

Ickes Blasts Terror Raids on Coast Evacuees

Mother of Nisei Hero Receives High Award

Says Hoodlums Seek Economic Beachhead on Properties of Japanese American Group

WASHINGTON.—Twenty-four incidents of violence or open intimidation directed against persons of Japanese ancestry returning to California, including 15 shooting attacks, one attempted dynamiting, three arson cases and five threatening visits have taken place in the past four months, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced Monday.

The War Relocation Authority reported to the Secretary that its records from January through April showed no suspects brought to trial in any of the 15 incidents classified as shooting attempts, all of them occurring in rural areas of California.

"In the absence of vigorous local law enforcement, a pattern of planned terrorism by hoodlums has developed," Secretary Ickes said. "It is a matter of national concern because this lawless minority, whose actions are condemned by the decent citizens who make up an overwhelming majority of West Coast residents, seems determined to employ its Nazi storm trooper tactics against loyal Japanese Americans and law-abiding Japanese aliens in spite of the state laws and Constitutional safeguards designed to protect the lives and property of all of the people of this country."

"With V-E day achieved and the nation turning its full strength to the defeat of Japan, West Coast law enforcement officials must be on their guard to see that the terrorists, cloaking themselves in false patriotism, do not attempt new outrages against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry. Many of the evacuees' Nisei sons are fighting the Japanese enemy in the Philippines, at Okinawa and in other Pacific combat areas. They are far more in the American tradition than the race-baiters fighting a private war safely at home."

The fact that none of the evacuees has been hit or suffered physical injury in any of the incidents, the Secretary said, proves that "terror is the motive in these crimes."

He added that in some cases shots had been fired into the homes of farm families with American service star flag in the windows.

"The hoodlums grow more desperate in their lawlessness," he said, "as some of them see that they will not be able to establish an economic beachhead on the property of the evacuees they vainly hoped would sell out or run out. In the past four weeks about 900 individuals left war relocation centers to return to the West Coast while some 1800 relocated eastward. Persons of Japanese ancestry eligible to go back to the Pacific states who have homes, farms and other legitimate reasons to return, will continue to do so and must be protected."

"The shameful spectacle of these incidents of terrorism taking place at the back door of the San Francisco conference, now in session to develop means by which men of all races can live together in peace, must be ended once and for all. I believe that an aroused national opinion, rooted in the indignation of fair minded Americans throughout the country, will be a powerful aid to West Coast state and local officials charged with bringing the vigilante criminals to justice."

The only instance in which arrests were made and a trial held was in the case listed by WRA as a dynamiting attempt. On January 18, shots were fired at Sumio Doi and his family at Newcastle in Placer county, Calif., and one of their farm buildings was set on fire by men who also tried vainly to explode nine sticks of dynamite that had been placed in a nearby shed. Four suspects were arrested and three tried on charges of illegal use of explosives and arson. The three defendants were acquitted by a Placer county jury on April 25 after the defense counsel pleaded, "This is a white man's country." The fourth man is awaiting trial.

The WRA report covering the period since January 2 when the Army ended mass exclusion of the evacuees, to May 1, was limited to forms of violence and terrorism and did not include Oregon, Washington and California instances of economic boycotts and advertising campaigns conducted against Japanese Americans, or vandalism and theft of their property.

One of the terror incidents briefly described included several different crimes. At San Jose in Santa Clara county late on the night of March 6 shots were fired at the home of Joe Takeda by men who

also cut the telephone wires, poured gasoline under the house and nearby sheds and set fire to them. The Takeda family of 10 evacuees, aided by a heavy rain, put out the fire. The nightriders slowly cruised past the house, driving their car along the highway 75 feet away. They fired one shot on the first trip and two shots on the fourth trip past the house. One revolver slug went over the heads of two children on the porch and smashed into the bedroom wall.

At Cressy in Merced county, four shots were fired at an honorably discharged Nisei veteran, Bob Morimoto, his wife and two other family members on February 5. Two shots were fired at them on April 22. Twenty minutes earlier, four shots coming from a highpowered rifle of the same calibre as that used against the Morimotos, were fired into the home of Chiyeo Kishi at nearby Livingston while six evacuees were present.

Two soldier sons of the Kishis at Fort Snelling, Minn., wired to Secretary Ickes and WRA Director Dillon S. Myer asking protection of the lives and property of their family. They were informed that WRA already had sent an investigator to Merced county and had brought the shootings to the attention of Attorney General Robert Kenny of California who assigned a state justice department representative to the cases.

Seven shooting attempts have taken place in Merced county, three in Fresno county, and one each in Santa Clara, Kern, Madera, Tulare and Los Angeles counties.

After the April 22 shootings against the Morimotos and Kishis, the sixth and seventh in Merced county, 130 miles from San Francisco, Sheriff Lucius Cornell was editorially criticized for his statement to the press that, "It's kind of difficult to find a suspect."

The San Francisco Chronicle declared, "a sheriff would have to be unconscious not to know the back-room resorts where this element gathers," and added that if law enforcement is not forthcoming and state and Federal intervention proves necessary, "California will be known as the state that was unable to prevent outrages on the homes of American soldiers."

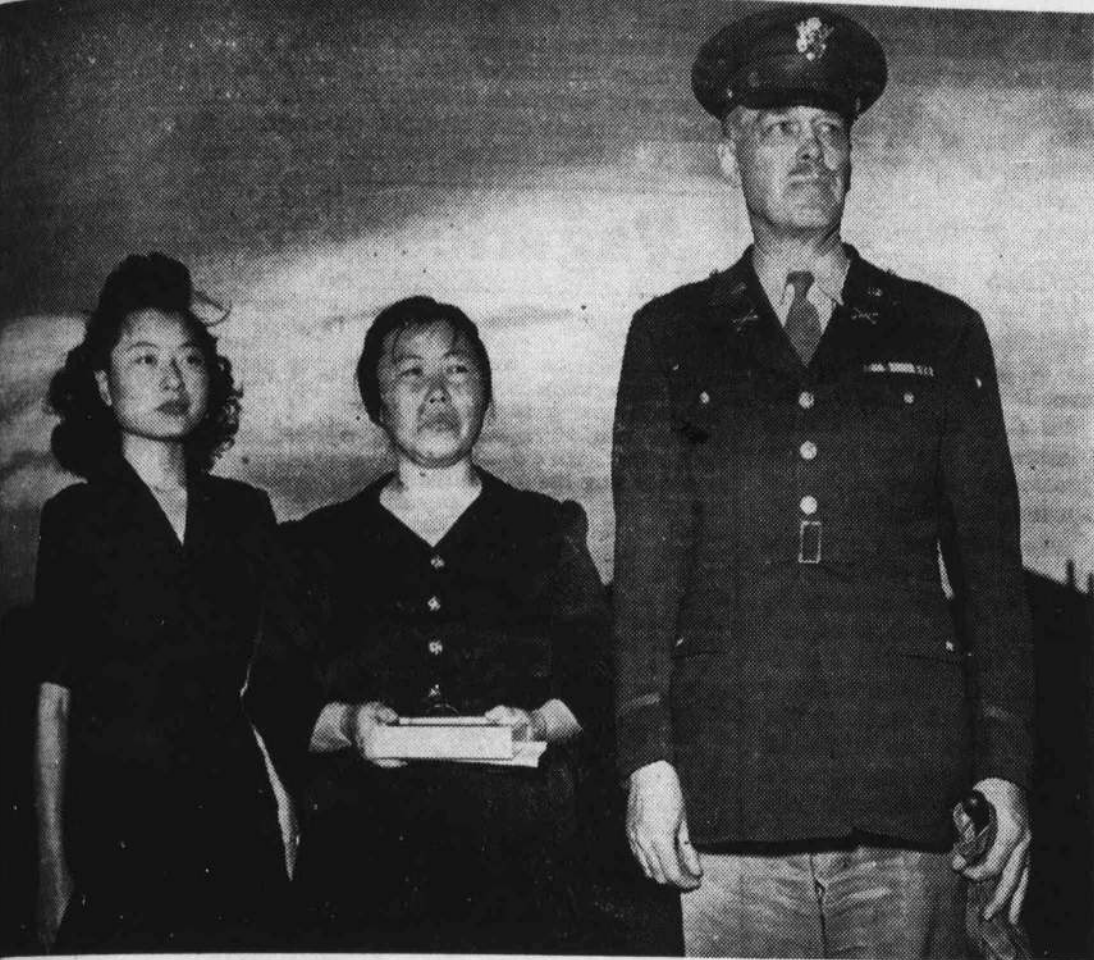
Among the Japanese Americans who were targets for a total of 54 shots from rifles, revolvers and shotguns, death came closest to Minoru Ohashi, an honorably discharged soldier. On March 26, while he and his family were being visited at their Madera home by his brother-in-law, Cpl. Y. A. Kawamoto, an American soldier in uniform and on furlough, five shots were fired into the house. One bullet crashed into the wall six inches from Ohashi's head.

One family, the WRA report shows, that of T. Andow at Cressy in Merced county was shot at three times, with attacks occurring on the nights of January 23 and 31 and on April 1.

The three arson cases reported occurred in Fresno, Kern and Placer counties.

Five threatening visits were listed, all in California, with two in Fresno county and one each in Tulare, San Joaquin and Orange counties. One of the examples cited was at Orosi in Tulare county, where on Jan. 22 a group of Orosi ranchers and business men appeared and threatened the evacuee owners of a fruit and vegetable ranch, giving them a set deadline to leave. The evacuees stuck it out and the deadline passed without harm to them, although other evacuees in the area were shot at within the next two weeks.

On the map, incidents of terrorism cited in the WRA report are spotted through 10 central and southern California counties including Placer, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Los Angeles and Orange.



AMACHE, Colo.—Presentation of a Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award, was posthumously made to Pfc. Kiyoshi Muranaga, formerly of Gardena, Calif., on April 21 in the high school auditorium at the Granada relocation center. His mother, Mrs. Kikuyo Muranaga, received the medal which was presented by Col. Polk Atkinson of Fort Collins, acting under the Seventh Service Command. Pfc. Muranaga was killed in action on June 26, 1944, near Sureveto, Italy, while serving with the crew of a mortar. (In the photo are Sally Muranaga, sister of the Nisei hero, Mrs. Muranaga and Col. Atkinson.) —Photo by Hikaru Iwasaki for WRA.

Jimmy Kajikawa Elected Captain Of Arizona Eleven

TEMPE, Ariz.—Jimmy Kajikawa has been elected captain of the Tempe, Ariz., Union high school football team for the 1945 season.

He succeeds Homer Wood, senior, who has been captain of the Buffaloes for the past two years. Jimmy is a brother of Bill Kajikawa, who starred in football at Phoenix Union high school and Arizona State College.

Bill Kajikawa was freshman football coach and head baseball coach at Arizona State in Tempe before he joined the Army. He is now with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the Seventh Army in Germany.

Tempe high has been staging spring football drills in preparation for the fall season.

WRA Acts to Protect Nisei Girl on Coast

WASHINGTON—The War Relocation Authority on May 14 took steps to end threats against an American girl of Japanese ancestry who has four brothers with honorable army service records.

The WRA announced it is prepared to turn over to law enforcement officials the names of five men who have threatened Mary Masuda of Talbert, Orange County, California, with bodily harm, unless she moves out of the county in which she resides with a Caucasian family named Trudeauaux.

The WRA reported that of Mary's four brothers, Kazuo was killed in action in Italy and has been decorated for bravery, Takashi was wounded while with the 442nd Infantry in the Vosges Mountains of France, Masao is en route home from overseas on furlough, and Mits has received a medical discharge.

The parents reside at the Gila River relocation center at Rivers, Ariz.

Sheriff Elliot Says No Overt Acts Reported in County

SANTA ANA, Calif.— Sheriff Jesse L. Elliot of Orange County said on May 14 he had received no complaint regarding threats purportedly made against Mary Masuda, and added:

"There has been no overt act reported or attempted in this county."

Legion Post Refuses to Rent Hall to Anti-Nisei Promoters

WEISER, Ida.—Efforts of the Japanese Exclusion League to gain a foothold in Idaho appeared stymied this week.

The league, whose national organizers, A. E. McCroskey and Art Ritchie of Seattle, are attempting to expand it into a nationwide organization, have been attempting to hold a meeting in Weiser to instigate a program of hatred against American and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

On May 12 it was announced that use of the American Legion hall for an organization meeting of the "Japanese Exclusion League" was denied by Leslie Smith, commander of the Russian post of the American Legion.

Smith said he refused "two representatives of the league"

the use of the hall and suggested they talk with the post adjutant, Charley Martin.

Martin told the representatives the hall was "not available."

"The Japanese Exclusion League," whose program is supported by the Oregon Property Owners Protective League (O.P.O.P.L.) of Gresham, Ore., has held meetings in Oregon and in the State of Washington advocating a constitutional amendment to strip Japanese Americans of their citizenship and deport them from this country.

A previous effort by a representative of the league to lease the Weiser baseball park and grounds for a meeting against the Japanese Americans also failed when they were told by the owner of the park that the grounds were "not available."

Federal Judge's Ruling Upsets Ogden City's Policy of Denying Business Licenses to Nisei

OGDEN, Utah.—Federal Judge Tillman D. Johnson on May 14 ruled that the city of Ogden cannot deny a business license to a Nisei because of Sugihara's Japanese ancestry.

Judge Johnson's decision was considered to have made invalid Ogden City Commission's policy of refusing to grant business licenses to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

In his decision the federal judge ordered that if an amended application is filed by Sugihara and Miss Hulse, operators of the Parrot cafe, the city commission must grant the license.

The city commissioners had announced their refusal to grant a license to a Japanese American based on "public safety." However, Judge Johnson remarked that the city didn't mean anything. The Sugihara case was the first of its kind to be brought to the Federal court. Previously a complaint had been filed by Kinomoto, who had been denied a license to operate a restaurant by the city of Ogden, but the case had been dropped.

Judge Johnson last year affirmed the right of a Japanese American to operate a business in the city of Layton when the Layton commissioners refused to grant a license.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Vacant Hotel in Concord

CONCORD, Calif.—Fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the Toyal hotel, owned by Masatoshi and Toshina Ide, on May 1. Condemnation proceedings were pending against the building.

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EDITORIALS:

Psychological War

Saburo Kido, national president of the JACL, spoke on a special OWI program beamed to the Far East on V-E Day. He told of the contributions of Americans of Japanese ancestry, as soldiers and as civilians, toward victory in Europe, and he stressed the faith that Japanese Americans held in the fundamental rightness of the democratic idea.

The talk by the JACL president is part of America's psychological offensive in the Pacific, and part of that war is to counter the race hatred propaganda of the Japanese fascists. The secret weapon of democracy in that war is truth and most of the broadcasts beamed to Japan and to occupied Asia consist of unvarnished news and facts. Recent news articles have emphasized the important role being played by Japanese Americans in that psychological war in the Pacific, and there are Nisei working in Washington, San Francisco and Honolulu to bring the true story of the war into homes on Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku. OWI transmitters operate today on Saipan in the Marianas and may soon be in operation from Okinawa and on the mainland of Asia. These transmitters, operating on medium wave, now make available to the millions of radio listeners in the Japanese empire the truth so long denied them by their militarist overlords and their bureaucratic stooges.

The Japanese fascists have made propaganda capital out of the wartime treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Tokyo's propagandists, however, have not been content to stick to the facts, but have embroidered each isolated instance of racist action in America into atrocities in the best manner of the late Herr Josef Goebbels. The assistance which West Coast hate mongers and night-riding terrorists have given the lie factories of Japanese militarism cannot be easily measured, but it has been a substantial one. Every un-American action is magnified a hundred-fold by the Nippon propagandists and utilized in an effort to convince the non-Aryan millions of Asia that this is a war of white imperialism. As far as Japanese propaganda is concerned, there is no such being as an American soldier of Japanese ancestry (the similarity between their stand and that of some California and Oregon hate bundists is amazing. The VFW in Lomita, Calif., recently claimed that the 442nd Combat Team was composed, not of Japanese Americans, but of Koreans.) And there must have been rejoicing in the Tokyo propaganda mills on the day the Hood River American Legion committed their atrocity against American servicemen.

The extent to which the Japanese warlords have gone to fool their own people is revealed in a recent letter from Tech. Sgt. Koji Ariyoshi, who volunteered for the Army while at Manzanar. Sgt. Ariyoshi, now with an American unit in China, declared in a letter published by the Manzanar Free Press:

"Riots in the centers and undesirable publicity are played up in the Japanese newspapers and magazines. I have read and heard about unbelievable atrocities that were committed against the Japanese captives and evacuees by American people and troops. Some of the Japanese soldiers believe that all the Japanese in the United States were killed, some crushed under rollers and some dropped from planes.

"The Japanese magazines state that our boys gathered all the Japanese injured on Guadalcanal and ran over them with tanks.

The Japanese people believe this and they fear that we will do the same when we land on Japan. Our people back home could contribute considerably in lessening their terrorized psychology."

Sgt. Ariyoshi believes that if Issei and Nisei leadership could speak out, "and show conclusively and convincingly that they are living normal, happy lives, such propaganda would inevitably lessen resistance for it would cut down fear of torture and bestial treatment."

"It will save the lives of our boys and needless and unnecessary sacrifices," the Nisei soldier declares.

Business Licenses

In a decision affirming the rights of all citizens, regardless of racial ancestry, Federal Judge Tillman D. Johnson this week ruled that the Ogden City Commission must grant a business license to George T. Sugihara, who was previously denied a license because of his Japanese ancestry.

The Sugihara case paralleled the Okuda case in Layton last year, which was also decided for the plaintiff by Judge Johnson.

Of major importance in both these decisions is the fact that the Japanese American plaintiffs insisted upon carrying through their respective cases. In each instance the object won was more than the right of Clarence Okuda or of George Sugihara to operate a business. In both instances the cases set a precedent by which the openly anti-Nisei policy of the respective commissions was declared to be invalid.

It has now been established in Ogden and Layton that Nisei do have the right to own and operate their own businesses, despite the un-American attitudes of city commissions. Federal Judge Johnson has proved that the rights of American citizens are not to be limited by racial discrimination.

The Daily Californian: Fascism, American Brand

"This is a white man's country," declared an attorney in Auburn, Calif., as he defended three men accused of terrorism against an American Japanese. And although two of the men had signed statements admitting their participation in gasoline-and-dynamite raids on the ranch of Sumio Doi and although the defense made no attempt to rebut testimony that the trio had tried to burn and blast the American Japanese property, the jury said, "Not guilty."

("Nordic supremacy" was a phase much favored by the Nazis.)

This same Auburn attorney cited Japanese atrocities as extenuating circumstances for acts of the two defendants.

(Do you remember how a house painter named Hitler ignored reason to blame the Jews for all the ills of his country?)

Someone armed with a rifle fired five shots into two American Japanese homes near Livingston, Calif., and a pair of Nisei soldiers sent a telegram to the Secretary of the Interior asking that their family be protected.

(Do you recall what the brown-shirts did in the ghettos of Europe?)

Not long ago an American Legion post in Hood River, Ore., erased from a World War II monument the names of the town's American Japanese veterans. Finally, under protest, the post agreed to restore the names.

(In the Third Reich they burned the books and the music written by persons with Jewish names.)

When another American Legion post in Hollywood admitted an American Japanese to membership, it was accused of "Communism" and "un-Americanism."

(The National Socialists made synonymous the words "Jewish," "Communist" and "unpatriotic.")

Last month near San Jose nine American Japanese awoke in the early morning to find their gasoline-drenched frame home on fire. When they ran outside to fight the blaze, they had to dodge bullets fired from a moving automobile.

(If you were a member of a racial minority and lived in Munich, Nuremberg or Berlin, you never knew what would happen to you, except that it would be highly unpleasant.)

Are you still so sure that it can't happen here?—An editorial by Patricia McGregor in the Daily Californian, Berkeley, of April 26.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Ickes Turns National Attention to Terrorism

Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior and outspoken champion of the oppressed, this week turned the spotlight of national attention on something which some Californians would have preferred to keep to themselves.

Ickes denounced "planned terrorism by hoodlums" against persons of Japanese descent in rural California, declaring that 15 shooting attacks had brought no suspects to trial.

In addition, Ickes reported one attempted dynamiting, three arson cases and five "threatening visits." He said arrests were made and a trial held only in the dynamiting attempt.

The result of that trial, as many Americans were shocked to learn, was a legalized whitewash of three confessed suspects in response to the defense attorney's plea to keep this "a white man's country."

The terrorism "is a matter of national concern," Ickes continued, "because this lawless minority whose actions are condemned by the decent citizens who make up an overwhelming majority of west coast residents, seems determined to employ its Nazi storm-trooper tactics against loyal Japanese Americans and law-abiding Japanese aliens in spite of the state laws and constitutional safeguards designed to protect the lives and property of the people of this country."

The merits of the case need no discussion. Every right-thinking American, including the vast majority of west coast residents, Ickes points out, are opposed to any program of night-riding terrorism and ku klux vandalism.

People are "against" terrorism just as they are "against" sin. Now, that opposition to terrorism must be translated into action, like the periodic vice crusades which are a big-city phenomenon where "sin" in the form of gambling and illegal liquor and traffic in women becomes too obnoxious for the public to stomach.

Secretary Ickes points out the planned terrorism developed "in the absence of vigorous local law enforcement." The 15 shooting attacks, and the other acts of terrorism—all without convictions and without even arrests except in one case—stand as proof of Ickes' contention.

One sheriff blandly explained he was at a loss as to where to begin to look for terrorists in his county. The San Francisco Chronicle made the retort proper by declaring the sheriff must be unconscious not to know of the back rooms where such elements hang out.

When the war department announced that Nisei and their parents would be permitted to return to the Pacific coast, California Gov. Earl Warren undertook to remind law-enforcing agencies of their duty toward the people who were coming back to their homes. It was a proper, timely, and in view of Governor Warren's position, a courageous act.

But it is now evident that the minions of the law either didn't take their governor seriously or weren't listening very closely when the instruction was issued.

The law-enforcing agencies of at least 10 central and southern California counties have demonstrated that they are unable, or unwilling, to maintain law and order and provide the sort of protection for life and property to which any resident is entitled.

What is needed now is a vigorous demand that terrorism be stamped out from the overwhelming majority of Californians who want to see law and order prevail. Their voice must be heard throughout the nation if they are to escape being associated with the lawless minority.

A few quick arrests and convictions are sufficient to stop the attacks, for the threat of certain punishment is sufficient to stop the boozed-up bravado of the cowards.

There must be a strong, unmistakable sentiment against the shameful business to stop it, and for all, before further damage is done.

The alternative is obvious. If terrorism continues, someone bound to be killed. Then there will be a nation-wide furor, as in the Hood River American Legion case, but this time the damage will not be repaired by returning names to an honor roll.

There is always the threat of federal action, perhaps even martial law if the state of California fails to keep order, but there will be only new bitterness and perhaps more violence and bloodshed if things ever were allowed to get that stage.

The time for Californians to speak up is now, and it already is late.

Vagaries

Firemen . . .

Fire: Firemen from the Tule Lake segregation center are credited with saving the nearby town of Tule lake which has been noisily hostile to the evacuees and segregationists during the past three years. Among the buildings reportedly saved by the firemen of Japanese ancestry were those which prominently displayed "No Japs Wanted" signs. A gasoline station said to have been saved by the prompt arrival of the firemen from the Tule Lake camp carries a sign which says that it will not serve persons of Japanese ancestry or employees of the WRA. . . . "Dust Storm," a drawing by Mine Okubo, is reproduced in the current issue of Time Magazine. Time reports that Miss Okubo's one-man show of relocation center art opened last week at Seattle's Art Museum.

The American Mercury will carry an article on the Nisei in a forthcoming issue. Several other national magazines are considering articles on Japanese Americans. . . . The Japanese American Committee for Democracy in New York City has sent a resolution to the United Nations conference in San Francisco calling on the conference to provide for the adherence of all participating governments to the principle of granting the same economic, social, cultural, legal and political rights and benefits to all persons, regardless of race, creed or color.

Noguchi . . .

One feature of the Spring season of the American dance by Martha Graham and her company at New York City's National theater are the stage settings for the three new productions, "Appalachian Spring," "Herodiade," and "John Brown," which are by Isamu Noguchi, the noted sculptor. . . . Yuriko Amemiya, Nisei dancer and member of Miss Graham's company, made her New York debut in the productions. Miss Amemiya, a native of San Jose, Calif., taught dancing to evacuee groups at the Tulare assembly center and later at the Gila River camp. . . . Several weeks before the New York City Teiko Ito and her company, which includes several other Nisei, gave a program of Asiatic dances at the New York Times theater.

Measles . . .

The announcement of V-E Day had no effect upon an invasion of German measles at the Rohwer relocation center. The Rohwer hospital announced 14 new cases last week. . . . With an average of 215 for ten games, Hirota Hirashima, a Honolulu postal clerk, recently won a \$500 war bond in a recent Hawaiian bowling tourney. . . . Jyun Muramoto, great Nisei outfielder for the Kaimuki team in Hawaii, was recently named on the all-star nine of the Honolulu League. The other two outfielders on the all-star nine are Walt Judnich of the St. Louis Browns and Mike McCormick of the Cincinnati Reds, both of whom play on service teams in Hawaii. Larry Kamishima, another Nisei star, hit the most home runs and stole the most bases during the Honolulu season.

Residents of the Coplen Park housing project near Spokane are attempting to block rumored plans to house railroad workers of Japanese ancestry at the project. Petitions of protest are being circulated. . . . California's Governor Warren recently signed legislation designed to remove all constitutional objections to a California law prohibiting issuance of fishing licenses to persons "ineligible to citizenship." . . . Lyn Crost, war correspondent of the Honolulu Star Bulletin in Europe, reported recently that the mere mention of the 442nd Combat Team was enough to bring "top praise" from "generals to doughboys" in the European area regarding the Japanese American soldiers.

Open Hostel For Evacuees In Boston

BOSTON, Mass.—The first hostel for Japanese American evacuees in Boston was opened on May 2 under the supervision of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Zoerlein under a plan initiated by the Unitarian Service Committee.

The hostel is located in Boston's famous Beacon Hill district. Mrs. Frank L. Nason, secretary of the Mayflower Descendants Association, which maintains headquarters near the hostel, announced "absolutely no objection," and adding, "although I don't think these people will be happy away from their original homes, I don't think they should be discriminated against because of their descent."

However, President Edward A. Taft of the Beacon Hill Association, who resides next door to the hostel, commented, "I can't look forward to it with any pleasure and I think the others agree with me."

Before the opening of the hostel a group of young Nisei and their friends from Boston colleges descended on the four-story brick and brownstone house and scrubbed and polished and swept to get the hostel ready in time for its first occupants.

The property at 6 Walnut street is owned by Labor's Educational Center. John McLaren, president of the labor group, offered the use of the house to the church group when he learned that the latter had been searching Boston for three months without being able to find premises.

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Evacuee Student Elected Captain Of School Team

COLUMBUS, O.—George Hinoki, who came to University high school in Columbus from the Granada relocation center in Colorado, has established himself as one of the school's most popular students, the Ohio State Journal reported recently.

George, who became 18 in February, reported for his pre-induction physical last week.

A native of Colusa, Calif., the 5 feet 3 inch Nisei youth has been on the school's football and basketball teams and was recently elected captain of University high's baseball squad. He plays shortstop for the school nine.

The University high student body gave him an additional honor recently by electing him vice president.

University Students Raise Funds for Nisei Scholarship

POSTON, Ariz. — Students at the James Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., have raised a \$100 scholarship for a Nisei girl, the Poston Chronicle reported on May 12.

The scholarship was a result of interest in the relocation program, according to William Kir-Stimon, acting relocation officer of the greater Illinois district.

Salt Lake Nisei Soldier Receives Bronze Star Medal

OGDEN, Utah—Pfc. Tadao Sako of Salt Lake City was presented with the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action in Italy in ceremonies at the Utah ASF depot on May 13.

The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Ralph Talbot Jr.

Nisei Girl Joins New Idaho Sorority

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Marichi Yamasaki of Idaho Falls is a charter member of the Iota Phi sorority, a newly-organized group on the College of Idaho campus at Caldwell, the Idaho Falls Post-Register reported last week.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Matsutaro Iwatsubo, 8-5-C, Topaz, a girl on May 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Shinji, 29-15-F, Heart Mountain, a girl on May 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kosaku Matsumoto, 29-20-F, Heart Mountain, a girl on May 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kakusaburo Kunitake, 8E-12CD, Granada, a girl on May 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Kato, 3-12-B, Gila River, a boy on May 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideto Lionel Okamura, 73-7-AA Gila River, a boy on May 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazoka, a girl, Patricia Ann Aya, on April 28, in Detroit.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Saburo Hara, 14-3-F, Rohwer, a boy, Yoichi Irwin, on May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuke Sase, 60-10-C, Poston, a girl on April 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kisaku Kiyohara, 226-10-D, Poston, a boy on May 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seigo Arikawa, 38-12-C, Poston, a boy on May 2.

DEATHS

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Minato, Sat Lake City, on May 15.

Mrs. Tsuneyo Takemoto, 68, of 4-6-D, Topaz, on May 6.

Mrs. Sakuye Kikuchi, 42, of 32-5-D, Poston, on May 4.

Mitsugu Kawaguchi, 34, 7-8-C, Rohwer, on May 6.

Eijiro Nakano, 74, 28-6-F, Rohwer.

Shunko Yasuda, 58, of 46-7-B, Poston, on May 2.

MARRIAGES

Fusako Tsumura to Tom Tamio Doami on May 5 at Topaz.

Elsie Morita to Francis G. Uye-matsu at Sierra Madre, Calif.

Yukiko Korekiyo to George Wataru Kido on May 6 at Hunt.

Chizuko Uedato to Mike Kamachi in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Marie Harada to Masayoshi Nakamura on May 7 at Hunt, Idaho.

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FIND BODY OF BOY DROWNED IN IDAHO CANAL

NAMPA, Idaho—Eugene Inouye, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Inouye of Nampa, Idaho, was drowned in the canal near his home on May 15.

The parents discovered the boy was missing at 4:30 p. m. When workers reported seeing the boy slip down the bank, neighbors were summoned for immediate help. Swimmers failed and the police arrived to drag the canal. The body was recovered two hours later by George Doi and Archie Taylor.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Dick, 11, and Ivan, 1. Funeral services were held May 17.

Nisei Soldier, Back From Philippines, Weds in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Sgt Minoru Namba of Sacramento, Calif., who returned recently on leave from the Philippines, and Patricia Hashimoto, 1580 E. Blackstone Pl., who came to Milwaukee from a relocation center, were married at the courthouse on April 30.

Tule Lake Evacuee Firemen Save Neighboring Town

NEWEL, Calif.—Fire fighters from the Tule Lake segregation center on May 3 helped volunteer fireman of Tulelake extinguish a fire which destroyed the Homestead cafe and threatened an adjacent hotel.

The center's fire department was called to the fire which was nine miles from the camp when the town's volunteer fire department could not cope with the blaze.

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Figure in Doi Case Will Face Morals Charge

Bartender Acquitted Of Arson, Dynamiting Of Nisei Property

AUBURN, Calif.—James Edward Watson, 38-year old bartender who was acquitted in a jury trial recently of the charges of arson and attempted dynamiting of property of Sumio Doi, a Japanese American, this week awaited a hearing in Superior court on six counts of contributing to the delinquency of minors, as an aftermath of the earlier case.

District Attorney C. E. Tindall filed papers in court charging Watson with aiding in the delinquency of Alvin Johnson, 19 year old soldier, the latter's wife, Mrs. Martha Johnson, and Miss Marie Trabakoolas through sales of liquor to them. All three were listed in testimony given at the terror raid trial as members of the group which visited the Doi ranch on two occasions.

Nisei Couple Given Reception

NAMPA, Ida. — Mr. and Mrs. Masa Nakamura, who were married in Hunt, Idaho, on April 7, were honored at a reception at the Nakamura home in Nampa on May 13.

Mrs. Nakamura is the former Miss Marie Harada.

Mr. Nakamura is secretary of the Boise alley JAACL.

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Closing Dates Set for Schools In War Relocation Projects

WASHINGTON—Closing dates for center schools have been set at all projects, National Director D. S. Myer, announced this week. Elementary and secondary schools at eight centers will end their final terms in the following order:

Minidoka (elementary), May 18; Rohwer, May 25; Heart Mountain, May 25; Central Utah, June 1; Minidoka (secondary), June 1; Manzanar, June 2; Granada, June 5; Colorado River, June 4 and 5; Gila River, June 8.

When family plans require a child to leave a center school before the official closing date, full credit will be given the pupil if his work has been above average.

Make-up classes will be provided for pupils who need fractional credits to complete their secondary school program or who need extra work to adapt their credits to another school's requirements. These classes will be limited in time and in enrollment. In no case will they provide a continuation of the regular school program.

Vocational training and adult post high school education will be reorganized into short courses. Only classes which contribute to relocation adjustment or accepted project needs will be retained.

School libraries will be closed. Community libraries will remain open if they are needed. In such cases, material from student libraries will be transferred to general libraries for the use of students unable to relocate during June or early July.

Japanese American Writes Book on Nippon Militarism

NEW YORK—A book by a Japanese American author, Jack M. Maki, on the economic, political and military ideologies of the Japanese and titled "Japanese Militarism: Its Cause and Cure," was published this week by Alfred Knopf.

The author, a native of Seattle and a graduate of the University of Washington, went to Japan in 1936 for a three-year study of that nation.

He is now doing special war work for the United States government.

Student Designer Wins War Bond

DES MOINES, Ia.—Alice Uchiyama, 22, Drake university art student, has won a \$50 war bond as second place winner in a national fashion design contest sponsored by Mademoiselle magazine, the Des Moines Register reported recently.

Miss Uchiyama is an exponent of modern and abstract art, in which she hopes to develop toward advertising art, the Register said.

Capital Nisei Plan Action to Aid Veterans

WASHINGTON—As Washington's participation in a proposed nation-wide campaign to aid returning Nisei service men, the Washington Nisei Council on May took the initial steps to form a veterans committee at a meeting here May 4.

The committee will form a consultation body to furnish data on job possibilities, social outlets, housing and educational and religious facilities. The committee will gather all information concerning benefits, compensations and instruction at present available only through many divergent agencies and correlate information especially pertinent to the Nisei.

The committee will also be prepared to combat any instances of racial discrimination, should they occur.

One of the first measures to be undertaken by the new group will be to raise a small sum for the recreation of Nisei soldiers now at Camp Snelling, it was announced. The campaign to raise funds will be conducted simultaneously in the various centers of Japanese American relocation in the East and Midwest.

Impetus for the new committee came from Earl Finch of Mississippi, who has been touring cities of the East and Midwest to urge the formation of local Nisei veteran committees. Headquarters for these committees have been established in Minneapolis.

YOUNG EVACUEE TAKES OWN LIFE IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK — Keisen Tim Nagai, 22-year-old Issei who formerly resided at National, Wash., and the Tule Lake and Minidoka Relocation Centers, was found dead of gas poisoning on May 11 in the furnished apartment he shared with two Nisei at 304 West 107th St. since coming to New York from Chicago early this year.

The death was certified as suicide by the police and verified as such by a local WRA official who talked with the police and with Nagai's roommates. One of the latter indicated that Nagai had been moody and unstable for several years and that he had changed jobs frequently in an effort to find work which suited him. The WRA official was also informed that Nagai had attempted suicide in Chicago last winter.

Nagai's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ikuo Nagai, live at 405-B, Tule Lake, where his three sisters, Mrs. Fumi Satomi and Annie and Lucy Nagai, also reside. His brother, Sergeant Ralph Nagai, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kans.

Local WRA officials have indicated their readiness to aid the family in making funeral arrangements and to be of assistance in any other way that may be necessary.

Nisei Couple Married in Sierra Madre

SIERRA MADRE, Calif.—Miss Elsie Morita of Pasadena, California, and Francis G. Uyematsu of Montebello, California, were united in marriage recently in a quiet church ceremony at the First Congregational church in Sierra Madre, Calif.

Until recent date, the bride attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. Mr. Uyematsu graduated from Montebello High school and attended the University of Chicago, the University of Nebraska and the Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, N. Y.

Vandals Break Into San Jose Buddhist Church

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Police authorities this week sought vandals who broke into the Japanese Buddhist church on May 11 and damaged the properties of 21 evacuee families which had been stored in the basement of the building.

Police expressed the belief that the intruders might be boys. The vandals forced open a basement door with a crowbar to enter the storeroom and then systematically pried open boxes, trunks and other containers.

Contents of the storage containers were removed and scattered about the floor, and some property, including personal effects and various assorted articles, was damaged.

A returned evacuee, who is now acting as custodian of the church building, reported the vandalism to the police. He said a check did not disclose whether anything had been stolen.

Fresno Methodist Church Hostel Welcomes Evacuees

FRESNO, Calif.—The Fresno Japanese Methodist church, 1200 Kern St., is now ready to provide emergency lodging for evacuees who return to make arrangements for family relocation or to seek employment, according to the Rev. Hideo Hashimoto.

The church will be open to all returning evacuees regardless of religious faith, it was pointed out. The project is being supported by the Congregational and Methodist churches.

Lodgers will be charged 25 cents per night to cover expenses, and must provide their own towels, sheets, pillows and other personal effects, it was stated. Meals will not be served and no kitchen facilities can be provided.

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