fighting the Nips), two Silver Stars and four Bronze Stars out of a total of ten men. One other fellow not in the Division was also the recipient of a Soldier's Medal.

The West Coast should take notice!

Sincerely,

GI Joe

Somewhere in the Marianas.

The Nisei admitted that he was of Japanese ancestry. The bus driver retorted angrily, "Well, get out and get out quick."

Several local men who happened to be in the bus station, some of them former neighbors of the Japanese, immediately came to his assistance. They "told the bus driver off" quite efficiently and made him apologize.

Unfortunately as it is, there are such people as the Bellevue bus driver in many communities. In most cases they talk big and are not dangerous. Some of them, fortified by a few drinks or a roughneck gang to back them up, might on occasion resort to violence; but in every community there are many more dependable, law-abiding citizens who believe in decency and fair play and who will not tolerate such treatment of former friends and neighbors.

Fortunately, too, there are other communities—especially those in which no Japanese Americans lived before and which therefore have no deep-seated animosities—which have become concerned for the evacuees, have often resented abuse on the part of other communities, and who will go out of their way to be helpful and kind to any Japanese American family which decided to settle in their community.

## Vagaries

### Civil Service . . .

The WRA will recommend to the U. S. Civil Service Commission that Japanese Americans be placed in the same category as anyone else in loyalty tests for employment in public and war agencies. Heretofore, Nisei applicants have encountered more than the usual amount of red tape in applying for Federal jobs . . . The Hood River American Legion post has been informed by the county court that it will have to bear the expenses of a special election, which the post is demanding, to test public sentiment regarding the return of Japanese American property owners to Hood River county. The court has ruled that "taxpayers' money" cannot be used for such an election . . . The height of something or another is the demand of an American Legion post in Albuquerque, New Mexico, that all loyal Japanese Americans be required to wear special loyalty arm-bands. It seems that Nazis used a similar technique on the Jews in Germany.

### Soldier Diary . . .

Noting that men of every color are risking their lives in the Allied cause, Capt. Henry Baker of the U. S. Army writes in his "Diary of a Yank in Burma" in PM on Jan 15 that "most of us out here are distressed and not reassured by the persecution of Japanese Americans." He adds: "If they could only see the men of every race, creed and color, including Japanese who are risking their life and limb for our cause they would distinguish between the Jap enemy and Japanese Americans." . . . The Donnelly Committee of the California State Senate, set up to investigate persons of Japanese ancestry in the State has spent \$5,154 of its original \$10,000 allowance. The committee is concentrating on turning up violations of the State's anti-alien land law . . . Hopes of Nisei Canadians to return to their coastal homes have been raised by the revocation of exclusion orders against Japanese Americans, but many Canadian evacuees feel there's nothing to which they can return. Much property of Canadian evacuees was sold under forced sale procedures, the legality of which is now being determined in the Dominion courts, and public sentiment in British Columbia is believed far more antagonistic than in the evacuated area on the U. S. West Coast.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 20 in Bakersfield, Calif. recently issued a statement favoring support of the right of the evacuees to return to the West Coast and endorsing Gov. Warren's call for sanity on the issue. . . . Life at Poston relocation center is described in a five-page spread in Travel Magazine for December. . . . Sixteen Nisei pupils of the 6th grade class at the Rohwer relocation center recently wrote letters of sympathy to Ben Rogers, member of the Hot Springs, Ark., police department whose son was killed in action on the Western Front where he was commanding a company of Japanese American soldiers. . . . Jimmy Fidler reported in his Blue Network broadcast Sunday that Lionel Barrymore was the first Hollywood star to reengage a returning evacuee of Japanese ancestry for domestic work.

### Professor . . .

One of the first professors at the University of California to be quoted publicly on their approval of the Army's order revoking the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast was Dr. Chi Poi Sha, associate professor of Oriental language. "The principle of human right must be applied universally, irrespective of race, color or national origin. . . . By words and deeds we must convince the Japanese people in Japan that we aim to destroy only their militarists," Dr. Chi stated.

Since evacuation there is, of course, no Japanese section in San Francisco. The few Japanese Americans who returned to San Francisco during recent months usually made a beeline for the city's famous Chinatown and a Chinese dinner. . . . Incidentally, Japanese American troops stationed recently at a West Coast base were "adopted" by a leading Chinese American family in a nearby city.

## War Dept. Lists Western Front Casualties

(Continued from page 3)

OKUHARA, Sgt. Takashi — Nobu Okuhara, brother, 4338-A Uko, Honolulu.

OOKA, Pvt. Shigeru T.—Morizo Ooka, father, 5430-A Lana Lane, Honolulu.

OSHIRO, Sgt. Seichi—Mrs. Isami Oshiro, mother, Makawao, Maui.

OSHIRO, Tech. 5th Gr. Tasuhike—Mrs. Usa Oshiro, mother, 1255-A Hall St., Honolulu.

OSUMI, Pfc. Paul K.—Mrs. Tamae Uyeda, sister, 2018 Pahukui St., Honolulu.

OUE, Pfc. George J.—Kensuke Oue, father, Box 145, Kealahou, Hawaii.

OURA, Sgt. James S.—Mrs. Kesayo Oura, mother, Box 62, Kahuku, Honolulu.

OYAMA, Sgt. Kazuma—Mrs. Matsu Oyama, mother, Box 4, Waipahu, Oahu.

PESTANA, Tech. 5th Gr. Hidenobu E.—S. Pestana, father, Kaunakakai, Molokai.

SAIKI, Pfc. Vernon—Mrs. Haruyo K. Saki, mother, Kapaa, Kauai.

SAITO, Pfc. Susumu—Sannosuke Saito, father, Box 94, Ewa, Oahu.

SAKAMOTO, Tech. 5th Gr. Oscar K.—James C. Sakamoto, brother, Box 45, Kahuku.

SATO, Pvt. Edward M.—Taijiro Sato, father, Box 211, Holualoa, Kona.

SATO, Pvt. Mitsuru—Mrs. Mitsuyo Yamamoto, mother, Box 162, Pahala.

SATO, Pfc. Tatsuo—Miss Yuki Sato, sister, 424 Magellan Ave., Apt. 1, Honolulu.

SAWAI, Pfc. Satoru — Mrs. Fuyuno Sawai, mother, Kipapa 5, Wahiawa.

SEGAWA, Pfc. Kenji G.—Mrs. Clara T. Taise, sister, Box 456, Naalehu.

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SEKOMOTO, Pvt. Kiyoshi—Mrs. Misako Sekomoto, mother, 97 Kainehe St., Hilo.

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SHIROMA, Cpl. Zenkichi — Saburo Shiroma, father, Kaheka, Paia, Maui.

SHIMIZU, Cpl. Fumio S.—Mrs. Sumie F. Anahori, sister, 2320 Young St., Honolulu.

SHIROMA, Tech. 5th Gr. Harry I.—Mrs. Uto Shiroma, mother, Box 715, Wahiawa, Oahu.

SHISHIDO, Sgt. Akira—Mrs. Yoshie Shishido, mother, Keheka, Paia, Maui.

SODETANI, Sgt. Toshimi—Kameichi Sodehani, father, Box 4, Puunene, Maui.

SONE, Pfc. Shigeru—Mrs. Toyone Sone, father, Waiakoa, Kula, Maui.

SUENO, Pvt. Fujio—Tokichi Sueno, father, Box 52, Hakalau, Hawaii.

SUGINO, Pfc. Yoshimasa—Yoshinobu Sugino, brother, Hanahina, Hawaii.

SUGIOKA, Pfc. Jack T.—Ray Nakamura, uncle, A-3456 Hardesty St., Honolulu.

SUZUKI, Pfc. Ichiro—Yoshio Suzuki, brother, 1163 Maunakea St., Honolulu.

TACHIBANA, Cpl. Haruo—Masami Tachibana, brother, Box 153, Naalehu, Hawaii.

TAKAEZU, Staff Sgt. Gimei—Giyei Takaezu, father, Waipahu, Oahu.

TAKAEZU, Staff Sgt. Seichi B.—Mrs. Doris C. Nakamatsu, sister, 1254 Hall St., Honolulu.

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TAKASHIMA, Staff Sgt. Minoru—Mrs. Umeyo Takashima, mother, Kapaa, Kauai.

TAKAYAMA, Pvt. Tsutomu—Mrs. Eichi Takayama, mother, 2868 Dillingham Blvd., Honolulu.

TAKEOKA, Pfc. Tetsuo—Mrs. Kiyono Takeoka, mother, Box 73, Kukuihaele.

TAKIYAMA, Sgt. Isao—Sadao Takiyama, father, Waiakoa, Oahu.

TERAMOTO, Pfc. Shizuo—Saichiro Teramoto, father, Pepeekeo, Hawaii.

TERASHIMA, Pfc. Futao—Miss Amy E. Terashima, sister, Box 275, Waiakoa, Oahu.

TOGASHI, Pfc. Masato—Mrs. Mise Togashi, mother, 823 California Ave., Wahiawa, Oahu.

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TOMA, Pvt. Katsumi—Masaki Toma, brother, 273 Pahoa, Hawaii.

TORIGOE, Sgt. Sunato—Wallace H. Torigoe, brother, Wahiawa Camp 3, Eleele, Kauai.

TSUDA, Pfc. Rikio—Mrs. Chiyo Tsuda, mother, 512-A-2 Hiram Lane, Honolulu.

TSUKAMOTO, Pvt. John K.—Miss Edith T. Tsukamoto, sister, 249 North Vineyard St., Honolulu.

TSUKAYAMA, Pfc. Toshi—Senki Tsukayama, father, Mountain View, Hawaii.

TSUTSUI, Pfc. Tamiji R.—Mrs. Shizue Tsutsumi, mother, 3rd St., Pearl City, Honolulu.

UTSUMI, Staff Sgt. Moses S.—Mrs. Chiyono Utsumi, mother, 1230 Richard Lane, Honolulu.

WATANABE, Pvt. Fred M.—Mrs. Kimie Watanabe, mother, 2943 Kaholoa Dr., Honolulu.

WATANABE, Pvt. Wallace Y.—Kenji Watanabe, father, Peahi, Maui.

YAGI, Pfc. Ralph S.—Seishin Yagi, brother, 415 North Vineyard St., Honolulu.

YAMADA, Pfc. Henry T.—Junsaku Yamada, father, Kealia, Kauai.

YAMADA, Pfc. Tsugio — Kyutaro Yamada, father, Box 433, Puunene, Maui.

YAMAGUCHI, Pfc. Yoshinobu G.—Miss Yukie Yamaguchi, sister, Honokohua, Hawaii.

YAMANE, Pfc. Bobbie — Motosuke Yamane, father, Mahukona, Hawaii.

YAMAMOTO, Pfc. Harumi—Mrs. Misayo Yamamoto, mother, Box 13, Hawi.

YAMAMOTO, Staff Sgt. Masayuki — Miss Misue Yamamoto, sister, Puukoli Village, Maui.

YAMAMOTO, Pfc. Paul M. — Takumi Kudo, friend, Box 24, Honaunau, "s" Kona.

YAMAMOTO, Sgt. Yozo — Mrs. Violet H. Yamamoto, wife, 2113 Booth Rd., Honolulu.

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YOSHINAGA, Staff Sgt. Hisao—Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Yoshinaga, parents, Market St., Wailuku, Maui.

YOSHINAGA, Pvt. Nakao—Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Yoshinaga, parents, Market St., Wailuku, Maui.

ZAKIMI, Pfc. Saiji — Mrs. Tsuru Uyeshiro, sister, 1325 Miller St., Honolulu.

On January 16 the War Department announced the name of an American soldier of Japanese ancestry wounded in the Central Pacific area:

ABE, Tech. 3rd Gr. Masao—Tatsuo Abe, uncle, Crystal City, Texas.



## Letter-Box FROM OUR READERS

### Nisei Soldier Wants Letters from Friends

Somewhere in the Philippines Dear Pacific Citizen:

Here is a GI in the Philippines, appealing to you for help in getting in contact with some of his former League friends from Seattle. It's been a long time since I've been to Seattle or heard or seen any of the former associates; so I've lost all contact with them and I don't know where they are or what they are doing. I've been in the service for over 3 years, 22 months of which have been spent overseas.

I wish I could let you know the importance of letters out here, or perhaps you do realize it. Anyway, when a guy first comes out here, his popularity is up to expectations, but after he's been out here as long as I have, his correspondence begins to wane, and he finds weeks going by without a single letter. It's disheartening when one finds no letters waiting for him at Mail Call. A lot of my former close friends still drop me a line now and then and that's the only luxury we have.

In my 22 months overseas, I've seen a lot of the South West Pacific, having been to Australia, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies and now the Philippines; so I'm sure I could tell them of some things that might interest them. I never realized that I'd find myself so close to the Orient and to Tojo's roost, but the farther I get from home, the more I realize what a Shangri-La the states are.

Now and then my sister sends me a copy of PC and camp papers, and that's my only source of news on the home front. Your paper is worth a king's ransom out here, and it's good to know how the Nisei are meeting present problems, and it's encouraging to know that they are finding many friends in the outside world. I see that many are finding swell jobs and holding down positions of responsibility. Somehow, knowing these things seems to make our fight out here more worthy. I guess that's the one inspiration that we Nisei out here need to keep plugging along.

There are a good many of us out here doing a good job and Uncle Sam seems to appreciate us. A couple of my friends (Nisei) have already lost their lives out here and a lot more of us will probably go, because contrary to the general belief that we Nisei do not go into action against the enemy, we find ourselves right up front where the front line outfits are.

In fact, I just now came out of the toughest campaign we've had out here in the Philippines. I'm sure you'd all be proud of us when you see how well we stand up under the hell we go through. It's really a tough, dirty existence, and our only outlook is hearing from you folks back home and returning once more to home.

So let's hear from you all. Keep up the good work you're doing at home, and believe me, I and all my buddies are proud of you all. Just don't let us down.

Sgt. George Suda.

(Ed. Note: All letters for Sgt. Suda will be forwarded by the Pacific Citizen.)

### Victory Committee To Sponsor Dance

The Nisei Victory Committee of Salt Lake City will sponsor a Cupid's ball on Feb. 9 at Whitney Hall, 101 A Street, from 8:30 p. m.

Arnold Bergner's orchestra will play. Admission will be \$2.50 a couple. The affair is semi-formal.

### Evacuees Released In Montana Case

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo. — Minoru Horino, 22, and Kikui Matsushita, 21, charged in the federal district court with impersonating federal officers, were released Monday, Jan. 8, because of insufficient evidence, the Sentinel reported last week.

Both Horino and Matsushita are at liberty on bond pending their trial in federal district court on draft evasion charges.

They were arrested at Kalispell, Mont., on Jan. 5 by FBI officers.

## Toshio Mori: From My Brother's Diary

November 29, 1944,  
France.

Today I started reading Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn* and it seems like good reading. I may not be able to read through to the end but I hope to. Maybe you can understand the feeling of restlessness a guy at the front lines has when he comes back to where it isn't too hot with action and tries to settle down and read a good book. For a while he is restless. It's hard to relax. Here, we are still at the front but it isn't too bad as compared to the last place—because there we faced some of the bitterest fighting so far. The weather here is very good, similar to sunny California.

It's surprising what a GI can improvise to meet his situations and for his conveniences. Things may be bad and he may be in a ticklish spot but there is always a time to smile and see the humorous side of life. So in many ways he's versatile. He can see life as a whole. One night four of us in a large foxhole with branches and dirt for covering against the shelling and rain sat with our backs against the dirt bank and knees bent against our chest. The rain seeped through the top and the sides, gradually raising the floor of water. We stayed up all night just to keep each other company. I cried inside but laughed at the predicament we were in. Miserable, yes. Our woolen drawers were soaked, muddy drips of rain dropping on our faces, backs and necks, and a shoe full of water.

We really laughed when we started bailing water out of the hole around three o'clock. We couldn't help but laugh which we all did spontaneously. Fast as we bailed, the water kept rising so we sat on our steel helmets. We joked with each other. We said we might be more comfortable if we took all our clothes off and got rid of the miserable feeling of wet drawers. We began laughing when the water we bailed out happened to stream into another fellow's hole and he began cursing.

At four it started snowing which we learned by this fellow's cries. To top it off we heard him happy and excited as a kid seeing his first snow and a great day ahead of him. His spirit was bubbling and I imagine his only means of expression was by singing "Asu Wa Nichi Yogi" and a few others like "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." This sudden burst of life and spirit moved all of us. Here I was crying inside thinking that no human can be so miserable and yet endure all this, but a spark was lit and the flow of warmth was tingling in our bodies. Yes, it was a new day as the minutes went by and darkness turned into light.

Ah, a touch of hot coffee to hit the spot and for the moment forget everything! With a cup of coffee and a stomach filled with K rations you suddenly realize the day ahead and the next and the next . . .

## 300 Placer County Citizens Join Evacuee Boycott Group

### VFW Official Leads Movement Opposing Return of Nisei

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Approximately 300 residents of Placer county, led by the commander of a local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, on Jan. 16 signed a petition which in effect outlawed for that area the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, the Golden Rule and the spirit of the Ten commandments, the People's World reported.

The petition specifically agreed to boycott returning Japanese Americans and "persons who do business with Japanese."

The action came as the climax of a meeting in Auburn called to protest the return of Nisei to Placer county's fruit growing area.

Sponsors of the meeting, who included businessmen and farmers of the area, organized the Placer County Citizens Anti-Japanese League, with a nucleus of 275 members and a determination to oppose the return to Placer county of persons of Japanese ancestry. The meeting was called by Donner post 1942, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

C. E. De Costa, Auburn businessman who served in the Marines in World War I, was elected president; Miss Emmy Lou Miller, a University of California student, is the secretary; John A. Livingston, president of the Lincoln Canning company, and John Hunter, fruit shipper, publicity director.

A committee was named to draft by-laws for the new organization "containing teeth" and pledging the membership to boycott persons of Japanese ancestry and those who do business with them. The committee includes William Comstock, G. O. Griffith, Fred B. Young, Auburn; Mrs. Frances Denniger, Newcastle, and J. R. Sears.

The first Japanese American family to return to the county since the lifting of the exclusion order was that of Sumio Doi who

arrived with his father and mother from the Granada relocation center in Colorado. The Doi's were quoted as being pleased with the reception they had received from their friends and neighbors.

### Vacaville Forum Condemns Boycott Against Evacuees

VACAVILLE, Calif.—A resolution, condemning the "boycotting" of former residents of Japanese ancestry and denial of their "legal and moral rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," has been passed by the Open Forum of Vacaville, it was announced on Jan. 17 by the secretary, Ray Kilpatrick.

Voting of the resolution followed a discussion by Forum members on Jan. 14 on the organization in Vacaville of an Anti-Japanese League with the announced purpose of boycotting and refusing employment to persons of Japanese descent.

It also was resolved at the meeting that "all loyal Americans" would be welcomed to their former homes and assisted in resuming their former place in the community.

### St. Louis Nisei Schedule Dance For February 10

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"Meet Me in St. Louis" will be the theme of a dance to be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Jefferson Hotel by Nisei in St. Louis on February 10.

Al Tucker and his orchestra will provide the music.

The dance is being given on a non-profit basis by the Nisei of St. Louis for the enjoyment of the Nisei and their friends. Tickets, now on sale at \$2.50 per couple, can be secured from the Nisei Sponsoring Committee, 1416 Paul Brown Building, St. Louis 1.

## War Department Announces Awarding of 4 Silver Stars, 9 Bronze Stars to Nisei

### Citations Reveal Acts of Heroism by Soldiers Under Fire

WASHINGTON—The War Department last week announced the awarding of four Silver Stars and nine Bronze Stars to American infantrymen of Japanese ancestry for meritorious and courageous action under fire in the Mediterranean and Pacific theaters.

Silver Stars were awarded to Sgt. Noboru Togioka, Poston; Pvt. Henry N. Nakamura, Honolulu; Staff Sgt. Seikichi Ganeko (posthumous), Mana Kekaha, T. H.; and Pvt. Eishin M. Akamine, Hilo, Hawaii.

Bronze Star Medals were awarded to Tech. 4th Gr. Minoru Nakamishi, 319 Center St., Stockton, Calif.; Tech. 5th Gr. Michio Sakamoto, San Jose, Calif.; 2nd Lieut. (then Pvt.) Richard N. Hamasaki, 4354 D. Wallae Rd., Honolulu, T. H.; Pfc. Bunichi J. Kimura, 435 Koola St., Honolulu; Pfc. Satoshi Nakaua, Eleale, T. H.; Pfc. Akira Ishikawa, Makana, Maui; Pfc. Kazuto R. Izumi, Hilo, Hawaii; Staff Sgt. Edward S. Saito, Wahiawa, T. H.; and Pfc. Thomas T. Moriki, 517 N. Vineyard St., Honolulu.

The citations for the Silver Star Medals were announced as follows:

TO: NOBORU TOGIOKA, Sgt., Infantry, Poston.

## Maritime Union Lauds Move to Aid Evacuees

### CIO Union Welcomes Japanese Americans Back to West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Maritime Union, CIO, last week expressed its enthusiasm over the work of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in assisting the reintegration of returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

In a letter to Maurice Harrison, chairman of the recent conference on problems of Japanese American evacuees sponsored by the Fair Play group, Port Agent James Drury of the CIO union declared:

"The members of the National Maritime Union in this port have greeted with enthusiasm the news of the work of your committee. It is heartening to the men who keep 'em sailing to find upon their return to port that an influential group of men and women are alert to the need for safeguarding and strengthening our American democracy now engaged in final struggle with fascism."

"We welcome the Japanese people back to the Coast; just as we know from our own personal experiences that torpedoes and bombs know no racial distinctions on ships, we also recognize the right of each one of us to contribute his full share toward victory."

## BLACKFOOT NISEI MAY ORGANIZE JACL CHAPTER

POCATELLO, Ida.—Possibility that Blackfoot will form a new chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League was seen this week with the announcement from the Pocatello JACL that it would aid in a membership drive to form the new chapter.

Tom Hatakeda, president of the Pocatello JACL, appointed Michiko Inn and Helen Ueyehara officers-at-large to canvass the Blackfoot area.

In previous years there were insufficient members to form a chapter, but the advent of new residents now makes it possible, it was reported. Should the membership drive prove successful, the Blackfoot chapter will become a reality, it was said.

## Osida Leads Snelling Team to Victory

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—With Johnny Osida scoring nine points, the Fort Snelling All-Stars defeated the Baval Flyers, 36-33, on Jan. 10.

FOR: In Italy, on June 26, 1944, during the periodic mortar and artillery shelling that the second battalion command post was subjected to for six hours, the telephone lines between the battalion command post, the regimental command post and the front lines were knocked out. Upon learning of the situation and its seriousness, on his own initiative, he secured his repair kit and made his way along the telephone lines in the midst of terrific barrages. When two of his men offered to accompany him, he refused their offer. Tracing the lines in full view of the enemy, he finally located the damaged line and repaired it. Fully aware of the danger entailed, he continued to patrol the lines for over an hour, making repairs as the lines were blown apart by the shells. It was during one of the heaviest shelling and while repairing a line that he was wounded seriously by shrapnel. His determination and undaunted bravery at the risk of his life is a credit to himself and his organization.

TO: HENRY N. NAKAMURA, Pvt., Infantry, 1424 Meyers St., Honolulu.

FOR: In Italy, on June 26, 1944, the platoon of which he was a member was attacking in an attempt to cut a main road and thus trap a whole enemy field artillery battery, including approximately 20 German vehicles and their crews. During a frontal attack by his squad four Germans, one of whom was an officer, started a counterattack on the squads left flank. Although he was wounded by an enemy hand grenade, with sheer determination and courage he held his position and killed the four Germans through the skillful use of his Browning automatic rifle. His courage and dogged determination to hold his ground in spite of being wounded served as an inspiration to his comrades and were a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

TO: SEIKICHI GANEKO, Staff Sgt., Infantry, Posthumous. Next of kin: Chosho Ganeko, Father, Mana Kekaha.

FOR: In Italy, on June 27, 1944, when the combat patrol of which he was a member, was halted by machinegun emplacements, he advanced alone to destroy the machinegun nest from a closer position. Although aware of the fact that the gun was supported by another machinegun, four machine pistols and about six snipers on its flanks less than 100 yards away, he proceeded to crawl over open ground toward the gun. Within 15 yards of the building he pulled the pin from a hand grenade and prepared to throw when a sniper's bullet mortally wounded him. Unable to throw the grenade which endangered the men around him, he called out "Hey! Somebody get the grenade from me, I'm shot!" Although dying from his wound he managed to hold down the handle until a comrade reached him and relieved him of the grenade. His outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety are worthy of the highest praise and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

TO: EISHIN M. AKAMINE, Pvt., Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii.

FOR: In Italy, on June 26, 1943, during an attack, he and a comrade skillfully cut the road leading north out of a town and captured a house that was indispensable in establishing a mortar observation post. Later when the enemy counterattacked from the south with a force of 20 infantrymen and preceded by a half-track, he and his comrade, with utter disregard for their personal safety, calmly faced the enemy at a distance of approximately 150 yards and disabled the half-track through the effective use of their weapons. In the ensuing engagement, he and his companion were successful in killing and/or wounding five Germans and capturing five more. Their courage and accuracy forced the rest of the enemy to retreat and ultimately resulted in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.



## Charge False Racial Issues Raised in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — The charge that a false racial issue is being raised as a smoke screen behind an attempt to exploit defense workers in "Little Tokyo" was made by the Rev. L. B. Brown, chairman of the Providence Baptist association, in the Jan. 15 issue of the Los Angeles Tribune.

Following reports in the daily papers of a purported fight between Negro residents of Little Tokyo and Japanese evacuees, a Tribune reporter interviewed the Rev. Brown.

"There is no fight between the Japanese and us," the Negro Minister said. "The story was given the daily papers by interests seeking to evict us from the temple, in order to secure publicity for their cause and to smoke-screen their real intent."

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## L. A. BUDDHISTS FILE SUIT ON TEMPLE ISSUE

LOS ANGELES—Charging unlawful detention of their properties by the Providence Baptist Association, the Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple filed a suit in Municipal Court on Jan. 16 in an effort to recover possession of the building.

The suit charged the Baptist Association with refusal to vacate the Buddhist Temple despite the fact that a lease entered into by the two organizations had expired Jan. 5.

## Nisei Wins Bars At Texas Camp

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Second Lieut. Ted Miwa, brother of Ken Miwa of Chicago, Ill., graduated on Dec. 29 from the Provost Marshal General's officer candidate school on Dec. 29 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jio (15-21-A, Heart Mountain, a girl on Jan. 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hanada, 30-16-A, Heart Mountain, a boy on Jan. 10.  
To Mr. and Mrs. T. Muranaka, 1-11-F, Rohwer, a girl on Jan. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. T. Yasui, 7-12-D, Rohwer, a girl on Jan. 6.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiromu Sasaki, 59-7-A, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 3.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeto Ito, 28-11-D, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 4.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Moichi Hatanaka, 20-9-D, Gila River, a boy on Jan. 4.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Sunada, 36-14-A, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 4.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kawachi, 4-7-C, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 1.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Deguchi, 73-14-B, Gila River, a girl on Dec. 31.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Miyoshi Kishi, 20-4-C, Gila River, a boy on Dec. 31.  
To Mr. and Mrs. T. Kira, 13-7-E, Rohwer, a boy on Jan. 10.  
To Mr. and Mrs. S. Fujimoto, 4-9-E, Rohwer, a boy on Jan. 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matsumoto, Block 222, Poston, a boy on Jan. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigetoshi Imazumi, 7-4-B, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 6.  
To Pfc. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Akazawa, 49-14-D, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsutaro Takahashi, 5-3-C, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Oishi, 31-14-D, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 11.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimura, 63-2-B, Gila River, a girl on Jan. 11.

### DEATHS

Fukiko Kusama, 41, 40-11-F, Rohwer, on Jan. 8.  
Masajiro Sawada, 58, 22-23-E, Heart Mountain, on Jan. 6.  
Sakuichi Sutow, 71, 28-19-E, Heart Mountain, on Jan. 11.  
Take Oka, 30-7-A, Gila River, on Jan. 3.  
Shikichi Edward Akiyama, 3-14-B, Gila River, on Jan. 4.  
Yoshihito Kouchi, 2, 15-6-E, Rohwer, on Jan. 9.  
Mohei Hama, 62, 32-5-A, Poston, on Jan. 6.  
M. Kondo, 45, of Salt Lake City in Price, Utah, on Jan. 18.  
Kunichi Shimozono, 8-8-A, Gila River, on Jan. 6.  
Joe Hitoshi Tsujimoto, 65-6-A, Gila River, on Jan. 6.  
Keiichi Ohara, 73-3-D, Gila River, on Jan. 10.

### MARRIAGES

Hiroshi Matsuda to Tsuruye Matsushima on Dec. 16 at Poston.  
Ruby Ota to Kazuo Nomura in Denver on Jan. 7.  
Taka Hattori to Melvin M. Sato in Billings, Mont.  
Helen Furukawa to Bob Fujimoto on Dec. 24 in Detroit.  
Yaye Sumii to Jimmie Hiroshi Kawakami on Jan. 4 in Billings, Mont.  
George Yoshio Tsurumoto to Hatsuye Kasa on Jan. 10 at Rohwer.  
Richard Shunichi Okinaga to Janice Sato on Jan. 12 at Rohwer.  
Dorothy Emiko Ito to Masaru Takashiba on Dec. 12 at Tule Lake.  
Seikichi Nakasone to Yoshiko Shiroma on Dec. 14 at Tule Lake.  
Kiyoshi Uyekawa to Mitsuye Ogo on Dec. 16 at Tule Lake.  
Michiko Tanabe to Masumi Hayashi on Dec. 17 at Tule Lake.  
Yoneko Kobashigawa to Seijin Kobashigawa on Dec. 16 at Tule Lake.  
Kazuko Ono to Isamu Uchida on Dec. 20 at Tule Lake.  
Kiyoko Ogata to Rev. Jitsushige Tsuha on Dec. 14 at Tule Lake.  
Lillian Asako Goishi to Kazunobu Yamabe on Dec. 25 at Tule Lake.  
Nobuko Nakama to Takeo Otsuji on Dec. 24 at Tule Lake.  
Kiyoko Ozaki to Masao Nishimoto on Dec. 28 at Tule Lake.  
Kazuye Komatsu to Tadao Shimazu on Jan. 7 at Tule Lake.

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## Salt Lake Issei Wounded Fatally in Auto Accident

PRICE, Utah—Injured fatally when the automobile in which he was riding skidded and overturned on icy pavements 28 miles east of Price on U. S. highway 50 on Jan. 17, M. Kondo, 102 West First South St., Salt Lake City, died the following day in Price city hospital.

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## Methodist Leader To Be Speaker At Boise Confab

NAMPA, Ida.—Dr. C. K. Vliet, outstanding Methodist church leader from New York, will be guest speaker at the second Boise Valley Christian conference of Japanese Americans, which will be held in Caldwell, Idaho, on Jan. 28.

Dr. Vliet will address both Nisei and Issei at the worship service. Edson Fujii, president of the Caldwell YAF, will be chairman of the service.

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## Army, Government Prepared To Uphold Rights of Nisei Returning to Coast, Says Myer

**WRA Director Opposes Demand of Los Angeles Police Officials for Identification for Nisei; Flays "Vociferous Minority" Opposing Return**

LOS ANGELES—Federal agencies, both civilian and military, are prepared to uphold the rights of returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry, Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director, declared in Los Angeles on Jan. 12.

Myer flayed groups described as a "vociferous minority" for stimulating prejudice against Japanese American evacuees.

He clashed with Los Angeles police officials over WRA policies involving return of the evacuees to their West Coast homes.

The principal clash occurred at a conference called by Mayor Bowron in the City Hall when Police Commissioner Al Cohn took issue with Myer on a policy of allowing the evacuees to return without any identification by WRA or military authorities.

Myer had explained that the evacuees have been divided into three groups consisting of aliens, others refused permission to return to coastal areas and the majority over which no supervision will be exercised at all. The WRA director defended the policy of not insisting upon the latter group carrying identification upon the ground he did not believe they should continually be forced to produce credentials. He said they had been thoroughly "screened" by the Army anyway.

"But how are we going to tell without identification if they are not aliens or those excluded from the Coast and who have disobeyed their orders?" demanded Cohn. "And if they're not spies brought over by Jap submarines."

Myer asserted it was an Army responsibility, but Cohn thought it was also a WRA responsibility.

Chief of Police Horrall wanted to know if Myer's office would supply local authorities with names and addresses of returning evacuees and Myer replied that the number would be supplied but not names or addresses.

The WRA director estimated that about 50 percent of the original number of persons of Japanese ancestry who formerly lived in Southern California would return. He said they could obtain identification cards from the Western Defense Command if they desired but that the cards would not be forced upon them.

In a press interview Myer declared that the groups which keep alive feeling against people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast are easily recognized.

These groups he named as those seeking Japanese exclusion for political reasons, since about 1905; those who are being "misled" by propaganda; those with an economic stake in the Japanese return; and, fourth, the sort of "red-faced patriots who take names of dead Japanese American soldiers off war memorials."

Myer added that the War Manpower Commission "has signified its intention of using any available Japanese American labor to help fill the worker shortage in Los Angeles, currently set at 25,000."

He scored those who see in a general return of the evacuees opportunities for the spy and saboteur either imported or domestic.

## L.A. County Supervisors Drop Opposition to Return of Nisei

LOS ANGELES—Although last week they favored a policy of discouraging Americans of Japanese ancestry from returning to their former civil service jobs with the county of Los Angeles until 90 days after the war is over, members of the County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 16 changed their minds and decided not to discourage Japanese Americans from returning to the county and resuming work, the Times reported.

"In the light of official FBI and War Department statements con-

cerning the loyalty of Japanese American citizens leaving war relocation centers, we feel these employees should be accorded the same treatment as any other county employee in a similar situation and that nothing will be said or done to justify delay in recognizing the rights of other Japanese Americans who later may seek to return to county service," Supervisor John Anson Ford declared.

Other members of the Board of Supervisors concurred with Mr. Ford's statement.

## Three Nisei Evacuees Return To Hood River Valley Homes

**Community Action to Prevent Return Fails To Materialize**

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Despite efforts to organize a citizens' committee to meet returning Japanese Americans and discourage them from returning to the Hood River Valley, three Nisei were back in the county last week without so much as an eyebrow raised against them, the United Press reported.

Three former residents of the valley, Ray Sato, S. Noji and M. Asai—returned by train on Jan. 12 without attention from residents reported to be forming a "welcoming committee" to meet incoming trains bearing any evacuees.

Sato, an orchard owner, came from Cleveland, O., where he had worked in a war plant.

The three evacuees were the first to return to the Hood River area under the Western Defense Command orders permitting such rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, on the day the evacuees returned the Hood River post of the American Legion published a newspaper advertisement restating their opposition to the return.

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## MEMORIAL RITES HELD FOR NISEI KILLED IN FRANCE

POCATELLO, Ida. — Memorial services for Pfc. Kenichi Tsumaki, killed in action in France on Nov. 7, were held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the First Methodist church, in Pocatello, Idaho.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army on March 18, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark. Later he was transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama, and finally to Camp Shelby, Miss. He went overseas in August, 1943, serving with Company K, 100th Battalion. He fought in the battles of Rome and Naples and was later transferred to France.

Pfc. Tsumaki is survived by a brother, Minoru Tsumaki of Pocatello.

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