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WU Suspends Local for Anti-Nisei Action

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OKINAWA—Two American soldiers of Chinese and Japanese extres, attached to the 165th Regiment, 27th Division, talkings over after coming out of the front lines near Naha. They is Pfc. Jong Dong (left), New York City, and T/4 Jack S. mimoto, of Gridley, Calif.—Photo by Acme.

7 Japanese Americans Die, Wounded in Recent Combat ction on European Fronts

WASHINGTON-Casualty lists of the Office of War Intion released this week disclosed the death in battle of 17 se Americans, the wounding of sixteen more and the fion of three others. Two Japanese Americans were also d as missing in action.

All casualties were sustained on the Western front in Italy brought to 94 killed and 444 wounded the total casualties of Americans since the start of the spring offensive in

Families of these soldiers have been notified.

lled in European Theater

ARIZONA YETO, Pvt. Mitsuru-Mrs. Koto Yeto, mother, 51-7-C, Rivers.

NINOMIYA, Pvt. Takao T .- Mrs. Misayo Ninomiya, mother, 10-P Jerome. (Last War Dept. address.)

CALIFORNIA MAKASAKI, Sgt. Robert K .- Mrs. Waka M. Nakasaki, 15-

COLORADO NAKAGAKI, Pvt. Masaru-Mitsutaro Naka, father, 8F-1E, SHIGEZANE, Pvt. Masao-Mrs. Yasuko Shigezane, mother, H-ICD, Amache.

IDAHO NAKASHIMA, Pvt. Raito R. — Sam Nakashima, father, e 1, N., Pocatello, SHIOZAWA, Pvt. Roy R.—George Shiozawa, brother, Route TAMURA, Pfc. Masaru - Uichi Tamura, father, 21-10-E,

ILLINOIS HAYASHI, Pfc. Tadao—Miss Masa Hayashi, sister, 1238 40 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

MICHIGAN NAKAMURA, Pfc. John-Mrs. Elsie Nakamura, mother, 8 Cummings Ave., Flint.

UTAH MIYOKO, Pfc. Noboru—Mrs. Miyuki Miyoko, wife, Route 1, 125, Brigham. NAKAYAMA, T/Sgt. Minoru — Miss Hanae Nakayama, er, Topaz.

NAEMURA, Pvt. Roy I.—Joe S. Naemura, brother, U.S. Harra, Administration, Walla Walla.

HAITA. Cpl. Eiichi F.—Yoshito Okada, friend, Box 239, Inoc. TAKAH ACH. TAKAHASHI, Pfc. Mon-Tokutaro Fujita, uncle, E. 510 land Ave., Spokane.

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"Forthright Move" By Harry Bridges Hailed by Ickes

STOCKTON, Calif.—It was disclosed here that Harry Bridges, international head of the ILWU, has received a telegram from Secretary of Inter-ior Ickes, praising Bridges' "forthright move" in the case involving discrimination against Japanese Americans by mem-bers of the Stockton ILWU. The Ickes' telegram declar-

"Your action in the Stockton case is a forthright, effective move in the interests of democracy. I hope you will continue your splendid work."

Canada Nisei Inducted Into Armed Forces

Six Maple Leaf Nisei Soldiers Visit New York

NEW YORK — A reversal of Canada's policy of denying its citizens of Japanese ancestry the right to serve in its armed forces was indicated here last week when six Japanese Canadian service-men, in the uniform of the Ca-nadian Almy, visited New York City on furlough.

The six Nisei Canadians, all of whom were originally evacuated from British Columbia and were inducted at Toronto, Ont., were Pvts. Roger Obata, Dave Watanabe, Louis Suzuki, Sadao Nikkaido, Harry Miyazawa and Rusty Oki.

Arriving in New York on May 19 the six Canadian soldiers visited Radio City and the Stage Door Canteen. They attended the open house of the Japanese American Committee for Democracy and then visited American Common where members of the New York Buddhist church were giving

First Nisei Soldier Wins Discharge On Point System

POSTON, Ariz.—Believed to be the first Nisei soldier to return to civilian life from the Army through the point system of discharge, S/Sgt. Minoru Masukane, who has been in the South Pacific theater of war for the last 25 months, arrived in Poston recently to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Masukane, according to the Poston Chronicle.

S/Sgt. Masunane, who has seen action in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. is the wearer of three Asiatic Pacific theater campaign medals and three battle

He received his discharge on May 14 at the Fort Bliss separa-tion center in Texas.

NISEI SOLDIER LBERATED, NOW IN GERMAN CITY

OGDEN, Utah-Pfc. George Funai, 29, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, has been liberated, according to a letter received from him last week by his sister, Mrs. Lilly Uyeda of Ogden.

Pfc. Funai's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kametaro Funai, former resi-dents of Bothell. Wash., are now

residing in Ogden.

In his letter Pfc. Funai wrote there were about 900 allied liberated prisoners "living like kings" in a Munich apartment house, awaiting transportation back to their homes. He wrote that the G. I.s expected to be "flown out" of Germany soon.

Harry Bridges Supports Move To Stamp Out Discrimination Among Members in Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif.—In a disciplinary action resulting from refusal of some members of the Stockton unit of Local 6 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union to

work with Americans of Japanese ancestry, Richard Lynden of San Francisco, president of Local 6, on May 22 ordered the Stockton unit suspended.

In addition, Lynden warned members, who all belong to a warehousemen's local unit of the ILWU, that if they do not sign pledges of willingness to "abide by the union constitution" they will be individually suspended

will be individually suspended.

Approximately 420 of the unit's 700 members already have pledged they will work without discrimination because of race, color or creed, Lynden added.

International President Harry Bridges of the ILWU supported the action of Local 6.

SAN FRANCISCO-Harry Bridges on May 18 guaranteed American workers of Japanese ancestry who are members of the CIO's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) that they will receive "full protection" against any possible discrimination by fellow workers and promised official punishment to members violating the CIO union's policy of non-discrimination and fair play.

The statement by Bridges, international head of the ILWU, was made in connection with an incident at Stockton, Calif., where a local of the ILWU voted to refuse to work with Japanese Amer-

Bridges warned that refusal to work with Nisei "constitutes a violation of our policies and the union constitution."

Answering a statement, quoted by newspapers and attributed to "two unidentified warehousemen" in Stockton, that if the union insists on inclusion of returned Nisei in its ranks it would "only create trouble and friction," Harry Bridges declared:

"The union will not retreat in any way or relax for a moment in its determination to meet and deal with any individual within the union or local who seeks to project and support Hitler-like policies.

"Japanese Americans, particularly veterans of the armed forces, will be welcomed back and helped to find jobs by our union and they will receive full protection and support of the ILWU."

Bridges reiterated his state-ment on December 18, 1944, after the Army's announcement of the reopening of the West Coast to Japanese Americans when he declared "our union has never believed that the test of loyalty should be the color of a man's

Speaking of the Japanese Americans, Bridges said the Nisei today "enjoy the respect and support of the overwhelming major-ity of our union members and local and national officers."

Answering comments of a Stockton spokesman that the Nisei were anti-union, had been strike break-ers and did not belong to the ILWU before the war, Bridges said the "Nisei in its ranks have been true and loyal union members before and since Pearl Har-

"The position of the ILWU on the question of equality for all,

regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, is clear and unequivocal," Bridges said. "We cannot and will not compromise

on it for one moment.' Bridges added that the CIO union "will not rest with lip service" in its fight against all forms of racial discrmination, but will "fight until it is finally and forever destroyed." To compromise, he said, "would be to pick up the banner of fascism where Hitler dropped it."

Bridges said further that the international union would back "the forthright position" of Ware-housemen Local 6 in San Francisco in condemning prejudice against the Japanese Americans displayed recently by a group within the local's Stockton unit who threat-ened to strike if Japanese Ameri-

cans were employed. Richard Lynden, president of Local 6, said the local will continue "to welcome loyal Japanese Americans, in our great task of winning the war."

"The so-called 'Stockton incident'," Lynden explained, "has been swelled to enormous proportions by the press. It does not reflect the thinking of the majority of our members. Our Stockton division represents about 700 ton division represents about 700 workers while the entire local consists of 18,000 members."

Lynden added he is "convinced that outside influences with large property holdings in the Stockton area have succeeded in foisting their prejudices upon some of our members."

(The United Press reported May 17 that 300 members of the IL-WU's Local 6 at Stockton had announced their refusal to work with returning Japanese Americans. E. M. Balatti, union business agent, said that in order to prevent a work stoppage he had been forced to remove three Nisei from a warehouse to which they had been assigned last week.)

ILWU Officials Fight Racism With House-to-House Campaign

STOCKTON, Cal.—Spurred by Harry Bridges' statement supporting the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the ILWU, international officers of the Clo's International Longshoremen's and Worshousemen's Union of the Colors Warehousemen's Union are conducting a house-to-house campaign in Stockton among union mem-bers who have refused to work with Japanese-Americans to bring an end to their discriminatory at-

The officers of the ILWU arrived in Stockton Friday from San Francisco and presented pledge cards to such members, which stated:

"I, as a member of the ILWU, will not refuse to work with any person because of such person's race, color or creed.'

Accompanying the CIO representatives were officials of the state attorney general's office, the War Relocation Authority and the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

"The attitude of the officers and of the vast majority of the mem-bership," declared Morris Watson, the union's information director and editor of The Dispatcher, "is that we'll lick this thing or those fellows won't stay in the union."

Japanese American Soldiers Greeted as Liberators by Townspeople of Marble City

Citizens of Carrara Strew Flowers on Soldier's Paths

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY — Forward elements of the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team were given a rousing liberator's welcome when they entered Carrara, Italy, famous for its marble quarries and marble works, on the Fifth Army front in Italy, it was reported bere.

The incident occurred during the Allied offensive, which resulted in unconditional surrender of all German forces in Italy.

The 442nd had taken the high mountains overlooking the city the day before.

Happy Italians thronged the streets shouting "liberators" and strewing the soldiers' path with

flowers.

At the town square in front of the city, Lieutenant Colonel Alfred A. Pursall, Crystal City, Mo., commanding officer of a battalion of the 442nd, was greeted by a huge throng of cheering, applauding Carrarans. At the city hall of Carrara, an ex-American soldier who fought in World War I with the 72nd Coast Artillery Corps, acting as interpreter, welcomed Pursall and his men in behalf of a city official and a partisan leader.

"We have waited long for your

"We have waited long for your coming," was the message to the 442nd officer. "Your coming has in reality released us from the yoke of Nazi tyranny. We are without words to express our appreciation and gratitude."

Colonel Pursall, replying for his men, said:

"It is an honor to be the liberators of Carrara. We have marched far and fought hard since our recent arrival back again into Italy. I am proud of my men and grateful for the invaluable service of the hard-hitting partisans. I look for-

Three Nisei Freed From Prison Camps By U. S. Troops

Three Americans of Japanese ancestry were among German prisoners of war reported liber-ated this week by the Office of

ated this week by the Office of War Information.

The Nisei soldiers are 2nd Lidut. Jimmie Kanaya, brother of Mrs. Ruby Suzuki, 628 Wheaton Rd., Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Pvt. Sunao Nakagawa, brother of Tatsuo Nakagawa, 1511 Chun Hoon Lane, Honolulu; and Pvt. Hiroshi Hamada, brother of Mutsuo T. Hamada, 2133 Citron St., Honolulu.

Lt. Kanaya was reported missing in action in France in October, 1944, then reported a prisoner of war of Germany in February of this year.

Kent Ministers

KENT, Wash.-Ministers of nine

ward to revisiting this city in time of peace."

The following day the division commander and his aide personally drove into Carrara in their jeep to congratulate Colonel Pursall for his speed and finesse in liberating Carrara.

Pursall's home address is 270 Taylor Avenue, Crystal City, Mo. His wife, Mrs. Estelle E. Pursall, is living at 121 North Adams Street, Festus, Mo., at the present time.

Ask Harmony on Return of Nisei

Kent, Wash.—Ministers of nine Kent churches last week went on record in a resolution asking that "loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry be permitted to return to their homes in harmony with the action taken by the Western Defense Command."

OWI ANNOUNCES CASUALTIES

(Continued from page 1)

Killed in Action in Europe

WYOMING HAYAMI, Pvt. Stanley K.—Frank N. Hayami, father, Heart

MIYAMOTO, Sgt. James H.—Calvin H. Miyamoto, brother, 4215 Waialee Ave., Honolulu. Missing in Action

TAKEMOTO, S/Sgt. Michael Y.—Mrs. Barbara M. Takemoto, wife, 2-1-A, Hunt.

YOSHIOKA, S/Sgt. Isami—Mrs. Hatsuyo Yoshioka, mother,

Army Liberated Prisoners of War

HAMADA, Pvt. Hiroshi—Mutsuo T. Hamada, brother, 2133
Citron St., Honolulu.
NAKAGAWA, Pvt. Sunao—Tatsuo Nakagawa, brother, 1511
Chun Hoon Lane, Honolulu.
TEXAS

KANAYA, 2nd Lt. Jimmie—Mrs. Ruby Suzuki, sister, 628 Wheaton Rd., Fort Sam Houston.

Wounded in European Theater

ARIZONA GOTO, Pvt. Shigeru-Mrs. Chiyo Ishizuka, mother, 61-12-B, KIKUCHI, Pvt. Isao — Kanichiro Kikuchi, father, 32-5-D,

SAKAI, Pvt. Steven H .-- Mrs. Hiteno Sakai, mother, 39-11-D,

CALIFORNIA FUJIMURA, Pfc. Johnny T .- Frank M. Fujimura, brother, 5212-C, Newell.

COLORADO IKEGAKI, Pvt. Kanji-Kametaro Ikegaki, father, Box 384,

INO, Pvt. Jimmie-Mary H. Sato, sister, Route 2, Brighton. IDAHO NISHINO, Pfc. Richard K .- Kiyotaka Nishino, father, 37-11-

WYOMING

IMORI, Pfc. Akio-Mrs. Michi Imori, mother, 6-11-F, Heart HASHIMOTO, Pvf. Sam T.—Itsuki Hashimoto, father, 620

W. 24th St., Cheyenne. HAWAII

INOUYE, 2nd Lt. Daniel K.—Mrs. Kame Inouye, mother, 2332 Coyne St., Honolulu.

IZUTSU, Pfc. Tadani—Miss Thelma M. Izutsu, sister, Box 116, Makaweli, Kauai.

OSHIRO, Pvt. Seiko—Mrs. Kama Oshiro, mother, 1272 D
Hall St., Honolulu.
TACHIBANA, Pfc. Harry Y.—Fukuichi Tachibana, father,
Box 153, Naalehu, Hawaii.
TANAKA, Pfc. William T.—Ninosuke Tanaka, father, 1059
12th Ave., Honolulu.
YOSHIMOTO, Pvt. Tadao—Tarokichi Yoshimoto, father, 1942
Metcalf St., Honolulu.

YOSHINAGA, S/Sgt. Hisao-Mrs. Toki Yoshinaga, mother, Market St., Wailuku, Maui.

Quakers Visit Seattle Home, Paint Out Marks of Vandals

SEATTLE - Seven members of | and Mrs. the American Friends Service Committee went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Nagaishi,

and Mrs. Nagaishi were seated quietly in their home looking over the crop of letters, both warning and friendly, which they have been receiving since their arrived on May 14

Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Nagaishi, 1610 Walker St., on May 16 and painted out the "No Japs Wanted" and other crudely painted signs which greeted the Nagaishis when they returned to the home last week from a war relocation center.

The group of Quakers, led by Floyd Schmoe, secretary of the committee, also cut the grass, grown long and neglected during the family's absence.

"It's just a practical demonstration of friendship," Schmoe said as he painted. "We've been doing this sort of thing since the first of the year."

"It helps, too," Schmoe said. "Pretty soon other people wander by. Some stop to talk and help. That's what we are aiming for."

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and rriendly, which they have been receiving since their arrived on May 14.

But with the arrival of the Friends, the faces of the Nagaishis brightened. They went outside their cold home—with its broken windows — something they hadn't done since they arrived back.

Shigeo Nagaishi smiled at his wife, Chiseko, as they watched the Quakers working unobstrusively, repairing the damage that vandals had inflicted on the property. Their two older daughters, Haruko, 6, and Minnie, 2, ran around the yard, comic books trailing from their hands. Mrs. Nagaishis held the baby, Amy.

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War Department "Concerned" Over Terrorism, Says Childs

ILWU Paper Terms Anti-Nisei Actions Fascist Race Hate

SAN FRANCISCO - The Dispatcher, official newspaper of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, described on May 18 as "fascist race hatred" the "hatred and discrimin-ation which some people in Cali-fornia are attempting to engender against loyal Americans who hap-pen to be of Japanese ancestry."

The paper, edited by Morris Watson, said that the race-baiting of Japanese Americans was "fascist race hatred—exactly as the late unlamented Hitler preached it."

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ASKS ASSISTANCE FOR EVACUEES

HAVERFORD, Pa.—The Wom-en's International League for Peace and Freedom asked compensation for Japanese Americans who suffered property and fin-ancial loss in the evacuation in a resolution adopted during the league's 30th annual meeting held May 3 to 6 at Haverford, Penn.

The resolution, addressed to President Truman, Secretary Ickes and members of the Appropria-tions committee of the House of Representatives, asked that Federal aid be made available to the evacuees through a "simple request-for-aid form to be issued at the camps and signed in the presence of not more than two presence of not more than two witnesses in order that a feeling of humiliation and dependency be

Columnist Declares Justice Department

WASHINGTON-"The War De-

icy, over the firm opposition of the Justice Department, of taking

"The story is the same here at the War Department. In War De-

"These men coming back from the war deserve something better than hoodlumism. They regarded themselves as Americans—most of them could not even speak Japa-nese—they fought like Ameri-

of humiliation and dependency be avoided."

The league also asked Congress to appropriate an amount to be recommended by the Secretary of the Interior for "this final phase of relocating the uprooted Japanese Americans."

Opposed Evacuation

partment is following with deep concern the recent outbreaks in California against Japanese American citizens," Marquis W. Childs, noted Washington columnist, declared in his syndicated column of May 23.

Mr. Childs declared that the War Department "fixed the pola group of American citizens on the basis of their racial origin and placing them as a group in detention camps."

"It is this responsibility, in setting a precedent contrary to all American tradition that is worrying civilian heads of the department," Mr. Childs added.

Noting the 'outstanding performance" of the Japanese American combat unit in Europe, the columnist added:

"The start is the second of the Japanese American combat unit in Europe, the

the War Department. In War Department files are numerous instances in which Nisei have distinguished themselves in the Pacific war. They have given invaluable assistance in intelligence and reconnaissance work that often was carried out at the utmost peril.

Nisei Chaplain Gets Caught In No Man's Land in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, armed, and I was none too sure Italy—Captain Hiro Higuchi, chaptain with the 442nd Japanese-chaplain's insignia," he said. "The American Combat Team, someonly thought that sustained me times gets into tight and awkward was the knowledge that the 442nd lain with the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team, some-times gets into tight and awkward situations on the Fifth Army front

in Italy.

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When the Germans counterattacked Gragnana, during the early days of the Allied offensive, which resulted in unconditional surrender of all German forces in Italy, Higuchi, veteran chaplain of the Combat Team's Second Battalion, was caught between the two forces.

He had taken refuge in a cave when the house in which he had set up a coffee shop for his men was partially demolished by a Jerry shell. With two men he had spent an uneasy night, which reached a climax at 6 a. m. when they were awakened by the firing of a Jerry machine pistol directly overhead.

The Germans were making a surprise counterattack, and the men were unable to make a dash for safety because of the intense fire-fight.

"Of course, none of us was"

was the knowledge that the 442nd men were repulsing the surprise attack and I was sure they would

Next of Kin Report Latest Casualties

One Japanese American soldier was killed in action, while eleven more were wounded and two missing in reports gathered this week by the Pacific Citizen from next of kin and center newspapers.

In addition one soldier died in service last week at Fort Snelling,

Killed in Action

PFC. WILLIAM TAKETA.
(Kent, Wash.), son of Mra.
Shima Taketa, 2-10-AB, Heart
Mountain, killed in action in
Italy on April 28. Pfc. Taketa
is survived by his mother, four
brothers, Pfc. Roy, overseas in
Italy, Pvt. George at Camp
Blanding and Pfc. Harry at
Fort Snelling, and Ben; and
three sisters, Amy, Lilly and
Katheryn. Katheryn.

Died in Service

PFC. EUGENE AMABE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amabe of Spokane, Wash., at Fort Snelling, Minn. Pfc. Amabe passed away of heart failure after an appendectomy operation.

Wounded in Action

PFC. TADASHI ARITA, son of Mr and Mrs. Tsurumatsu Arita, 2202-A, Tule Lake, wounded in Italy.

PFC. T. DOI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manjiro Doi, 1415-A, Tule Lake, wounded in Italy on April

PFC. JOHNNY T. FUJI. MURA, son of Mrs. Teki Fuji. mura, 5212-C, Tule Lake, wound-

ed in Italy on April 22.

PFC. HISAYA HASEGAWA,
nephew of Shimasuke Maruya
ma, 703-C, Tule Lake, wounded
in European theater.

PVT. TOM KAGI, son of Mr.

PVT. TOM KAGI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tenjiro Yagi, 2592. BCD, Tule Lake, wounded in Italy on April 20.

PVT. ISAO KIKUCHI, (Santa Cruz, Calif.), son of Kanichiro Kikuchi, 32-5-D, Poston, wounded in Italy on April 20.

PVT. EDWARD NAKAJI, 323-8-C, Poston, wounded on April 19.

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PFC. RICHARD K. NISHINO, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nishino, 37-11-C, Hunt, slightly wounded on April 23 in Italy.
PVT. JOHN OKI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junichi Oki, 1307-B, Tule Lake, wounded in Italy on April 5.

Tule Lake, wounded in Italy on April 5.

PVT. STEVEN H. SAKAI, 39-11-A, Poston, wounded slightly on April 20, returned to action on April 26.

PFC. CHESTER S. YASUKAWA, (San Jose, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Fukuhei Issukawa, 226-9-C, Poston, wounded seriously on April 21. Three other Yasukawa sons are in the other Yasukawa sons are in the armed forces: Sgt. William, Pvt. Harry and Pfc. George Yasukawa.

S/Sgt. MICHAEL TAKE MOTO, reported missing in action in April, 1945, liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Italy by advancing Ameri-can armies. Sgt. Takemoto's family resides in Hunt, Idaho. An older brother, Turnel, is a returned veteran of the 42nd Combat Team and is presently a patient at Camp Lockett, Cal-

Nisei Workers Join **Teamsters Union** In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—Local 929 d the International Teamsters Union in Philadelphia already has taken Japanese Americans into member ship "and will continue to do s ship "and will continue to do so on an equal basis with men of every other race, color or creed," the WRA was informed last week by A. Goldhere, president A. Goldberg, president.

"We wish to assure you," Goldberg said, "that the same equiversament will be accorded any loyal person of Japanese ancestry who wishes to enter this industry in any case of the whatsomer in the same of the same in any capacity whatsoever, whether in the retail or wholesal business, as is accorded to my person so long as they follow the rules and regulations of the miss and industry."

Reveal Nisei Combat Team **Broke Six Month Stalemate** On Appennine Front in Italy

German High Command Respected Fighting Ability of Japanese Americans; Nazis Taken By Surprise by Return of 442nd to Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY-Respect for the fighting ability of the 442nd Combat Team was not confined to the frontline German troops who fight the Japanese Americans, but went back to rear and higher echelons as far as Berlin, it was

This was the testimony of German prisoners captured by the doughboys of the 442nd who helped open the Allied offenwe which resulted in unconditional surrender of all German

forces in Italy by punching a three-mile hole into defense positions in the Apennines in two sitons in the Apennines in two says after six months of winter

The alacrity with which hun-dreds of Jerries surrendered was grong evidence of their fear of the 442nd Combat Team.

They further expressed surprise the presence of the Japanese Americans on the Fifth Army front in Italy. They had thought men of the 442nd had gone home. This was proof that the move-ent of the 442nd from the Franplalian border to the northern taly front had been a well-kept

This secrecy had made it posble for the hard-hitting doughbys of the 442nd to surprise and gain the upper hand over the Wehrmacht, a superiority which they have not relinquished.

they have not relinquished.

The Wehrmacht made its first direct contact with the 442nd last summer at Belvedere, a town in central Italy, where the unit first was committed to action on June 2d. It was in this action that the 100th Battalion, which had become the 1st battalion of the 442nd, fought with such heroism that it was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.

In 25 days of fighting the

In 25 days of fighting the 42nd, attached to the 34th "Red Bull" Division, pushed to Pisa. panese American patrols were g the first to enter Leghorn mong the first to enter rest, the Melisa. After a short rest, the Combat Team fought at the Arno Ever in the vicinity of Florence, ad its elements were among the

and its elements were among the first to cross the river.

In France, the 442nd, then attached to the 36th "Texas" Division, participated in the Seventh Army push toward the German border, liberating the vital communications center of Bruyeres, Belmont, Biffontaine, La Houssiere and many small villages.

Its most notable achievement in

its most notable achievement in Its most notable achievement in this campaign was when it effected the relief of the "lost" 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, after four days of savage fighting.

In November, the 442nd moved to southern France, where it spent the winter on a tour of duty in the Maritime Alps of the Franco-ladian border.

lian border.

Nisei Soldier Speaks To Race Relations Class in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Cal. — Sgt. Jack Sawamoto, a wounded soldier from Dibble General Hospital, addressed he race relations class at San lose State College on May 18. Galen Fisher, noted authority in Pacific affairs, also spoke to the students and attending towns students and attending townseople at the meeting.

Nisei Union **Leader Cleared**

ILWU Successful in Effort to Prove Watanabe's Loyalty

SAN FRANCISCO - Yoshito Watanabe, leading Japanese-American trade unionist in Hawaii, has been "completely cleared of all military intelligence persecution," the ILWU newspaper, the Dis-patcher, declared in its May 18

The Dispatcher described Watanabe as "a loyal Japanese-American and staunch ILWU member" and said that he had been cleared through the efforts of Frank Thompson, international representative of the union.

The Dispatcher said that Watanabe, a longshoreman, had been kept from longshoring on the Honolulu waterfront because of a "mis-taken idea" that his delivery of laundry to an American ship in the days following Pearl Harbor was an attempt to spy on American war operations.

The Dispatcher had noted Watanabe's long record of "antifascist activity" in an earlier issue.

The paper said the CIO union fought the case in order to end "unwarranted persecution of loyal language."

Tells of Nisei

Language." Japanese."

"Such persecution has hindered full utilization of one of the most efficient and experienced sources of waterfront labor," the Dispatcher added.

Six-Star Mother Is Honored In Twin Falls

HUNT, Idaho — Mrs. T. R. Sakuma of Twin Falls, mother of six servicemen, was among four women honored at a Mother's Day program sponsored by the Twin Falls War Mothers of American half ica at the American Legion hall in Twin Falls on May 13, according to the Minidoka Irrigator.

The Sakuma sons serving in the Army are Pfc. Atsusa, 29, Fort Snelling; T/4 Takashi, 26, in the Pacific theater; T/5 Tsukasa, 23, Fort Snelling; Pfc. Shinobu, 22, in Italy; Cpl. Isaac, 21, in Italy, and Cpl. Satoru, 19, in Italy. Another son, 19, will report for active duty this month, said the Irrigator.

Pfc. Isaac was wounded in Italy in the 442nd's advance in the Italian campaign.

WRA Urged to Break Down Anti-Nisei Feeling of Workers

SAN JOSE, Cal.—The California Packing Corporation (Calpack) amounced May 19 it will not employ returned evacuees of Japanese accestry inside its canning plants as long as other workers hold to their present attitude of refusing to work with the Japanese-Amerito work with the Japanese-Ameri-

Bruno Pilorz of San Francisco, perational manager of all can-ries operated by the company, id the company has no funda-tental objection toward hiring ersons of Japanese ancestry. He argued that an "educational camaign" be conducted to break down he prejudices of the other workers in the plant. Pilorz said that Japanese-Americans would be employed at the San Jose plant as agon as sentiment of other workers changed.

The issue was raised last week by a job application from Harry Dobashi, former San Jose merchant, who was referred to the cannery by the U. S. Employ-ment Service. Harry Thureson, plant superintendent, who said the plant had never employed persons of Japanese ancestry for inside work before the war, said he of-fered Dobashi field work, but the latter said he was not experienced in outside work.

As a result, the San Jose office of the War Relocation Authority was instructed by the War Manpower Commission to begin "an intense educational campaign in the San Jose area," with the ob-ject of "breaking down" prejudice against working with Japanese-Americans.

Night-Riding Gunmen Attack Two Homes in Fresno District

Seattle's Mayor **Orders Protection** For Nisei Group

SEATLE—Mayor William F. Devin on May 19 directed Police Chief H. D. Kimsey to "pursue vigorously all cases of vandalism at the homes of Japanese Americane"

nese Americans."

This action, the mayor said, was prompted by threatening signs painted on the homes of Japanese Americans scheduled to return to Seattle.

CANADIAN NISEI MILL WORKERS JOIN CIO UNION

KAMLOOPS, B. C. - Canadian workers of Japanese ancestry at the Bessette Lumber Mill here were recently organized into the International Wood Workers of America, CIO.

Assisting the CIO organizer in the district was Jiro Miyazawa, son of H. Miyazawa, long-time president of the Camp and Mill Workers' Union, a Japanese local

on the coast. Organizational work among the workers of Japanese ancestry at the mill was completed in two days, it was reported. These Jap-anese Canadians comprise 95 per

cent of the workers at the mill.

The IWA will continue its organizational drive among other mills employing Japanese-Canadians dians, it was reported.

Evacuee Returnees Narrowly Miss Death in Latest Raids **Against Japanese Americans**

FRESNO, Calif.-Night-riding terrorists last week attacked two homes of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the Selma district.

The incidents were the 18th and 19th shooting attacks against persons of Japanese ancestry who have reestablished themselves in California.

Undersheriff John Ford of Fresno county disclosed May 22 that the home of Miyoko Masada was fired upon a short time

Defendant in Arson Case Fined \$1000

Burton Confesses To Firing Three Homes of Evacuees

SEATTLE - Harold S. Burton, 22-year old farm worker, who admitted burning homes of evacuees of Japanese ancestry on Vashon Island, pleaded guilty to second degree arson and was fined \$1000 by Superior Judge James T. Lawler on May 23.

Burton, father of two children, said he thought burning the homes would prevent the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to Vashon Island.

Three California Legislators Oppose WRA's "Propaganda"

WRA Pamphlet In Pacific War

WASHINGTON-American sol-WASHINGTON—American soldiers of Japanese ancestry have been in the thick of the latest fighting against Hirohito's forces according to newspaper evidence recorded in "Nisei in The War Against Japan," a pamphlet issued today by the War Relocation Authority an agency of the De-Authority, an agency of the Department of the Interior.

The publication was prepared The publication was prepared before recent disclosure of the first instance in which a Nisei, T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki, an aerial gunner from Hershey, Neb., helped to bomb Tokyo in recent B-29 raids. It describes Japanese American authorities in account attributes in the contraction of raids. It describes Japanese American participation in recent actions at Okinawa and Iwo Jima, and through reproduction of scattered newspaper clippings briefly recounts earlier Nisei exploits on Leyte and Luzon, the Marshalls, Marianas, Guadalcanal, the Aleutians in Burma and other Pacific ians, in Burma and theaters.

At Iwo Jima the Nisei soldiers who were loaned to the Marines by the Army won the praise of such eyewitnesses as Joe Rosen-thal, the Associated Press photographer who made the historic picture of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi.

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The work of the Japanese American soldiers assigned to Marine units in earlier battles, another story in the pamphlet relates, was commended by the Leathernecks. In an interview, Marine Lt. Robert J. Newell, Chaicago, said:

"They have the respect of the Marines because they are good American soldiers and we realized the risks they are exposed to. in

the risks they are exposed to, in the event that they are captured

by the enemy."

Richard W. Johnson, United
Press Pacific correspondent is
quoted as saying:

"He account when you soldiers

"I've seen many Nisei soldiers in action. They do a good job and are very popular."

Some of the Nisei GIs cited in the pamphlet are veterans of both the pamphlet are veterans of both European and Pacific fighting. In issuing the publication, WRA said that stories from news correspondents with the Fifth Army in Italy reported several weeks ago that members of the famous 442nd regimental combat team of Japanese Americans hand that after V-E Americans hoped that after V-E day their outfit would be trans-ferred to the Pacific to fight the Japanese enemy.

"Nisei in Uniform" **Publication Irks** Trio in Congress

WASHINGTON — Three California congressmen have asked the House appropriations committee not to allow the War Re-location Authority funds to print and circulate what they termed "propaganda favoring the Japanese people."

The Congressmen are Representatives Clair Engle, Leroy Johnson and Jack Anderson.

They appeared before the comnittee on May 22 and showed various items which they stated had been sent in franked envelopes by the WRA. One, they said, was a brochure entitled "Nisei in Uniform" which described the activities of a Japanese American combat unit in Italy.

"Tax funds chould not be used to propagandize for any racial group," Engle said. "The free American press can and is taking care of the controversy in regard to the merit or lack of merit of the Japanese as and that is where the matter should be left."

Johnson attacked the record of the Japanese American unit in his statement.

NATIVE SONS ASK FOR BAN AGAINST RETURN OF NISEI

SAN FRANCISCO-The Native Sons of the Golden West forwarded to President Truman and the California congressional delegation on May 21 resolutions favoring the continuation of the Asiatic Exclusion Act of 1924 and asking the Army to rescind its lifting of the order excluding Japanese Americans from the West Coast.

The resolutions were among a number adopted at a war confer-ence of the Native Sons at Ho-bergs, Calif., last week.

Another resolution by the Native Sons commended California peace officers for "their maintenance of the peace and protection of property" during the period of the re-turn of the Nisei to the State.

In its resolution asking for the exclusion for the duration of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, the Native Sons specified that soldiers in uniform and honorably discharged veterans be excepted from its provisions.

after a similar attack upon the residence of Masaru Miyamoto early on the morning of Sunday, May 20.

As in the case of the attack on the Miyamoto home, five shots were fired — apparently from a speeding automobile. Eight persons were within the Masada residence at the time of the raid.

None were injured.

In the raid on the Miyamoto home the lives of four members of the family were endangered when four rifle bullets crashed through the wall of the bedroom occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Miyamoto and their two small children at their home at Bethel children at their home at Bethel and Nebraska avenues, east of

Selma.

Two of the bullets passed above the bed at the three-foot level and another at the level of the bed, missing Mrs. Miyamoto by a few feet. The other penetrated the upper part of the bedroom wall about seven feet above the floor.

Deputy Sheriff Hubert Nevins said Mrs. Miyamoto was attempting to put their 3-year old son to sleep after her husband and their five-year old daughter retired. All

five-year old daughter retired. All members of the family were in the same room at the time of the attack

The Miyamotos told Nevins and Chief of Police O. L. Richardson of Selma that they immediately of Seima that they immediately turned out the light, but were afraid to leave the house to summon help until after daylight. They did not report the matter until 8 o'clock.

Minameter said he knew of no

Miyamoto said he knew of no one who might be guilty of firing the shots. He declared all of his neighbors have treated him in a friendly manner since he and his family returned from a relocation center on March 28.

Nevins said he believed the shots were fired from a high powered rifle by someone going past the place in an automobile. He said there was no doubt they were firing at the bedroom where the light was visible, but that the shots were fired from

that the shots were fired from different angles and were not carefully aimed.

The distance from the house to the road is only a little more than 50 feet.

Another returned evacuee, Sam Hirakawa, who lives directly across the road from the Miyamotos, re-ported he was awake and heard the shots. He said they were fired in fairly rapid succession.

"I am satisfied no one living

in the immediate neighborhood was responsible for firing the shots," said Nevins. "None of the neighbors has any resentment toward the members of the family and all have treated them in a

friendly manner since they re-turned to the neighborhood.
"I think it is a group of hood-lums who are responsible for this, and we have just started our at-

tempt to run them down."
Police Chief Richardson also stressed that the Miyamotos have no known enemies in the neigh-

borhood.
The Miyamotos, who returned recently from the Gila River center, operate a 75-acre vineyard.

Poston Students Win Prizes in National Contest

POSTON, Ariz. — Ruth Tanaka and Kaizo Kubo, students in the Parker Valley High school, Unit III, Poston, were awarded prizes in the Scholastic Magazine con-test held this year, the Chronicle reports.

Ruth Tanaka won fourth prize for a poem, "Saga of a People," while Kaizo Kubo won honorable mention for an autobiographical sketch, "Interlude."





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EDITORIALS: Weasel Words

State Senator Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, Calif., appears determined to achieve on the legislative front what night-riding terrorists in his own Fresno county are doing by more direct and violent means in their gunfire attacks upon the homes of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Senator Burns is the author of two weasel-worded pieces of proposed legislation, introduced last week in the Senate at Sacramento, which are ostensibly aimed against so-called "disloyal" Japanese Americans but which, in reality, affect all American citizens of Japanese parentage.

One bill sponsored by Senator Burns is an amendment to the California Alien Land Law of 1920, a statute which denies aliens "ineligible to citizenship" the right to own or enjoy real property in the State. Under the new Burns amendment the law would also affect any "disloyal" American of Japanese ancestry. Under its provisions any American of Japanese ancestry may be accused of "dual citizenship" and if he is unable to disprove the charge, would be considered "disloyal" and his property would be subject to confiscation by the State. The burden of proof, according to the bill, would be placed on the defendant. The other bill provides that any Japanese American, suspected of "disloyalty," must take an oath of allegiance before participating in any civil

The government of the United States does not recognize the status of dual citizenship and any person of Japanese ancestry born in the United States is considered a citizen of the country and subject to the obligations of citizenship. Like most out-migrant nations, including most of the European powers, Japan has followed a doctrine of Jus sanguinis and provided that "A child is a Japanese if his or her father was a Japanese at the time of his or her birth." The United States, however, and most of the countries of the Western hemisphere abide by the rule of Jus soli, in which citizenship is determined by birth on the soil of the nation regardless of ancestry. Japanese immigrants in the United States and Americans of Japanese ancestry petitioned the Japanese government to liberalize its nationality code to make expatriation or single citizenship possible and in 1916, in response to this pressure, the Japanese law was altered to provide for the expatriation of American-born children. Later in 1924 the Japanese government waived the just sanguinis principle in regard to children born of Japanese nationals in the United States and certain other countries of the Western hemisphere. Under the 1924 Ordinance children born of Japanese nationals in the United States lose Japanese citizenship from birth unless their parents or legal representatives register them at the Japanese consulate within 14 days of birth and unless the intention to retain Japanese citizenship is expressed at the time of the registration.

Records of the 1943 registration conducted by representatives of the United States Army at the Manzanar relocation center revealed that of the 3,541 citizens who registered, 24 percent had not officially renounced dual citizenship. Since a large percentage of the citizen group at Manzanar are 17 years and younger and since the very great majority of this group, born after 1924, did not hold dual citizenship it was established that not more than ten to fifteen percent of the citizens at Manzanar held dual citizenship. Therefore, at least 85 percent of those at Manzanar were not dual citizens, and the great majority of the fifteen percent who may have held dual status did so because they had not undertaken the cumbersome procedures necessary for expatriation.

The dual citizen bogey raised by Senator Burns and by other West Coast race-baiters is an attempt to obscure the splendid record of single citizenship established by the Nisei since the war. Senator Burns and his racist compatriots concentrate their fire on the Nisei despite the fact that there are millions of American citizens who are conceivably dual citizens because their parents were born in Germany, Italy, France or in other European nations which have followed the rule of jus sanguinis.

Stripping away the mask of patriotism, Senator Burns' legislative proposal stands revealed as a fantastic land grab scheme. Even the 85 percent of Japanese Americans who are not dual citizens will find it difficult to prove the fact in a court of law, particularly if they were never registered with the Japanese consulate. In cases where a child was registered and later expatriated, he may have some record of expatriation, but in the majority cases of non-registration since the 1924 law there is no record.

The only record which counts, and one which Senator Burns and his fellow racists refuse to recognize, is the wholehearted participation of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the war effort of the United States. Approximately 20,000 Japanese Americans have served in the United States Army in this war and this record of service is one which will stand up alongside that of any other group in the United States.

Racism Repudiated

In instance after instance of terrorism against Japanese Americans in the rural valleys of California, no arrests have been made, and to all intents and purposes, few investigations have been held. These attacks have been shruggingly laid to "hoodlums" and the matter apparently dropped. Lack of manpower, lack of evidence have been blamed for the fact that no culprits are brought to trial. But California's law enforcement agencies could not be so lax and inefficient as they appear, and one must draw obvious conclusions that it is the will, not the manpower that is lacking in tracking down the instigators of these attacks.

But in the one instance in which strong discriminatory action occured within a CIO union, that union acted with dispatch.

On May 16 members of the Stockton Unit of Local 6 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, voted against working with Japanese Americans after threatening to strike if the Nisei then employed were retained.

After conciliatory attempts by Richard Lynden, president, failed, Lynden on May 22 suspended the Stockton unit.

At the same time union leaders including Harry Bridges, ILWU president, began a house-to-house campaign to urge recalcitrant members to sign "no discrimination" pledge cards. Individual suspension, it was said. would follow for those who refused to sign.

Law enforcement officials of the state of California are backed by manpower, all facilities for enforcement, and the laws of the state and the land.

The union is backed only by the union constitution that guarantees the right to work to members of all nationality groups. But that constitution is enough, for the union has a bold and progressive leadership, and in the main, a membership that agrees with the spirit and the letter of that constitution.

That membership includes also thousands of Japanese Americans in Hawaii. There were also, before the war, Japanese Americans in the ILWU in California, some of whom are now serving overseas. Among these were the Nisei who, years before Pearl Harbor, picketed on the San Francisco waterfront in protest against the shipment of scrap metal to Japan.

The record of Nisei union men since the outbreak of war has been one of which all Nisei can be proud. They had an almost complete record for volunteering for Army duty, and today they are in Pacific and European theaters of war. Before the war they were in the forefront of the war against fascism; today they are actively participating in its complete eradication.

The democratic training and precepts of the labor movement of which they were a part were largely responsible for their magnificent demonstration of loyalty when war came.

And the union of which they were a part is today still upholding for those absent Nisei the principles which they shared in

Misei US

Nisei and Post-War Japan

The possibility of utilizing are participating wholehear Americans of Japanese ancestry in the tough post-war job of democratic reconstruction in Japan is one which has intrigued many, and the suggestion has been broached on numerous occasions from either the military or civman administration sources.

The idea is an extension of the two-way passage" program advanced by Louis Agamic toward the democratic reeducation of Axis-dominated Europe. Mr. Adamic's plan of using first and second generation Americans of German and Italian ancestries, for example, in the organization of democratic rule in conquered and oberated areas in Europe has peen given serious consideration by both Franklin D. Rooseveit and winston Churchill, and the promment role of such Italian Americans as Charles Poletti, the former lieutenant governor of New York, in AMG in Italy conceivably can be considered a limited expression of the "two-way passage" idea.

The latest advocate of the participation of Japanese Americans in the building of a democratic structure from out of the rubble of Japan's unconditional surrender is the actor and columnist, Orson Welles. Mr. Welles, who is an antifascist who works at the job of destroying fascist ideology along with fascist arms, holds little hope for the unearthing of what he terms "nuclear democracy" in Nippon after V-J Day. He be-lieves that our search for the spark of democracy in Japan would be strongly aided by the cooperation of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States who, he says, are "in an en-viable position to bring the democratic gospel to the land of their ancestors.'

"There are good and loyal Japanese Americans, and there are plenty of them," Orson Welles said in his New York Post col-umn of May 18. "Their units in Italy were among the most dec-orated in all our Army, and we are sure that few of these good fellow citizens of ours have any wish to return to a Fascist Japan. Many are most eager to take part in the growth of a democratic homeland.

"Unluckily, we were as politically shortsighted as we were recklessly harsh in our treatment of these Japanese Americans. We have added little value to our knowledge of Fascism—and done irreparable harm to their knowledge of American democracy. Their faith isn't completely severed, but we have surely worn the bands fearfully thin."

Mr. Welles has not overstated Mr. Welles has not overstated the eagerness of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the extential that the democracy will not that the democracy will not the content of the c sion of democracy, but Nisei Americans are far more eager to see democracy work in the Hood River and San Joaquin valleys of the western coast than in acting as missionaries for democracy in Japan. Mr. Welles' observation is undoubtedly a generalization compounded from the strong and vocal interest of certain national groups in the United States, such as the Polish and Italian Americans, in the political controversies of their ancestral lands. Japanese Americans are for more concerned with their own security in the United States, and it is toward the furtherence of that security that Japanese American fighting men have fought so hard and so bravely. Japanese Americans have expressed little interest, either as a group or as individuals, in the politics of Japan and the Far East, either before or since the war. The great majority of Nisei Americans, in fact, shied from any identification with Japanese imperialism in its decade of locust rayage on the Asiatic continent before the attack on Pearl Harbor. The war in the Pacific has completed the isolation of the Japanese American from his socalled ancestral nation, the war proving to be a catalyst which has mally would have required a long-er period. The very great ma-jority of Japanese Americans, ap-proximately 96 percent of them. of May 16

in America's war effort, and of the remainder are at the Lake segregation center. Ande some at Tule Lake are then protest and anger and bitten against the evacuation and followed, rather than out of loyalty to a nation which among them have never se

Pearl Harbor was the test Nisei have made their ch and they have gone on to m that men of Japanese ance can fight as hard and as well the democratic tradition as of any ancestry, including German and Italian. Those N who are actively engaged to as soldiers and as civilian ialists, in the war against le will provide a reservoir of p war personnel for the work of construction in Japan, but the Nisei will engage in such p war activity as Americans, not as exiles returning to an cestral homeland.

The idea of sending Japan Americans as emissaries of mocracy to a defeated Japan has been adopted by West Corace-baiters who seek the de tation of the group under guise. The suggestion is a re rent one in the Vox Pop column of the West Coast press and even been advanced in Comp by men like Oregon's James I who are notably hostile to An icans of Japanese ancestry. propagandists of racist action NBC's Larry Smith advocation similar exodus of Nisei, Mr. in making the suggestion last w at Boise, Idaho, where he speaking in the interests of Seventh War Loan. Voiced Larry Smith, or by others of ilar persuasion, the suggest merely another variation of "deport the Japs" theme. On the loudest advocates of this portation of the Nisei is the J anese Exclusion League, spon ed by the two Seattle promot McCoskey and Ritchie, who we strip the Nisei of their citizen before sending them across.

The post-war job in Japan fers from that in Germany Italy because there is no tradition of democracy, how faint the heritage of the Wei republic may be today in ruins of Nazi Germany. Wi ever democratic trappings may have had were usual synthetic as the false front the westernized stores and an tainment palaces along the Gi An American of Japanese at try, John M. Maki, stresses lack of democratic heritage in pan in a book, "Japanese M ism," published this week. The has been no democratic tradit no theory of responsibility of in a Japan purged of its m ism and its imperialistic heri It does mean that whoever is the responsibility of building new nation on the volcanie of Nippon must start from and the job will be long hard.

Undoubtedly many Japan Americans will be amon United Nations forces which occupy Japan and will be a with the responsibility of struction. These Nise will able to render a reliable ser able to render a valuable ser especially as linguists. But should also be remembered these Nisei and the thousand others who are serving as guage specialists in the h war have been especially for their work by the Arm the United States. Unless & larly extensive project of the Nisei Americans for rec tion work is undertaken, will be few who will be into in or qualified for such other than those who are serving in the Pacific.

The Wrong Way FRESNO BEE

Regardless of the background of the current situation re-

Vagaries

Mariner . . .

Highest ranking Japanese American in the U. S. Merchant Marine is Lieut. (senior grade) Odo from Hawaii. He has a chestful from Hawaii. He has a chestrul of campaign ribbons . . . A Cal-ifornia Nisei, was commissioned as an officer in the Merchant Marine not long ago . . . Two evacues chemists at Manzanar have not received full credit and publicity for important discoveries on guayule rubber. This lack of publicity, however, is no fault of those connected with the project but originates elsewhere.

Canadian Nisei . . .

Although a certain number of Japanese Canadians are now being accepted into the Canadian Army for Pacific duty, there has been no publicity on this fact inbeen no publicity on this lact inside Canada, probably because
Canada is facing an important
national election in which West Coast Canadian candidates, with the exception of those of the CCF, are raising the "Japanese issue." . . It's understood that Lord

Mountbatten, Allied commander in Southwest Asia, asked Ottawa for Canadian Nisei after the success that British troops had with U. S. Nisei soldiers who had been loaned to them. Mountbatten found, however, that there were no Canadian Nisei in the Army, and his influence is believed to have been a factor in the decision to recruit a limited number of

Army Hour . . .

Many Nisei were disappointed last Sunday when a scheduled broadcast from the 442nd Combat Team in Italy was not heard on the Army Hour over NBC. It's ex-plained the radio pickup from the Nisei unit was cancelled because of technical difficulties. . . . A or technical difficulties. . . . A novel on the Poston relocation center is scheduled for early publication. Dodd, Mead, New York publishers announced this week that Karon Kehoe of Hunter collage was one of the winners of the lege was one of the winners of the lage was one of the winners of the Intercollegiate Fellowship competition held annually by the publishing house. Miss Kehoe's novel, "City in the Sun," concerns her experiences as a secretary at the Colorado River relocation center.

Redecoration . . .

Among those assisting in the redecoration of the Japanese Metho-dist church in Oakland, Calif., now a hostel for returning evacuees, were Chinese Americans from the Chinese Presbyterian church. Yuriko Amemiya's dancing in "Appalachian Spring" as a mem-ber of the Martha Graham troupe was applauded in a review last week in the New York Times. The stage setting for the production by Isamu Noguchi rated the com-ment in the Times that Noguchi "has designed a bit of extraordin-ary simple architechtural setting that fills the stage with a feeling of space."

Canadian Notes . . .

Canadian notes: Four Nisei volunteers from Kaslo, B. C., are now in the Canadian Army. Nisei Canadians had been unacceptable to the Canadian military since Pearl Harbor. . . . Canadian evacuees of Japanese ancestry hailed the war record of Japanese American soldiers at a V-E Day celebration recently in Kaslo. . . . The opposition of the CCF (Cooperative Commonwealth Enderation) in British onwealth Federation) in British columbia in the coming Canadian elections is attempting to make the CCF's attitude of fair play for Japanese Canadians a major issue of the campaign. . . With the coming of spring the relocation movement movement among evacuees of Japanese ancestry in Canada took an the cities of southern Ontario. . . . According to strictly unofficial reports, 50 per cent of Japanese Canadians still in the evacuation centers are signing for experies. centers are signing for expatria-tion in the compulsory registration now under way.

VFW Chief . . :

Some time ago the Veterans of Foreign Wars issued a "yellow paper" on Japanese Americans, charging Americans of Japanese ancestry were "dual citizens." The VFW broadside urged restrictive meaures against the Japanese American group for the duration of the war. Just last week George Dixon, whose column "Washington Scene" is widely syndicated,

The Washington Post: Planned Terrorism

Secretary Ickes' habit of calling a spade by its commonly accepted name was never put to better use than in his characterization of the recent West Coast attacks on American citizens of Japanese ancestry. These constitute, he said, "a pattern of planned terrorism by hoodlums." He also pointed his finger squarely at their ugly purposeto set up "an economic beachhead on the property of the evacuees." This is precisely what all the racist frenzy, all the talk about spies and saboteurs, boils down to. Some people who want to take over farmland owned by the evacuees have hired gunmen and plug-uglies to frighten these citizens away from their homes. The technique differs in no essential respect from that employed in Germany by those who coveted the property of Jews.

Mr. Ickes is quite right, too, in his assertion that these "Nazi stormtrooper tactics" are "a matter of national concern." Hoodlumism is never more contagious than when it is practiced against a racial minority. Let the tactics succeed in California and they will find imitators elsewhere. Their success in Germany led inevitably first to the obliteration of all minority elements and then enslavement of the entire nation. That they have been pursued in California is due to the fact that their practitioners have masked their real motives by appealing to the prejudices of unthinking people. This, too, was the pattern in Germany.

The remedy is forthright exposure of the sort Mr. Ickes has initiated. He should be supported now by the public officials of California who understand quite as well as he does the nature of this sinister racket. And those public officials should have the vigorous backing of all responsible citizens of the State who care about preservation of the democratic process. Terrorism is incompatible with a free society.-An editorial in the Washington, D. C., Post of May 17, 1945.

Editorial Digest

Riders in the Night NEW YORK TIMES

"For months now riders in the night in California have been spreading terror and applying the torch to the homes of many (evacuees) who went back at the request of their government, and in abiding faith that they would be left alone to work their land, for most were farmers," says the New York Times of May 15.

"No fewer than twenty-four instances of 'violence or open intimi-dation' have been recorded by the War Relocation Authority, and Secretary Ickes charges that in not one of the shooting cases has a suspect been put on trial. Yet there have been fifteen such cases, in addition to three arson cases, five threatening visits and one attempt at dynamiting. Obviously, our law enforcement officers are making no effort to enforce the law. That policy will merely en-

reported that Jean Brunner, national commander of the had had some trouble in obtaining a French visa for a visit to European war areas-because the French embassy declared that he was a "dual citizen" of France and was a deserter from the French Army! . . . The matter was later ironed out, according to Dixon, especially since Brunner is American-born and therefore had no obligation to serve in the French Army in World War I. He French Army in World War I. He did serve in France as a member of the AEF, but the French never tumbled to his presence there... Anyway, VFW Commander Brunner finally received his French visa when the French embassy discovered that Brunner's father had been born in Alsace in 1870, and Alsace at that time flew the and Alsace at that time flew the German flag. "You are a German," Dixon quotes the embassy official as telling Brunner, "therefore, France would be delighted to issue you a visa!" . . The moral to all this has something to do with people who live in glass houses. . . The VFW and certain West Coast organizations and race-baiters have made much of the "dual citizenship" issue in their campaign against the Nisei. However, the Nisei are no more "dual citizens" than Americans of French or German ancestry whose parents were born in Europe.

Honors . . .

Decorations: Prior to their return to Italy to participate in the last phase of the Italian campaign, the 442nd Infantry Regiment had won the following decorations, according to Stars and Stripes: 3,007 Purple Hearts, two Presidential citations, 31 Distinguished Service Crosses, 183 Silver Stars, 218 Bronze Stars, 64 Divisional citations

courage excesses that should be stopped."

Planned Terrorism PALO ALTO TIMES

There is "no cause for pride" in the fact that 15 shooting attacks against Japanese-Americans in California have as yet brought no suspects to trial, says the Daily Palo Alto Times in an editorial on May 17.

"It will be recalled that in some instances after those attacks there were statements from sheriffs that the perpetrators would be tracked down," says the Times. "But the lack of results leaves us with a choice between two conclusions: either that the officials were incompetent for the task or they lacked the necessary enthusiasm. Whichever is the fact, it does the officials no credit.

"It would be deplorable if with the connivance of peace officers, through their lack of vigilance, the terrorists were to be able to develop unrestrained into a group having Ku Klux Klan standards and proportions."

Reign of Mobocracy SALT LAKE PROGESSIVE-OPINION

The Salt Lake City Progressive-Opinion of May 18 sees a coming "reign of mobocracy" in the ter-rorism in the West Coast areas

against returning evacuees.
"Make no mistake about; there is going on the trampling of the constitution, and it is only the beginning," says that paper. "There is planned terrorism against returning Japanese and efforts of
violence to keep them from obtaining the property they left. There have to date been fifteen
shootings into Jap homes, one
dynamiting, three burnings of
homes, five threat visits to homes
whose occupants tremble with fear. is going on the trampling of the whose occupants tremble with fear. There have been economic boycotts There have been economic boycotts and much lawlessness, without a single arrest. That is just a beginning. It is Japs now, soon it will be Negroes, and, worst of all, Jews. Then Catholics, etc. What has begun will spread across the country. A reign of mobocracy is the thing that will almost break down the constitution." down the constitution.'

The Nisei Soldier SALT LAKE TELEGRAM

"They, too, die for their country," says the Salt Lake Telegram of May 14 in an editorial which notes that in one day's tabulation of Utahns killed in action, three of eight names listed were those of Japanese Americans.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Widespread Dispersal Speeds Relocation

Back in the grim spring of 1942 the evacuation was carried out with quick, efficient military dispatch: Overnight, exclusion order placards appeared on buildings and electric light poles. Uniformed soldiers supervised the actual movement of civilians into assembly centers where they were put behind barbed wire and under the eye of armed military guards.

There never was any chance to mistake the fact that it was the Army which ordered the evacuation, that it was the Army

which supervised the planning and execution of the program.

The evacuees themselves like good soldiers carried out the orders. And even the crackpot fringe of Americans who might have been expected to harrass the evacuees stood by silently, a little dazed at the speed and imper-sonal efficiency with which the army carried out an unprecedented wartime action.

No one could have failed to be impressed by the sight of thousands of men, women and children being moved out bag and baggage, leaving their home towns in train after train, bus convoy after bus convoy. It was a spectacular and tragic process.

It was a process that never could be thrown into reverse like the wringer rollers of a washing-machine. And perhaps that is why the crackpots who stood silent when the trainloads pulled out now vigorously beat their gums in a cacaphony of hate and misrepresentation.

There is nothing sensational about the home coming of the West Coast's exiles. The Army's announcement of the rescinding of the exclusion orders was a one-day sensation, to be sure, but it came as an anticlimax to word that small, selective groups al-ready had started to go back to

The evacuees themselves were hesitant about returning. They returned home singly and in twos and threes whereas they had left

en masse.

It was a hesitant, sometimes frightened home coming, just undetermined enough to encourage the American racists, the dollar patriots, the barroom bullies to speak up. It seems certain most of this element would have kept its own counsel had the return been in force with the same quick determination and efficiency of the evacuation.

Let us suppose that it had been possible logistically and practi-cal sociologically and economical-ly to undertake the return on the same mass basis as the evacuation. Let us suppose that busloads and trainloads of persons from the WRA centers were poured back into their prewar communities with military escort. That placards were posted warning all persons that the return would take place within a specified time, that guards were posted to see that there was no violence nor undue confusion in their dispersal. That penalties were provided for anyone hindering the progress of the program.

There are valid and logical reasons why this sort of program could not nor should not have the wouldn't be the United been undertaken. But from the standpoint of justice pure and simple—outside of practical con-siderations—such a program would not be entirely unjustified. And certainly the justice of the case would have been made more emphatic to the selfsame crackpot fringe which now acts as if it believed right to be synonymous with the loudest voice and squat-ters rights. A little show of force goes a long way with this class of individual.

Thus it is encouraging to see that increasing numbers of evac-uees are returning to their pre-war homes and businesses in California, Oregon and Washington.
They are demonstrating that
they are not intimidated, that
they are returning to their homes

rope and in the Pacific. Many more have been wounded. A num-ber have earned awards for hero-

"It is a simple fact that these thousands of young men of Japanese ancestry are proving to America the hard way that they are entitled to call themselves Amerithose of Japanese Americans.
Citing the records of Sgt. Tom
Sagimori, Pfc. Noboru Miyoko,
Pfc. Roy Y. Ikeda and Pvt. Victor
Akimoto, the Telegram says:
"A good many of these Japanese
American boys have already given their lives in combat both in Eu-

to reclaim what rightfully is theirs. The evacuation would have been all the more tragic if persons with the reason and the right to return to the Pacific coast failed to do so in fear of social discrimination, economic boycott and possible physical violence.

For large numbers of Japanese Americans, especially those without an economic stake on the West Coast, the movement east-ward has offered unexpected possibilities for advancement and social assimilation. Undoubtedly, in the long run, the integration and acceptance of Japanese Americans would be speeded by widespread

dispersal.

This is something which we have contended from the beginning of the relocation program, but neither this nor fear should be permitted to impede the return of evacuees to the homes and businesses they were forced to leave if they so desire.

Letter-Box FROM OUR READERS

Open Letter To Dr. Shevin

Dear Dr. Shevin:

I wish to express my deep appreciation and admiration for your courageous stand for Miss Mura-yama, when she was barred from the Jackson Park Hospital by Supt. Hilton. By this act you have proven not only that you are a doctor, but also an American at heart.

Even here in the battlefield, our army doctors give the finest care available to the wounded Japanese captives who are brought in for treatment by our boys. We have seen and are seeing this kind act performed frequently. We are not barbarians as the Japanese and Germans were taught by their militarists. We are proving it on the battlefield. Yet of all the people in America a medical man, Supt. Hilton, refused admittance to an innocent American woman because she was of Japanese ancestry.

Dr. Shevin, I admire you for your stand for American fair play and principles. Although the odds were against you at that time you did not yield or compromise, but went as far as to resign from the hospital because you strongly believe and support the very thing our boys are fighting for—Ameri-

States of America, the hope of humanity, if Presidents Washing-ton, Lincoln, Wilson, Roosevelt, or the framers of the Constitution yielded or compromised with the enemies of democracy. Men like you have built our country. Men like you have always united America.

From time to time I hear this remark: "What the heck are we fighting for? We don't get land from our foes. We talk about American principles and democracy, but there are people who make headlines at home with their usely recipled discrimination." These ugly racial discrimination." These are the words of some Americans whose parents are from the old country. It is about time we cleaned our own house before we clean other houses in the world.

A recent Army magazine published the result of a poll which lished the result of a poll which was conducted by some officers on the subject, "Soldier, Do You Know What We Are Fighting For?" According to the poll, 98 per cent of our men in uniform know what we are fighting for. We are fighting for the "Four Freedoms" for all mankind.

I hope you have the opportunity to visit Hawaii, where racial understanding and good will toward all men are not only written in

all men are not only written in the books, but carved deep in the hearts of the people.

Sincerely yours,
SGT. FREDERICK S. TANI

Hold Memorial Rites for Nisei Battle Dead

By SCOTT T. MIYAKAWA

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Ten Japanese American servicemen who gave their lives in the service of their country and 190 others in Army uniform were honored at special memorial and recognition services held at the First Metho-dist church in Ann Arbor on May

All of the servicemen were former Ann Arbor residents or alumni of the University of Mich-

Secretary of the Interior Har-old L. Ickes sent a special mes-sage to the assemblage. The mes-sage, read by Harry Matoba, de-

clared:
"I am glad that you have asked
me to join with you in paying
honor to the Americans of Japanese descent who have given their lives in this war. It is a privilege to do so, although we know that never with words alone can we pay our debt to the brave men who gave their lives so that the rest of the world might live in

peace and freedom.
"But in thus honoring the memory of the Japanese American heroes of this war, we also reaf-firm and strengthen the basic principles for which they fought, for which we are still fighting, and which make our fighting worth-while. One of the richest traditions of America has been our insistence upon the worth of the individual, regardless of the country of his grandparents, the wealth of his father, or the color of his skin. We have not always lived up to that ideal, bot it has been a guiding principle of our national life.

"The 18,000 Americans of Japanese descent who have been inducted into the color of this skill."

ducted into our Army, and espe-cially those hundreds who have given their lives, have helped to strengthen that ideal. They have proved to America and to all the word that the desire for freedom is not a racial trait. Their sacrifice has pledged us firmly to the principle that all our people must be permitted to share in the freedom achieved on the field of bat-

Main address of the services was given by Col. Reginald C. Miller, U. S. Army Area Com-mandant, who declared that the Nisei have shown by heroism and sacrifice that Americanism is not a matter of ancestry, race or

The Nisei are helping the American people to realize the deeper meaning of the Constitution and American principles, said Col. Mil-ler. He expressed his appreciation of the Nisei contribution to the armed forces and added that he wanted to express also the appreciation of the military and the Ann Arbor command for the fine work the Nisei and lovel resident work the Nisei and loyal resident Japanese were doing in teaching

Army units at Ann Arbor.

The Rev. William P. Lemon of the First Presbyterian church gave the sermon, declaring that the war itself has shown the fallacy of tribal racism and nationalism. He pointed out that men of Anglo-Saxon -origin are fighting other Anglo-Saxons, that men of origin

er Mongolians.

"America, then, must strive to realize the unity of all mankind, to create a world society," he told his audience.

In the candlelight ceremony the names of Ann Arbor's Nisei war dead were read, and relatives and friends lit candles for each name.

Also participating in the serv-Also participating in the services were the Rev. Chester H. Loucks, First Baptist Church; Mary Kanno, violinist; Masako Ono, vocalist; the Rev. H. L. Pickerill of the Disciples-Congregational Guild, chairman of the committee on Nisei work of the Ann Arbor Ministeral Association; Mrs. Irene Applin Boice; and the Rev. Ralph Dunlop of the First Methodist church, host pastor.

Sponsoring committee of the

Sponsoring committee of the memorial service was the "Nisei Plus Club."

Tells Experiences In Relocation Camp

NAPERVILLE, Ill. - Marian Yamabe, freshman at North Central college, spoke before the members of the Grace Evangelical church's Women's Missionary Society on May 17 on her experiences in a war relocation center.

Miss Yamabe relocated here from an Arkansas relocation center and graduated from Naperville high school last year.

Commander of Nisei Regiment Made Full Colonel in Italy

R. Miller of Winneconne, Wis., commanding officer of the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team, was made a full colonel at a ceremony on the Fifth Army front in Italy preceding the unconditional surrender of all German forces of this theater of operations.

While an honor guard, composed of a representative from every company and unit of the Combat Team, stood at attention, Major General Edward M. Almond pinned the silver eagle on Colonel Miller.

Colonel Miller earned his promotion because he had "clearly demonstrated his fitness for promotion by outstanding performance in actual combat."

Under his leadership and direction, his veteran troops of the 442nd in a brilliantly executed sur-prise attack launched the Fifth Army's spring offensive on the left flank. In two days they drove a three-mile wedge into the Ger-man line, and in two weeks had driven twenty miles up the Ligu-

rian seacoast.
While the Japanese-American doughboys maintained this sus-tained feint, the main body of the Fifth Army and the British Eighth struck hard on the Adriatic sector, quickly overrunning Bologna and driving to the Po River.

Colonel Miller, whose wife, Mrs. WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy — Lieutenant Colonel Virgil R. Miller of Winneconne, Wis., commanding officer of the 442nd soon side at Winneconne, Wis., became executive officer of the 442nd soon

after its activation February 1, 1943, at Camp Shelby.

He acted in this capacity with distinction through both the training period and the overseas campaigns of the unit. He served through the 442nd's first Italian campaigns the hitter fighting in campaign, the bitter fighting in the Vosges mountains in Eastern France on the Seventh Army front and the unit's tour of duty in the Maritime Alps on the Franco-Ital-

shortly before the Combat Team secretly left France for its second Italian campaign, Colonel C. W. Pence, who had commanded the price is to the day of its action. the unit since the day of its activation, was transferred to other duties and Colonel Miller was

placed in command. Having served in Hawaii, he un-derstands his men, half of whom are from the islands. He was called into active service in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1942, a year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After serving briefly at Fort McClellan, Ala., he joined the 442nd at Camp

Shelby.

A West Point man, being graduated from the U. S. Military Academy, he was commissioned in June, 1924.

Exhibition of Nisei, Issei Art Opens at New Jersey College

NEWARK, N. J .- Over a thousand people are expected to view the art exhibit consisting entirely of the work of Nisei and Issei painters which opened yesterday at the New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick, N. J.

The exhibit, in which is represented the work of ten artists in relocation projects and sixteen artists who have been well known in the East for many years, owes much of its success to the willingness of the following famous persons to lend it their prestige: Yasuo Kuniyoshi, winner in 1944 of the \$1,000 first prize of the Carnegie Institute and teacher at the Art Students' League in New York City; Eitaro Ishigaki, Chuzo Ta-motzu, Sakari Suzuki and Thomas Nagai.

The financial support required to bring the exhibit together was readily given by the following organizations: New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans, American Baptist Home Missions Society, Japanese American Citizens League, Committee for Resettlement of Japanese Americans of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Resettlement Council of Japanese American Organizations in New York City. Arrangements for the York City. Arrangements for the exhibit were made with the assistance of the WRA office in

The Resettlement Council of Japanese American Organizations is working now upon a plan to move the exhibit to a gallery in New York City, and the New York chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League is engaged upon a plan to have it sent to large cities throughout the coun-

The following artists are repre-The following artists are represented in the exhibit: Leo Amino, Corinne Dohi, Makoto Hara, Fumi Haraguchi, Mr. and Mrs. Matsuburo Hibi, Eitaro Ishigaki, Mrs. F. Kato, Teru Masumoto, Sinko Mikami, Masao Mori, Gus Nakagawa, Thomas Nagai, Nanpo, Mine Okubo, Benji Okubo, Sueo Serisawa, Kazumi Sonoda, T/Sgt. Iwao Suzuki, Sakari Suzuki, Chuzo Tamotzu, Aiko Tera, George Terasaki, Thomas Yamamoto and Harry Yoshizumi. ry Yoshizumi.

First Nisei WAC Stationed in Utah

MAGNA, Utah — Pvt. Atsuko Mori of the WAC visited her mother, Mrs. Y. Mori, and other members of the family recently.

Pvt. Mori is now stationed at Dugway proving grounds, near Wendover, Utah. She is the first Nisei WAC to be stationed in

Nisei Sergeant Asks Passage Of California FEPC Bill

One-Third of Hawaii Babies Were of Japanese Descent

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of the babies born in the Territory of Hawaii in 1943 were of Japanese ancestry, the Census Bureau reported last

According to the census sta-tistics, of the 11,831 births in Hawaii in 1943, 36.6 per cent were born of parents of Japa-nese ancestry (persons of Japanese ancestry (persons of Japa-nese ancestry comprise 37 per cent of Hawaii's population), 26.2. part Hawaiian, 16.8 were Caucasian, 9.7 per cent Filipino, 6.1 Chinese, 2.4 Hawaiian and

Organize New JACL Chapter In Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis .- The Milwaukee chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League was organized at a meeting on May 11.

Mac Kaneko was elected president of the new unit which will be affiliated with the National JACL organization. Other members of the new cabinet are George Isoda, vice-pres.; Lily Shiwo, rec. secretary; Tane Amemiya, corres. secretary; Franklyn Fujihira, treas.; and Sam Minami, Lynn Wells and Maki Ichiyasu, members at large. bers-at-large.

A constitution for the new chap-ter was also adopted at the May 11 meeting.

"We want the national organization to know that a large group of us in Milwaukee are 100 per cent for the program of the League and want to have a share in what is being accomplished," Kaneko said.

Sgt. Sakai, Veteran Of African Campaign, Appears at Hearing

SACRAMENTO-An American soldier of Japanese ancestry to the State Assembly's ways ar means committee on May 17 th enactment of a California Fai Employment Practices act would be his only protection against employment prejudice when he returns to civilian life.

S/Sgt. Paul Sakai, who invaded North Africa with American force on D-Day, addressed the commit-tee during the hearing on AB 1, introduced by Assemblyman Gu Hawkins, Democrat, Los Angeles,

The bill, which would prohibi discrimination in employment be-cause of race, creed, nationality or ancestry, was taken under sub-mission by the committee after two hours of testimony.

"All we ask," Sgt. Sakai said, "is a fair chance to seek an in-alienable right to economic secur-

Also under submission by the committee was AB 1399, Sam Collins, which would create a commission appointed by the governor to conduct a study of racial discrimination in industry and report its recommendations to the 1947 legislature.

Mervyn Rathbone and Revels Cayton of the California CIO joined Sgt. Sakai in urging fa-vorable consideration of the Cali-fornia FEPC bill.

The antidiscrimination bill was opposed by Gil Rolland of the San Francisco Employers' Council and S. H. Strathmore of the Associated Farmers on the grounds the measure would "create racial difficulties and cause more trouble than it would cure."

Hawkins appeared before the committee in support of his bill and declared such a law was necessary to prevent a repetition of racial disturbances which followed

Twenty Nisei Soldiers Give Blood to Save Father of GI

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-Twenty Japanese American soldiers from Fort Snelling voluntarily gave their blood on May 16 at the University of Minnesota hospital to save the life of a father of a serviceman they had never seen.

The victim is Victor Colsen, a

farmer at Bagley, who arrived by ambulance at the hospital on the morning of May 16, weak from excessive bleeding caused by stom-

ach ulcers or malignancy.

His son, Pfc. Edward Colsen, who participated in 21 days of battle on Germany's Siegfried Line, was on his way on emergency furlough from an army hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., to be with at his side.

his father. But his blood, even if the right type, would not be

To meet the emergency, Colsen's attending physician, Dr. David Gaviser, university medical fellow in surgery, telephoned Lieut. Fred Moore of the Fort Snelling personnel office, to ask for volunteer blood donors. That was at noon.

By A. R. the 20 Inaggest

By 4 p. m. the 20 Japaness American soldiers who had volunteered were standing in line out-sile the University Hospital blood

bank.

Within an hour Colsen was receiving his first 1,000 cc. of blood.

His son, too, had arrived and was

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california Senate Gets Bills Restrict 'Disloyal' Citizens

Senator Burns Backs Attempt to Forbid Property Ownership

BAUKAMENTO—Senator Hugh
I Burns, Fresno, announced last
wek he is prepared to introduce
bill in the State Senate to probill that an American citizen in the State Senate to pro-that an American citizen of Soldiers Win Inanese ancestry may not own and in California if he is disloyal the United States.

Burns declared the bill would pace within the provisions of the alifornia Alien Land Law of 1920 identia Allerian of Japanese ancestry "owes allegiance to the Japanemeror." Under the bill burden of proof would be on ditizen of Japanese ancestry

The Fresno senator declared the sure is the result of investiions by the joint fact-finding ommittee on un-American activi-ies, California's "Little Dies Com-

Senator Burns charged that tes-mony before the "Little Dies mmittee" revealed that "many Size were engaged in subversive stricties against the government of the United States for many ths prior to Pearl Harbor. The bill would empower the at-temery general to start escheat proceedings to take away the proprties of any citizen of Japanese ancestry determined to be disloyal and would appropriate \$100,000 for enforcing the provisions of the

Burns introduced good bill in the State Senate a May 23, describing the pro-posed legislation has aimed espec-illy at "disloyal Japanese." The hing at disloyal Japanese. The hins bill, SB 1298, would force disloyal citizens or aliens" to file an oath of allegiance to the United States before they could ome plaintiffs in civil actions in California courts.

The measure, whch sets forth one for suspected disloyal citisens and the other for disloyal

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aliens-would apply to all plaintiffs in civil cases whose loyalty was challenged by a defendant or a defendant's attorney. (See editorial comment on page 4)

Boxing Titles

Hold Championships In Central Pacific **Base Command**

HONOLULU, T. H. — Three American soldiers of Japanese an-cestry won the Central Pacific Base Command boxing champion-ships in a tournament held recently.

All three are attached to the Army Construction Service at a Central Pacific base.

The Engineer Construction Service team in the CPBC boxing cham-pionships, composed mostly of American soldiers of Japanese descent, won the team title with 70 points. The Army Air Forces of the Pacific Ocean Areas took second place with 42 points.

The championship Construction Service team won four individual titles: Nobuo Higa, bantamweight; Hideo Tengan, featherweight; Jack Shiro, lightweight, and Larry Estrella, junior lightweight. weight.

In the title matches Higa decisioned Eddie Reyes of the Kauai Army District in a fight which was so close that Reyes was awarded a special trophy for being the outstanding fighter among the losers.

Tengan got up off the floor to knock out Leo Chung in the first

Estrella knocked out Dominigo Aquias in the second round of his match.

Shiro won the lightweight crown by outfighting Fred Domeico of the Army Air Forces all the way.

Paley Foundation Gives \$500 Check To National JACL

The National Japanese American Citizens League this week acknowledged receipt of a \$500 donation from the William S. Paley Foundation in New York City for the 1945 program of the league. The gift paralleled the Paley Foundation's contribution in 1944.

Currently conducting a financial drive to defray costs of the acaivities of the JACL, Hito Okada, national treasurer reported that returns to date have been extremely generous.

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To Mr. and Mrs. K. Kikuchi, 32-

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To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Kokka, 213-12-B, Poston, a girl on May 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Eiso Naka-mura, 221-13-F, Poston, a boy on

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuaki Wa-kabayashi, 603-A, Tule Lake, a girl on May 8. To Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Nishi-

kawa, 4604-A, Tule Lake, a boy on May 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Suano Nishio,

2216-D, Tule Lake, a boy on To Mr. and Mrs. Kanjiro Haimot, 1704-A, Tule Lake, a girl on

To Mr. and Mrs. Yonetaro Tsurui, 5217-B, Tule Lake, a boy on

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ikeda, 7704-I, Tule Lake, a girl on May

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsugio Hori, 4211-B, Tule Lake, a boy on May 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Uno, 5411-A, Tule Lake, a boy on

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Tochioka, 8316-A, Tule Lake, a boy on To Mr. and Mrs. Asaku Yoshi-

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DEATHS

Namitaro Yokoyama, 77, of 5747-B, Tule Lake, on April 29. Infant Ishihara, 2913-A, Tule Lake, on May 8.

Yoshito Okino, 4806-A, Tule Lake, age 44, on May 12. Tatsugoro Inukai, 68, of 15-1-

Stanley Higashi, 3, on May 24 in Clearfield, Utah. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Higashi of Clearfield, two brothers, Robert and Gene.

Mrs. Shizuye Taniguchi, 52, of 25-3-F, Ht. Mountain, on May 17.

MARRIAGES

Patricia Hashimoto to Sgt. Minoru Namba on April 30 in Poston. Toshiye Susie Nakata to Shoichi Mas Funo on May 9 in Bil-

may 6 at Tule Lake.

Tenuko Mukai to Fumio Hayamizu on May 6 at Tule Lake.

Fumi Ota to Shigenori Aoki on May 6 at Tule Lake.

Sakaye Nakamura to Kazuji Fukida on May 6 at Tule Lake. Yoshiko Domen to Teru Sasaki

on May 12 at Tule Lake.
Shizuko Yokoyama to Lt. Tom
T. Tanaka on April 14 at Fort

Snelling, Minn.
Dora Tanaka to the Rev. Toshi Hirabayashi in Delta, Colo. MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jerry Y. Inouye, Fumiko B. Menda, in Denver.

Nisei WAC Visits Friends in Milwaukee

WILWAUKEE, Wis.—Pfc. Susue Yagi of the WAC, first Nisei girl to be inducted into service in Milwaukee, was a recent furlough visitor here from MacDill Field, Florida.

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Japanese American Gunner Flies 150 Combat Missions **Against Japanese in Pacific**

Sgt. Rodney Higashi Of Kauai Joined Army in Michigan

HONOLULU, T. H.—Staff Sgt. Rodney Higashi of Kapaa, Kauai, and Grosse Pointe, Mich., has flown more than 150 combat missions in the Pacific against Japan, the Star-Bulletin reported on May

Sgt. Higashi, a gunner, recently spent part of his furlough in Kauai and is now on the mainland.

The Japanese American was with the U. S. Fifth Air Force and has had more than a year's active service in the Pacific.

Higashi was living in Michigan before the outbreak of war and was inducted into the Army on July 27, 1941. At the time of his induction, he was an automobile mechanic, in charge of the service department of the Buick agency at Grosse Pointe.

He was assigned to the Army Air Corps and was assigned for a time to a base in Florida. He was later attached to a bomber squad-ron of the Fifth Air Force and

ron of the Fifth Air Force and sent to the south Pacific.

The Star-Bulletin reported that Higashi was such a good gunner that he rode as the squadron commander's chief engineer and gunner in the lead plane of Unit 1. Later he graduated from the old ATs to the B-24 Liberators.

On New Year's Day, 1945, Sgt. Higashi participated in tactical assignments against Luzon and later, based at Clark Field, made many other raids against the Jap-

many other raids against the Japanese, one of which was over Formosa.

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Nakama Wins Two Places on College All-America Team

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Ki-yoshi Nakama, captain of Ohio State University's NCAA champions, earned two places on the all-America collegiate swimming team selected on May 19 by the College Swimming Coaches' Association of America.

Nakama was ranked No. 1 nationally in the 440-yard and 1500-meter free-stye events. He was placed second to Columbia's Eugene Rogers in the 220-yard free style

750 Evacuees Return Home to **Valley Region**

FRESNO, Calif. — San Joaquin Valley officials of the War Relocation Authority this week disclosed that 750 evacuees have returned to the valley counties of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Ma-

Figures were given by C. Lane, manager of the Fresno office of the WRA, and Paul J. Fischer, head of the Visalia office.

Fisher said that about 90 per cent of the returned evacuees are property owners, mostly citizens, with occasionally some alien parents returning with their families.

Council Asks Army To Assist WRA in Resettling Evacuees

NEW YORK — The American Council on Race Relations meeting in New York City, voted on May 20 to ask Army and Federal agencies for full cooperation with the War Relocation Authority in the resettlement of returning Japanese Americans on the ing Japanese Americans on the West Coast.

Ernesto Galarza of the Pan American Union and a member of the Council's Board declared that the evacuees were moved by the Army with a "government promise of protection for their return."

"If this promise is not fulfilled,"

Galarza said, "a precedent is set that seriously affects the rights of every minority."

First Petition Filled in Estate Of Nisei Soldier

SACRAMENTO—The first Sacramento County petition for letters of administration in the establishment. tate of a Japanese American killed in action has been filed in the Superior court by Louise Hayashi of Perkins, sister of Pfc. Torao Hayashi who was killed in the Vosges mountains in France on Oct. 28, 1944.

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WRA Program Will Continue Despite Terrorism, Says Myer

Discharge of Evacuees From Camps Will Be Accelerated by WRA

WASHINGTON — Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director, affirmed on May 17 that the agency's program of resettlement of evacuees of Japanese ancestry in normal communities on the West Coast and other parts of the country will continue, regardless of try will continue, regardless of antievacuee violence on the West

Myer said that the discharge of evacuees in the relocation camps will be stepped up in coming months, and the camps will be closed by Jan. 2, 1946, as sched-

Secretary of Interior Ickes made public on May 14 West Coast incidents against returning Japanese-Americans, including shootings, dynamiting, arson and threats to "clear out of town."

In commenting on these and similar instances, Myer empha-

"It is not going to stop us from completing our job, which is to free the evacuees for return to the West Coast or wherever else they may choose to go."

He indicated that the number

He indicated that the number of evacuees returning to the West Coast will be "increased very greatly" in the next few weeks when school is out. He indicated that many families were waiting for their children to conclude their school terms before making the

school terms before making the move.

The International News Service quoted another WRA official as explaining that one of the nine centers, "most likely Tule Lake," will remain open after Jan. 2, 1946, to accommodate persons who have not been cleared for relocation from the centers.

He said that Tule Lake then "probably will come under the management of the Justice Department's Immigration and Naturalization Service."

The WRA spokesman said he knew of few terrorist incidents

VERNON, B. C.—Owen L. Jones, CCF candidate for Yale, told a Vernon audience at the opening meeting of his campaign last week that "I have yet to see a Canadian-born Japanese who is disloyal."

"Are you going to stoop as low as Hitler and Mussolini to pass laws to victimize minority groups?" he asked.

He accused the Hon. Ian Mackenzie and Tom Reid, leading British Columbia political figures, of trying to make the "Japanese question" the issue of the election.

occurring elswhere than the West Coast. The most recent of the few exceptions, he said, took place in Chicago, where a young Negro, accompanied by three others, abot and wounded a Japanese-American youth who was standing in a street car island.

WRA Plan to Close Relocation Camps Affirmed by Myer

PHILADELPHIA — Closing of the eight relocation centers for evacuees of Japanese ancestry by Jan. 2, 1946 is a "good thing because the centers are not a normal or fair process of permanent education for Japanese Americans but are purely temporary expedients," Dillon S. Myer, national director of WRA, declared here on May 18.

In an informal address before a In an informal address before a group of Japanese American evacuees and members of the Friends society, Mr. Myer said the mutual discovery of America by the evacuees and the evacuees by America was perhaps the greatest single result of the evacuation of the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.

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