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## Japanese Americans Advance On Italian Front Against Heavy Opposition from Germans

**"We Beat Them in France and We'll Push Them Out of Italy," Says Captain Harry Kawano In Report on 442nd on "Army Hour" Program**

American troops of Japanese ancestry of the famed 442nd Infantry Regiment are advancing along the western coast of Italy against heavy German opposition, a broadcast from the Japanese American Combat Team reported April 15 on the "Army Hour," weekly broadcast of the War Department over the NBC network.

Captain Harry Kawano of Hawaii who has fought in all of the battles of the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Regiment since the landing of the Japanese Americans at Salerno in September, 1943, reported to the "Army Hour" from Italy.

Following the opening of the new Fifth Army offensive along the Ligurian coast, spearheaded by the Japanese Americans, Capt. Kawano reported:

"We took our first objective without much trouble. Then we were pinned down by heavy German fire. We had to go forward. We could not go back because the offensive would collapse, and it was suicide to go ahead against the German pill-boxes.

"We called for air support and we got it.

"We took Massa and Carrara."

Capt. Kawano indicated that the Nazi naval base at La Spezia was the immediate objective of the Japanese Americans and other units of the Fifth Army.

The Army Hour's tribute to the Japanese Americans was opened by Lieut. Daniel Sutter who related the war record of the Nisei soldiers in Italy and France.

Lieut. Sutter said that the Japanese American Combat Team had helped crack the Hitler and Gustav lines in Italy.

"They were the first troops in Leghorn, the first in Pisa and the first across the Arno," Lieut. Sutter said.

Capt. Kawano said that of all the battle honors won by the 442nd Regiment, the men themselves were proudest of the plaque presented to them by the survivors of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division whom they rescued in the Vosges mountains.

Capt. Kawano said that Japanese Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion alone had won 21 Distinguished Service Crosses, 95 Silver Stars, 107 Bronze Stars and 16 divisional citations, "and I don't know how many Purple Hearts." He said that the 100th had "well over" 1000 Purple Hearts before they left Italy for France last fall.

He indicated that the men of the 442nd were "a little disappointed" when they found they were en route from France back to the Italian front. He said the men had counted on fighting in Germany.

"We beat them in France and we'll push them out of Italy," he said.

Asked by Lieut. Sutter why the Japanese Americans fought so well, Capt. Kawano said: "I guess it's because we're all Americans."

## Italian Partisans Aid Nisei Troops in Carrara Capture

**Nisei War Heroes Paid Tribute by California Senate**

SACRAMENTO—Lieut. Gov. Frederick Houser told seven American veterans of Japanese ancestry, all of whom have been decorated for valor in overseas combat, that "California is grateful for the services you have rendered."

The seven Nisei soldiers were introduced in the State Senate on April 16.

One of the veterans, Bill K. Ishida of Sacramento, already has been given an honorable discharge. The others, Staff Sgt. Ernest K. Enomoto, Sgt. Skira Kawasaki, Pfc. Kenneth Kaskawa, Pfc. George Taketa and Pfc. Don Shimizu and Richard Hiwa are en route to Hawaii, where they expect to receive their honorable discharges.

## Open Trial Of Four Men In Doi Case

**Three Charged with Arson, Attempted Dynamiting at Farm**

AUBURN, Calif.—The trial of three men charged with setting fire to the fruit packing shed of a returned farmer of Japanese ancestry began April 17 in the court of Superior Judge Lowell Sparks of Placer county, with indications that at least three and possibly four days may be required for selection of a jury.

A venire of more than 200 citizens, the largest panel of prospective jurors drawn in the history of the county, has been called. Of this group forty-five persons were excused on April 17 "for cause."

Defendants in the trial include two brothers, Alvin and Elmer Johnson, both privates in the U. S. Army who were AWOL at the time of the dynamiting, and Edward Watson of Auburn, a bartender. Watson's brother, Claude, operator of a farm adjoining that of Sumio Doi, victim of the acts of violence, will stand trial on June 5 on a separate charge of attempted dynamiting.

When District Attorney C. E. Tindall began asking prospective jurors general questions concerning their attitudes toward the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast, Judge Sparks ruled out such questions.

Tindall had asked a prospective juror:

"Are you opposed to the return of Japanese Americans to this area?"

Judge Sparks interrupted and told Tindall to confine questions to "specific issues involved in this case."

## New York Group Seeks Repeal of Citizenship Ban

NEW YORK—"The naturalization of all non-citizens in the United States must become one of America's post-war objectives," the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born announced this week.

The committee reported that in order to achieve this goal, it will be necessary to amend the present immigration and naturalization laws.

One of the steps suggested by the group is the decision to repeal all provisions of the naturalization laws that bar Orientals and others from becoming citizens solely because of their race or country of origin.

## Japanese Americans Still on Rampage in Mountains, Says Register's War Correspondent

DES MOINES, Ia.—The combination of Japanese American infantrymen of the 442nd Regiment and Italian Partisans, led by a fighting priest called Pietro, proved the winning formula in the capture of the strategic Italian coastal towns of Massa and Carrara and a lot of German prisoners in the Fifth Army's new offensive, Richard Mowrer, correspondent of the Des Moines Register, radioed in a copyrighted dispatch from the newly-active Italian front last week.

## NISEI SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION INSIDE GERMANY

ROHWER, Calif.—One of the first Japanese Americans to die in Germany, Stanley T. Ichiki, succumbed on March 29 inside the Reich, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinzo Ichiki, 10-1-F.

Sgt. Ichiki, who had never been in a relocation center, is survived by three sisters, Yonoko, Miyo and Shizue and a brother, Kingo.

## Killed in Action

TECH. 3rd GRADE STANLEY T. ICHIKI (Lodi, Calif.), son of Kinzo Ichiki, 10-1-F, Rohwer, killed in action on March 29 in Germany.

## Wounded in Action

CPL. TOM MIZUNO, 26, (Galt, Calif.), husband of Mrs. Katherine Mizuno, 11G-9F, Granada, wounded in action in Italy.

CAPT. KATSUMI NAKADATE, 31, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunishi Nakadate of Hunt, Idaho, wounded in action on the western front in Germany.

## Issei Evacuee Goes Back to Alaska

HUNT, Idaho — An old-time Alaskan, Frank Yasuda, 76, was on his way home this week from the Hunt, Idaho, relocation center, according to the Minidoka Irrigator.

Prior to the outbreak of war, Yasuda traveled throughout the hinterland of Alaska as an interpreter for explorers of the Smithsonian Institute. As a result of his many explorations, an Alaskan mountain is named in his honor, the Minidoka Irrigator said.

Yasuda was the first to bring Eskimo settlers to the Yukon region near Beaver, Alaska, his hometown.

## New York Nisei Saves Life of Wounded Rifleman in France

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE — During the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team's heroic rescue of the Lost Battalion of this war in the thickly wooded forests near Bruyeres, France, (Technician Fourth Grade) Sergeant Yeiichi Kuwayama of the unit's Medical Detachment, saved the life of a fellow comrade even though he himself was severely wounded.

When the company to which Sergeant Kuwayama was attached, stormed the well dug-in enemy positions on Hill 617, a bitter fire fight followed. In the ensuing battle in which the enemy employed terrific fire power from automatic weapons and mortars, a rifleman was severely wounded and lay fully exposed to enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Kuwayama left his cover and crept toward the wounded man. While on his way to administer

Mowrer declared that "following up their sharp thrust of the last few days along the Fifth Army's coastal flank, the Nisei Americans still were rampaging somewhere in the mountains Friday (April 13) as this correspondent went north along the shore as far as he could go."

"Every now and then," Mowrer said, "Small bunches of bewildered and exhausted German prisoners arrived in shell torn Massa with reports that 'Turks' had been added to this front of many nationalities."

Mowrer said that Pietro's Partisans call the Nisei the "Mongoli."

"The Germans think they (the Nisei) are terrible. The Partisans think they are wonderful. It's all in the point of view," Mowrer reported.

The Partisans not only provided guides for the advancing Japanese Americans and cleared German-placed mines, but attacked enemy machine gun and mortar positions.

## Oldest Language School in Hawaii Officially Dissolved

HONOLULU, T. H.—The oldest Japanese language school outside of Japan has been officially dissolved and the Japanese Central Institute has turned over its real estate and assets valued at \$125,000, to the Hawaiian Veterans' Memorial fund.

C. R. Hemenway, president of the corporation, accepted the gift on behalf of the trustees.

## Kings County Will Give Aid to Indigent

HANFORD, Calif. — As many returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry have no families and are too old to work, the Kings County Board of Supervisors has voted to extend aid to them, it was reported last week.

## Two Japanese Americans Hurt, One Prisoner in Nazi Hands

WASHINGTON—The Office of War Information this week identified two American soldiers of Japanese ancestry wounded in action in Europe and one prisoner of war in Germany.

## Prisoner of War in Germany

YAMAZAKI, First Lieut. James N. Yamazaki—Rev. John M. Yamazaki, Sr., father, 6406 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## Wounded in Action in Europe

NAKADATE, Capt. Katsumi—Mrs. Mary Nakadate, wife, 907 W. Chicago Ave., East Chicago, Indiana.

TOYOSHIMA, Tech. 4th Gr.—Mrs. Kikue S. Toyoshima, 4501 Bruce St., Minneapolis, Minn.



## Evacuees In Relocation Camps Hold Special Memorial Rites In Honor of Late President

Issei, Nisei Attend Services Eulogizing Franklin D. Roosevelt

Evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the eight relocation centers paid tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in special memorial services over the weekend.

Memorial rites for the late president were held at the Colorado River, Gila River, Central Utah, Manzanar, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Granada and Rohwer centers.

More than 1000 persons gathered on April 15 at services held at Manzanar, while residents of Minidoka gathered at the Hunt high school gymnasium for services on April 14. An address by Lieut. Nilan J. Jirov offered an eulogy to Mr. Roosevelt.

The Heart Mountain Sentinel, representing the center's 7500 residents, wired Mrs. Roosevelt, expressing "profound sorrow on the passing of our great leader."

"Unforgettable to us are his words 'Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not and never was, a matter of race and ancestry,'" the Sentinel said.

The newspaper added: "These words express in our minds the fundamental honesty, integrity and belief of the world's greatest leader against intolerance, bigotry and fascism."

At the Manzanar services Buddhist, Protestant and Catholic clergymen participated in the services which were attended by a cross-section of the center's residents.

The crowd included 40 American Legionnaires of Japanese ancestry and a score of Nisei soldiers in U. S. uniforms of World War II, here on furlough visiting their parents.

Mr. Roosevelt was eulogized in both English and Japanese.

## Apartment-Hostel In Rochester Will Assist Relocation

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Family resettlement to upstate New York is being facilitated by the availability of a completely furnished family-apartment hostel which the Rochester Resettlement Committee in cooperation with the First Baptist church recently opened on a non-sectarian basis at the Church Parish House in the center of the city, according to Claude C. Cornwall, Rochester relocation officer.

Two families of resettlers have already made use of the apartment hostel until they obtained more permanent quarters here, Mr. Cornwall said. The first family to occupy the apartment consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamato and their 9-year-old son Richard, who relocated from the Manzanar Relocation Center. The apartment was occupied more recently by Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Yasuda and their 7-year-old son Stanley, formerly of the Central Utah Relocation Center. Mr. Yasuda came to Rochester in June, 1944, and was joined a few weeks ago by his wife and son.

A family may occupy the apartment hostel, which has sleeping accommodations for four persons, until permanent living quarters are found. No rental is

## Canada's Native Sons Seek Deportation

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Native Sons of British Columbia seek exclusion from Canada of all persons of Japanese ancestry and complete revision of Canadian immigration and citizenship laws, according to resolutions passed at their Grand Post convention on April 7.

One resolution asked that persons of Japanese ancestry remaining in Canada after the war be reestablished "in some suitable part of the South Pacific area under international mandate or Allied control."

## Kauai Soldier Saves Life of Nisei Comrade

Rescue Made by Hawaiian in Face Of Enemy Fire

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—Private First Class David K. Morita, Kauai, Hawaii, a member of a heavy machine gun section, attached to a forward rifle company, 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, recently saved the life of a fellow comrade in the face of enemy fire.

During the 36th "Texas" Division's push through the Vosges Mountains of Northeastern France, the Germans launched counterattack after counterattack against the Japanese Americans. In one of the enemy attacks, a member of Private Morita's section was seriously wounded by enemy machine pistol fire.

Since there was no medical aid man in the vicinity, the Hawaiian soldier voluntarily left the safety of his cover, and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran 15 yards to the aid of his friend. Although the enemy raked the sector with machine gun and small arms fire, Private Morita quickly dragged the patient to an abandoned two-man slit trench. After skillfully rendering first aid, he decided that immediate evacuation was necessary to save the bleeding soldier.

Again exposing himself to enemy fire, he placed the patient on his shoulders and hurried back toward the aid station. After running 50 yards through the hail of deadly fire, he met a litter squad who quickly transferred the injured infantryman on to the litter and carried him to the aid station.

A few days before, in the same vicinity, the Japanese Americans made the timely rescue of the Lost "Texas" Battalion. For over a week the doomed battalion was cut off by German encirclement until finally troops from the Combat Team smashed their way through to their rescue.

Private Morita's father, Mr. Midori Morita, is a resident of Kapaa, Kauai.

charged, but persons occupying the apartment may contribute to the church fund if they so desire.

## Nisei Lieutenant Returns from 31 Months in Pacific Theater

Thirty-one months on Pacific battlefronts, from the Kokoda trail to the Philippines, are a nightmarish dream to First Lieut. Phil Ishio, former University of Utah student, but his first Red Cross Christmas box at Buna remains a glowing memory, the Salt Lake Tribune reported on April 13.

Lieut. Ishio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Ishio of Salt Lake City, returned to the United States on a month's leave after four years of service with the U. S. Army intelligence.

Gratitude of that Red Cross Christmas package and high praise for the fair treatment of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in the Army highlighted Lieut. Ishio's reminiscences.

"Pearl Harbor did not make any

difference in the Army's treatment of Nisei soldiers," he said. "All of us are given equal chances for promotion in the true American way and there are many commissioned officers, in both the European and Pacific theaters."

Lieut. Ishio has seen service in New Guinea, Australia, the Buna campaign and, as a member of Sixth Army headquarters, in all the major campaigns from Finschhafen to the Philippines. His ship was bombed, but not sunk at Leyte.

"The greater portion of Manila was totally wrecked by the Japanese," the Nisei officer said. "The once beautiful Manila hotel is a charred skeleton, while other legislative and important buildings lie in ruins."

## AFL Union Aids Issei In Opening New York Business

NEW YORK — Declaring that "any Issei could open a business in this city," Chuguro Aoki, Issei, formerly of San Francisco and the Central Utah Relocation Center, recently explained how he had opened his busy tailoring and dry cleaning shop here in a fashionable section near Fifth and Park Avenues with the help of a local union of the American Federation of Labor to which he had been referred by the New York WRA office.

"This city has room for more Issei tailors, cleaners, and laundry men," Mr. Aoki said, "and there is no need to do cheap, hard work here, either. These New Yorkers spend the money they make. We are going to stay here. My business is better than the one I had to sell in San Francisco when the evacuation came. Most of our neighbors can't tell us from the Chinese, but those who can are just as friendly as the ones who can't. My two daughters are happy here, too."

Mr. Aoki was aided several months ago in setting up his own business at 222 East 51 Street by the Cleaners' and Dyers' Local 239, AFL, after working briefly in a large dry cleaning shop with which the union had a contract. He had been placed there by the union immediately after he had been referred to it by the local WRA office following his arrival in New York in November, 1944. A month later the union representatives agreed with him when he told them that the profitable but long over-time hours were difficult for an older man, Mr. Aoki

said. Local 239 then counseled him on the "ins and outs" of the cleaning industry in New York, advised him how to proceed, and assured him that a union contract would not be required in a small, personal business of the type he proposed to establish.

For the next few weeks Mr. Aoki studied the daily newspapers until he came across the "for sale" advertisement of an owner of a tailoring and dry cleaning establishment in a fashionable section near Fifth and Park Avenues. They came quickly to terms, and the owner turned over to Mr. Aoki not merely his premises, but his large clientele.

As Mr. Aoki told about his new shop, his wife sat nearby, stitching a lady's skirt on one of the two Singer sewing machines. The crowded clothes racks indicated the thriving nature of the business.

The Aoki daughters, Cecelia and Dorothy Shigeko, came to New York several months before their parents and had been urging the latter to join them ever since Cecelia, a beauty operator, found a position in an exclusive shop in the famous Greenwich Village section of the city. Dorothy Shigeko, the younger sister, is studying to be a dental technician. The two girls live together in an attractive Greenwich Village apartment which they rented soon after their arrival in the city. Their apartment is situated at ten minutes' distance from that of their parents, which is located in the same building which houses the tailor shop.

## Anti-Evacuee Leaders to Meet In Sacramento to Organize Statewide Campaign on Nisei

SAN FRANCISCO—The Chronicle reported April 12, in a special article from Sacramento, that statewide organization of groups opposed to the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to California will be effected in Sacramento on April 23, according to a call sent out as a result of a meeting of "anti-Japanese" groups from Auburn, Winters, Sacramento and Vacaville.

Meeting in the county courthouse in Sacramento, about 25 delegates from the already organized Anti-Japanese Association laid the ground-work for the new setup, it was reported. The Auburn unit of the California Preservation Association, as the new organization is to be known, sponsored the meeting. It was stated.

Charles De Costa, who identified himself as a former automobile racing driver, is head of the Auburn group and leader of the drive against the return of the evacuees, the Chronicle dispatch stated. According to De Costa, there were about 300 Placer county members in his unit.

The delegates were given a general outline of organization and requested to go back to their local units and secure, if possible, authority to approve the plan proposed by the Auburn group, it was stated.

One delegate at the preliminary meeting in Sacramento urged his colleagues to "treat them rough" if the Americans of Japanese ancestry return to the West Coast. Another urged soft-peddling of the arguments advanced at the meeting that farmers could not compete with the "Japanese," and asked the delegates to base their opposition instead on the grounds of danger to national security.

Former State Senator Jack Inman of Sacramento, who said he was the man who originally started the anti-Japanese movement in California, was a speaker at the meeting. He said he was certain the American Legion, Native Sons and other organizations would add their weight to an organized effort to keep the Japanese Americans from returning.

One of the Auburn delegates urged the necessity of political action. He said this could best be achieved through organization of local units. Legislators and Congressmen "will listen to us," he said, "when we have votes." He suggested they would defer any requests upon the Legislature until they are better organized.

## Anti-Evacuee Group Meets in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore.—Initial steps toward the organization of an "anti-Japanese chapter" were taken on Good Friday night at a mass meeting of the United Berry Growers of Washington county at Forest Grove, Ore.

A. E. McCroskey, who has been employed to organize anti-Japanese American organizations by the Oregon Property Owners Protective League, and George H. Crandall, Seattle attorney, addressed the meeting of the farm group.

Objectives of the new organization include the deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the United States.

Crandall declared that the only way to solve the "Japanese question" was to exclude them forever from all American territory.

## U of Washington Group May Hold Forums on Nisei Issue

SEATTLE—The Times reported April 11 that the possibility of a series of public forums to be sponsored by the University of Washington and dealing with racial questions with initial stress on the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast was discussed April 10 at an informal gathering of students in Lewis Hall on the campus.

The students are members of the Informal Discussion Group, which holds weekly sessions on problems of racial prejudice. The April 10 discussion centered on the Remember Pearl Harbor League's meeting in Seattle on April 5 which was attended by a number of the students.

"This thing has to be brought out into the open," Loyd Powell, chairman, said. "If we can't reach enough members of the community by holding the forums on the campus, we can hold them off the campus, maybe in the central business district."

Powell said he doubted if future Pearl Harbor League meetings would be attended by students "since we accomplished our purpose" and nothing could be gained by further attendance. He said it

## Nazi Attack Slowed Down By Nisei Action

Sergeant Races Through Fire to Man Machine-Gun

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE — A Japanese American platoon sergeant from Covina, California, dashed through a gauntlet of bullets to an unmanned machine gun and poured such a terrific fire on the attacking Germans that it slowed down the entire enemy assault.

Technical Sergeant Mitsuo David Tsuruda, a member of a rifle company of the Second Battalion, 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, was leading his men through the heavily wooded forests near Bruyeres, France, when they were suddenly barraged by terrific enemy artillery and tank fire. This was followed by a strong attacking force of enemy infantrymen who closed in on the company before the automatic weapons could be placed into action.

Sergeant Tsuruda, sensing the dangerous situation, immediately placed his guns at the points of greatest advantage. Because the terrain was so thickly wooded, the German enemy was within 75 yards of his platoon before the guns were even in position.

The enemy's withering initial fire wounded six men, and wiped out one of the machine gun squads. Seeing the unmanned gun, the sergeant raced through a hail of enemy bullets to the position. Reaching the machine gun, he laid down such devastating fire that the Germans were slowed down and finally forced to withdraw.

His mother, Mrs. Yoshiye Tsuruda, formerly lived at Erwindale Avenue, Covina, California.

## Washington Office To Extend Activity

WASHINGTON—Closing of the Baltimore, Md., relocation office on April 15 and arrangements for continuing to serve resettlers in that district through the field relocation office in Washington, D. C., have been announced by Leo T. Simmons, acting relocation supervisor for the Middle Atlantic area.

The services of the full staff of the Washington district office, including Emery Fast, relocation officer in charge, Charles T. Moon, and Ken Nishimoto, will be made available to evacuees already residing or planning to resettle in Baltimore and vicinity, Mr. Simmons said.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Bruce H. McDonald, minister of the Westminster Presbyterian church and an active supporter of the resettlement program, his study at 515 West Fayette street, Baltimore, will be used as a meeting place for resettlers and WRA representatives every Wednesday afternoon.

seemed impossible to get League members to reciprocate by attending the University group's meetings.

There is less of a "moral issue" than an "economic" one—fear of the farmer of Japanese ancestry underselling the "American" farmer—behind the activities of the Remember Pearl Harbor League, George Sainsbury, one of those who took notes at the League meeting, said.

Harriet Lipp declared that "emotion" is the Pearl Harbor League's greatest weapon in reaching those undecided on the racial question, and they have transferred "hate from the Japanese to the Japanese American," and will transfer "hate from one group to another."

Sainsbury said "one man I talked to (at the Remember Pearl Harbor League meeting) stated they would not stop with the Japanese when they had control of the situation, they would go on to other races."

"That's the type of thing Hitler uses," one girl spoke up. One co-ed asked: "People in these organizations always bring up intermarriage—what's that got to do with it?"



## Salinas Judge Backs Rights Of Nisei Group

Right of Evacuees To Return Stressed By Judge Jorgenson

SALINAS, Calif.—A forthright plea for racial tolerance was sounded by Judge Henry G. Jorgenson in Superior Court on April 11 as he admitted 34 Monterey county residents to citizenship.

Speaking on recent efforts to foment sentiment against Japanese Americans, Judge Jorgenson said:

"The moment we seek to take away from men or women their rights because of their parentage we are not good Americans.

"What are you going to say, what am I going to say to the Japanese American soldiers who have fought so magnificently in Italy? Are we going to say their brothers and sisters have no right to return to California. Are we going to kick them out?"

"I am just as anxious to have Japan whipped as anyone here. Japanese educated in Japan are not really men. The only way to handle these Japs is to exterminate them. But we must remember that a boy raised in Japan is different from a Japanese boy raised in California who has had an opportunity to attend our schools and learn our way of life.

"They have a right to return now. I hope, however, they are too smart to return until after the war is over. But we have to treat them and give them all the rights the law decrees. If we don't and their homes are destroyed by mobs and riots, you and I will pay for the damage as taxpayers. We must adopt the Christian doctrine and the doctrine laid down by the declaration of Independence. We must respect the things taught by Jesus Christ. If we live up to this philosophy there would be no more hate and no more wars."

All but one of the 34 who were admitted to citizenship in the ceremony in Judge Jorgenson's court were natives of European nations. The other was of Mexican nationality.

## Suit Filed to Quiet Title to Property Owned By Nisei

MARTINEZ, Calif. — Suit to quiet title of an American soldier to Japanese ancestry to property he has owned legally since 1940, which came into the control of aliens of Japanese ancestry in violation of the California Alien Land Law eleven years ago, was on file this week in Contra Costa Superior Court.

District Attorney Francis W. Collins filed the action on behalf of the State of California against Masao Nakata.

It was reported that Collins said he understood Masao Nakata will be compensated by the government for the property, which escheated to the State under provisions of the Alien Property Initiative Act of 1920. He added that the quiet title action is being presented with the consent of the defendant, now serving in the U. S. Army.

## Bohwer Schedules Special Rail Car For Evacuees

BOHWER, Calif. — The third special car to go to California carrying returning evacuees to the state will leave here on April 27. The fourth car will be prepared to leave April 23, it was announced.

## Nisei Awarded Field Fellowship

CHICAGO—Dave Okada, graduate student at the University of Chicago, has been awarded the Marshall Field Fellowship by the department of sociology of the university, according to a recent announcement. The fellowship is the highest honor and the largest award awarded any student in the department.

Okada's college studies were interrupted several years before the war but were resumed when he returned to Oberlin in 1942. He graduated "summa cum laude" from Oberlin in 1944 and has been doing graduate work since that time in Chicago. He is a former resident of Sacramento, Calif.

## No Soldiers Sent Abroad Have More Distinguished Record Than Nisei, Says N. Y. Times

NEW YORK—"No soldiers we have sent abroad have a more distinguished record than these Nisei," the New York Times declared in an editorial, "Action in Italy," on April 11. "On the record none surpasses them in loyalty, devotion or courage," the Times said.

The leading New York newspaper declared that General Mark W. Clark was using "battle-tested Nisei, as Americans of Japanese ancestry call themselves" in the forefront of the Fifth Army's new drive up the Ligurian coast.

"Brought into action from rest billets in France, they have wrested from the Germans a series of towering peaks," the Times added.

The editorial on the Japanese Americans continued:

"More than 17,600 have been inducted into the Army. The men of the famous 100th Battalion are typical. They were originally Hawaiian volunteers but heavy losses brought replacements from many sections. Distinguished Service Medals are commonplace. Private Jesse Hirato won his by seizing a shovel when his rifle jammed, charging an enemy nest and capturing its occupants armed with a machine-pistol, rifle and grenades.

"Most of the Nisei want to

fight in the Pacific. They believe that, raised in the institutions of democracy, they are better soldiers than Japanese of their own generation, trained to savagery and hate. But they do not differ in appearance from our Pacific enemy and would invite attempts at enemy infiltration. Some are used as interpreters and specialists but they have seen combat service chiefly in Italy and France. Thus far they have won every fight they have been in. But their hardest fight is still ahead and may outlast the war. It is the fight against prejudice roused by color of skin and slant of eye. It is easy to admire them while they are still in uniform. It would be kinder to remember and reward them when the battle is over."

## California Legion Executives Uphold Action of Official In Censuring Hollywood Post

Action of World War II Veterans in Accepting Nisei for Membership and Condemning Stand Of Hood River Post Precipitated Controversy

FRESNO, Calif.—The action of P. A. Horton, 24th District Commander, taking over Hollywood World War II Post No. 591 of the American Legion in a controversy growing out of the Legion Post's denunciation of the Hood River, Ore., Legion post for erasing the names of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from an honor roll was sustained April 15 by the executive board of the Legion's California Department.

The action of officers of Post No. 591 in opposing Horton's threat to discipline the World War II veterans was censured by the State Legion leadership.

The controversy had been precipitated by the action of the Hollywood post in passing a resolution condemning the Hood River Legionnaires. (A similar resolution was later passed in Washington by the National Defense committee of the American Legion, while resolutions condemning Hood River's action were passed by individual posts in many parts of the country.)

Board members, after amending a report of the fact-finding committee, heard Horton defend his actions and struck from the report a provision that he be censured.

Although the controversy arose at the time the Hollywood post accepted Harley M. Oka, an honorably discharged veteran, the executive board stressed the fact it did not challenge the authority of the board to accept the Japanese American. However, following the post's denunciation of the Hood River group, Horton assertedly took over a meeting of the post, asserting it had functioned improperly.

Before the executive board on April 15, former District Commander John D. Home of Los Angeles defended Horton and asserted that any department commander should have the right to take over any post if it is going astray.

A stormy debate followed the report of the California Legion department's fact-finding committee on the action of the Hollywood World War II post.

The report was based on a five-hour session in Hollywood between the committee, Horton and William F. Schneider, commander of the embattled post.

Subsequently, Horton reportedly appeared before the Hollywood post, took over the meeting, and declared "your tactics smell to high heaven of Communist activities."

The fact-finding committee, in

addition to its emphasis on the fact that it did not challenge the post's right to admit a Japanese American to membership, also stressed that no evidence was shown any member of the post had Communist affiliations.

The report, however, rapped the post's action in making its dispute over the Japanese American question public, and took Horton to task for his printed comment.

Post officials were criticized because a sworn copy of the post's minutes was furnished Fleetwood Lawton, a radio commentator.

Before the report of the fact-finding committee was accepted by the executive board, portions of it which censured Horton were struck out.

The censure of Horton, however, was upheld by Richard R. Chamberlain of Oakland, an Alameda county district attorney and a member of the fact-finding committee.

In an appearance before the American Legion's California executive board on April 1, H. J. McClatchy of Sacramento, executive secretary of the Joint Immigration Committee, cited demands for proof that "Japanese farmers" have renounced their homeland ties before receiving Federal farm benefits as "a step in the right direction."

Wide application of such a policy, McClatchy said, would help clear up the "dual citizenship" situation. McClatchy outlined the association between the legion and the Joint Immigration Committee, declaring that the group's efforts have been to prevent the immigration of "unassimilable aliens." (The American Legion is one of the four groups comprising the Joint Immigration Committee. Others are the Native Sons of the Golden West, the State Grange and the American Federation of Labor.)

McClatchy said the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 was a product of the Joint Immigration Committee's work.

He said the return of "this alien group, citizen and non-citizen alike," had been forced by the War Relocation Authority.

McClatchy said that no legislation has yet been enacted "which would even seek to cure the dual citizenship evil." He admitted that the Japanese American Citizens League had sponsored a campaign against dual citizenship.

He termed the Fresno County AAA's stand withholding benefit payments until applicants make affidavits of exclusive citizenship "the first definite step taken to

## California Legislative Group Urges Relocation Centers Be Kept Open for War's Duration

### California Hospital Bars Return of Nisei Doctor

LOS ANGELES—The application of Dr. Masako Kusayanagi to return to her pre-evacuation post as a physician at Los Angeles General hospital was denied April 12 by County Charities Superintendent Art Will.

County Counsel J. H. O'Connor ruled that Dr. Kusayanagi is on leave for the duration plus six months. Her leave, O'Connor explained, could be ended at any time by mutual consent.

## Sacramento 'Y' Plans Housing For Evacuees

Dormitory Set Aside For Use of Nisei Returning to Area

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Reginald T. West, general secretary of the YMCA in Sacramento, revealed this week that one of the recreation rooms in the YMCA building at Fifth and J. Streets has been set aside as a dormitory for Japanese Americans who have no other place to stay while on a stopover in Sacramento.

Arrangements for this service were made with West by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and the American Council on Race Relations.

"The housing problem in Sacramento is very serious," West said, "and we have agreed to extend to the Japanese Americans or any other group of men the privilege of using our sleeping accommodation in the YMCA building."

In reference to this service, the committee and council stated the people of the Pacific coast, with few exceptions, are aiding the orderly return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

## Report Relocation On Increase at Heart Mountain

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo. — Relocation summaries at the Heart Mountain relocation project increased 63 per cent in March over January, it was reported.

Joe Carroll, relocation coordinator, announced 416 families, representing 1,045 members had counseling interviews during the past month.

In the past week 107 center residents left Heart Mountain.

## A. Stagg, Noted Grid Coach, Asks Fair Play for Nisei Group

STOCKTON, Calif. — Alonzo Stagg, grand old man of football, recently led a meeting of 200 persons in Stockton who adopted a resolution asking for the insurance of fair play for persons of Japanese ancestry, according to the People's World, San Francisco daily.

Stagg introduced the resolution which declared:

"We, citizens of this community, holding a common belief in democracy and the ideals of fair

clearly set forth the policy that to be an American you had to be exclusively that, not hyphenated."

"A more liberal application of that policy throughout the country" was urged by the speaker.

McClatchy said that in most areas returning evacuees are being permitted quietly to take up where they left off before being evacuated.

"It is a pleasure to report to this committee that throughout this department the conduct of posts, and members of those posts, has been exemplary. We have done nothing which would take from any citizen those rights to which his citizenship entitles him," he concluded.

### Tenney Committee Denies Farm Group Opposes Evacuees

SACRAMENTO — The Tenney "Little Dies" Committee of the California Legislature recommended in a report submitted by State Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles that the war relocation centers for evacuees of Japanese ancestry be kept in operation until the end of the war, with those evacuees so desiring permitted to remain.

The Tenney Committee also recommended that all Americans of Japanese descent who have demonstrated their loyalty to the United States "should be extended every opportunity of developing their Americanism and taking their respective places in communities of their choosing with all the rights guaranteed to all American citizens."

The committee reported that "there is little or no factual basis" for charges that West Coast opposition to the return of persons of Japanese ancestry emanates from selfish agricultural interests.

In a further comment on persons of Japanese ancestry, the Tenney Committee said that riots by persons at the Tule Lake segregation center were "carefully staged" with the "aspects of well-planned dramatic production" in an effort to have the Army move in, "thus placing the United States government in the anomalous position of making prisoners of war out of its own citizens" and providing the Japanese government with propaganda material.

Much of the report, which ran more than 100,000 words, was concerned with charges of "Communist" activity in California.

## Nisei Girl Joins Los Angeles Church Federation Staff

LOS ANGELES — When Kazue Tsuchiyama of Poston joined the Los Angeles Church Federation staff last week in Los Angeles, she was welcomed by a staff that included Americans of Indian, Mexican and Negro parentage.

Besides Anglo-Saxon Americans, staff members include Miss Ataloea, Chiasaw Indian; Miss Leah Hicks Manning of the Shoshone and Piute Indian tribes; Miss Ignacia Torres, Mexican-American; Mrs. Therese Jenkins, Negro American; and Miss Cecelia Suzuki and Miss Tsuchiyama, Japanese Americans.

"The Church Federation stands by its Christian convictions, regardless of race," said Dr. E. C. Farnham, executive secretary. "Our 40 employees of various racial groups get along famously together."

play and desiring to create unity, wish to insure the returning Japanese Americans of their rightful privileges as citizens. We feel that all groups should be accepted as equal partners in our national life as a matter of simple justice."

Significant statements in agreement with these principles were made by Elvin Balotti, representative of the San Joaquin county CIO and by F. O. Hellwig, commander of the Carl Ross post of the American Legion. The large number of persons, the spirit of the occasion, and the vigorous participation of leading citizens and organizations in this important part of the state may well work a significant landmark in working out the peaceful resettlement of Japanese Americans on the Pacific Coast, the World said.

At the meeting plans were made for temporary hospitality hostels, and a survey of job and housing possibilities in Stockton.

The meeting was chaired by Doctor Paul Trueblood, English professor at the College of the Pacific. The American Council on Race Relations and the Japanese American Citizens League were also represented.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Occupation: Race-Baiting

With millions of dollars involved in the present West Coast conflict over the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the West coast, it is not surprising that professional promoters have entered the picture.

The OPOPL (Oregon Property Owner's Protective League, Inc.) was doing nicely in its own little way in its own little town of Gresham, Ore., when Promoter Arthur J. Ritchie came down from Seattle to lend a helping hand. He opened up new vistas to Gresham farmers and townspeople in the OPOPL.

Pungent, pithy Time magazine last week revealed the type of man behind the OPOPL's present splurge into the news picture. Said Time:

"Like a farmer surveying a sugar maple for the right place to cut for sap, Seattle's paunchy, cigar-smoking Promoter Arthur J. Ritchie watches the public with a veiled and contemplative eye. This week Art Ritchie was watching a big one, and the sap bucket was filling up fast. Art Ritchie's newest idea: why not band the nation's Japanese haters together and put the whole business on a paying basis?"

"Last year Promoter Ritchie drew a nice full bucket with a book entitled The Pacific Northwest Goes to War; he charged businessmen \$50 apiece for a picture, then sold copies for \$5. Last winter he set out to raise \$100,000 for a statue to Negro soldiers of World War II. That time he had to back off from the tree with an empty pail—Seattle's Negroes complained that the project was not their idea and wanted nothing of it.

"When Gresham (Ore.) citizens started an 'Oregon Property Owners' Protective League, Inc.,' Ritchie and a friend named A. E. McCroskey dropped in to help. The name was soon changed to Japanese Exclusion League. Said Organizer Ritchie, 'Oregon Property Owners' Protective League, Inc. is a hell of a long name to sign on a receipt.' The League charged \$10 initiation fees, \$1 a month dues. Soon it had hundreds of paying members."

Time magazine's story on Ritchie concluded: "West Coast hotheads have been hating the Japanese free ever since Pearl Harbor. To the confirmed haters, the news that henceforth there will be a slight fee just seemed to make it official."

The account was titled: "Paying Proposition."

### Nisei Canucks

Prime Minister King's admission to the House of Commons in Ottawa last week that Canadians of Japanese ancestry are being recruited for specific roles in the war effort of the British Commonwealth is the first indication that Canada's reservoir of Japanese Canadian talent is being utilized in the prosecution of the war in the Pacific.

Opposition of British Columbia politicians has prevented the use of Japanese Canadian manpower in the war which is now grinding to a close in Europe. The war in the Pacific has yet to be won and Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry have indicated their eagerness to serve Canada on the field of battle. Although British Columbia interests have been successful in keeping the Nisei Canucks out of uniform (except for a handful have were in the Canadian Army before Pearl Harbor and who have distinguished themselves in action), the request from Great Britain for qualified Japanese Canadians seems to have broken the log-jam of conflict

which has kept the Canadian Nisei out of this war. The interest of Western Canadian politicians in preventing the Japanese Canadians from serving in the Army has been one based on a desire to maintain that minority in its status quo of second-class citizenship.

The American offensive in the Pacific has been enhanced by the presence of trained specialists of Japanese ancestry, many thousands of whom are now in action. In the China-Burma-India theater GI reports have indicated that some of these Nisei specialists were "loaned" to the British Army and the record that the Japanese Americans have made in service with British arms may have conceivably influenced London's recent request for the services of Japanese Canadians, most of whom are still isolated from direct participation in the war effort through their enforced residence in the interior housing projects of the Canadian Rockies.

### Dave Beck of Labor

Dave Beck, the old line labor baron, has overstepped the bounds of legitimate trade union interest and activity in his present campaign to prevent the return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Northwest where his influence is strongest.

A report from Seattle to the Christian Century magazine tells of Beck's refusal to let commission merchants and members of his AFL International Teamsters Union handle the wares of businessmen of Japanese ancestry in his effort to freeze out Japanese Americans from Northwest industry. Newspaper reports also have told of the cooperation of certain Teamster Union officials in the State of Washington with the un-American activities of the Remember Pearl Harbor League and similar organizations.

The Teamsters Union in Los Angeles has adopted a policy of not admitting workers of Japanese ancestry into their union, thereby virtually freezing the Japanese Americans out of the wholesale produce industry. The AFL Teamsters under Dave Beck traditionally have relegated non-Caucasian workers into auxiliary locals and followed this practice in Los Angeles before the evacuation where nearly 1,000 Japanese Americans were members of a Teamsters auxiliary.

Dave Beck's latest action on the evacuee question is another black mark against the Teamsters, one of America's largest and most powerful trade union groups. It is significant that the attitude of the Teamsters on this question is at variance with most other American trade union groups, particularly the CIO and the many progressive unions affiliated with AFL.

### Crocodile Tears

Radio Tokyo, ever quick to seize upon the most minor flaws in the fabric of our democracy, is now making much of the fact that Ku Klux Klan tactics are being used against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast of the United States. Recent Tokyo broadcasts beamed to the peoples of Eastern Asia, which have been monitored in the United States, indicate that the Japanese propagandists are using recent outbreaks of violence against Japanese American evacuees in an effort to discredit the coming San Francisco conference and non-discrimination clauses of the Yalta agreement.

Persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States know, of course, that the attacks by night-riding hoodlums against the homes of Japanese Americans in California represent a force in our national life which is the antithesis of the democratic idea, and that these acts of violence have been condemned equally by public officials and responsible citizens of the commonwealth. West Coast officials are also cognizant of the deleterious effect which fresh outbreaks of discrimination may have on the San Francisco United Nations conference. In a recent editorial page cartoon, the San Francisco News tied in the burning of Nisei homes in California with the San Francisco conference itself, and it is clearly evident that America's moral leadership in international affairs is diminished by any discriminatory actions against its own minorities.

Radio Tokyo has exploited thoroughly every restriction placed upon Japanese Americans, but has not given recognition to positive achievements by Americans of Japanese ancestry in World War II. Its crocodile tears are wept for the benefit of the non-white masses of Eastern Asia.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## On Fascism in America

It is easy to call names. Just as every liberal has suffered his share of red-baiting at the hands of reactionary extremists, so the label "fascist" has been used so often in the heat of our national and intramural controversies that it has lost some of its meaning. But there are fascists in America, men whose ideology is every bit as opposed to the spirit of American democracy as that of Hitler, Goebbels, Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazirace theorist, or the deposed Tojo and his coterie of sabre-rattling imperialists in Tokyo.

Allied arms will, inevitably and soon, complete the final destruction of the military power of international fascism. But we do not need look farther than a small town in California, or Washington, or in the Deep South to see the spirit of fascism flourishing in American environs.

The weekly newsletter, In Fact, this week called national attention to the fact that the United States Army has warned the GI about the dangers of fascism in our own United States. In Fact published portions of text prepared by the War Department for use in orientation lectures to American soldiers. This material had been sent to In Fact by several officers, and one from overseas had been passed by censorship.

"Most of the people in America like to be good neighbors. But, at various times and places in our history, we have had sorry instances of mob sadism, lynchings, vigilantism, terror, and the suppression of civil liberties," the text of one of these War Department instruction sheets, as quoted by In Fact, declared. "We have had our hooded gangs, Black Legions, Silver Shirts, and racial and religious bigots. All of them, in the name of Americanism, have undemocratic methods and doctrines which experience has shown can be properly identified as 'fascist'."

Recent instances of terrorist activity against Americans of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast fall into the "fascist" category. The parallel has been drawn on innumerable occasions between the acts of the Nazis against the minorities of Germany and Central Europe and the racist activity on the West Coast against the Japanese Americans. Last week a young anti-Nazi German, who has escaped from Germany and had later fought as a member of the United States Army, compared the work of anti-evacuee groups in the Pacific Northwest to the early activities of the Nazis. "That is how it began," he recalled.

It may appear to be an exercise in alarm to see any danger to our nation in the scurrilous of the various minor, but loudly vocal, anti-evacuee groups on the West Coast, or to see even any possible permanent harm to the future of the Japanese American group. But we might as well get accustomed to the fact that these coastal hate bands, like the OPOPL of the fancy initials, will continue their activity whether we like it or not. Time Magazine this week (April 16) quoted Arthur J. Ritchie of Seattle, one of the promoters of the anti-Nisei movement as saying:

"Dues (to join the OPOPL) go into a fund to wage a continuous education campaign . . . We'll hire lobbyists, legal aid . . . get a constitutional amendment to take the Japs' citizenship away and move them out . . . We'll go national as soon as we're solid on the coast. Why, you are going to have ten million soldiers coming back from Japan all maimed and crippled and every one a missionary for this movement."

Mr. Ritchie and his fellow salesmen of hate are not crackpots. They are shrewd and cynical men who peddle a commodity, a nicely packaged bundle of fear, suspicion and disunity. Whether they know it or not, and whether they like it or not, they are the pitchmen for an American brand of fascist thinking. For the manufacturing of antagonism against the American or Japanese ancestry is a part of the planning for fascism in America. Hitler's race theorist, Alfred Rosenberg, said as much when he recommended

that fascist racism in America should start with the persecution of the Negro in the South and the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Here are two quotations from Hitler's expert on race. (We have used these quotations before but believe they are especially pertinent today):

"The Yellow Peril in California has made the racial problem a burning question . . . North America today is still a part of the white master caste and as such has the duty of self-preservation to protect its western coast against yellow encroachment . . . It is a vital necessity for America to remove the Yellow Peril from the young West which promises to be a future center of culture for the Nordic race—a necessity stronger than all paper 'rights'."

"The nigger problem (Niggerfrage) is the most important of all problems in the U.S.A. Once the ridiculous principle is dropped, the necessary measures with regard to Jews and Japanese will follow as a matter of course . . . This is where the American Congress should come in and force a systematic resettlement of the Negroes in Africa."

—Alfred Rosenberg, from his book "The Myth of the Twentieth Century," pp. 669-670 and 668-669.

In the plans of the Nazis for world fascism, the race-baiting of Japanese Americans is placed alongside anti-Negroism and anti-Semitism. All three forces are active in America today, and on the West Coast the campaign against the Japanese Americans is open and blatant. The anti-Nisei forces have hired professional promoters and are using the bandwagon technique.

The War Department, in its material for use in Army orientation lectures, declares:

"Any fascist attempt to gain power in America would not use the exact Hitler pattern. It would work under the guise of 'super-patriotism' and 'super-Americanism.' Fascist leaders are neither stupid nor naive. They know they must hand out a line that 'sells'."

And the War Department statement on American fascism provides a yardstick by which native fascists may be measured and recognized:

"Fascists in America may differ slightly from fascists in other countries, but there are a number of attitudes and practices that they have in common . . . Every person who has one of them is not necessarily a fascist. But he is in a mental state that lends itself to the acceptance of fascist aims."

"1. Pitting of religious, racial and economic groups against one another in order to break down national unity . . . With slight variations, to suit local conditions, fascists everywhere have used this Hitler method. In many countries, anti-Semitism (hatred of Jews) is a dominant device of fascism. In the United States, native fascists have often been anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, anti-Negro, anti-Labor, anti-foreign born . . ."

"Interwoven with the 'master race' theory of fascism is a well-planned 'hate campaign' against minority races, religions, and other groups. To suit their particular needs and aims, fascists will use any one or a combination of such groups as a convenient scapegoat."

"2. Fascism cannot tolerate such religious and ethical concepts as the 'brotherhood of man.' Fascists deny the need for international cooperation. These ideas contradict the fascist theory of the 'master race.' The brotherhood of man implies that all people—regardless of color, race, creed, or nationality—have rights . . ."

And the War Department text answers the question: "How can we prevent fascism from developing in the United States?"

"The only way to prevent fascism from getting a hold in America is by making our democracy work and by actively cooperating to preserve world peace and security."

Organized antagonism against Japanese Americans on the West Coast is only one of the racial problems which face our democracy. But it is part and parcel of the future of that democracy.



## Vagaries

### Nisei Hero . . .

The RKO spy thriller, "Betrayal from the East," makes the distinction that its young Japanese villain is not a Nisei but an English-language student from Japan. There is also a Nisei hero in the film who suffers torture at the hands of the Japanese spy ring. Recently the Chicago Sun carried a feature on the plight of a 37-year-old Japanese American from Hawaii, an honorably discharged war veteran, who was unable to find an apartment in Chicago for himself and his family. After 50 attempts to locate housing, the war veteran had given up, concluding that his Japanese ancestry was the deterrent, and appealed to the newspaper. Following the publication of the article in the Sun the ex-soldier was offered a four-room apartment. His wife and son, whom he has never seen, will join him in Chicago soon from Heart Mountain.

### T & T . . .

Louis Adamic, noted writer, editor and expert on South Slavic problems, is the editor of a new bimonthly, "T & T," published at Milford, New Jersey. An article by Mr. Adamic on "The Future of the Japanese Americans?" will appear in a forthcoming issue of "T & T." The present issue of the paper reprints two New York Times editorials on the Hood River Legion post . . . Mine Okubo's exhibit of drawings and paintings on relocation center life will open in Seattle on May 9.

### Housing . . .

A recent statement prepared by George Gleason, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Committee for Interracial Progress, estimates the need of 3000 family housing units for returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry. According to Mr. Gleason's statement, the present housing shortage requires 51,600 additional units . . . Philadelphia reports indicate that George L. Townsend is resigning as director of personnel of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to become head of a WRA office on the West Coast . . . WRA sources deny West Coast rumors that Manzanar will be closed in the next two months . . . A check has disclosed that 15 names of Japanese American soldiers which were erased by the Hood River American Legion post have now been put back. Incidentally, the name of one Nisei soldier was overlooked and was never taken off the roll . . .

### Bowron . . .

Arthur Caylor, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, commented recently: "Because he said an occasional kind word for American-born Japanese, Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles was pilloried plenty during the recent campaign of the South. Must be significant of something or other that he was elected at the primaries" . . . In one of his last columns before his untimely death, Ernie Pyle told of the discovery of an aged Okinawan who spoke English and who had a son, born in Hawaii, somewhere in the American Army . . . The Chicago Sun's "Inside Washington" column told on April 4th of a Nisei who was investigated by FBI agents in his shop in New York and was given clearance. A few months later this Nisei received a visit from an FBI agent, according to the Sun's correspondent, who began to dig into a corner of his room. When the Nisei protested that he had received FBI clearance, the agent explained he had come to remove microphones left in his shop.

### Home in Colorado

Editor, Pacific Citizen:  
In the Pacific Citizen of April 7 was an article on the awards of Silver Stars to soldiers of the 442nd Infantry. Among them was the name of Jimmie K. Motoyama. Although the article said he was from Arvada, Nevada, I would like to inform you that he is from Arvada, Colo.  
Yours truly,  
William H. Motoyama,  
Arvada, Colo.

## The West Coast Situation: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON LOS ANGELES

By FRED FERTIG

This is a preliminary report on the return of the Japanese to Los Angeles county and is not to be taken as a full review of the situation.

Previous to the evacuation, Los Angeles county was the center of the largest Japanese population in the country. Since the evacuation, it has been the fountainhead of anti-Japanese American propaganda. This is the homeground of Taro Suzuki, as well as headquarters for John Lechner and Co. How things go here may well set the pattern for Pacific Coast cities.

Not enough Japanese Americans have returned to allow any prediction of the returnees' future. Even the local newspapers, which have surely had definite ideas on the subject, are just a little uncertain as to the policy they should pursue. Editor Boddy of the Daily News remains rather anti-Japanese American, though in his paper's news items one can often detect a pro-Nisei slant. The Times during the past year has premitted some favorable stories, but a recent editorial states the belief that the evacuation proved a wise program after all. Even the Hearst papers have been strangely quiet. There has, however, been no uncertainty on the part of the three leading Negro newspapers. They have stood uncompromisingly for the right to return.

Mississippi has its Earl Finch, godfather to the Nisei GI. And California has Joe Moody, friend-in-general to the returnees. Mr. Moody is manager and part owner of the Moody Mattress Co., with three plants in Los Angeles. Four years before the war he took on a Japanese American employee. With Tom Kokubun's successful integration, three more were added, and they all stayed on till evacuation. Came the war, and Joe Moody gave of his time, money and his life knowledge of business, to help ease the transition of evacuation.

He sent several trucks down to Terminal Island to assist on moving day there. He became special counselor to the Japanese Christian Institute, helping members settle their property and financial problems, preventing a great deal of loss. He made a quick trip to Manzanar before it was open to see that the residents would get decent living accommodations. Moody trucks, the Moody station wagon, the family car made close to 75 trips to California assembly centers and to Manzanar. They were always loaded down with recreational supplies collected from Los Angeles churches and with friends of the evacuees. Joe himself was usually along, forgetting his own business for "this, my real business." One evening he would be at Union station to welcome a returnee. Another evening he would appear with a Filipino friend at a "Protest the Return" meeting, to protest the protest. Down at his office, a few days later, he would be interviewing prospective Nisei employees. He now has eleven.

Joe Moody has never bothered to count the cost, but it's a fair guess that he has put thousands of dollars worth of time and money into this, his investment in Americanism. But as with Earl Finch, his biggest investment is the heart he puts into it.

### Good Reception Given Resettlers

The reception given resettlers and soldiers on furlough by former acquaintances has been on the whole good. A few Nisei, including even some Nisei in uniform, have been received coldly by one-time neighbors, but this negative reception is not so much due to change of attitude but to fear of what others "might think." With these few exceptions, returnees otherwise enjoy numerous invitations to dinner or to socials. They go up and down the streets of Los Angeles or into theaters and restaurants with scarcely anyone giving them a second glance.

There has not been a single case of violence to this writer's knowledge. The activities of the Catholic Interracial Committee, the Los Angeles Church Federation, and the office of the American Civil Liberties Union have helped guarantee a friendly atmosphere. Dillon Myer's visits to civic officials have helped, and

Carey McWilliams here, in his home city, has been of course invaluable to the liberal forces opposing racist activities against the Nisei. There is also Raymond Booth of the War Relocation Authority, formerly executive-secretary of the American Friends Service Committee in Pasadena.

What is the reaction of the Chinese to the resettling of the Nisei in Los Angeles? Jackie Tom, high school student, on the day after the announcement of the right to return called it the "best thing that has happened since Pearl Harbor." Beverly Chow, advisor to a Chinese American girls' club, told club members last week why she doesn't wear an "I am a Chinese American" pin:

"If I wore one of those pins, I'd be doing just that much towards breaking down democracy. We don't want to be distinguished from other Americans, including Japanese Americans. This is something of what the war's about," she said.

One Chinese is hiring an Issei as his ranch foreman. A local Chinese restaurant is hiring an Issei and his son. A chop suey place sent in \$10 for the JACL Civil Rights fund.

Not all Chinese Americans and their parents are friendly to the returning evacuees. But, most of them are. When an Issei recently came back to Los Angeles, among the first to greet him was his former neighbor, Lieut. Hiram Kwan, U. S. Air Force. When a Japanese American returned to our neighborhood, an old Chinese lady living across the street said she hoped nothing would happen to them. "They're good," she said.

An Issei minister who spent a week looking over the possibilities of resettlement, left, commenting, "Why, nothing happened to me the whole time I was here." He sounded almost disappointed.

### Housing, Jobs Major Problems

The major problems of resettlement, here as elsewhere, are the problems of housing and jobs, with housing probably taking the lead. Some Nisei who returned first to prepare the way for their families are living with the present occupants of the house — until these renters can find a new home. Other Nisei are living elsewhere, waiting for their premises to be vacated. A few have found it necessary to serve eviction papers. Some single Japanese Americans have been invited to temporary or permanent residence with friendly non-Japanese. One girl, here for a short week's visit, had to stay in three different homes to satisfy requests of friends.

It is expected that some boys will form room and board clubs. The Evergreen Hostel has been opened for individuals and families planning on permanent relocation and for those on short-term passes. The Buddhists have opened two hostels for returnees, one at Nishi Hongwanji and the other at Senshein temple. Though conferences are being sponsored recommending housing projects for the evacuees, there is little sign that these units will be made available.

Some Los Angeles Negroes and Filipinos objected to the return of the Japanese on the basis that the returnees will furnish further competition to them in their already difficult search for housing and the better class jobs.

With but few exceptions, the returnees are seeking other than defense jobs, preferring jobs that will offer them some kind of post-war security. Some of the job requests listed in the WRA files are the following: chauffeur, employment with room and board, apartment manager, hotel manager, apart-

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Hood River Post Remains Adamant

With glowering looks and much finger-shaking and mumbling in beards, the Hood River post of the American Legion has restored the names of Nisei servicemen to its county honor roll. The land-hungry individuals who dominate the post have left little doubt that they are not recanting. They acted weeks after they had agreed to do so, only because the national organization had threatened to revoke the legion charter. As for the "Japs," well, they can still keep away from Hood River, so far as the Legion post is concerned.

Despite the post's show of truculence there is a pathetic, and amusing, note in its protestations. The incident, the post says in effect, was purely a local matter which unfortunately was given

publicity beyond all proportion and its importance badly exaggerated on a national scale.

Yes, poor little Hood River post, it's getting so that a bunch of fellows can't even practice a little economic Ku Kluxing on the side anymore without the nation's editorial writers jumping on them. Not only editorial writers, but plain John Q. Citizens as well waded into the affair, judging from the printed propaganda the post prepared to mail in reply.

Injustice no longer can hide behind public ignorance or apathy. The Hood River post made its first big mistake when it sought to exploit wartime hatreds and take economic advantage of what supposedly was an unpopular American minority. Greed for orchard lands owned by Japanese Americans was the undisguised motive behind removal of Nisei servicemen's names from the roll of honor.

The post made a second grievous error in believing such skulduggery would remain unnoticed and unprotected simply because the victims of their un-Americanism were descended of a currently enemy nation.

This incident has brought home the lesson that no section of the country can indulge in its regional selective hatreds and expect to remain unscathed.

The west coast hate bundists have either an extremely naive or extremely callous opinion of the American people.

They take the attitude into which the Deep South retreated—that the "Jap" problem is strictly a West Coast affair regarding which citizens of other regions are neither qualified to comment nor invited to interest themselves.

At the same time they flaunt their land greed nakedly and without shame, as if it were a divine right. They bring in hate promoters who for a price provide door prizes and entertainment and sugar-coated un-Americanism with ballyhoo that smacks of bank nite and an old-fashioned medicine show.

The entire spectacle is repulsive, even to persons who know nothing of and don't give a hoot about Japanese Americans. Regardless of who may be victimized, the whole show is disturbing to the American sense of fair play.

In this case, however, the Nisei have captured the public imagination. They are playing dramatic roles in the Pacific fighting. They have established heroic records in France, and now they are the "Mongoli" rampaging through the Italian hills again with swarthy native partisans.

Even on the home front the Nisei is good copy for metropolitan newspapers. They have served to dramatize America's race problem.

Some observers profess to see more racial intolerance now in the United States than ever before. This intolerance has manifested itself in anti-Negro outbreaks in Detroit and other crowded industrial cities, and in anti-Semitic demonstrations in Boston. It has taken flamboyant form against Japanese Americans in the agricultural valleys of the west.

These outbreaks have been the symptoms of an ailment in the body politic and our leaders have been quick to search for a cure. The fact that the Hood River post has been forced to back down—in letter if not in spirit—is a measure of success.

True, there have been other incidents — night riders, arsonists, shots in the dark fired from speeding cars. But these are the work of common hoodlums, the red-faced barroom patriots, they have been called.

It was different at Hood River. Respectable citizens had come out openly in favor of a discriminatory campaign with a land-grab as an ultimate objective. And the nation's censure has made it clear to them that Americans won't stand for that sort of nonsense.

## EDITORIAL DIGEST

### Support of the Nisei DAILY PALO ALTO TIMES

Denial of jobs to returning Nisei is declared an unwise policy by the Daily Palo Alto Times of April 6, which says there are three alternatives to such a policy: "Starvation of the Nisei (an indisputably inhumane measure), stealing by the jobless and penniless people, or the taxpayers' assumption of the burden of their support through state or county aid."

"Is any one of those three alternatives preferable to the granting of self-supporting opportunity to the returning citizens?" asks the Times.

### Note on Intolerance MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

"Sadly we report," says the Milwaukee Journal of April 15, "that at Sacramento, Calif., the Magellan post No. 604 of the American Legion, which was recently granted a charter, unanimously adopted a resolution opposing return to the West Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry."

"The reason we are particularly sad in recording this incident," adds the Journal, "is that the post consists of ex-servicemen of Filipino ancestry—persons who, themselves, should know something at first-hand about race prejudice."

### Final Chapter OGDEN STANDARD EXAMINER

"More evidence that the War Relocation Authority meant business when it said recently that the relocation centers established for persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from west coast states would be liquidated is to be noted in the announcement of sale of relocation center farm implements," notes the Standard Examiner of Ogden, Utah, of April 10.

ment business, clerical, "anything but domestic," commercial photography, gardening, electrical, nursery, beauty operator, auto mechanic.

Some of the jobs already being held by Nisei and Issei include garage management, auto mechanics, farming, restaurant work, jobs in a mattress factory, secretary, ranch foreman. One five and ten cent store is being opened in Bronzville, formerly 'Lil Tokyo. Other businesses being opened are a Coney Island chili parlor, hotels, a knitting mill.

The American Federation of Labor's Teamsters Union, incidentally, has made clear its opposition to the return of the Nisei to the produce market area.

A number of Nisei students are already enrolled in colleges hereabouts, with 12 at the Pasadena Junior college and about eight at UCLA.

One Nisei returnee worked out these principles of public relations for himself. 1—I shall seek to be accepted as an individual, on the basis of what I have to offer, rather than as a member of a racial group. 2—I shall, where challenged, stress the service of Japanese Americans and alien Japanese in war work and the armed services. 3—I shall as much as possible travel in mixed racial groups, on the streets, in social and religious and general public activities. 4—I shall not choose my friends on the basis of their national descent but as individuals whose company I enjoy or interest I share. This will prevent me from cliquing off with Japanese, or just with Caucasians, but help me to find my acquaintances among all groups.



## CALLING All Chapters!

By Hito Okada

### ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

The members in the Associated Division recently received a letter from our president, Saburo Kido, requesting them to bring their membership up-to-date, and also asking their financial assistance to meet the budget requirements for the year. The first returns have come with renewal fees and also including that extra remittance that will make the wheels of the JACL run smoothly. The first returns arrived while President Kido was in Denver, and his reply to my advance report on the first week's results showed how encouraging these manifestations of support can be to staff members at National Headquarters.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Our thanks go to the following: Associated Members for their contributions: George Tanaka \$1.50, Detroit; Mrs. Marjorie Kwok \$1.50, Los Angeles; Mrs. Hisayo Kiyomura \$1.00, H. A. Harada \$5.00, G. Wakabayashi \$1.00, Mrs. Yoshiko Koizumi \$8.00, George K. Shibata \$1.50, Mrs. Akira Miyamoto \$1.50, Watson W. Tanaka \$6.50, and Miss Misayo Hori \$1.50, Chicago; George Yamaguchi \$4.50 and Cpl. S. D. Fujita \$1.50, Fort Snelling; Motomi Yokomizo \$1.50 and H. Kariya \$5.00, Topaz; Aki Saito \$6.50, Dillon, Montana; Kenji Nogaki \$10.00, Dr. Teru Togasaki \$10.00, Noboru Noma \$2.00, and Miss Yuriko Amemiya \$6.50, New York City; Yasoroku Matsuno \$8.00, Dodson, Montana; S. John Nitta \$6.50, Lansdale, Pa.; Mrs. I. Ozamoto \$2.00, Denver; Robert Hiramatsu \$10.00, Hoehner, Colorado; Tsutomu Okahara \$1.20 and Jiro Omata \$10.00, Minneapolis, Minn.; Hasato Fujimoto \$5.00, Cleveland; Ken Y. Kono \$1.50, Poston; K. Yamami \$5.00, Salina, Utah; George T. Okada \$3.50, Madison, Wisconsin; Suekiyo Tanisawa \$1.50, Rivers, Arizona; Tetsuo Okada \$1.50, Ithaca, New York; A. D. Bonus \$1.00, Seattle; Arthur Fujiwara \$1.50, Ann Arbor; Tadao Hatakeyama \$10.00, Worthington, Minn.; Mrs. Robert Hirokawa \$1.00, Winnetka, Ill.; Shinji Sato \$1.50, Sacramento; Miss Kay Yokoyama \$1.50, Toledo; Geo. Iwasaki \$2.00, Reno; Jimmie Kanemoto \$11.50, Longmont, Colorado; Ken Sagami \$6.50, Mazomanie, Wisconsin; and Fred M. Hashimoto \$1.50, Winton, California.

We wish to acknowledge the following contributions, too: Mr. J. Earl Fowler \$10.00, New York City, and Mr. Marion T. Bird \$2.00, Logan, Utah.

### DON'T MISS IT

Salt Lake Chapter members will be in for a treat at their next chapter meeting to be held April 27 at the Tribune-Telegram Auditorium as National Headquarters has obtained a transcription of the radio broadcast of the "Wings for Tomorrow" program in which Sgt. Ben Kuroki's story is told as "The Boy From Nebraska." I missed the original broadcast, but after listening to it last night on my phonograph I urge everyone in this vicinity to hear it next Thursday.

This transcription in a set of three records is available to all Chapters for their meetings.

### JACL REPORTER

The April issue will be out next week. If you have not paid your 1945 membership dues you will not receive the April issue. Treasurers of the chapters are requested to send in their membership applications promptly, so that the renewals may be recorded at National Headquarters and the members will not be deprived of the April Reporter.

## Rademaker Declares Economic Interests Behind Evacuation

HONOLULU, T. H.—Dr. John Rademaker, assistant sociology professor at the University of Hawaii, told a large gathering at the university on March 2 that the removal of 113,000 people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 was largely based on selfish economic interests using race prejudice as its weapon. He declared that the evacuees owned \$200,000,000 in property and that certain anti-Japanese groups have already appropriated much of it.

## Letter-Box FROM OUR READERS

### James Young's Program for Nisei

Editor, Pacific Citizen:

In many cities welfare groups, educators and business men are stirring unfortunate animosity and unnecessary community friction. They may prolong a peaceful settlement of the explosive racial, religious and economic issues involved. They may hinder a mutual understanding in the future when thousands of American-born Japanese attempt a mass return to the Pacific Coast.

Until military security is assured I believe Japanese Americans and alien Japanese should remain away from the coast.

Among those holding contrary belief are certain Methodist and Episcopalian workers and educators who do not know the military exigencies. They are inviting unimaginable difficulties in urging immediate return to the coast until the war is won.

The sob-sisters and apple polishers who urge the Japanese to move back to their West Coast farms and truck gardens, to their fishing fleets and their stores fail to take cognizance of recent and other possible race clashes with Italians, Filipinos, Negroes and Mexicans, of possible underground vigilante action and likely fights in re-possession of the property, which the Japanese rented to others when the evacuation began in 1942.

If riots and bloodshed ever should develop, Radio Tokyo, or orders from Sadao Iguchi, foreign office spokesman who knows the power of Japanese broadcasts, could make a single announcement which might result in retaliation to American military and civilian prisoners of war.

Perhaps some have forgotten the poisonous propaganda put out by the Japanese consuls in San Francisco and Los Angeles a few years ago over land right fights in Arizona; how the Japanese nation was fed newspaper and radio reports on the "anti-Japanese feeling" in this country.

Some social service workers claim that the Japanese released from WRA centers have been tested for their loyalty.

The fact is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not pass upon the loyalty of those released. It is not within the jurisdiction to do so.

Religious leaders and college deans, unfamiliar with currently dangerous military conditions are building prematurely the fires of hate and community unrest. How can they take chances on being hood-winked by Japanese youths (Ronin and Soshi) who may be a special front for unidentified forces inside relocation centers? Are they better informed than the Navy, Coast Guard and Army commands?

If and when Japanese resume their West Coast trek, on a large scale, I would insist that: (1) Shinto and Buddhist priests be prohibited; (2) no Japanese schools operate; (3) Kendo and judo, be banned; (4) "social" club branches of the Black Dragon society be curtailed, and (5) no Japanese newspapers, magazines or motion pictures operate.

I repeat—until military security is assured for the West Coast and the Rocky Mountain area, all Japanese Americans should remain out of Oregon, Washington and California.

Respectfully,  
James R. Young  
New York City

Editor's Note — Mr. Young, former Hearst correspondent in Tokyo, has been on a lecture tour in which he has spoken against the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast. His letter, published above, summarizes his case against the return of the evacuees. Mr. Young is a nationally syndicated commentator on Pacific affairs and the author of "Behind the Rising Sun."

### Brigham Farm Home Destroyed by Fire

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah — A four-room house occupied by the Siyama family near here burned to the ground on the night of April 8 with loss estimated at five or six thousand dollars.

## Economic Rivalry Said Cause Of Recent Nebraska Incident

### Buffalo County Situation Settled By WRA Officials

CHICAGO — Petty jealousy and economic rivalry on the part of a few local citizens in the Shelton, Nebraska area were apparently the causes leading to the circulation of a petition signed by 91 persons to discourage the migration of Japanese Americans into Platte River Valley, Miss Prudence Ross, Acting Relocation Supervisor of the North Central Area with headquarters in Chicago announced this week.

"A few disgruntled persons appear to have attempted to inflame their neighbors with fears of an extensive Japanese colonization scheme in the rich Valley," Miss Ross stated, "and a number of the persons who signed the petition have since said they regretted it."

The self-styled leaders who circulated the petition erroneously informed the local people that six Japanese American families were already living on the Lippincott farm and 12 additional families would arrive soon. Actually the total Japanese American population on the Lippincott farm consisted only of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Omachi and their six children (formerly of Topaz and Loomis, Cal.); Mr. and Mrs. Hi Korematsu and her father (formerly of Topaz and Oakland, Cal.); and a young man, Norman Tanabe (formerly of Topaz and Marysville, Cal.). Mrs. Korematsu's father was the only Issei living on the farm. An Issei family and two Nisei working on a farm about 15 miles from the Lippincott farm were not mentioned in the petition nor did it occur to any of the local people apparently to ask them to move. Other Japanese Americans have farmed in the Valley for years, participated in farm organizations and are accepted members of their communities.

The financing company which employed Hi Korematsu, Cornell University graduate in farm management, to manage the Lippincott farm refused to accept the petition when approached by a committee of six men. These men then went directly to Hi Korematsu and cited four reasons for wanting him and his workers to leave. The committee offered to pay transportation expenses.

The Assistant Area Supervisor and the Omaha District Relocation Officer of the War Relocation Authority immediately began an investigation and brought the petition to the attention of the U. S. District Attorney in Omaha. The District Attorney, Joseph T. Votava, wrote letters to the six per-

sons on the committee referring them to Sections 51 and 52, Title 18 of the United States Code which impose a fine of \$1,000 and \$5,000, or a prison term, on any person or persons who infringe on the constitutional rights of others whether they be citizens or aliens.

WRA arranged a meeting in Shelton, Nebraska, April 6, attended by some 200 persons, a majority of whom spoke in favor of the Japanese Americans, including Harvey Lippincott, now a retired farmer, who had originally employed the three farm workers. Mr. Lippincott in his speech reminded the local people that he had a son fighting overseas to eliminate racial persecutions and such intolerance as they had shown in circulating the petition.

The Peter Omachi family who now are the leading Japanese American farm workers will remain on the Lippincott farm, as five of their six children are in school and have made many friends. One of the Omachi twin daughters recently won the District high school oratorical contest. Mr. and Mrs. Hi Korematsu have already moved to Kearney, Nebraska, a town 20 miles away, where they have accepted employment.

That many of the persons signed the petition hastily without any personal antagonism toward the Japanese Americans is borne out by the fact that one of the petition-signers and reportedly an instigator of the movement has employed Norman Tanabe, a worker on the Lippincott farm. Mr. Tanabe could have remained on the Lippincott farm, but he preferred this new job.

"Perhaps it is indirectly good that the underground whispers of a few disgruntled persons were brought out into the open with this petition. This gave WRA an opportunity to hold a public meeting and tell the story of relocation to local farmers who had been misinformed on our program by a few persons apparently seeking personal revenge against some of their own white townspeople," Miss Prudence Ross commented.

### Nisei Couple Announce Troth

DETROIT, Mich. — Miss Fumi Tondo, formerly of San Francisco, announced her engagement to Pvt. Yoshio Kasai at an informal gathering in her apartment on March 25. Pvt. Kasai, who is presently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, resided in Oakland prior to the evacuation and was employed in Cleveland, Ohio,

## Los Angeles Area Evacuees Invited To 'Open House' Fete

LOS ANGELES — An "open house" will be held on April 23 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the International Institute, 485 S. Boyle Ave., for all evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the Los Angeles area.

The Institute, under the leadership of Miss Esther Bartlett, has extended to returning evacuees the facilities of the Institute for social and other purposes that may arise in coming months.

A steering committee, including Reiko Ito, Hisaye Matsumoto, Michiko Kodama, Shinobu Suzuki, Sachiko Amano, Kiyo Iwanaga and Elva Shinozaki, met with Miss Bartlett and Miss Elna Swanson of the Institute to formulate plans for the initial affair.

### Politics and Racism CHRISTIAN CENTURY

Canada's British Columbia Security Commission's policy on persons of Japanese ancestry was termed "as rancid a combination of cheap politics and brutal racism as has ever come to light" by the Christian Century in an editorial on April 11.

"Now the Security Commission—which corresponds to our War Relocation Authority—announces that it is sending out the Royal Mounties to give these Japanese Canadians their choice between returning to Japan or settling in those parts of Canada east of the Rockies," says the Century.

"What is the Security Commission trying to accomplish by a hard-boiling policy of this sort? Two things. In the first place, it means to clear the nisei off the west coast and thus to give Canadian racists such a triumph as their opposite numbers on our own Pacific coast have moved heaven and earth to win, but have never succeeded in gaining. But in the second place, it means to try to block the prospects of the fast-growing Canadian Commonwealth Federation for a big vote in the approaching dominion election. Alone among Canada's parties, the C.C.F. has had the courage and the sense of justice to demand a square deal for the nisei."

The Century concludes: "It's a pretty dirty game any way you look at it. But we still hope that its very dirtiness will cause a revulsion among the sort of Canadians who have a sense of fair play, and that the final outcome may be far different from that intended by those who framed the Security Commission's regulations."

prior to his induction.

Miss Tondo is employed by the McKesson and Robbins Wholesale Drug Co. of Detroit.

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# Decentralization of Relocation Authority's Activities on Coast Announced by Dillon Myer

HUNT, Idaho — A streamlined decentralization of the War Relocation Authority, under which the Los Angeles office and its Southern California branches will operate as an autonomous unit directly responsible to Washington headquarters, becomes effective immediately, according to a word received here from Los Angeles.

The announcement was made by Dillon S. Myer, director of WRA, which, under the U. S. Department of the Interior, is responsible for relocating American citizens and aliens of Japanese extraction on the Army's "clear list" who still remain in eight relocation centers.

Headed by Area Relocation Supervisor Paul G. Robertson, the Southern California organization has been operating under jurisdiction of the WRA western field office at San Francisco since last December, when the War Department, announcing the action was "prompted by military consideration," revoked the mass exclusion orders first applied against all persons of Japanese ancestry on March 24, 1942.

The WRA Southern California area consists of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, Imperial and San Diego counties and Maricopa county in Arizona.

Myer announced that the Seattle office henceforth will function directly under Washington the same as the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

Myer said the total number of evacuees who have already left the relocation center now has climbed to 40,000. These have either returned to normal civilian life or, in the case of the younger men, are now serving in the United States armed Services.

The War Department has informed WRA that approximately 17,000 Japanese Americans from the mainland and Hawaii have

been inducted into the army since November 1, 1940.

During the three months in which the Army's new order has been effective, Myer announced, 1196 persons have severed permanently their connections with WRA relocation centers and have returned to homes, jobs, businesses and schools in California. He estimated that 580 of the permanent relocatees are in the counties comprising the Southern California area.

"There are still 55,000 who are free to live wherever they wish, about 20,000 are children under 18. The continued schooling of most of that group, under the normal educational conditions enjoyed by all other loyal young Americans, is a matter of great importance to our nation."

Best estimate of the number of evacuees who will return from relocation centers to the southern countries, Myer disclosed, is 12,000 persons.

To aid in carrying out final stages of the relocation program four new WRA district offices are being opened in the following cities:

Santa Barbara, to serve Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties; Santa Ana, to serve San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside counties; El Centro, to serve Imperial Valley, and San Diego, for San Diego county.

The Los Angeles District office, serving Los Angeles county only, is in the same building as area headquarters at 1031 South Broadway, under District Relocation Officer G. Raymond Booth.

## Hawaiian Nisei Wins Commission

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Takao Hedani, a staff sergeant in the 442nd Combat Team, was recently commissioned second lieutenant, according to information received by friends here.

Lieut. Hedani, whose home is in Honolulu, volunteered for service in March, 1942.

## "Despicable Master Racism"

MIAMI NEWS  
Experiences of Japanese Americans do not make a "pretty picture," says the Miami News of March 27, which adds that we will have "a hollow victory if we defeat Hitler and Hirohito in the flesh only to find ourselves thoroughly conquered in the mind by their despicable master-racism."

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## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kuwabara, 2545 Champa, Denver, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Shibata, 2727 Curtis, Denver, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Aoki, 1926 Curtis, Denver, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Iyama, 4605-A, Tule Lake, a girl on March 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Ishimoto, 3907-B, Tule Lake, a boy on March 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenshiro Terakoku, 1106-A, Tule Lake, a girl on March 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Ito, 7214-C, Tule Lake, a boy on March 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Komao Motonaga, 2807-A, Tule Lake, a boy on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Yamashita, 2806-A, Tule Lake, a boy on March 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hararu Yamasaki, 8007-BC, Tule Lake, a boy on March 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gungi Tonai, 8204-D, Tule Lake, a boy on March 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kitogi G. Ninomiya, 28-11-A, Poston, twin girls on April 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hichizo, 229-4-D, Poston, a boy on April 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Toshio Honda, 2-13-A, Poston, a girl on April 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Sotowa, 45-3-C, Poston, a boy on April 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louie Iriye, 17-18-E, Ht. Mountain, a girl on April 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Hirahara, 14-16-F, Ht. Mountain, a boy on April 11.

To Rev. and Mrs. Takuyu Shirakawa, 6F-3D, Granada, a boy on March 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emory Namura, 7F-6F, Granada, a boy on March 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kadomoto, 11-9-A, Rohwer, a boy on April 9.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Tsugi Onizuka, 65, of 29-5-G, Topaz, on April 9.

Mrs. Mitsuno Hashimoto, 52, of 36-3-D, Topaz, on April 10.

Takeshi Murakami, 69, of 12-5-D, Rohwer, on April 9.

Eikichi Tamita, 60, of 6H-6E, Granada, on March 30.

Satoru Bando, 55, of 22-12-A, Ht. Mountain, on April 7.

Tokuji Yoshikawa, 69, of 28-22-E, Heart Mountain, on April 12.

Hideo Nakamura, 54, of 42-5-C, Poston, on April 1.

Tatsuo Sasaki, 2 months, of 4502-D, Tule Lake, on March 30.

Miyu Katagiri in Denver.

Nenokichi Nakamura in Denver.

Mrs. Matsu Kataoka, 68, of 37-8-E, Topaz, on March 31.

Infant Kono, 3-1-B, Topaz, on March 29.

### MARRIAGES

Alice Gungo to Mitsuo Nakai on April 6 at Gila River.

Aiko Mabuchi to Mitsuru Toba no March 31 in Chicago.

Katsuichi Morioka to Chiyomi Soga on March 24 at Tule Lake.

Masako Tsuda to Tomio Ezaki on March 25 at Tule Lake.

Matsuko Arima to Masaji Mito on March 24 at Tule Lake.

May Baba to Haruo Tsubahara on March 31 in Salt Lake City.

Sanaye Marotomi to Shogo Muraoka on April 11 at Rohwer.

Lillian Kazue Kawai to George Ichiro Mizumori on March 31.

## Evacuee Student Graduates College Course in 30 Months

YANKTON, S. D. — A student of Japanese ancestry from Los Angeles, by way of the Gila River relocation center, will complete his collegiate studies this summer and will graduate from Yankton College in 30 months, the shortest time in the history of the institution.

The student is Haruo Ishimaru who also has made a brilliant record in forensics activity at Yankton and last year represented the South Dakota institution in mid-western finals of a forensics tournament in Chicago.

He is one of two Gila River students at Yankton. The other, Ki-yoko Araki, was also honored in the recent Honors Convocation for her straight A record which was cited as the best in her freshman class.

Haruo Ishimaru is chairman of

the college's forensics squad which won the South Dakota Forensics Tournament this year. In addition, the Nisei speaker won first place in the recent State Peace oratory contest and was adjudged the winner of the Pi Kappa Delta provincial tournament with an oration on the problem of the Nisei.

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## Ann Nisei's Column

### Suggestions for a Makeup Corner

This spring while you're making minor repair jobs around the house, try fixing up a little make-up corner. It needn't consist of much more than a tiny shelf with a mirror, but it will certainly come in handy when you're in a hurry.

You'll also find it handy for your guests, for how many houses have a separate powder room?

This make-up corner will fit in most anywhere. It would certainly be handy in the bathroom, or you might like it somewhere in the downstairs hall. Many of the older two-story houses provide no spot at all for a bit of private touching-up, and a cosmetic shelf and mirror on the lower floor will save lots of dashing up and down stairs.

Your shelf can be just a semi-circle of wood. You might even be able to convert an old-table top for this purpose. Give the top a couple of coats of enamel and attach sturdily to the wall at table-height.

Set a round mirror set at the correct height just above the shelf. Add a stool, and your make-up corner is complete.

Of course you'll want to add a bit of feminine frippery at this point. Try adding a ruffle to the shelf, and put another around the mirror. You might want to pad the top of the stool, too, and cover it to match.

Sometimes a downstairs closet can be converted easily into a powder room, provided it's sufficiently deep. Give the closet a coat of pastel paint or use that new ready-gummed wallpaper which is so easy to handle.

Add pin-up lamps, your mirror and your shelf, and you've a delightful little room where your guests can repair their make-up. Leave a rod across one end with a few coat-hangers, too, and your room will be really complete.

If you're doing any decorating this year like making drapes or bedspreads or slipcovers, save all your scrap material and incorporate it into your decorating.

Short lengths of cloth can do wonders in covering lamp shades, in making seat covers, and in covering picture frames or serving as matting for pictures.

Floral prints are fine for covering wastebaskets, even, and of course they're unexcelled for making extra pillows and re-covering chair seats.

Very tiny florals, plain fabrics and gingham are good for framing pictures. This is especially effective in a bedroom, where you want a dainty effect. And of course it's perfect for a child's bedroom.

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## Report Japanese Canadians Recruited for British War Jobs

Prime Minister  
Makes Statement in  
House of Commons

OTTAWA, Can.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King indicated in the House of Commons on April 9 that Canadians of Japanese ancestry have been recruited for war purposes at the request of Britain and other Commonwealth governments.

Prime Minister King's statement was the first public indication that Japanese Canadians were participating in the war effort outside of Canada.

His statement was made in answer to a question by Angus MacInnis, CCF member of the House from Vancouver East, who, wanted to know if Canada had been asked for the services of its citizens of Japanese ancestry as interpreters and for other war purposes.

Mr. MacInnis wanted numbers and disposition of the men if the request had been met.

The Prime Minister said the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth governments had re-

quested services of Canadians of Japanese origin for "purposes connected with the war."

He said the governments had been informed their requests would be fulfilled insofar as qualified individuals could be found.

(Canadians of Japanese ancestry at present are denied military service.)

### Merced Mayor Plans Civic Action on Race Relations

MERCED, Calif. — Following recent acts of violence against persons of Japanese ancestry in the Merced area, Mayor Wilbur McMurray told members of the Merced Ministerial Union and several local businessmen at a meeting April 7 that he will ask for information on the organization of San Francisco's civic efforts to prevent racial discrimination, and consult Merced county leaders regarding the desirability of appointing a civic committee here to work on similar problems.

Organization of the Merced County committee was proposed by Rev. Gordon Chapman of Berkeley, executive secretary of the Protestant Commission for Japanese services. Rev. Chapman indicated that all of Merced's Japanese American evacuees were planning to return to the area.

### Wounded Veterans Get Purple Hearts

PALO ALTO — Two wounded soldiers of Japanese ancestry, Pvt. Tito O'Kamoto of Glendale, Calif., and Staff Sgt. Masao Tamayai, 20, of Honolulu, were awarded the Purple Heart on April 9 at a medal ceremony at Dibble General hospital near San Mateo.

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## Buddhist Temple in California Offers Services to Evacuees

### California Nisei Saves Lives of Three Wounded

Sgt. Okumura Leaves  
Safe Position to Go  
To Aid of Comrades.

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE—A few days after the 442nd Japanese Americans made the timely relief of the Lost "Texas" Battalion, a California platoon sergeant in one of the advance rifle companies of the unit helped save the lives of three men.

During the Seventh Army push through the Vosges Mountains of Northeastern France, a combat patrol of fifteen men from the Japanese American organization went on a mission to clear German troops from buildings located on an open foothill with an excellent field of fire. As the group reached the open ground 25 yards from the nearest building, a well emplaced enemy machine gun opened fire on them with deadly accuracy. The initial burst severely wounded two of the leading riflemen and "pinned" the rest of the patrol down.

Staff Sergeant Masaharu Okumura, of Camarillo, California, seeing the two men fall to the ground injured, left his "covered" position and crawled to the aid of his comrades.

With German machine gun fire whizzing close overhead, the sergeant quickly dressed the first patient's wound and then proceeded to the aid of the second man. Since the second man lay exposed to enemy fire, the sergeant dragged him to a sheltered position. There, he rendered first aid.

Deciding that it was too dangerous to evacuate them at that time, he left the patients in their protected positions.

Later, he came across his patrol

Nishi Hongwanji  
Directors Hold  
Salt Lake Meeting

The facilities of the Nishi Hongwanji temple in Los Angeles will be offered to persons of Japanese ancestry relocating in the Los Angeles area soon, it was decided at a meeting of cabinet members and the board of directors of the Los Angeles church in Salt Lake City recently.

The three-day session which closed April 12 was presided over by Masuo Sakamoto, chairman of the board of directors of the Buddhist group.

The wartime meeting of directors in Salt Lake City was also attended by Bishop Jokai Kow and Shinnosuke Tamari from Heart Mountain, K. Kono of Amache, Mrs. Y. Fukushima of Topaz, U. Aratani of Rivers, S. Ishitani of Los Angeles, Noboru Ishitani and Carl Sato of Mesa, Ariz., and Leo Sugano of Ogden.

The resignation of the Rev. Julius A. Goldwater who has been the custodian of the Betsuin since the outbreak of the war was accepted by the board "with deep regret," it was stated.

leader who was seriously wounded in the head. The Japanese American sergeant ordered his men to a safer position and went on alone to administer first aid to his officer.

Sergeant Okumura's parents resided in Camarillo, California, before all persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated to government camps in the spring of 1942.

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## Fort Snelling Team Wins Red Cross Tilt

VIRGINIA, Minn.—Led by John Oshida and Wat Misaka, a special Japanese American basketball team from Fort Snelling defeated the East Range All-Stars 48-42 in an American Red Cross benefit game played Monday, April 16, at the Memorial Recreation building arena.

The arena was packed to capacity by an audience which turned out to see the game which brought together one of the finest aggregations of high school cage stars ever playing here as a unit.

Under a spot lighting the darkened arena, the members of the Fort Snelling team, many with college cage records, were introduced to the audience.

Misaka, formerly a member of the championship University of Utah team, chalked up 14 points on six field goals and two free throws. Oshida scored eight field goals for 16 points. Shigeru Fukuyama, playing guard, accounted for 12 points.

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