



## War Department Announces Names of 47 Nisei Killed, 13 Wounded in European Area

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week identified 47 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry killed, 13 wounded and two prisoners of war in the European area, presumably on the Western Front.

(In all these cases next of kin have previously been notified and have been kept informed directly by the War Department of any change in status. In case of divergence between this list and information sent to the next of kin, the last War Department telegram or letter to the next of kin is always the appropriate final authority on the status of a soldier. Because of the time necessary to compile these lists, information is listed several weeks after next of kin have been notified. Some of the casualties listed have previously been reported in the Pacific Citizen through information from the next of kin or relocation centers.)

The War Department's announcement of casualties this week include the following:

### Killed in Action

#### ARIZONA

IZUMIZAKI, Pfc. Henry S.—Mrs. Homie F. Izumizaki, mother, Poston.  
KONDO, Pfc. Henry M. Yasaku Kondo, father, Rivers.  
NAGATO, Pfc. Fumitake—Bunzo Nagato, father, Poston.  
OHAMA, Tech. Sgt. Abraham G.—Mrs. Hana Ohama, mother, Poston.

#### ARKANSAS

TANAKA, Pfc. Ko—Mrs. Shigeko Tanaka, mother, Rohwer.  
YOSHIDA, Pfc. Minoru M.—Toshiro Yoshida, father, Rohwer.

#### CALIFORNIA

HAYASHI, Pfc. Torao—Mrs. Yoneyo Hayashi, mother, Box 145, Perkins.

#### COLORADO

OKADA, Pfc. John T.—Edwin M. Okada, brother, 1956 Broadway St., Denver.  
TABUCHI, Pfc. Shigeo—George B. Tabuchi, father, Block 8, Amache.

#### IDAHO

KATO, Pfc. Yoshio—Mrs. Hatsue S. Kato, mother, Hunt.  
NAKAMURA, Sgt. Ned. T.—Mrs. Kimiko Nakamura, wife, 17-3-E, Hunt.  
SAGAMI, Pvt. Yohei Sagami, father, Hunt.  
SATO, Pvt. Shin—Yoshinosuke Sato, father, Hunt.

#### ILLINOIS

KOKUBU, Cpl. Jimmie T.—Miss Rose K. Kokubu sister, 46 East Oak St., Chicago.

#### UTAH

ENDO, Pfc. Robert T.—Mrs. Kameko Endo, mother, 147 South State St., Salt Lake City.  
HARANO, Staff Sgt. John Y.—Sataro Harano, father, Topaz.  
SHIGEMURA, Pfc. Masao F.—Mrs. Kaye Shigemura, mother, Salt Lake City.  
TABATA, Pvt. Teruo—Nobuo Tabata, brother, Topaz.

#### WASHINGTON

KANETOMI, Pvt. Jero—Tsuchiichi Kanetomi, father, Rt. 2, Box 250, Kirkland.

#### WYOMING

FUJIOKA, Pfc. Teruo—Mrs. Chiyo Fujioka, mother, Heart Mountain.  
KENMOTSU, Cpl. Yasuo—Eijiro Kenmotsu, father, Heart Mountain.

#### TERRITORY OF HAWAII

AMAKAWA, Pfc. Nobuo—Mrs. Edith K. Mizutani, cousin, 563 Cooke St., Honolulu.  
AJITOMI, Pfc. Tokio — Kamaro Ajitomi, uncle, Lahaina, Maui.  
CHIBANA, Pfc. Henry M.—Matsuhide C. Higa, half-brother, 2117 Kam 4th Rd., Honolulu.  
FUJITANI, 2nd Lieut. Ross K.—Mrs. Mildred Kimiyo Fujitani, wife, care of Box 550, Kealahou, Hawaii.  
FUKUBA, Pfc. Shigeo—Eizaburo Fukuba, father, 8 Miles, Olaa, Hawaii.  
FUYUMURO, Pvt. Shigeto—Mitsukiyo Yoshimura, uncle, Waiuu, Oahu.  
IMAMURA, Pfc. Larry M.—Hiroki Imamura, brother, Box 22, Kekaha, Kauai.  
KATAYAMA, Pfc. Noritada — Hiroto Katayama, brother, box 511, Wailuku, Maui.  
KURODA, Staff Sgt. Robert T.—Mineso Daniel Kuroda, brother, Aiea, Oahu.  
KUBOKAWA, Pfc. James K.—Mrs. Ima Kubokawa, mother, 2010 Algoroba St., Honolulu.  
MATSUMOTO, Sgt. Goro — Shigeru Matsumoto, brother, 759-G Laniwai St., Honolulu.  
MATSUNAGA, Pvt. Kaname — Kaoru Matsunaga, brother, 2707-H Kalihi St., Honolulu.  
MIYAGUCHI, Pfc. Masayuki—Yasuji Miyaguchi, brother, Pearl City, Oahu.  
OGATA, Pvt. Fred S.—Miss Fumiko Ogata, sister, Box 529, Paia, Maui.  
OKAMOTO, Pfc. James T.—Mrs. Daisy M. Nakano, mother, Box 66, Hilo, Hawaii.  
ONAGA, Pfc. Takeyasu—Dan T. Onaga, brother, Box 21, Makawao, Maui.  
OSHIRO, Pfc. Sam Y.—Yasukuma Oshiro, father, Box 578, Paia, Maui.  
SHIGETA, Pfc. Hideo—Dean S. Shigeta, brother, Paia, Maui.  
TAGAMI, Pvt. Yoshio—Mrs. Yoshino Tagami, mother, Box 191, Wahiawa, Oahu.  
TAKETA, Pvt. Shigeto—Gokichi Taketa, father, Papaaloo, Hawaii.  
TANIMOTO, Sgt. Larry T.—Mrs. Fude Oshima Tanimoto, mother, 228 Namokueha St., Honolulu.  
YAMADA, Staff Sgt. Hideo—Teichi Yamada, brother, Box 33, Olinda, Maui.  
YAMAOKA, Pfc. Tsutomu—Mrs. Kiku Yamaoka, mother, Moirton Papikau, Hawaii.  
YASUHIRA, Pfc. Arata—Mrs. Matsue Yasuhira, mother, Wailuku, Maui.

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## Sugar Cookies from a Star



PFC. MORRIS N. MIYASATO, a wounded American of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii, accepts a sugar cookie from MADELEINE CARROLL, film star who gave up her career to go into Red Cross work. The photo was taken aboard a hospital train evacuating wounded soldiers from the Western Front. Pfc. Miyasato was wounded while fighting as a member of the Japanese American Combat Team.—New York Times photo.

## 4 Men Face Arson, Attempted Dynamiting Charges for Acts of Vandalism on Doi Farm

**Watson Brothers Released on Bail; Two AWOL Soldiers Remain in Prison; District Attorney Indicates Teen-age Girls Will Not be Prosecuted**

AUBURN, Calif.—James Edward Watson, 38, and Claude Watson, 35 arrested on charges of participating in acts of terrorism against their neighbor, Sumio Doi, 26-year old Japanese American farmer, were released on \$10,000 bond each on Feb. 4 by Sheriff Charles Silva of Placer county.

Two AWOL soldiers, Elmer Johnson, 20, and Alvin Johnson, 18, also charged with participating in the acts of vigilantism against Doi on the nights of Jan. 17 and 19, are remaining in jail.

The four men were arraigned before Justice of the Peace P. N. Smith on Feb. 3 and their preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 15 at 2 p. m.

At the preliminary hearing, the name of one defendant was changed from Charles P. Watson to Claude P. Watson.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Clarence E. Tindall of Placer county is continuing his quest for evidence in the case, which broke with dramatic suddenness after the arrest of Elmer Johnson and his confession to Tindall implicating the three other men.

It was indicated that the teenage girls who were reported to have accompanied the Watsons and the Johnsons on their night-riding acts of violence against the farm property of the Japanese American family would not be prosecuted.

Shortly after the arrest of the Watson and Johnson brothers, District Attorney Tindall, following a conference in Sacramento with Charles Johnson, acting attorney general, announced he will file arson and attempted dynamiting charges against the men.

Prosecution of the men will be assisted by the State Attorney General's office.

The District Attorney stated that the men admitted in their confession that their first raid on the Doi ranch was "more or less a drunken party."

"They scattered five gallons of

gasoline around the shed and then ignited it with matches," Tindall stated. "The next day when they read in the papers their efforts to burn the place failed they decided they would do a better job."

"Taking nine sticks from a case of dynamite they had stolen, they set the explosive beside the shed, split the fuse and lit it. The fuse burned all right but burned out before setting off the dynamite."

Tindall quoted one of the Watson brothers as saying:

"Doi was too close to our property and we didn't like the idea of him moving back."

The district attorney stated the vandalism apparently was not the case of an organized gang intent on violence against returning Japanese Americans.

"Nevertheless," he said, "this case is serious. A great deal of damage and possible injury could have resulted if the vandalism acts of this crowd were successful."

### Four Nisei Visit Farms in Kent Area

KENT, Wash.—The News-Journal reported that four Japanese Americans returned on visits to the Kent area last week.

They were Charles Toshi, H. Hoida, and Taro Yoshihara, former residents of Kent, and Tad Miyata of Oakland, Calif.

## Nisei Killed, Five Hurt on Western Front

One American soldier of Japanese ancestry was killed and five others wounded in action on the Western Front, according to information received recently from the War Department by next of kin in the war relocation centers.

### Killed in Action

SGT. JAMES KARATSU, (Los Angeles), 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Unosuke Karatsu, 10H-7E, Granada, killed in action on Jan. 2.

### Wounded in Action

PFC. ISAMU MANUBU NAKAGAWA, (Bingen, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Seitaro Nakagawa, 23-6-B, Heart Mountain, slightly wounded in action on Jan. 13 in France. Pfc. Nakagawa has two brothers in the armed forces, of whom one is also serving overseas.

PVT. MITSUYE OSHITA, 19, son of Mrs. Kasumi Oshita, 7G-8E, Granada, wounded in action in France on Dec. 13.

PVT. HIDEO YASUTAKE, 24, (Sebastopol, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kametaro Yasutake, 11F-2F, Granada, wounded in action on Jan. 3.

PFC. TOM WATANABE, 22, (Lindsay, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Masugoro Watanabe, 222-8-D, Poston, slightly wounded in action on Jan. 16 in France. Another son, T/Sgt. Harvey, is in the South Pacific.

PFC. SHIGETSUGI MORIMUNE, 23, (Watsonville, California), son of Mrs. Tai Morimune of 213-10-A, Poston, slightly wounded in action on Jan. 18 in France. Pfc. Morimune has already been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received last October. A brother, Harry, was recently called to active duty from Poston.

## Doctor Quits Hospital Which Refused Nisei

**Dr. Selig Shevin Was Member of Jackson Park Staff for 17 Years**

CHICAGO—Dr. Selig A. Shevin resigned his post at the Jackson Park hospital on Feb. 6 in protest over the refusal of the hospital to treat a 19-year old girl of Japanese ancestry.

Dr. Shevin, a member of the hospital's staff for 17 years, appealed for a reversal of the hospital's decision not to accept the Nisei for treatment at a staff meeting on Tuesday. When members of the staff upheld the action of Supt. L. W. Hilton, Dr. Shevin submitted his resignation.

Dr. Shevin reported that he had received several telephone calls congratulating him on his action.

Meanwhile, the Nisei girl, Toyoko Murayama declared that the refusal of the Jackson Park hospital to accept her as a patient was the first time such a thing had happened to her.

## Evacuee-Owned Land In San Diego Area Escheated to State

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Superior Judge Joe L. Shell recently signed final judgment escheating to the State of California 118 acres of land valued at \$50,000 and allegedly owned by Masato and Sumi Tanida, aliens of Japanese ancestry.

It had been alleged that the Tanidas had held the land through subterfuge by deeding it to their five American-born children.

District Attorney Whelan had brought suit against the Tanidas, charging that the Japanese had violated California's anti-alien land law. The Tanidas, now residents of the Poston relocation center, did not contest the suit.



# 160 Mainland Nisei Soldiers Awarded Combat Infantryman Badges on Western Front

**Replacements Took Part in Bitter Vosges Fighting**

6TH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—One hundred and sixty American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from the continental United States, who recently joined the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, have been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for superior conduct in action against the enemy in France.

These men, who joined the Combat Team as reinforcements, took part in the bitter fighting in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France with the Seventh Army. They also took part in the dramatic rescue of the now famous "Lost Battalion" of World War II near Bruyeres, France, in late October.

Among the soldiers who won the Combat Infantryman's Badge are:

- ARIZONA**
- Glendale:**  
Pvt. George Sakato, Route 2.  
Pvt. Lloyd Seki, Route 2.
- COLORADO**
- Brighton:**  
Pvt. George Minobe, Route 1.
- Denver:**  
Sgt. Sam Terasaki, 425 Clayton Street.  
Sgt. Henry Inouye, 1221 20th St.  
Pfc. Masami Inatsu, Route 1.  
Pfc. Victor Hada, 907 18th St.  
Pfc. Takashi Masamori, 1920 Lawrence St.  
Pvt. William Fujioka, 3651 Osage St.  
Pvt. Paul Koshi, 3629 W. Virginia St.
- Evans:**  
Pvt. James Okumura.
- Fort Lupton:**  
Pfc. Jack Shigetori, Route 2.
- Grand Canyon:**  
S/Sgt. George T. Murakami.
- Grand Junction:**  
Pvt. Yoshiharu Kitagawa.
- Greeley:**  
Sgt. Bob Y. Tominaga, 1204 Fourth Street.  
Pfc. George Kagohara, Route 1.  
Pvt. Max M. Ishigura, Route 2.
- Pueblo:**  
Pvt. George M. Futumata.
- Rocky Ford:**  
Pvt. Atsushi Sugawara.
- Blanca:**  
Pvt. Fred I. Koztwa, Route 1.
- Crowley:**  
Pvt. Tatsuo T. Hirokawa.
- IDAHO**
- Boise:**  
Pfc. Kiyoto Mikami.  
Pfc. Babe Takeoka, 1009 Main Street.
- Caldwell:**  
Pfc. Frank Maenaka, Route 4.
- Declo:**  
Pfc. Richard Mayeda, Route 1.
- Nampa:**  
Pfc. Goro Kuroda, 524 Sixth Avenue.
- Pocatello:**  
Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, 584 N. Fifth Street.  
Pfc. Hidoshi Yamada, Route 1.  
Pfc. Arthur Yamashita, Route 1.  
Pfc. Sam Yokota, 145 S. Fourth Street.  
Pfc. Kiyoshi Morimoto, Route 1.
- Rexburg:**  
Pfc. Andrew Sase, 343 S. Third Street.  
Pfc. Togo Hikida, Route 1.
- ILLINOIS**
- Chicago:**  
Pvt. Kenneth Kobukata, 1026 N. Dearborn Street.  
Pvt. Jimmy Doi, 944 Leland Avenue.  
Pvt. John Kawakami, Annex Hotel.  
Pvt. Hiroichi Takahashi, 2022 S. Michigan Avenue.  
Pvt. William M. Furuyama, 5210 Winthrop Avenue.  
Pvt. Hubert E. Hattori, 1927 N. Sedgewick Street.  
Pvt. Robert Chino, 1443 E. 65th Place.  
Pvt. Sam S. Ozaki, 65 W. Maple Street.  
Pvt. Saburo Kawamura, 5026 S. Blackstone Avenue.
- Rockford:**  
Cpl. Yoshio B. Nakamura, 1404 National Avenue.
- Wheaton:**  
Pvt. George Yamana, Route 1.
- INDIANA**
- Evansville:**  
Pvt. Walter Ogura, 926 Welsel's Lane.
- MICHIGAN**
- Ann Arbor:**  
Pvt. Hajime Ota, 117 E. Oak Street.  
Pvt. Kingo Kotake, Wenlee Hall.  
Pvt. George M. Nakayama, West Quadrangle.  
Pvt. Hachiro Kanow, West Quadrangle.

- Battle Creek:**  
Sgt. Robert Yatabe, 118 S. 22nd Street.
- Detroit:**  
Pvt. George S. Fujiyama, 2931 John R.  
Pvt. George Furuichi, 8335 E. Jefferson.  
Pvt. Harry F. Fukuda, 3314 Fenkell.  
Pvt. Kunio Shimamoto, 253 E. Forrest.  
Pvt. John S. Nishimoto, 253 E. Forrest.  
Pvt. Jimmy M. Tsutsui, 19190 Greenawn.  
Pvt. Taro Yamaura, YMCA.  
Pvt. Frank Tsurui, 1931 Lathrop.  
Pvt. Tom Aochi, 1537 Center Street.  
Pvt. Jun Kojaku, Milner Hotel.  
Pvt. Charles Miyada, 253 E. Forrest Avenue.
- Saline:**  
Sgt. Joseph Noda.
- Zeeland:**  
Pvt. Akitoshi Satow, 59 E. Central Avenue.
- MINNESOTA**
- Minneapolis:**  
Pvt. Tom Utsunomiya, 1017 Harmon Place.  
Pvt. George Matsuzaki, 88 N. Lyndale Avenue.
- MISSOURI**
- Kansas City:**  
Pvt. Isamu Sugimoto, 3319 Olive.
- MONTANA**
- Kremlin:**  
Cpl. Eleventh E. Miya.
- Troy:**  
Pfc. George Kuwahara.
- Wolf Point:**  
Pfc. Grant Kurokawa.
- NEBRASKA**
- Lincoln:**  
Pvt. Joe Jujimoto, 1500 'P' St.
- NEVADA**
- Lovelock:**  
Pvt. Hideo Takenaka.
- Pioche:**  
Pvt. Samiru Ikari.
- NEW MEXICO**
- Gallup:**  
Pvt. Nausiro Matsumoto, 310 N. Fifth Street.  
Pvt. Edward Shibata, 304 W. Warren Avenue.
- NORTH DAKOTA**
- Minot:**  
Pvt. Clarence Sawamura, 18 Fourth Street.
- OHIO**
- Cincinnati:**  
Pvt. Joe S. Sugawara, 890 Glenwood Avenue.
- Cleveland:**  
Pvt. Roy Machida, 6211 Detroit Avenue.  
Pvt. George Sekiguchi, 8412 Wade Park Avenue.  
Pvt. Sadamu Nakamura, 6101 Hough Avenue.  
Pvt. Minoru Misaka, 2368 Euclid Height Blvd.
- Columbus:**  
Pvt. Arthur Sakamoto, 302 S. Kellner Road.
- OKLAHOMA**
- Shidler:**  
Pvt. Hiroshi Mashino.
- OREGON**
- Dee:**  
Cpl. Kenneth K. Miyake, 728 SW Second Avenue.  
Cpl. George N. Kinoshita.
- Hilgard:**  
S/Sgt. Kawichi Yamasaki.
- Portland:**  
Pvt. Richard S. Mayeda, 4054 Vancouver Avenue.  
Pvt. George M. Hayashi, 2861 NE Union Avenue.
- Salem:**  
T/Sgt. Tom T. Oye, Doute 2.
- Vernonia:**  
Pvt. Frank Tanizaki, 876 Second Street.
- Westport:**  
Pvt. Masaru Shiozaki.
- \*Nyssa:**  
Pvt. Archis Atagi, Route 2.
- TEXAS**
- El Paso:**  
Pvt. Robert Kondo, 501 S. St. Vrain.
- Houston:**  
Pvt. Ken Sandow, 601 Link Rd.
- WASHINGTON**
- Auburn:**  
Pfc. Kimio Watanabe, Route 3.
- Eatonville:**  
Pfc. Jimmie Yamaguchi.  
Pvt. Akira Saito.
- Harrington:**  
Pvt. Tommy Kubota.
- Kent:**  
Pvt. Naruto Kamo, Route 2.  
Pvt. Seigo Shimoyama, Route 2.  
Sgt. Yoichi Iamura, Route 2.
- Port Townsend:**  
Pfc. Smith Nakano.
- Seattle:**  
Cpl. Shiro R. Yamaguchi, 156 Tenth Avenue.  
Cpl. Mitsuyuki Yonemura, 8900 Third Avenue.

# San Francisco Civic Unity Council Pledges Aid Toward Resettlement of Evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO—As the recognized agency for community action on race relations in San Francisco, the Council for Civic Unity recently pledged its full cooperation to the Government in effecting the successful readjustment of the Japanese American population in this city. The Council has appointed a special Committee on the problem, including representation of the various community organizations which are concerned and can help.

In appointing the committee, composed of Mrs. Josephine Duveneck, chairman, Mrs. Robert McWilliams, Mrs. Sarah Lee Langstroth and Dr. Hughbert Landram, Chairman Harold J. Boyd said.

"You may be assured that the Council, its individual members and cooperating agencies, will do everything possible to assure an intelligent and fair solution of the local problem."

At a Committee meeting yesterday in the offices of the Council, a number of details regarding the speed and volume of returning evacuees, employment, housing and welfare were discussed. Action and clear definition were

postponed until the meeting next week, except in the matter of housing. On this point the committee felt that the immediate urgency of adequate provision for a group of people which is being forced to return by the closing of the Centers and for whom no provision is being made. The Committee sent a letter to each government agency and official concerned urging immediate action in this emergency.

This letter had the approval of the Board of Directors of the Council. In commenting on the action taken, Mrs. Duveneck, chairman of the committee said.

"In view of the already inadequate housing situation in the Bay area, the return of the evacuees at the present time would add to an already fertile source of community tensions, racial and otherwise. An effort to force the absorption of a substantial number of evacuees in a short time, without adequate planning and provision, could well be disastrous. What is too evidently a housing problem can well be transformed into a racial problem. What we need is a recognition on the part of the Federal Government of its responsibility in providing housing for returning evacuees in the same way that it provides housing for incoming war workers."

## Wounded Soldier Home on Furlough

MONTPELIER, Idaho — Staff Sgt. Frank Sakamoto, son of Carl H. Sakamoto of Montpelier, returned home last week on a 30-day convalescent furlough from O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

He received facial wounds from mortar shrapnel on Oct. 30 when his unit, the Japanese American Combat Team, was advancing to rescue the "lost battalion" near Bruyeres, France.

## Japanese American Enlists for Maritime Training

RIVERS, Ariz.—"I can think of no better time than the third anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor to offer my services to the country of my birth," said Takato Ted Uyeno of Boston upon enlisting in the U. S. Maritime Service.

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YOGI Pfc. Matsuichi—Shinji Yogi, brother, Box 341, Wai-pahu, Oahu.

YOSHIGAI, Pfc. Mitsuichi—Nitaro Yoshigai, father, Kapun-akea Village, Lahaina, Maui.

## Prisoners of War in Germany

KUNIYUKI, Pfc. Robert I.—Charles U. Kuniyuki, brother, 2138-6 Kaneall Ave., Honolulu.

MIZUKI, Pfc. Hideo — Ryutaro Mizuki, father, Box 282, Kahului, Maui.

## Wounded in Action

- ARIZONA**
- SAKATO, Pvt. George T.—Yoshitaro Sakato, father, Rt. 1 Box 188, Glendale.
- ARKANSAS**
- OURA, Pvt. George—Mrs. Tora Oura (last War Dept. address) Denson.
- CALIFORNIA**
- SUGI, Pvt. Sen—Mrs. Anita Sugi, wife, 705 East 21st St., Los Angeles.
- IDAHO**
- KIMURA, Pfc. Michio G.—Mrs. Kikuno Kimura, mother, Hunt.
- ILLINOIS**
- KANAZAWA, 1st Lieut. Kanemi—Mrs. Harumi Kanazawa, wife, 23 East Division St., Chicago.
- MICHIGAN**
- KAWANO, Cpl. Tami—Mrs. Mary Kawano, wife, 118 South 22nd St., Battle Creek.
- TERRITORY OF HAWAII**
- BEPPU, Tech Sgt. Tadao—Miss Shizuko Beppu, sister, Kahului, Maui.
- FUKUDA, Staff Sgt. Koichi—Kamematsu Fukuda, father, Waialua, Honolulu.
- MIYAKADO, Pfc. Yukio—Kiyoshi Miyakado, brother, Box 132, Kalaheo, Kauai.
- MIYAMOTO, Sgt. James H.—Calvin H. Miyamoto, brother, 4215 Waiata Ave., Honolulu.
- SASAKA, Sgt. Seiji—Kenjiro Sasaka, father, Box 46, Kealahou, Maui.
- YANAGIDA, Pfc. James M.—Tameshiro Yanagida, father, 1600 California Ave., Wahiawa.
- YONAMINE, Pfc. Noboru — Tokuchi Yanamine, brother, 1115 Calif. Ave., Wahiawa, Oahu.

# Nisei Nurse Back at Post In Northwest

## Supervisor Denies Report of Protest Against Evacuee

SEATTLE, Wash. — Masako Takayoshi, a Nisei nurse, returned to her position as supervisor of surgical nursing service, in charge of postoperative care, at King County hospital last week.

(The Seattle Star reported on Feb. 6 that Mrs. Janet Korngold, superintendent of nurses at Harborview hospital declared that there is no foundation to reports that hospital nurses are getting up a petition of protest against the hiring of Masako Takayoshi, Japanese American nurse who returned to the hospital recently. Reports of the petition appeared in a Seattle Hearst newspaper. Another source indicated, however, that some nurses may have planned a petition but that they had withdrawn it when they could not get a majority of the 85 nurses at the hospital to sign it. "Miss Takayoshi is doing a good job, and will remain here," Mrs. Korngold said. At the meeting of the King county board of commissioners a letter from the Remember Pearl Harbor League protesting the rehiring of Miss Takayoshi was read, and referred to the board of trustees of the hospital.)

Miss Takayoshi has been attached to a hospital in Denver since the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

A graduate of the University of Washington, she returned to the King County hospital at the request of the university's School of Nursing.

"Most of her fellow nurses greeted her warmly," the Post-Intelligencer reported, "but there was a rebellion among some, who circulated a petition protesting Miss Takayoshi's employment at the hospital."

Janet Korngold, superintendent of nurses, declared, however, that she had received no petition of protest.

## CBI Veteran Raps Reported Protests Against Nisei Nurse

SEATTLE—The Times reported on Feb. 4 that Staff Sgt. Archie Bolon, a veteran of 33 months in the China-Burma-India theater, who fought side-by-side with two Japanese American soldiers, spoke his mind about what he considers "unfair" treatment by some nurses at King County's Harborview hospital of Masako Takayoshi, who has returned to the hospital as training supervisor.

Sgt. Bolon referred to a petition allegedly circulated at the hospital.

"If a lot of these people who are so willing to criticize American Japanese could see them fighting on our side, they'd change their minds in a hurry," he said.

Sgt. Bolon was with the first air-borne anti-aircraft unit to arrive in the Far East. In his battalion were two Japanese Americans for whom Bolon has "a great deal of respect."

"No discrimination of any kind was ever shown by anyone over there," the sergeant recalled. "To us, these two men were just Americans. . . and very good machine-gunners, too."

Sgt. Bolon was in the logging business near Tacoma before entering the Army six days after Pearl Harbor.

## Oregon Berry Group Opposes Return of Evacuee Farmers

FOREST GROVE, Ore.—Washington county berry growers, echoing the stand taken by Hood River valley apple growers, were on record this week opposing the selling or leasing of land in this area to returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

The Associated Press reported that about 75 growers agreed to boycott any canner leasing land either to American citizens or aliens of Japanese ancestry.

It was charged that growers of Japanese ancestry undersold competitors.



## Nisei GIs Lead Twin Cities League



**FORT SNELLING ALL-STARS**—Front row, left to right: Pfc. Sakaye Hayashi, Assist. coach; Sgt. Jon Matsuo, Assist. coach and business manager. Seated: Pfc. Shigeru Fukuyama, center; T/5 John Leddy, guard; Pfc. Wat Misaka, forward; Pfc. Kenji Hosokawa, guard; Pfc. John Oshida, forward. Back row, standing: Warrant Officer Sal Jio, coach; Cpl. Cheek Matsuo, special service representative; Pfc. Frank Katsuyama, forward; Pfc. Harold Noguchi, guard; Pfc. Masaru Nishibayashi, center; T/5 Merle Gulick, guard; Pfc. Johnny Okamoto, forward; Pfc. Frank Kuramoto, guard, and Major Fred B. Keller, Battalion Commander.—Army Signal Corps photo.

## Wyoming Bill Bans Evacuee Fish Permits

**Hunting, Fishing Licenses Would Be Denied by New Law**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A bill to prevent persons of Japanese ancestry who have resettled in Wyoming because of the war from obtaining hunting and fishing licenses or permits was approved for passage by the Wyoming House of Representatives on Feb. 1.

The bill was specifically aimed at residents of the War Relocation Authority's Heart Mountain center in Park county which is near some of the best fishing and hunting areas in the state.

The bill provides that any persons brought into the state by the WRA under a national emergency proclaimed by the president is not entitled to a license or a permit until Congress terminates the emergency or a person qualifies otherwise.

In 1943 the Wyoming legislature passed a bill denying evacuees of Japanese ancestry the right to vote in the state. The way was passed on the stand that evacuees were not residents of Wyoming but were citizens of the states from which they had been evacuated and could vote by absentee ballot.

## Final Rites Held at Topaz for Pioneer Episcopal Minister

TOPAZ, Utah.—Last rites were held this week for the Rev. Hisayoshi Barnabus Terasawa, 88, first Episcopal minister to be ordained in Japan, who died here Jan. 31.

He became a minister in 1887 and was a pastor of the Osaka Trinity church. Since coming to the United States he was pastor of the Wintersburg and San Francisco Japanese Presbyterian churches. In 1937 he founded the San Francisco Episcopal church.

He is survived by five children.

## Blind Nisei Hero Completes Seeing-Eye School Course

NEWARK, N. J. — Pfc. Yoshinao Omiya, blind Hawaiian-born Nisei hero of the Italian campaign, will soon graduate from the Seeing Eye school with his dog, Audrey, according to Edward C. Berman, relocation officer in Newark, N. J.

In company with his secretary, Hideko Tsutsumi, Berman recently lunched with Pfc. Omiya at the Seeing Eye Institute in Morriston, N. J. There they learned that each blind person and his Seeing Eye dog go through a four-week

course of study at the Institute before going out into the world together.

"Isn't Audrey a sissy name for a big dog like that?" Berman asked.

"Well, she's a girl," Pfc. Omiya replied, and explained that the Institute's experience had proved that female dogs were more responsible in guiding their masters.

Pfc. Omiya served with the 100th Infantry Battalion and lost his eyesight during the crossing of the Volturno River in Italy on Oct. 13, 1943.

## Fort Snelling Cagers Enter 7th Service Command Meet

**Wat Misaka, Former Utah University Star, Captains GI Team**

By Pvt. Peter Ohtaki

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—The Fort Snelling All-Stars, coached by Warrant Officer Sal Jio of San Jose, California, have run up a record of eight consecutive victories in the Twin Cities area, knocking over some of the toughest outfits in this region. The team is now in undisputed first place in the National Division of the Minneapolis Park Board League and is also entered in the Seventh Service Command Army Basketball tournament which will hold its finals in Omaha next March 16 and 17.

The ex-collegiate soldiers, majority of them American Japanese stationed at the post, have already knocked over their first contenders in the tourney, the strong Schick General Hospital team, an army outfit from Clinton, Iowa at the Naval Air Station gym 57-43 last Tuesday (Jan. 30).

The All-Stars are the only army team represented from this state in the Service Command tournament. The tourney will include 27 teams with army camp outfits from Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota being entered.

The outfit trounced Macallister College last Saturday 58-37 (Jan. 27) and will take on the St. Mary's College quintet this Wednesday (Feb. 7) at Winona. In the Park cage league, they have defeated the rugged Ruff Bros. 46-35 and have knocked over the Naval Flyers twice. The boys are now

gunning for a chance with Hamline University in the near future.

The Snelling roster includes:

Pfc. Wataru Misaka, ambidextrous forward and team captain, who was on the University of Utah outfit which bagged the NCAA championship last year. Wat isn't tall, barely five feet six, but speedy and deadly on his one-hand push shot, equally effective with either hand. He scored 24 points against the Schick army team last week.

Pfc. Johnny Oshida, the other starting forward, played on the Augsburg College team here in the city last year and is also the high scorer of the team.

Tec 5 John Leddy, who plays guard and center on the team, is an ex-Stanford University man back on the Pacific Coast. He's smooth and fast and adds much height to the team. Leddy hails from San Francisco.

Also on the roster are Pfc's Johnny Okamoto, forward and Masaru Nishibayashi from Hollywood, California, who saw college competition with the Cincinnati University hoop team last year. Okamoto hails from Seattle where he was chosen on the city high school all-city team and later played for Kansas City College. From Chicago's DePaul University hoop team is Tec 5 Merle Gulick, reserve guard on the team.

Playing for top-notch American Japanese leagues on the West Coast were Shigeru Fukuyama, starting center and Kenji Hosokawa, starting guard, Frank Katsuyama, forward, Frank Kuramoto, guard, and Harold Noguchi, also guard.

The manager of the outfit is Sgt. Jon Matsuo, athletic leader from Hawaii and swimmer on the University of Washington swimming team.

## Thrice-Wounded Soldier Visits Relatives at Poston

POSTON, Ariz. — S/Sgt. Min Murakami of Maui, Hawaii, who was wounded three times on the European front, was a recent visitor at the Poston relocation center, the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Fujimoto of 350-2-B.

S/Sgt. Murakami went overseas in September, 1943, and was first wounded in December of that year at Cori, Italy. On July 9, 1944, he received shrapnel wounds at Leghorn, Italy, and on Oct. 17, near the outskirts of Bruyeres, France, he was wounded in the face by a shell fragment.

## Hood River Post Defies National Legion Commander; Refuses to Replace Names of Nisei Soldiers

**Scheiberling's Recommendation Ignored by Oregon Group; Newspaper Ads Utilized to Carry Views To People of Area; Restoration Deemed "Inadvisable"**

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Hood River post of the American Legion defied the national Legion commander on Feb. 5 by refusing to restore to its war honor roll the names of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from the Hood River valley.

Ignoring a recommendation from Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander, the Hood River post issued a statement saying:

"Hood River American Legion Post No. 22 deems it inadvisable at this time to take any action on restoration of Japanese American names to the county's service roll."

## Anti-Evacuee Acts Disgust GIs in France

MARSEILLES, France — The Stars and Stripes, daily newspaper of the U. S. armed forces in the European theater, reported on Jan. 5 that American troops on all along the Seventh Army front "were bitching loud and long about an announcement of the Hood River American Legion post telling all Americans of Japanese ancestry that they are not wanted in Hood River County, Ore."

Ralph G. Martin, staff correspondent of Stars and Stripes, quoted a GI on the Hood River Legion's action:

"Those Legion people ought to sell their property and give it to these Nisei. They deserve it more. If these Japanese Americans are good enough to die for their country, they ought to be good enough to live in it."

Another soldier said:

"People back home ought to know that if it wasn't for the Nisei, a lot of their sons would be dead now. They saved our lives."

## Production Figures Listed for Topaz Agricultural Project

TOPAZ, Utah—Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals residing at the Central Utah relocation center at Topaz made a large home-front contribution to the war effort in agricultural production in 1944, according to the annual report of the project's agricultural section.

From the poor alkali soil of the Sevier desert they harvested 755,062 pounds of vegetables valued at more than \$30,000; 500,256 pounds of grain wheat, barley and oats valued at \$11,220, and 340 tons of hay.

They raised 9,000 chickens, 534 pigs, 321 turkeys and 37 calves. A total of 27,954 dozen eggs were produced on the project chicken farm. In addition, 1640 hogs were raised from feeders and slaughtered for meat valued at \$53,773.

Beef valued at \$86,797 was obtained from 1,046 cattle raised from feeders.

## Vest-Pocket Nisei WAC Joins Pharmacy Staff of Army Hospital

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The pharmacy at Nichols General Hospital got itself four feet, ten inches of pestle-and-mortar efficiency last week in the form of almond-eyed Pvt. Kumi Matsuzaki, the Courier-Journal reported on Jan. 28.

The Nisei WAC was graduated from high school at Las Cruces, N. M., where her parents still live, and received a degree in pharmaceutical science from the University of Colorado in 1940.

"I wanted to be a doctor, but it was too long and costly a proposition," she told Agnes Snyder of the Courier-Journal. "So I settled for pharmacy and worked my way through college as a waitress and typist on the campus."

Graduating from Colorado she found a job at Beth-El hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., and later at St. Luke's hospital in Denver. One of the Civil Service employees at Nichols is a man to whom she taught specialized hospital pharmacy while at St. Luke's.

Although her vest-pocket size

was against her, the Wacs, eager for experienced technicians, provided a minimum height waiver and inducted her last fall. She arrived at Nichols in January following the completion of her basic training at Fort Des Moines.

"I was already accustomed to handling wartime pharmaceuticals like penicillin and sulfa derivatives; they were in use at St. Luke's. But it's something new to be compounding and dispensing drugs in bulk, not by prescription."

It was at the suggestion of her father, who came from Japan almost 50 years ago, that she considered going into military service, Pvt. Matsuzaki said. "He's such a staunch patriot that he was actually unhappy over having no sons to lend to the war effort," she said.

Two of her brothers-in-law, both Nisei, are a private in the infantry in France and a first lieutenant in the Army's Sanitary Service Corps in New Guinea. Another, wounded in Italy, is back in the U. S.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Nisei in Agriculture

As California's Governor Warren pointed out recently the great majority of the people of the West Coast have taken with good grace the Army's action in rescinding the exclusion orders against persons of Japanese ancestry. Returning evacuees, in most cases, are being welcomed back by their neighbors. However, despite the splendid attitude of the vast majority anti-evacuee movements are being fostered in certain West Coast communities. National attention has been focused on at least two of these areas, the Hood River valley in Oregon and Placer county in California, because of certain anti-democratic actions. Newspapers report the existence of active anti-evacuee movements in these districts, and it is by no means a coincidence that all of these areas in which anti-Nisei activity has been reported happen to be fundamentally agricultural in character.

Behind the race-baiting stand special economic interests which seek to continue to exploit the gains which have been theirs through the total elimination of farmers of Japanese ancestry from West Coast agriculture. And it is not mere happenstance that agitation against the return of Japanese Americans is strongest in the White River and Puyallup valleys of western Washington, Oregon's Hood River valley and the Placer county, Imperial county and Santa Maria valley districts in California. In each of these districts Japanese American farmers played a major role in farm production before E-day in 1942. There were 400 individual farms operated by persons of Japanese descent in the White River and Puyallup valleys before evacuation and 84 farms in the Hood River area where farmers of Japanese ancestry contributed 25 percent of the total production. Before the evacuation there were 157 farms in Placer county, 212 farm operators of Japanese race in the Imperial valley and 61 in Santa Barbara county, most of whom were in the Santa Maria and Lompoc valleys. Here then are some of the real reasons behind the racism and flag-waving of the anti-evacuee groups at Sumner and Auburn in Washington, Hood River in Oregon and Auburn, Santa Maria and Brawley in California.

Current West Coast agitation, whether it develops as a movement to erase the names of soldiers off an honor roll in Oregon of flames into night-riding violence in Northern California, has a definite economic base and is directed against the reestablishment of Japanese Americans in farm production. Recent figures released by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture indicate that the evacuation dealt a serious blow to Japanese Americans in farming on the West Coast. If the present trend of transfer of agricultural properties to non-Japanese owners continues, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that the land holdings on the West Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry will not exceed 25 percent of the pre-war figure, or roughly, 60,000 acres.

A bulletin published by the bureau recalls that persons of Japanese ancestry in 1940 operated, as owners, tenants and managers, 6118 farms consisting of 258,074 acres with an estimated value of \$72,600,000. Eighty-four percent of these farms were located in California. However, during the evacuation period approximately 9,100 acres were transferred by sale from Japanese Americans to non-Japanese and with the continuance of this trend the Federal agricultural group

estimates a 75 percent cut in the operations of Japanese Americans in West Coast agriculture.

### An Ordinary American

Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., thinks of himself as "just an ordinary American who values the American way of life." But to the Nisei in the United States Army, especially to those who have trained at Camp Shelby, a few miles from Earl Finch's home town of Hattiesburg, this young businessman and farmer is the personification of the friendly heart of America. The story of Earl Finch and the Japanese American volunteers who came to his native Mississippi to learn the grim business of soldiering is told in an article by Kathryn Close in the February issue of *Survey Graphic*.

Earl Finch runs a second-hand furniture store, a combination bowling-alley and army goods store, and a stock farm just outside of Hattiesburg. One summer day in 1943, according to Miss Close, he was walking down Hattiesburg's main street when he noticed in front of him a very small man in an American army uniform too big for him. The soldier lingered at a shop window and Earl Finch saw an Oriental face reflected in the glass. "The little man looked so forlorn," Mr. Finch said when he was pressed for the story by Miss Close, "that I invited him home to supper." That was 18 months ago and since that time Earl Finch has been host to thousands of Nisei soldiers, not only in his home town but in New Orleans, Chicago, Washington and New York City.

Kathryn Close, associate editor of *Survey Graphic*, has written an article about Earl Finch because she believes that his is a story of friendship that needs telling in these times. And it is perhaps significant that Earl Finch is a citizen of Mississippi, a state which is not especially noted for racial tolerance and is the home ground of Representative John Rankin who makes radio speeches about a group he describes as the "so-called Japanese Americans."

Shortly after he made his acquaintance with Nisei soldiers at Camp Shelby Earl Finch invited 600 of them to a picnic at his farm. Learning that most of the soldiers from Hawaii had never seen a rodeo he staged one, complete with cowpunchers, unbroken horses and all the trimmings of the Wild West. Another time he took 300 to a watermelon picnic. He has sponsored boxing matches, swimming parties and 'possum hunts for the Nisei troops.

He helped arrange the visits of Nisei girls from the Rohwer relocation center, 300 miles away, to Camp Shelby dances and helped persuade the Hattiesburg USO council to cooperate in the establishment of a club where these thousands of Nisei could feel at home—the now-famous Aloha USO club. He put up trophies for athletic contests and made it possible for Nisei teams of the 442nd Infantry to go on athletic trips outside the camp. He helped publish, "Go for Broke," the battle song of the 442nd. He arranged hotel space in New Orleans and cities along the Atlantic seaboard for soldiers on furloughs. And the soldiers who left Camp Shelby to fight on alien soil have not forgotten him. He gets scores of letters from them daily—one day he received 500. And it has been written that when a Japanese American soldier lay dying on an Italian battlefield, his last words were: "Say goodbye to Mr. Finch for me."

Earl Finch's main concern is with the wounded—with all wounded soldiers but especially those of Japanese descent. He has visited them in hospitals all over the East and Midwest. He has "done the town" with wounded Nisei in New York and Chicago and a few weeks ago he gave a party at New York's Hotel Astor for 150 American soldiers of Japanese, Chinese and Hawaiian descent.

The Nisei will speak, according to Miss Close, of Earl Finch's fabulous wealth, but in reality he is a man of comfortable, but modest means. He is a symbol of the warm heart of America, a man who is making a full time job of the simple act of friendship.

It all started when Earl Finch, a Mississippi businessman and farmer, met a lonely soldier one day on a street in Hattiesburg. Today he is known to Nisei on all of the far-flung battlefronts of war, and the thousands who have known him and the thousands who have never met him but who know his works will never forget him.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## A Publishing Failure

In the next year or two several books dealing with Americans of Japanese ancestry will be printed if present plans of publishers materialize. Several publishing houses are interested in books on Japanese Americans although they realize that such books will return little if any profit. But then book publishing in America, although grossing millions of dollars annually, is not strictly a business. Book publishing, in many respects, falls within the realm of the Fourth Estate and reputable publishers are aware of their responsibilities in the field of information and discussion. Hundreds of books are accepted annually by publishers who know that such books will lose money. The tremendous profits of such best-sellers as "Forever Amber," "Gone With the Wind," and "The Robe" have helped toward the publication of much worthier works.

The story of one "publishing failure" was told in an interesting advertisement by Henry Holt & Co. in the Jan. 27th issue of the *Saturday Review of Literature*. The ad concerned the firm's experiences with Taro Yashima's autobiography in pictures and words, "The New Sun." Readers of the *Pacific Citizen* are familiar with Taro Yashima's work through his cartoons which were published in these pages until the pressure of his work for a world democratic victory forced a temporary discontinuance. We do not know where Taro Yashima is today. We do know that he is carrying on the work for human justice which he began as a young man and artist many years ago in Japan. The Henry Holt ad merely says that "Taro is now in the service of the United States Navy, somewhere at sea, and still painting pictures against his enemies."

In his fight as a member of a progressive movement in Japan and later as an artist on an underground newspaper against the military tyrants who were seizing all power during the mounting years of fear in the last decade, Taro Yashima was jailed ten times and his wife, the daughter of a wealthy shipbuilder, was also seized. They lost two sons in that fight, one child being born in prison. The Yashimas, who are still in their thirties, escaped to the United States in 1940. They found a little apartment on New York's East Side, where so many have found refuge from the "teeming shores" of oppressed lands. We met the Yashimas in New York in 1941 and we did a column on some of his experiences as a political prisoner of Japan's ubiquitous Kempeitai. We learned then of the determination of these two young Japanese to continue their fight for the liberation of their people from the thrall of fascism. The work which Taro Yashima is doing today in the service of the United Nations is a practical demonstration of that determination.

The Yashimas were born in Japan and lived the first three decades of their lives in Japan but they are closer to the spirit of a free world than the West Coast racial bigot who can trace his ancestry through generations in a free nation.

"The New Sun" was their story and it was an important one. But the book was a publishing failure. The Henry Holt ad in the *Saturday Review* declares:

"We keep talking about our belief in books and indicating how they have justified that belief and reached the audience for which they were intended. It doesn't always happen that way. We've had failures on our list, and one of the bitterest failures occurred late in 1943 when we published Taro Yashima's 'The New Sun.' We did not expect it to be a financial success, but we did think it would be noticed by the men and women of good will, that it would say something important to opinion molders, at any rate, among the American people: namely, that the struggle of a human being for the simple dignities of the democratic way of life is one of the most moving evidences of man's incalculably slow progress in this weary world. The trouble was that Taro Yashima is Japanese. . . ."

"We published Taro's book because he is a fine artist with a great story to tell. It heartened us

to know that there is an underground movement in Japan. The first reaction from the booktrade, when our salesman was selling it in advance, was bad. 'Nobody will buy a book by a Jap,' most of them said."

Henry Holt & Co. printed 2,500 copies of "The New Sun." In order to arouse interest copies were sent not only to regular reviewers but to liberals in every walk of life. Seven hundred copies were given away before publication, and the advance sales to bookstores was less than that. Reviews on the book were excellent, but in the words of the publishers "their tone was persuasive."

A few people were interested, some were excited and wrote enthusiastic letters, but the American book public in general was apathetic. Similarly, an attempt to interest war relocation centers in the book also failed.

The reviewers said fine things, "but they rang no bell, nor did they reveal the exciting core of what 'The New Sun' was saying." Again in the words of the publisher:

"We have often wondered why, when people are not interested in a subject dealt with by a book, they will not absorb, even if they do read them, the finest reviews, nor will they even see the advertising. For of course that was their reason — people weren't interested."

This, then, is the short publishing history of a book by a Japanese in America, as related by its publishers. The Henry Holt ad concludes:

"Because we kept giving away copies, we had to reprint—just a thousand, and we have almost nine hundred of them left. The book has been bought by 1,800 people, which some of our publishing friends say isn't so bad for a book by a Jap." They know, too, the imperturbable prejudice of the public, the vast areas of indifference which can kill a book. "The New Sun" is a failure, not because it lost us a few thousand dollars but because, as far as we know, it has supplied no yeast for the American mind. More than that, it is disheartening to think of that mind's influence on the rest of the world and on its future."

Henry Holt & Co., publishers of such recent book successes as Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" and the comic strip adventures of Barnaby and Mr. O'Malley, spent more than \$1500 on the promotion campaign for "The New Sun" because they believed that this book by a man who had fought Japanese militarism with his hands and his heart had something to say at a time when people of America were beginning to look beyond the holocaust of war toward the remaking of a world peace. Publishers like Henry Holt will continue to bring such books of importance to the American people although they realize that many such books will be "publishing failures." (The 900 copies of "The New Sun" which are still available may be obtained from Henry Holt & Co., 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, or ordered through local bookstores. The price is \$2.75.)

The publishing history of "The New Sun" does not end here, however. We have informed that an edition is being prepared in the Far East for distribution to the peoples of eastern Asia. And it is not inconceivable that with victory in the Pacific an edition will be published in Japan so that its people will learn the story of the few among them who fought the fascist aggression and oppression which has made their nation an outcast before the people of a free world.

### California Christian Youth Urged to Welcome Evacuees

LOS ANGELES—"Building a Christian world means the carrying of the insight of Jesus into every area of life, and it means the immediate objective of welcoming Americans of Japanese ancestry back to California," Dr. Harlan Hogue, professor of religion at Scripps College, told 500 young men and women on Feb. 8 at the rally of the United Christian Youth Fellowship of Southern California at First Congrega-



# The Nittas Come Home



**WELCOME HOME!**—One evening last month a family of Japanese American evacuees returned to their farm near Santa Ana, Calif., from the Colorado River relocation center at Poston, Ariz., after an absence of two and a half years. Shosuke Nitta and his family had been evacuated with other persons of Japanese ancestry from Orange county in 1942. They were among the first to return. (Top) Darkness was falling when the Nittas alighted from their car after the long journey from Poston to touch foot on their own land for the first time in 30 months. They were warmly greeted by their friends of the Santa Ana Methodist Church who had awaited them. (Lower) The Nittas stand on the steps of the small ranch house that will be their home for the next six months. (The main house on their ranch is still occupied by tenants and rather than displace them the returned evacuee family decided to stay in a smaller house on their ranch.) Left to right are Hitoshi, the oldest son, and his wife, Mary, Shosuke holding Hitoshi, Jr., and Mrs. Shosuke Nitta. Hitoshi and Mary met at Poston where Mary was working as a registered nurse. She is from Reedley, Calif. Hitoshi graduated from California Polytechnic Institute where he was a mechanical and engineering major. Other members of the family are: Minoru, son, now employed at a Cleveland war plant, his wife, Fusaye, and a third son, Second Lieut. Mitsuo, who was inducted into the Army at Los Angeles in Feb., 1943. Mitsuo was commissioned as a second lieutenant on the day the family set out for home from Poston, Jan. 6, 1945.

## Across the Threshold

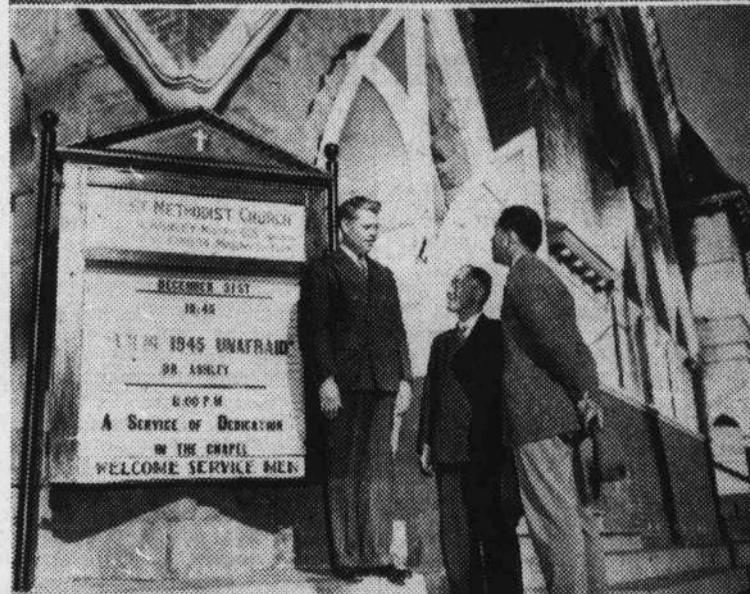


graduated from the Washington Sanitarium in Washington, D. C. . . . It's reported that after the closing of the Gila River WRA center at Rivers, Ariz., the camp may be converted into a post-war veterans' rehabilitation center. . . . The St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch suggested in an editorial on Jan. 18 that two West Coast veterans' organizations with anti-evacuee programs change their names to "Hood River Anti-Asiatic Legion" and "Hermiston Post of Disabled Veterans with Skin Pigmentation Shading from A to F But Not One Whit Beyond."

fortunately were forced to be evacuated."

One of the leading service clubs in a California city recently rejected unanimously the demands of certain community leaders that the organization go on record against the return of the evacuees. . . . The Jan. 5 edition of Stars and Stripes (Marseilles) carries a story on the anger of GIs on the Western Front, particularly in the Seventh Army, against the Hood River post of the American Legion. The newspaper also published two pictures of Japanese Americans captioned "Nisei Against the Nazi on the Western Front." . . . State Senator Hugh Donnelly of Turlock, Calif., chairman of the California Senate's committee to investigate persons of Japanese ancestry, is the sponsor of a bill in the California Legislature to deny commercial fishing licenses to Japanese aliens.

Four Japanese American girls were among 38 nurses recently



Observing an old American custom (left photo), Hitoshi Nitta carried his wife, Mary and their 10-months old son across the threshold of their home on the Nitta ranch. Hitoshi, Jr., was born at the Poston relocation center and this will be the first home he will have known, other than the barracks apartment at the evacuee camp. (Top photo). On the day after their return Shosuke Nitta and his son inspected their farm which has been operated for them in their absence by their ranch manager, Salvadore Quintana. The Nittas were highly pleased with Quintana's management and are keeping him on the job. Quintana visited the Nitta family three or four times a year at Poston for consultation and discussion. The Nitta ranch grows oranges and vegetables. In this photo Quintana points out some new features. (Top center). One of the first acts of the Nittas on returning to their home town of Santa Ana, Calif., was to pay their respects to the pastor of their church, the First Methodist Church of Santa Ana. Here, the Rev. John N. Ashley welcomes Shosuke and Hitoshi Nitta. Before evacuation the Nittas were regular members of the church and never missed a Sunday service. On the Sunday after their return the Nittas attended services in the church at which time the Rev. Ashley made the return of the Japanese Americans the subject of his sermon. (Lower center). Here the Nittas confer with their banker, L. S. Mortensen, vice-president of the First National Bank of Santa Ana. The bank leased 30 of the 100 acres comprising the Nitta ranch to a tenant farmer, and held the other 70 acres in trust. The elder Nitta estimates his loss due to evacuation at about \$10,000 but warmly praises the bank and ranch manager for holding losses that low and keeping equipment intact. (Bottom photo). Their business completed, 65-year old Shosuke Nitta and his 27-year old son walk home through the streets of their home town.—Photos from Acme.

## VAGARIES

### Anti-Evacuees . . .

Anti-evacuee groups on the West Coast are going "underground." The Oregon Anti-Japanese organization at Gresham has renamed its group "Oregon Property Owners Protective Association." In Placer county, California, the Placer County Anti-Japanese League is now calling itself "California Preservation Association." . . . Manuel Ortiz, California Mexican American who is the world's bantamweight boxing champion, won his crown in 1942 shortly after the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from Southern California. On the night Ortiz won his championship, he was called to the microphone. "Hello, mom," he began in the traditional manner of pugilists broadcasting after a fight, "and, hello to all of my friends in the Poston relocation center in Arizona who un-



## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### The Night-Riders of Placer County

The case of Sumio Doi, Placer county, Calif., fruit farmer, has attracted more than passing attention. Threats against Japanese Americans returning to Pacific coast farms have not been uncommon, but Doi apparently is the first to be subjected to more than threats of violence.

Four men were arrested recently, and charged by the district attorney with arson, attempt to dynamite, and intimidation. The charges were filed in connection with placing of dynamite under Doi's packing shed last month, and shooting over his house.

The accused, it has been revealed, are two sets of brothers. The younger pair are 18 and 20 years old, both army privates absent without leave from their respective stations. In their case it would seem that not only have they attempted to take the law in their hands, but also the prosecution of the war, choosing to conduct their own battle against someone they mistakenly consider the enemy.

The other pair are a 38-year-old bartender and his brother, a 35-year-old rancher, both obviously old enough to know better.

It is obvious from what has been revealed that there is no organized gang of night-riders to spread terrorism against returning Japanese Americans. Those who have organized to oppose the return of the evacuees have, in most instances, have warned against violence.

Most of them have stressed that they would seek legal or other pressure short of violence, and there is little reason to believe they would flout the law, either personally or by hiring or deliberately instigating the hoodlum element to violence.

Yet, it becomes apparent that although the anti-evacuee leaders themselves may shun violence, their objectives—that of denying the Constitutional right of American citizens to travel and live wherever they choose—are such as to attract hoodlums and ruffians and encourage law-breaking.

The objectives of the exclusionists are, to judge from the storms of protest that have been aroused publicly, unpopular among respectable people, and attractive only to the baser element of the population.

We doubt that the speedy arrest of the suspects in this particular case will discourage hoodlums and vagrants elsewhere from violence against Japanese Americans. Night-riders and dynamiters usually need alcohol to fortify their bravado, and in that state they are hardly able to reason.

But the incident should be warning enough to the ring-leaders of the Remember Pearl Harbor leagues, and other hate-the-Jap outfits regardless of their more sanctimonious names that they are playing with dynamite in more ways than one.

The evacuees returning to their homes have the complete support of all law-enforcing agencies, federal, state—and as demonstrated by the Doi case—local. The evacuees are going home with the approval of the army.

It should be more evident than ever before that Japanese Americans no longer are fair game for any economically-motivated hate but n.d. The Japanese Americans have paid a price to acquire their present position in which they are free from suspicion of disloyalty.

That price has not been cheap. It has meant virtual dispossession, a three-year exile, humiliation. Tragic as this phase has been, it is over now, and the vindication must be complete.

The fact that Doi is standing on his rights, declaring he will have to be blasted out before he will be intimidated, is fair warning to the exclusionists. The evacuees do not have to run. The law is on their side, and so is public sentiment.

After three years it is the hate-mongers, the coveters of rich acreages, who are in the querulous minority.

### Idaho Soldiers Return Home On Furloughs

POCATELLO, Ida.—Pvt. Wataru Nakashima, Seiji Endow, Jiro Yamada, Ben Yamashita and George Sumida recently visited their homes here on ten-day furloughs

## EDITORIAL DIGEST

### Violence in California ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

"Thank God, we live in Colorado!" says the Rocky Mountain News of Jan. 21, noting that a "gang of hoodlums attempted to burn and dynamite a building on a ranch operated by a Japanese American" in Auburn, California.

"Colorado can be proud of the fact that during the entire time of the evacuation—with 5000 Japanese Americans brought to Denver alone—there was not a single important act of violence. The evacuation was a war measure, and Colorado accepted these uprooted citizens with a spirit of tolerance and understanding for their problems. Not so, apparently, the great state of California!"

"And, incidentally, did you notice the heavy casualty list published in Friday's Rocky Mountain News?" adds the editorial. "Of the 34 Colorado men wounded in action, 13 of them were Japanese Americans—more than one third. What greater way can a man show he is an American than laying down his life for his country?"

### Saving California's Name MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

California and its reputation was the subject of another editorial, this time in the Milwaukee Journal of Jan. 22, which said:

"Gov. Warren of California has appealed to the people of his state to save its reputation. He sees correctly that it will sink rapidly if the outrageous terrorism against returning Japanese Americans is not stopped. . . .

"Nevertheless, groups which interpret the American way in a strange manner are using arson, dynamite and rifles in an attempt to intimidate the few returning Japanese Americans and to frighten others from coming back to their homes. . . . State police and sheriff's deputies have been necessary to guard one returning American farmer, who has two brothers in the army. What a disgraceful necessity! No wonder Gov. Warren is afraid that California's reputation will suffer!"

### On National Poll MINNEAPOLIS STAR JOURNAL

The National Opinion Research Center poll on public attitudes toward Japanese Americans was "discouraging" in the opinion of the Minneapolis Star Journal.

The poll, which showed that 61 percent of the people in the country are opposed to equal opportunities to persons of Japanese descent, was "discouraging" in the first instance because of the implied violation of the spirit of American democracy; in the second instance because it shows that the majority of Americans are unaware of the facts about Japanese American loyalty in this war," says the Journal.

Recounting the loyalty record of Americans of Japanese descent and their extraordinary fighting record in the U. S. Army, the Star Journal declares:

"Grant blindly, if you will, every atrocity report ever uttered about the Japanese in this war. But let's keep on thinking straight on what constitutes an American and loyalty. It's the mind and heart that should count, not the hair."

### Auburn Marauders PALO ALTO TIMES

The Auburn marauders who attacked the home of Sumio Doi near Auburn were editorially attacked by the Palo Alto Times, which declared on Jan. 23:

"The criminality of their act cannot be condoned by any falsely patriotic motive they might plead. There is no patriotism in law violation of any sort. In this instance the crime is all the more flagrant in view of the special exhortations that have been made

## A Sketch by Toshio Mori: CHILDREN OF TOPAZ

Snow fell in Topaz one early afternoon and towards evening the grounds became completely white. Children ran outside with peals of joy, scattering in all directions. They called their friends who were still indoors, and soon the grounds of the city were filled with little boys and girls.

John Matsushita, Jiro Araki, George Sasaki, Hide Naito, Dopey Hanaoka, Harry Shimakawa and Charlie Yamada took sides for a snow battle. They laboriously built their snow forts, and as they packed and hoarded snowballs, their faces became flushed with keen anticipation of their coming battle. At another corner Sammy Kato, Mary Mayeda, Ellen Ito and Tora Doi were making a foundation for their snowman. And smaller children were pushing and pulling their sleds over the thin layer of snow with cries and laughter. Then snowballs began to fly, and the older folks watched the little children with anxiety and humor, remembering their childhood days. The snowman's body began to form. Cries of pleasure filled the air.

Now big snowflakes steadily fell, and it rested on the faces, clothes and the grounds alike. The children, protected by their winter clothing, fascinatingly watched the flakes cling to their jackets and coats.

Soon the snowman was completed with a piece of stick for a pipe and an old hat on top of his head. The grounds were marked by tiny footsteps and trails of sleds but then more snow would fall and erase them. Time and again the snow battle would begin and end only to start anew with more participants. Supper time drew near but the children did not heed their parents' call. Shouts and laughter continued, until the older folks came to drag their children away.

"I bet Dale Brown would like to play here," Harry Shimakawa cried as he was led away from the snow fort. "He never saw snow—just like me until I came here."

"And Isabella Perry too," added Ellen Ito as she remembered her best friend in San Francisco.

"Let's come back and play some more after supper," George Sasaki suggested.

"Okay," cried the children. "See you later."

Jiro Araki was the last to leave the scene. He wished all his friends back home could come over for a visit and have some fun . . . his Negro friends Spanish boys, Jewish friends like Harry Solomon, Joie Schwartz, Abie Moskovitz, his Italian buddies, his Russian comrades—Americans all. He looked at the snow fort he had helped make and hoped some day he would be able to invite his friends over and have some fun together again.

## Seattle Nisei Saved Buddies, Awarded DSC Posthumously

### Pfc. Nakamura Cited For Extraordinary Heroism in Italy

WITH THE 36TH DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH ARMY, France — Pfc. William K. Nakamura's Fourth of July exploits saved the lives of many buddies but cost him his own.

A student at the University of Washington, in Seattle, Pvt. Nakamura has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously, for extraordinary heroism.

He volunteered for the special Japanese American Combat Team when it was activated and spent his entire military career with the 442nd Combat Team.

The action which won for Pvt. Nakamura the coveted DSC took place near Castellina, Italy, on a slope the infantrymen have dubbed "Suicide Hill" because of the casualties sustained there.

As Pvt. Nakamura's rifle company attacked through terrain covered with scrub trees and brush, the enemy opened up on our troops at point-blank range with automatic weapons, rifles, and machine guns. The machine guns on the left flank was doing the most damage as it continuously sprayed and raked the area with fire two feet above the ground.

Pvt. Nakamura, without waiting for orders and without any protective fire from his now dispersed mates, crawled over 20 yards, most of it fully exposed to the enemy, to a point only 15 yards

recently by high officials in seeking to prevent that sort of lawlessness.

"The marauders may argue that they distrust the returned Nisei because of their Japanese ancestry and feared they might resort to sabotage. But what was their own act but sabotage?"

"The crime is particularly reprehensible because it provides the Japanese in Asia with a ready-made excuse for reprisals that would increase the suffering of the American captives within their grip. Every relative of a service man in the Pacific theater of war has special cause for resentment of the Auburn incident."

from the German emplacement. "That was so I wouldn't miss," he later reported to his sergeant. He threw four hand grenades in rapid succession, killing at least three of the enemy and knocking out the machine gun nest so his company could continue their advance.

As enemy snipers fired on the advancing Americans with devastating results, Pvt. Nakamura's platoon was ordered to withdraw to the rear while our mortars tried to clear out the snipers. As they were moving back a machine gun opened up on them from a farmhouse some 300 yards to the left and held up the withdrawal.

Again, entirely on his own initiative, Pvt. Nakamura worked his way up the edge of a wheat field next to the farmhouse and fired his M1 rifle so rapidly and effectively that he pinned down the machine gun crew and enabled the platoon to safely withdraw.

When the platoon had reached the safety of a defilade, and Nakamura did not return, his sergeant returned to the spot where he had last seen Pvt. Nakamura after mortar fire had cleared the enemy from the vicinity. He found him dead, with a bullet wound in his head.

"If he had not eliminated the enemy machine gun on our left flank when he did, our casualties would undoubtedly been for greater that day. And, by pinning down the machine gun in the farmhouse, he enabled the platoon to withdraw without casualties. In both instances, he undertook the task on his own initiative in spite of the obvious dangers involved," S/Sgt. George S. Iida, 168 North Beretania St., Honolulu, Hawaii, declaring in evaluating the DSC winner's activities.

### Evacuee Conference Planned in Salt Lake

Relocation center delegates will meet in Salt Lake City February 16 to 23 to discuss problems and plans pertinent to the reopening of the West Coast and closing of the WRA centers, the Topaz Times reports.

The Topaz council will act as sponsors of the conference, it was reported. Conference headquarters are expected to be at the Moxum hotel.

## Coast Racists Hit by AFL Newspaper

OAKLAND, Calif. — The California Labor Review last week published an editorial from the AFL Union Reporter of Oakland, N. J., which commented on the turn of Japanese Americans to the West Coast.

"After three years of discrimination and intimidation they are permitted to return to homes they should never have been forced to leave," the paper's editorial declared. "The fascist groups, hiding behind the American flag and spouting passes for 100 percent citizenship engineered this despicable act. Something is wrong when Americans are torn from their homes and sent packing because of the country of their birth or that their forebears participated in a barbarous act of aggression."

### JACL Credit Union Directors Declare First Dividend

The JACL Credit Union last week declared its first dividend since its organization some months ago, it has been announced here by Hito Okada, treasurer.

The dividend, amounting to one percent, was declared by the board of directors meeting on Feb. 2 at the JACL.

The Credit Union had 143 members, as of January 31, with a total savings of \$9,262.47, Okada reported. Loans to date have amounted to over \$7,100, with loans outstanding at the present time amounting to \$3317.16.

The board of directors also moved to purchase \$3,000 in U. S. war bonds, Series G.

The annual meeting of shareholders will be held February 5, it was announced.

### LONG BEACH YWCA WELCOMES BACK NISEI EVACUEES

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Assistance to persons of Japanese ancestry returning to the Long Beach area was offered on Jan. 3 in an "open letter" to evacuees from the YWCA, Sixth at Pacific Streets.

"Realizing that the ban is lifted and that perhaps you may be considering returning to the Long Beach area, a friendly group of citizens of this community extend greetings," the letter said.

It was stated, however, that "housing is critical" in the Long Beach district.

"This is a serious obstacle for those wishing to return to this congested industrial area," the letter added. "At present we can suggest no solution to this problem."

"We would like to give you more tangible aid, but we want you to know that we are happy you are free to return to normal living whether in Long Beach or elsewhere," the letter continued. "If we can be of assistance in any practical way please feel free to call on us."

Among those signing the letter are: Clyde Roseberry, Mrs. Helen Guest Knox, Dr. Maud Wilson Dunn, Rene Sebring Smith, David Burcham, Elga Shearer, Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, Grace Richardson, Mrs. O. T. Ellis, R. Fred Roehm, Rev. Staurd LeRoy Anderson, Violet Sell and Mrs. Margaret Hathaway.

### Correction

The Pacific Citizen has been advised that the address of Dr. and Mrs. K. Iwasa of Chicago, Ill., was incorrectly reported among greetings published in the Christmas issue. The correct address for the Iwasa family is: 808 E. 37th St., Chicago 15.

### Two Nisei Return To Coast School

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. Joseph Yamamoto and Mr. John Ishizuka have returned to San Francisco to study at College For Physicians and Surgeons. They are living in a rooming house two blocks from the college. The landlady welcomed the new tenants and after they had been there a few days offered to hold her next vacated room for a Japanese American.



# Relocation Camps Will Close at Year's End, Myer Declares

WRA Director Visits  
Rohwer; Optimistic  
Over Coast Situation

ROHWER, Ark. — All of the War Relocation Authority centers will remain open until Jan. 1, 1946, according to present WRA plans, Dillon S. Myer, director, announced on Jan. 30 in Rohwer, where he was making his first stop of a tour which will take him to all the centers.

With the exception of a segregation camp, all the camps will be closed on Jan. 1, change in plans accepted, he said. In all cases a three-month notice of closing will be given, he was reported as saying by the Rohwer Outpost.

Myer declared that any evacuees who cannot take care of themselves when on their own will be treated as individual cases according to need, with assistance to be given through various welfare agencies or the Social Security board.

Myer gave a firsthand account of the West Coast.

"The situation in California is excellent for the evacuees, better than it has ever been before," he said. "The evacuees are receiving special attention from the governor down. An im-

## Nisei Soldier Bewildered by Reported Violence

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Pvt. Karl Doi, whose home in Placer county, California, was the object of vigilantism recently, was recently reported in an interview at Fort Snelling to be "the most bewildered soldier in the U. S. Army."

The Tribune reported that Pvt. Doi is puzzled that such action should be taken against his family who, he said, had been urged by their Placer county neighbors to return. Pvt. Doi added that he felt that his brother, Shiguchi, a corporal in the Japanese American Combat Team in France, "will be puzzled even more when he gets the news."

Important factor is that the return of evacuees to the West Coast has become a national problem and is no longer a local problem. All eyes are focussed on California, Oregon and Washington, for 35,000 persons of Japanese descent, emissaries of good-will, have relocated to all parts of the nation and 13,000 Nisei are in the United States armed forces.

"Incidents" against Japanese Americans will be the exception, rather than the rule, Myer said. The majority of the West Coast population has accepted the military decision and will accord good reception to fellow law-abiding citizens, he declared.

## 88 Hunt Residents Apply For Return

HUNT, Ida. — To date 88 persons from Hunt have applied to return to the evacuated areas, including Hawaii and Alaska, the Irrigator reported last week.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Toyoshima, 12-7-F, Ht. Mountain, a boy on Jan. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Inaba, 7E-6A, Granada, a girl on Dec. 27.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Sam Miyano, 10E-128, Granada, a girl on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshimi Matsushita, 11K-8C, Granada, a girl on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ochi-kubo, 7F-5B, Granada, a girl on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hirokichi Asakawa, 10E-8D, Granada a girl on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Wada, 8G-10D, Granada, a boy on Jan. 2.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George Doi, 11K-8F, Granada, a girl on Jan. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Sakamoto, Koen Ranch, Granada, a boy on Jan. 5.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Mason Funabiki a girl, Nancy, on Jan. 28 in Minneapolis, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Masada, 11F-1F, Granada, a boy on Jan. 25.

To Pfc. and Mrs. James Kubochi, 12F-6A, Granada, a girl on Jan. 12.

To Mrs. and Mrs. Nobuo Sakiyama, 12-9E, Granada, a boy on Jan. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kishi, 6F-11D, Granada, a boy on January 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Taniguchi, 306-9-C, Poston, a boy on Jan. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Teranishi, 305-10-D, Poston, a boy on Jan. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tsuchiya, 8G-2D, Granada, a boy on Jan. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Kitabayashi, 6E-4B, Granada, a boy on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Kubochi, 12F-6A, Granada, a girl on Jan. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Sakiyama, 12G-9E, Granada, a boy on Jan. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kishi, 6F-11D, Granada, a boy on January 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Morimoto, 3-7-E, Topaz, a boy on Jan. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Hayase, 38-9-B, Topaz, a boy on Jan. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lou Tsunekawa, 23-12-F, Topaz, a boy on Jan. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kikuichi Marumoto, 329-9-C, Poston, a girl on Jan. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Hirakawa, 207-2-D, Poston, a girl on Jan. 24.

### DEATHS

Kenzaburo Fukuda, 73, of 29-22-D, Ht. Mountain, on Feb. 1.

Hisako Yamamoto, infant, 2-11-B, Ht. Mountain, on Feb. 1.

Mrs. Tamino Miyano, 11F-1C, Granada, on Jan. 11.

Rev. Hisayoshi Barnabus Terasawa, 88, of 26-12-E, Topaz, on Jan. 31.

Mrs. Rika Nagayama, 79, of 35-3-F, Topaz, on Feb. 1.

### MARRIAGES

Kimiko Tainaka to Pvt. Fred Toya on Jan. 27 in Billings, Mont.

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# Nisei Businessman Challenges Ogden City Policy of Denying Japanese Americans Licenses

## Wisconsin Veteran Visits Home with Wounded Nisei Buddy

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Two American war veterans, Pfc. Charles Fisher and S/Sgt. Sidney Oshiro, were in Wisconsin last week visiting at the home of Pfc. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fisher of Cudahy, Wis., the Journal reported on Feb. 4.

Pfc. Fisher, who lost his right leg in mortar fire near Florence, Italy, was home for the first time in many months, and he had brought his buddy, S/Sgt. Oshiro, who lost his right leg and his right hand, in the push on Leghorn, Italy, last July.

The two men were members of the 34th division which saw much of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign. Oshiro was with the 100th Infantry Battalion.

"There were more than 1200 of us when we went to Italy," he said. "There are not many of us now. We were in the front lines for 40 straight days before Cassino."

The veterans toured Milwaukee and visited a dozen spots which are favorites of Pfc. Fisher, and went bowling, despite their handicaps.

## Milwaukee Evacuees Hold Stork Shower

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—For the pleasure of Mrs. Milton Maeda, Mrs. George Higuchi and Miss Chie Okazaki were hostesses at a stork shower at Mrs. Higuchi's home on January 28.

The guest list included: Mrs. Henry Date, Miss Florence Date, Central Utah; Mrs. James Momoi, Miss Chiye Tomihiro, Minidoka; Mrs. George Saito, Miss Sachi Okazaki, Manzanar. Mrs. Maeda, who was Miss Molly Kageyama before her marriage, and Mrs. Higuchi are from Minidoka. Miss Okazaki is from Manzanar.

## Graduates From Paratroop School

POSTON, Ariz. — Cpl. Takashi Obata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takizo Obata of Poston, has won the right to wear the "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroops, the Poston Chronicle reported recently.

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## Officials Ordered to Show Cause as Federal Court Suit Is Filed

OGDEN, Utah — Ogden City Commission's policy of refusing to grant business licenses to Americans of Japanese ancestry moved toward a court test this week, following the filing of a complaint in Federal District Court by George T. Sugihara, co-operator of the Green Parrot cafe.

In the complaint filed by Sugihara and his partner, Verda Hulse, against the Ogden City Commission, the latter is accused of refusing Sugihara a license on the ground of his Japanese ancestry.

Born Oct. 21, 1913 in Seattle, Wash., Sugihara has spent his lifetime in the United States and is an American citizen, the complaint declares, as is his partner, Verda Hulse, born in Garden City, Utah.

After denying him a license, it was charged that the Ogden commissioners are now threatening to padlock the cafe and arrest its owners because of the lack of a license.

Following the filing of the suit Ogden commissioners were served with papers signed by U. S. Marshal Gilbert Mecham ordering them to show cause in the U. S. district court on March 12. Named in the order were Mayor David S. Romney, Commissioners William D. Wood and Harold L. Welch, City Recorder Elizabeth M. Tillotson and City Attorney Derah B. Van Dyke.

## Episcopal Diocese

LOS ANGELES — A resolution welcoming back evacuees of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast was passed at the fiftieth anniversary convention of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese recently.

## TO OUR FRIENDS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who were so kind in our hour of bereavement. The sympathy of our friends in the Minidoka relocation center and in Salt Lake City has softened the blow of the death of Hideo Eddie Tanabe, our son and brother.  
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## Civilian Nisei Specialists Aid Psychological War in Pacific

### 170 Persons Attend Boise Valley Meeting

The second Boise Valley Christian Conference of Japanese Americans held Jan. 28 at the First Methodist church in Caldwell was attended by 170 people.

Dr. C. K. Vliet, outstanding Methodist church leader from New York, was guest speaker and leader of a discussion, "Youth and the World Tomorrow." Dr. Vliet has many friends who are relocated Nisei, among them his Nisei secretary.

The Caldwell Y.A.F. were hosts to delegates from Adrian, Vale, Nyssa and Ontario and Caucasian guests from the Nampa and the Caldwell Methodist churches.

Committee chairmen were Edson Fujii, Jesse Nishi and Grace Shiraishi.

### Idaho Falls YPC Holds Election

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Asako Haga was elected president of the Idaho Falls YPC at a meeting on February 4.

Other new officers are Mariko Miyasaki, vice president; Mary Sato, secretary; Martha Yamazaki, treasurer; Jessie Kuwana, reporter; Fred Ochi and Todd Kuwana, Nisei committee.

Bettie Nishioka led the worship service which followed the election. A short play was presented by the members of the YPC.

### OWI's Japanese Section Moved Back To San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese Division of the Office of War Information which translates and records in Japanese short-wave programs beamed across the Pacific in the psychological war against Japan, will be moved from Denver to the main headquarters of Pacific operations in San Francisco, it was announced on Feb. 2 by Elmer Davis, head of the OWI.

Transfer of the OWI's Japanese division back to San Francisco was made possible by the War Department's recent rescinding of exclusion orders against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast, Davis indicated. Twenty-one Japanese American translators and announcers will be moved from Denver to San Francisco. The transfer speeds work on the programs by eliminating time necessary to transmit programs written in San Francisco to Denver for translation and recording and the return here for broadcast to Japan and Japanese-occupied areas in the Pacific.

With six new short-wave transmitters on the Pacific coast, a new transmitter to Honolulu and a new medium wave, standard broadcast band station on Saipan, output of the "Voice of America to Japan" has been doubled, Davis said. He reported that programs to Japan are now broadcast nine hours a day.

## Back Pay Finally Catches Up With Combat Veteran

FORT ORD, Calif.—The \$345.09 that Pfc. Richard M. Okasaki, 28, veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion's campaigns in Italy and France, draws this month will probably be one of the largest amounts paid any enlisted man at the infantry replacement depot at Fort Ord in a long while.

The Fort Ord Panorama reported on Feb. 2 that Pfc. Okasaki has earned it—and the hard way.

Although he was paid May 31, 1944, at another camp, most of the money he gets this time will be back combat pay which he has been following since he left the Japanese American unit in France.

Pfc. Okasaki has served three years in the Army and was in Hawaii at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Since then he has been in Italy and France where he earned the right to wear eight decorations on his blouse. Foremost of these is the Silver Star. In addition, he wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart with a cluster, the pre-Pearl Harbor, Asiatic-Pacific and European theater ribbons, the Good Conduct Medal and the unit citation.

Pfc. Okasaki won his Silver Star in France. After marching forward all one night, he was stationed on his battalion's right flank with a bazooka guarding the road. As he lay in a hollow to one side of the road he heard a tank quietly approaching.

Remaining prone, he loaded his bazooka and waited until the tank on which fight German riflemen were riding came within 50 yards.

## Kido Urges JACL Chapters With Funds to Reopen Coast Offices to Assist Evacuees

### Nisei War Veteran To Enter Stanford

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Planning to take up his college education where he left off prior to entering service, Thomas Kunibe intends to enter Stanford University in the spring quarter under the GI Bill of rights.

Kunibe, the first American of Japanese ancestry to attend Stanford under the GI bill, was recently given an honorable discharge after four years of Army service.

### Initiated in Society

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Yukio Tsumagari, pre-meds student at Marquette University, was recently initiated into Phi Sigma, national honorary biological society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Takaji Tsumagari and came to Milwaukee from the Colorado River Project at Poston, Arizona.

Then quickly standing, he fired before any of the riflemen could draw a bead. The round went true, killing all the riflemen and the tank occupants, and sparking a fire which discouraged three following tanks from attacking. As the tanks withdrew Pfc. Okasaki returned to his original position.

Pfc. Okasaki became a bazooka gunner when wounds injured his left arm so that he could not adequately handle an M-1.

### National Office Has Received \$13,800 from Local Chapter Groups

The Japanese American Citizens League this week urged the immediate opening of chapter offices in cities and towns of California, Washington and Oregon by those local chapters which still have funds in their treasury.

Speaking from national headquarters in Salt Lake City, Saburo Kido, president, declared that with one office already open in San Francisco, the JACL hopes to open similar offices in Los Angeles and Seattle by April 1.

Kido reported that the following chapters had turned to their funds into the treasury of the National offices since May 1, 1942: San Francisco, \$4023.45; Sacramento, \$500; Seattle, \$3,000; Oakland, \$1,000; Portland, \$1,216.07; San Mateo, \$451.37; Southern California District Council, \$851.14; Puyallup, \$250; Kings County, \$179.53; Salinas, \$100; Tacoma, \$114.08; Berkeley, \$145.15; Long Beach, \$163.94; Washington Township, \$400; and Santa Maria Valley, \$1202.14, a total of nearly \$13,800.

"It is needless to state that the contributions from these chapter treasuries enabled the national JACL to participate in the test cases as well as to carry on the educational program for better acceptance and understanding throughout the country," Kido said.

"The fifty-three chapters on the Pacific coast which were forced to evacuate had funds in their treasuries. It is sincerely hoped that those chapters which have balances and can serve their communities lay their plans immediately, since the largest number of evacuees will start to return to the west coast about March 1, reaching a peak in September."

### Cal Aggies Will Reopen on March 3

DAVIS, Calif.—The University of California College of Agriculture at Davis will reopen for its Spring, 1945, term on March 3 with sixteen weeks of practical instruction in agriculture, it was announced recently.

The course is designed for veterans but will be open to any interested person over 18 years of age, it was noted. There are no entrance examinations or other requirements for admission.

## Wounded Nisei Soldier Bowls Despite Loss of Right Leg

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Like most fellows, Pfc. Tokio Shiomiichi, 810 E. Mason St., a former resident of Brawley, Calif., likes to bowl.

But when a German land mine tore off his right leg at the knee in Italy last August, his friends concluded that he would never bowl again. The 22-year old Japanese American proved how wrong they were at a downtown bowling alley last week, according to the Journal.

Shiomiichi discarded his crutches at the alley and nimbly hopped about on one foot. In setting the 16-pound ball down, he maintained amazing balance and timing.

The Journal reported that Pfc. Shiomiichi was on leave from Percy Jones Army general hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., to visit his wife, Carol, a stenographer for

the Goodwill Industries. He lost his leg near Florence during the Italian campaign. Shrapnel from an exploding land mine shattered the bone, necessitating amputation of the right leg below the knee.

Cheerful, the slender Japanese American has not allowed his handicap to change his outlook on life. Besides bowling, he swims and plays basketball and ping pong.

"I'm thankful to be back," he said. "Handicaps are whatever you make them. The best way is to go on just as everything was before, and make the most of whatever you have."

Pfc. Shiomiichi's brother, Joe was killed in action in Italy. His brother-in-law, Shaw Kojaku, was also killed in Italy.

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