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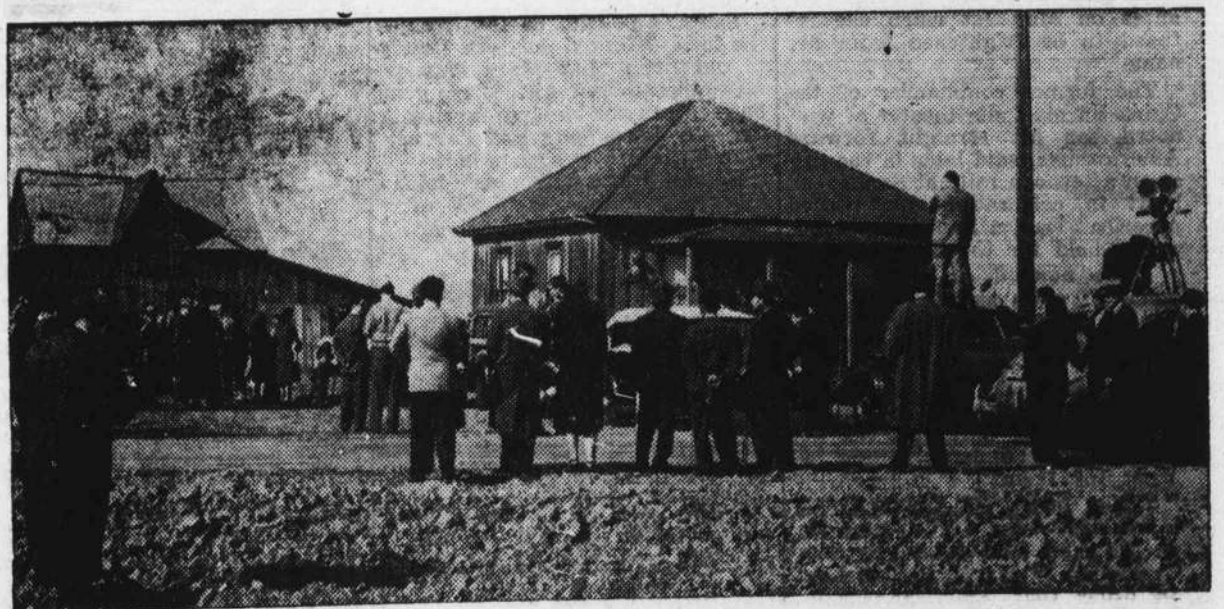
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As General Stilwell Honored a Nisei Hero



WRA DIRECTOR SAYS PREJUDICE DIES AS PUBLIC HAS FACTS

LOS ANGELES — Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, said on Dec. 11 animosity toward Japanese Americans released from war relocation centers is dying down as the American public "had the facts."

"I am delighted with the general acceptance of the situation here as well as across the country once the people had the facts," Mr. Myer said on arrival here to prepare for the end of the WRA program.

"There were a few problems until public acceptance of Japanese Americans improved, but now the employment situation is about the same as that of any other class of people."

Mr. Myer said that only one relocation center, Tule Lake, was still open and that the entire program will be completed by June 30, 1946.

SANTA ANA, Calif.—General Joseph (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, one of the leading American military figures of the war, came to the little farming community of Talbert on Dec. 8 to present Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda's posthumous Distinguished Service Cross to his courageous sister, Mary.

(Upper left) Mary Masuda sits in the living room of her home beside the family's picture of Kazuo Masuda, killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy.

(Upper right) General Stilwell listens as his aide, Lieut. Col. Frank Hubbard, Jr., reads the Army's DSC citation for the late Sgt. Masuda. On the porch are (left to right) Pfc. Mitsuo Masuda, brother of the Nisei hero, and his father and mother, Gensuke and Tamae Masuda. Mary is at the microphone.

(Middle left) General Stilwell is shown as he arrived at Santa Ana Air Base en route to the Masuda ranch. His driver for the day was Hitoshi Nitta, first Nisei to return to Orange County after the evacuation.

(Lower right) Scene at the Masuda farm shortly before the arrival of General Stilwell. Newsreel cameras already have been set up to film the presentation ceremony.

(Lower left) Shortly after she received the Distinguished Service Cross from General Stilwell, Mary Masuda pinned it on the dress of her mother, Mrs. Tamae Masuda.

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General Stilwell Pins DSC On Sister of Nisei Hero in Ceremony at Masuda Ranch

"Vinegar Joe" Participates in Americans United Rally in Santa Ana; Film Stars Pay Tribute To Combat Record of Japanese American Troops

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Arriving by plane from Washington, General Joseph W. Stilwell pinned the D.S.C. on little Mary Masuda Saturday morning, Dec. 8, in a simple ceremony on the porch of her small frame shack near Talbert, Orange County.

It was the same humble home from which a self-appointed vigilante committee had attempted to drive her a few months before, when she was one of the first Nisei (Americans of Japanese ancestry) to return from relocation centers to California's farmlands.

On Dec. 8 newsreel cameras ground, radio mikes edged in and press photographers shot from many angles to record this presentation of the Army's second highest medal earned by Mary's dead brother, Kazuo Masuda, who was killed at Cassino last year.

The former commander of the China-Burma-India theater of war, "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, spoke in his traditional democratic manner as he made the award posthumously to Mary Masuda, who like her brother had stood up against the forces of fascism.

Kazuo, staff sergeant with the famous 442nd Infantry Japanese American Combat Team, had ordered his men back and single-handedly advanced through heavy artillery fire, carrying a mortar. Bracing it in a helmet packed with dirt, he poured round after round into the Nazis for twelve hours. A few weeks later in a similar lone advance he was killed, at Cassino on the Italian front. But his men were safe.

That is why Kazuo could not be present to accept the General's medal. His sister Mary, not unlike Mary Pickford in stature and poise, took it for him, with tears in her eyes. Her parents and two of her three living brothers were present on the little porch. All her brothers were or are in the Army.

General Stilwell said as he met Miss Masuda at the ceremony, "I have never yet found a Nisei who didn't do his full duty right up to the handle. I feel it an honor to be delegated to make this award."

The Distinguished Service Cross did not remain where he pinned it, for Mary turned and fastened it on her mother's dress in recognition. It was Mary, however, who alone had faced the barroom vigilantes on May 1st when she refused to be frightened from her home.

The former commander of the China-Burma-India theater of war, noted for his straight forward Americanism, said later in the day at an afternoon rally at Santa Ana Bowl in celebration of "United America" Day, a Santa Ana innovation held for the first time:

"The amount of money, the color of one's skin . . . do not make a measure of Americanism. A square deal all around; free speech; equality before the law; a fair field with no favor; obedience to the majority;—an American not only believes in such things, but he is willing to fight for them."

"Who, after all, is the real American? The real American is the man who calls it a fair exchange to lay down his life in order that American ideals may go on living. And judging by such a test, Sgt. Masuda was a better American than any of us here today."

The General gave the names of winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor—only one surviving—to show that this highest of all military awards had gone to Americans of many races, of Mexican, Italian, Polish, German and other ancestries.

Ronald Reagan, Louise Allbritton, Robert Young, Harry Flannery, Will Rogers Jr., Richard Loo, Chris-Pin Martin, Don Whedlin, Alex Haver and others were on the program, coming down from Hollywood for the occasion. There were also short talks by leaders of several races, including Ruby Merkeley Goodwin, Dan Marshall, Roque E. DeLa Ysla, Maurice Hazan and Walter Hilborn. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders gave invocations, and the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign War and American Veterans Committee were represented. Also, the Spanish-American War Veterans Five

& Drum Corps played an old war tune.

Louise Allbritton, motion picture star born in Texas, gave a sketch telling how the Texas Lost Battalion were saved by the Nisei soldiers. Robert Young did the Arch Oboler bit, "I Have No Prayer." Ronald Reagan, until recently an army captain, spoke on behalf of the American Veterans Committee, of which he is an officer, saying:

"Blood that has soaked into the sands of a beach is all of one color. America stands unique in the world, the only country not founded on race, but on a way—an ideal. Not in spite of, but because of our polyglot background, we have had all the strength in the world. That is the American way."

"Mr. and Mrs. Masuda, just as one member of the family of Americans speaking to another member, I want to say for what your son Kazuo did—Thanks!"

Harry Flannery as M. C. pointed out that four years before to the day America in one day, shocked by Pearl Harbor, achieved unity. And, he continued, on this "United America" day, when "Americans-All" gathered in Santa Ana Bowl to honor General Stilwell after the occasion of his presentation to Mary Masuda, perhaps it was not too early to begin peace-time unity.

It was Scout Josh Wilson of Orange Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America, who had led the Allegiance of the Flag. " . . . with Liberty — and Justice — for ALL."

And it was the Santa Ana Army Air Base Band that played "America the Beautiful" as the audience filed out . . . with many a choke in the throat.

Santa Ana extends to all cities the idea—"United America Day."

And little Miss Mary Masuda, attractive Nisei girl, has gone back to run her ten-acre farm with her elderly parents and her veteran brother who assists her.

Talbert will not see such doings again for a long time. "Vinegar Joe" will long be remembered.

Judge Orders Hostel In Stockton to Close

STOCKTON, Calif. — Police Judge E. E. Breitenbacher on November 21 ordered Frank Kanada, 47, operator of a hostel for returned evacuees, to close the establishment because of "overcrowding and other violations of health regulations."

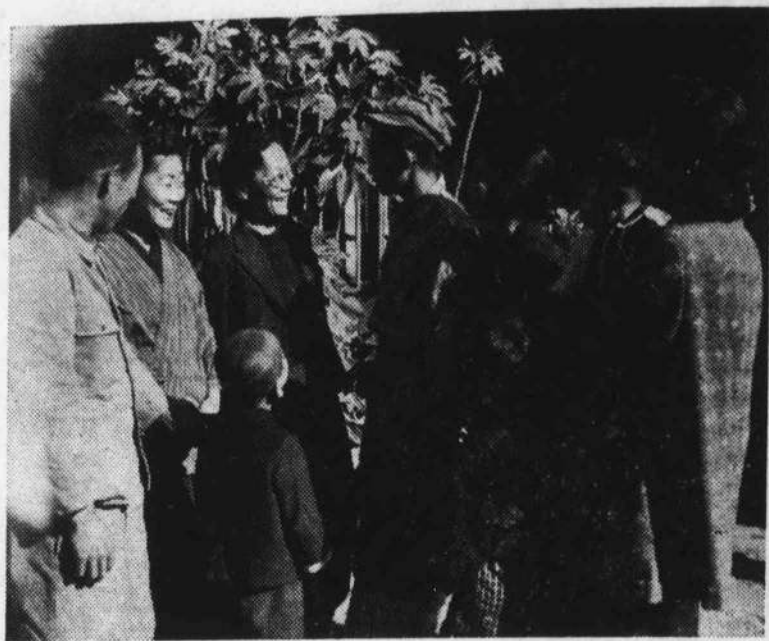
Richard Loo's Chinese "Creed" Written by Nisei

LOS ANGELES — The "Chinese American creed," read at the United American rally in Santa Ana on Dec. 8 by Richard Loo, Hollywood actor, was actually the "Japanese American Creed" written by Sgt. Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, who has been overseas for the past 18 months.

Scotty Tsuchiya, Los Angeles representative of the JACL, declared this week that "in all fairness to Sgt. Masaoka," it should be made known that the statement read by Mr. Loo, who specializes in playing Japanese villains on the screen, was actually Sgt. Masaoka's "Japanese American creed."

It was stated that Mr. Loo was not aware that the statement he was reading was something of Japanese American origin.

Nisei GI Finds Mother in Japan



WITH THE SIXTH ARMY IN JAPAN—T/4 Ben Yeki, an American soldier of Japanese ancestry serving with the 41st (Jungleers) division, the current occupation force in the Hiroshima area, recently located his mother after a three weeks' search. After long years of residence at Fowler, Calif., Mrs. Yeki returned to her home in Hiroshima in 1934. At the time of the atom bombing of Hiroshima she was away from her home, returning to find it destroyed. Sgt. Yeki began his search for his mother when the 41st Division first arrived in the Hiroshima area last October. He finally found his mother staying with friends 25 miles away.—(Photo from U. S. Sixth Army in Japan.)

Hunger, Filth, Cold Greet First Group of Repatriates From U. S. to Land in Japan

Renunciant Asks A. P. Reporter to Send Message To America Urging Others at Tule Lake Not To Return, to Stay in United States

The first group of repatriates and expatriates from the Tule Lake center and from Department of Justice camps arrived in Japan on Dec. 10 aboard a U. S. Army transport.

They found a cold, hungry, beaten Japan.

They found that people in Japan considered them "suckers" for having returned from the United States.

They were placed in a "reception center," consisting of filthy barracks abandoned by the Japanese Army. Their first

meal consisted of a small bowl of rice and a pickled apricot. They complained about the food and were told they were lucky to get it, that thousands of persons were starving in Japan.

They didn't like it and they wished they had never come to Japan—but they knew it was too late.

Several of them told the Associated Press' Duane Hennessey to tell the people in Tule Lake not to come to Japan.

One of them, Tom Satoshi Yoshiyama, 27, who had renounced his U. S. citizenship and had volunteered for deportation said:

"I never realized it was as bad in this country as it is. Please do me a favor and send a message to other Japanese in the United States who are thinking of coming to Japan. Tell them in my name that I urge them to stay where they are."

The dreary reception center at Uruga on Tokyo Bay is crowded with Japanese repatriated from the Pacific Islands, Singapore and the United States. Yoshiyama was disgusted with conditions there.

He told the A. P. correspondent he was born in Salinas, Calif., 27 years ago and was within one-half year of being graduated from San Francisco State Teachers college when war broke out. He was evacuated and put in the Santa Anita assembly center.

"I renounced my U. S. citizenship because I felt I was being pushed around," Yoshiyama declared. "I had always thought I should be on an equal basis with Caucasian fellows. I felt that even though many times before I had run into the color barrier. I could not even use Fleishacker pool (public swimming pool in San Francisco.)"

"Then when the war came along I felt sure democracy did not apply to me, because of the way I was treated. That hit me hard because I had always considered myself a good American. I had been a Boy Scout, Future Farmer of America, basketball captain—then all of a sudden I was shunned."

Yoshiyama told Hennessey he "does not feel bitter toward the

United States and still is willing to cooperate."

He renounced his citizenship in December, 1943, and admitted today "I was convinced then that Japan would win the war. I just got mad at America, I guess."

He was questioned as to why, as late as Dec., 1943, he still thought Japan was winning, Yoshiyama made this astounding reply to the A. P. correspondent:

"Why, 95 per cent of those who came back to Japan on the ship with me still thought Japan had won the war. They thought it was just a bunch of American propaganda that Japan surrendered. They thought we were being brought to Japan because the Japanese had won the war and were compelling the Americans to transport us."

As for himself, Yoshiyama said he became convinced Japan had lost the war when he heard of the capture of Iwo Jima. Asked why he realized Japan had lost when the others still thought she was winning, he said: "Hell, I had common sense."

Hennessey recalled that Yoshiyama was one of the "bad boys" of Tule Lake and one of the ring-leaders of disturbances there. He spent eight months in the Tule Lake stockade as a result. He is busy now telling other Japanese repatriates the camp officials at the Uruga camp "stole food that belonged to the Japanese and were running a black market."

Yoshiyama's biggest cause of discontent right now is that his bride of two months is in the United States. So far, only wives of diplomats have been returned to Japan.

He was asked: "Now that you are back in Japan, just how do you feel about America?"

"I admit it is a damn good country," he replied.

"Would you like to go back?"

"Even if I wanted to they wouldn't let me now," he responded.

"Yes, but what if they would let you?"

"I think I would go back," he answered.

Another "repatriate" Robert

Advance Date Of National JACL Meet

Kido Says Convention Will Be Held from Feb. 28 in Denver

The National JACL convention originally scheduled for March 23 to 24, will be held February 28 to March 3, it was announced this week by Saburo Kido, national president.

The change in dates was made upon the request of rural area chapters, Kido said.

Kido also announced that the early return of members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to this country from Europe will enable JACL members of that outfit to be present at the conference.

Preparations for the conference are expected to be stepped up with the election of new officers by the Denver chapter. Committees announced by national headquarters are already at work on their assignments, Kido said.

World War I Vet Found Dead Near Carbon County Home

PRICE, Utah—Riyo Hiyano, 56, an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, was found dead on the afternoon of Dec. 5 in the borrow pit of the highway near his home at National, 20 miles south of Price.

Mr. Hiyano had been in Price for a dental appointment and was last seen alive about 9 p.m. the previous night, according to Deputy Sheriff Warren Peacock, investigating officer.

Death apparently was from natural causes, Mr. Peacock said.

The deceased was a member of American Legion post No. 535 of Los Angeles, having served in the U. S. Army in World War I.

Tsuida, Hawaiian-born, who had been a cook in Chicago and had worked in Santa Ana, Calif., complained about the stench-ridden halls of the filthy barracks in which the repatriates were housed.

"This place is terrible! Why can't the American Army disinfect these buildings? Why didn't they do it before we arrived?" Tsuida asked.

He was told the American Army had nothing to do with the operation of the Uruga reception center. "You are under the Japanese government now," he was told. "They are running this place. These are the buildings they picked out for you."

"We never thought we would be coming back to anything as bad as this," Tsuida complained. "This is terrible!"

When the first group of repatriates from Tule Lake left the U. S. Army transport, they were forced to trudge for a mile up a muddy, rutted road to reach the camp consisting of a half-dozen weather-beaten, unpainted barracks. Windows were broken, letting a chill wind whip through the barren rooms.

Rotting and untended since the Japanese Army moved out, the buildings had not been cleaned for months. Halls were littered with old tin cans, ashes dumped from charcoal burners, and cardboard boxes of refuse and junk.

There were no beds, just sleeping mats. Each man was issued dirty blankets, presumably salvaged from the Japanese Army.

"At least they could have cleaned the blankets," one of the repatriates said. "They even smell bad. Living here is miserable."

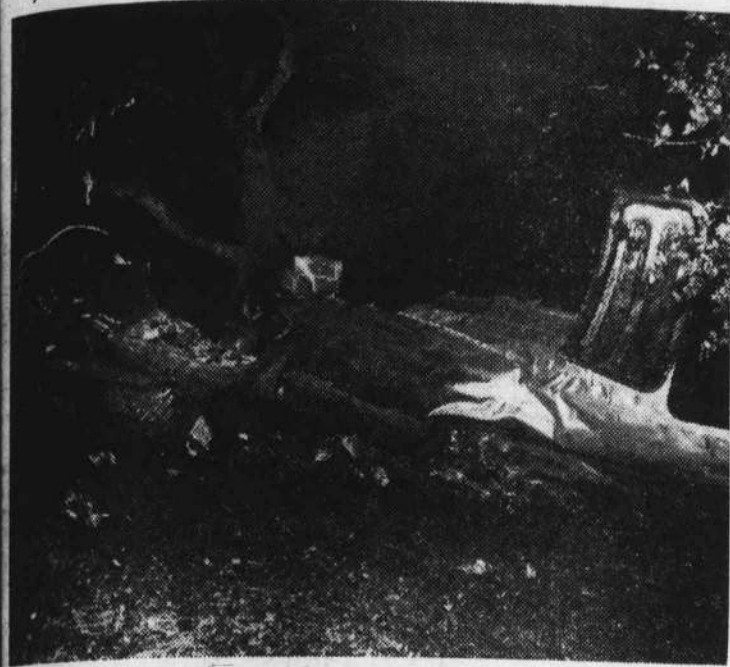
A repatriate was asked how the Uruga camp compared with the war relocation centers in the United States.

"There's no comparison," he replied.

At least 500 of the repatriates were waiting in the mess hall, place of unmopped floors, and pools of water here and there on the uneven cement. Each person was served one saucer of rice—plate the size of an American coffee saucers—and one pickled sprig of cot.

"Then they all returned to their quarters, shivering. There was heat anywhere in the camp," reported Hennessey. "That's why they came back to from America."

Wreckage of C-47 Transport



AUBURN, Calif.—The above photo, taken shortly after the crash of an Army C-47 transport into a hill near Auburn on Nov. 28, shows the wreckage of the plane in which nine U. S.

soldiers, including four Japanese American veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, were killed and 15 other combat veterans, all of Japanese ancestry, were injured. —(U. S. Army photo.)

Recommend Three Nisei GIs For Soldier's Medal; Saved Lives of Buddies in Crash

List of Casualties in Crash of Transport Plane Near Auburn Announced by Officials At Army's DeWitt General Hospital

AUBURN, Calif.—The heroism of three of the Nisei victims of the crash of the Army C-47 transport on Nov. 28 was responsible for the fact that many of the 15 Japanese Americans who survived the crash are alive today, it was reported here.

When emergency rescue units from DeWitt General Hospital arrived at the scene of the crash near the hospital one of the crash victims was walking around through the wreckage, hauling his companions to safety. Though badly injured and suffering from severe shock the soldier

Howard Murakami of Paia, Maui, assisted by T/4 Robert Y. Yamamoto and Cpl. Hideo Nakagawa, rendered aid to the wounded and helped load stretchers onto the ambulances. Murakami was rushed to DeWitt hospital in the sheriff's car while the other two Nisei remained to give additional assistance.

All three of the Japanese Americans have been recommended for the Soldier's Medal, given for heroic action not involving actual combat.

The list of casualties resulting from the crash was reported this week by Lieut. Victoria LeFevre, public relations officer at DeWitt hospital.

Of the nineteen Japanese Americans aboard the transport, all but one had next of kin in Hawaii and were bound for Camp Beale, Calif., where they were scheduled to receive discharges after serving with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France.

Those killed in the crash or who died later of injuries were:

T/4 DE MATTEI, Attilio G., 1950 Franklin St., San Francisco.

T/4 CHARLES S. HIGA, Paia, T. H.

T/4 LAWRENCE T. IWAMOTO, Kealahou, T. H.

T/4 SABURO IMAI, 1452 N. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

T/5 HIROYUKE HIRAMOTO, N. Kaukani St., Honolulu.

T/3 ROLF G. HECHT, Berkeley, Calif.

1ST. LIEUT. JERRY CEBE, Jackson Field, Calif.

MAJOR LOUIE G. MARTIN, AAF BU.

CPL. PAUL G. PITZERLE, San Francisco, Calif.

Those who were injured in the crash and now are reported "doing fine" by officials at DeWitt hospital are:

T/4 HOWARD M. MURAKAMI, Paia, T. H.

T/4 KIYOTO YOKOYAMA, Paia, T. H.

CPL. ISAMU KANEKUNI, Paia, T. H.

CPL. HIDEO NAKAGAWA, Waihanu St., Honolulu.

CPL. MASAMI OHARA, Aiea, T. H.

CPL. NICK M. SHIMIZU, Paia, Hawaii.

CPL. TOMIO SUNAHARA, Waihanu, Oahu, T. H.

CPL. RAYMOND T. TANAKA, Kaneohe, Oahu, T. H.

Issei Petition Congress For American Citizenship Rights

Carey McWilliams Urges Issei Citizenship, Prompt Federal Action to Indemnify Evacuees

CHICAGO—Carey McWilliams, author and lecturer, has urged the granting of citizenship to Japanese aliens who have proved their loyalty through war-time service to America.

Speaking at a conference called by the American Council on Race Relations at its national headquarters in Chicago, Tuesday, Dec. 4, McWilliams also called for prompt federal action to insure speedy indemnification for losses suffered by Japanese Americans in the evacuation.

McWilliams cited several instances of Japanese who have served in important posts in the Office of Strategic Services, the Office of War Information, and other key war agencies, and who are now faced with deportation.

"In many cases," said McWilliams, "these men have designed the pro-democratic propaganda used by our armed forces in the Pacific, and they are entitled to the naturalization benefits of that democracy."

The indemnity proposal was supported by Japanese American leaders at the conference, including Mrs. Setsuko Nishi, secretary of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee; and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, mid-west director of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Others present included: Miss Prudence Ross, War Relocation Authority area director; Togo Tanaka, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; George Nishimoto, of the Church Federation; and Thomas H. Wright, director of the Chicago Mayors' Committee on Race Relations.

McWilliams Says Racial Segregation Pattern Outmoded

In the absence of vigorous national leadership on racial relations since the deaths of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie, activity on the local level through councils for civic unity and similar community organizations is necessary toward achieving interracial progress, Carey McWilliams, noted author and lecturer on race relations, told a Salt Lake City audience on Dec. 9 at the Newhouse hotel.

Mr. McWilliams characterized the practices of racial segregation and other expressions of biracialism as antiquated and predicted that ridiculous public practices necessitated by segregation would force its eventual abandonment.

Mr. McWilliams also believed that restrictive residential covenants would eventually be outlawed in the courts as contrary to public policy.

The appearance in Salt Lake City of the author of "Prejudice: The Japanese Americans," "Brothers Under the Skin," "Ill Fares the Land" and other books was under the joint sponsorship of the Japanese American Citizens League, the NAACP, the Unitarian Forum, the Citizens Committee for Interracial Progress and the Council for Civic Unity.

A capacity audience of 400 attended the lecture. During his stay in Utah Mr. McWilliams also spoke at Brigham Young University and Weber college.

1500 Voluntary Repatriates Leave Tule Lake Center for Deportation Journey to Japan

Group Includes Renunciants, Aliens; Departure Will Lower Camp Population to Below 10,000; Deportees Will Board Army Transport in Seattle

NEWELL, Calif.—Fifteen hundred repatriates from the Tule Lake WRA center will begin their deportation journey to Japan on Dec. 18 in the first large group to be voluntarily repatriated from the camp.

Ivan Williams, officer in charge for the Justice Department at the center, said that some 3,500 who have renounced American citizenship or who are aliens will voluntarily leave Tule Lake for Japan within the next few weeks.

The repatriates will be sent by train coach to Seattle where they will board an Army transport.

Williams said that many of the members of the first group joined three nationalist organizations in the camp and are charged in a pending legal suit brought by opposing camp forces with anti-American acts of violence, terrorism and sedition in an effort to force other persons at the camp to renounce their United States citizenship.

Williams added, however, that some are Nisei loyal to the United States who are going to Japan to help revive democratic influences there.

With the departure of the 3,500 voluntary repatriates, the population of the Tule Lake center will drop to 9,000. Officials declare that of the remaining persons at the center who have renounced their citizenship, many claim that they did so under pressure from violently nationalistic groups in the camp.

Only 4,500 of the 15,000 at the Tule Lake camp were being held there for security reasons under orders of the Justice Department.

The fate of those remaining in the camp is now before the Department of Justice, the War Relocation Authority and the courts, it was stated.

A mass petition by nearly 1,000 of those who had renounced their citizenship, most of them young persons, seeks the restoration of citizenship and is scheduled for hearing in San Francisco Federal Court on Jan. 10.

Legal Defense Planned on Escheat Cases

STOCKTON—Issei members of the Japanese American Civil Rights Defense Union petitioned the Congress of the United States for the right of naturalization for American citizenship during the organizational meeting of the new group on Dec. 6.

The petition pointed out that resident aliens of Japanese ancestry have contributed to the war effort of the United States and that the majority are parents of American servicemen.

More than 90 representatives from more than 21 northern California districts attended the Stockton meeting which was held with the assistance of the National JACL. Purpose of the meeting was to pool resources to combat various legal discriminations against persons of Japanese ancestry in California.

Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California JACL representative, was chairman of the meeting, while vice-chairmen were Setsugo Sakamoto of Fresno and Kay Hamatani of Sacramento.

The necessity of sponsoring legal defenses in state escheat proceedings against agricultural property held by American citizens of Japanese descent was stressed at the meeting. The significant legal aspects of the Alien Land Law litigation were discussed by a panel of four attorneys who were present, namely James C. Purcell and William E. Ferriter of San Francisco, A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles and Saburo Kido.

It was noted that more than 40 escheat cases have been filed by the State of California and the district attorneys of the respective counties involved. Chairman Masaoka asserted that the projected confiscations included not only farms but residential property held by Japanese Americans.

Delegates attending the meeting expressed the opinion that the present escheat proceedings, for which the California Legislature has appropriated \$200,000, may increase to "disastrous" proportions unless they are curbed by the cooperative legal actions on the part of Japanese Americans. It was also pointed out that accountability for this \$200,000 appropriation makes continuing escheat proceedings mandatory and that under new California legislation, the state and the counties will divide the proceeds of properties escheated to the state. Hereafter, all proceeds have diverted to the state.

The board of directors of the new Civil Rights Defense Union was elected at the meeting and its members will include K. Uyeda, K. Togasaki, K. Ikeda, K. Hamatani, S. Sakai, K. Hirasaki, H. Tanimura, S. Masunaga, T. Domoto, S. Kubo, S. Sakamoto and W. Enomoto. K. Koda will act as comptroller, while the auditors are H. Taketa, Y. Kanagawa and M. Shinoda.

Long Beach Nisei Unable to Locate Mother in Hiroshima

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Press-Telegram reported on Nov. 29 that T/3 Ted Nomura, now on duty with occupation forces in Japan, had been unable to locate his mother in ruins of the city of Hiroshima.

Captain Ushiro Takes Post of Regimental Surgeon in 442nd

LEGHORN, Italy—Captain California S. Ushiro of Los Altos, Calif., took over the post of regimental surgeon of the 442nd Combat Team recently upon the departure of Major Clarence H. Buckley for the United States.

Captain Ushiro served with distinction as Second Battalion surgeon during every campaign of the 442nd in Italy and France.

He has been awarded a Bronze Star for his services to wounded men while under fire at the front.

Restrictions on Enemy Alien Travel, Contraband Abolished

WASHINGTON—Attorney General Tom Clark on Dec. 11 cancelled regulations governing travel of German and Japanese aliens within the United States and their possessions of such articles as cameras, weapons and short-wave receivers.

Williams also reported that 1,200 persons, mostly aliens and young children, were leaving a Department of Justice camp in Texas for similar voluntary repatriation.

The wartime restrictions were rescinded by Attorney General Clark following issuance of a Presidential proclamation to the effect that such controls no longer are required by national defense and public safety considerations.

The former enemy aliens may move about the country without reporting to Federal district attorneys and may recover radios, cameras and weapons which had to be surrendered to government authorities at the outbreak of hostilities.

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EDITORIALS:

Segregation Is Out of Date

In a world in which science has streamlined our way of living, segregation is an out-moded concept which costs us men, money and hours. This was one of the major points brought out by Carey McWilliams in his talk Dec. 9 in Salt Lake City.

Science has made the world a small unit, spanned by cables and ships and planes. In our diplomatic relationships we have, to some extent at least, recognized this by turning from an isolationist nation to a country anxious to cooperate with others. Yet isolated instances of Spanish-American discrimination in our border states boomerang through South America, and our Good Neighbor policy goes backward instead of forward.

Congress and the country are anxious that this time we do not fail the countries of the world, and we have signified our support of the United Nations Organization. Yet every day members of minority groups in this country feel discrimination, while at the same time, we proclaim our eagerness to join with all the countries of the world to secure peace for the little nations, as well as for ourselves.

In our own country we cannot keep the peace for our minorities, except by demanding of them acquiescence to a double standard of citizenship.

Even during the war, when we were urged to keep ships and tanks and planes coming off the production lines, work at a defense plant halted over the issue of a Negro's right to employment.

During the war we spent \$300,000,000 and a staggering total of Army and civilian manhours to put into effect the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast, though later the act was considered by many as our "greatest wartime mistake."

In Missouri the state has provided, because of the demand of Negro Americans to entry into the state's colleges of law and journalism, separate institutions for Negro students. These schools, each built upon the demand of a single student, are large, well-supplied and well-staffed. Yet hardly a dozen students are in either of these schools.

The schools stand hardly used today, monuments to the bigotry of segregation.

In a world in which it is scientifically recognized that there is no superior race, nor an inferior one, we live by customs and habits that decree that some men, by the sole determinant of color, are unworthy of certain privileges and rights that extend to others. We use the yardstick of color, not worth.

And above all, in a world in which men died to prove there was no master race, men still must die because they are deemed a race inferior, and therefore are delegated to slum areas, to jobs unworthy of their mental capacities, to racial degradation and to racist hate.

Citizenship for Issei

In Stockton, Calif., last week a group of resident aliens of Japanese ancestry prepared and forwarded a petition to Congress for the right of naturalization for citizenship. The action was significant in that it was the first formal request by an Issei group for the American citizen rights which are barred to them by the accepted, though anachronistic, interpretation of our immigration law.

The right of Issei, who have proven themselves to be loyal residents during the war,

to American citizenship is one which is difficult to dispute. These "aliens ineligible to citizenship" are the parents of the 23,000 Nisei in the United States Army and they are entitled to a considerable share of the credit which has been given the Japanese Americans for their services in World War II. In addition, many Issei have made positive contributions to the war effort, especially in the field of American overseas propaganda, as well as indirectly through farming and other types of war production.

The right of naturalization can be granted to the Issei who have proved themselves loyal to the United States through special Congressional legislation without revising our immigration laws, though such revision would appear to be desirable in order to make the laws of our nation consistent with our position of moral leadership in the community of nations through the United Nations Organization. Justice for the Issei, however, which is a matter of immediate interest, can be accomplished through special legislation without disturbing our traditional attitude on Asiatic immigration.

This week the Department of Justice relaxed its regulations governing travel and possession of contraband by German and Japanese aliens. This action has the effect of abolishing enemy alien status for both of these groups. Meanwhile, the Justice Department is proceeding with its program of deporting Japanese aliens who have been interned for the war's duration and who are considered deportable by a special hearing board. Once this deportation program, involving several thousand Japanese aliens, is completed, the assumption will be that those permitted to remain are considered to be desirable residents of the United States, and, as such, should be eligible to apply for naturalization.

A Separate VFW Post

The wartime service of American soldiers of Chinese ancestry is emphasized by the news that a Chinese American post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been chartered in San Francisco. Chinese Americans have fought in every theater of war and their casualties have been high. They have served in the Navy as well as the Army and special Chinese American intelligence units have done excellent propaganda and liaison work in Asia.

At a time when members of America's minorities are attempting to break down the patterns of racial segregation, the news of the formation of a Chinese American unit of the VFW reflects the perpetuation of the Chinatown type of segregated existence and is, in itself, a contradiction of Army and Navy policy which did not segregate members of the group.

Progressive members of the Chinese American community have fought economic and social segregation in the past and have found that such segregation was enforced from within their group by reactionary business and landlord interests, which have profited along with non-Chinese employers and landlords from the basement sweatshops and the crowded tenements of San Francisco's celebrated Chinatown, as well as from influences outside the Chinese community. Until the needs of war production broke down employment discrimination against Oriental Americans on the West Coast, the segregation pattern had been destroyed only in the trade union movement.

Until 1943 when Congress passed a law making Chinese aliens eligible to citizenship, West Coast residents of Chinese ancestry had been subject to all of the anti-Oriental legislation which remains in the statutes of the Pacific states. Chinese Americans, along with other non-Caucasians, are still affected by restrictive covenants in housing. They have a full stake in the continuing struggle against racial segregation.

The recent Outrigger Club incident in Hawaii involving Kiyoshi Nakama one of the world's greatest swimmers, has had the healthy effect of bringing to light the unwritten rules of *haole* supremacy which some organizations in Hawaii have maintained. The "incident" has resulted in the passage of a vigorous resolution against race discrimination by the Honolulu Board of Supervisors while the enlightened stand of the *Star-Bulletin*, the Territory's most influential paper, presages continued progress for Hawaii's many race groups toward the realization of full democracy.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Yellow Peril in 1946

The long day of the Jap-baiter in California politics appears to have ended. For two generations the Yellow Peril has been a standard fixture in the political campaigns of the Land of the Native Sons but as things stand today the "Japanese issue" is dead and the demagogues of 1946 will manage to work themselves into hysteria about other questions. Even a professional propagandist like John Lechner, who used to go about the state warning the population against the return of the evacuees, has abandoned the Yellow Peril and is now warning against socialism.

Jap-baiting, when the targets were the Japanese aliens newly arrived from distant shores, nourished many a sturdy career in California politics, including those of Senators Johnson, Shortridge and Phelan. Nisei-baiting in recent years has not been popular and men like Lieutenant Governor Houser, State Senator Tenney, William G. Bonelli and ex-Congressmen John Costello, Albert Carter and Norris Poulson who tried it in elections since Pearl Harbor have not profited by it.

The by-elections of 1946 will be an important one in California with a governor, a United States senator and the usual complement of congressmen and state legislators to be elected. But the "Japanese issue" will be missing. The political heat is finally off of the Nisei. The recent attempt by Secretary of State Frank Jordan, Assemblyman Chester Gannon and similar diehards to provoke an issue over the housing of returned evacuees and the need of veterans and their families for shelter found a general disinclination on the part of the public to believe that the government's emergency barracks-type housing for the evacuees was depriving ex-GIs of homes. Efforts of the Los Angeles Herald-Express (Hearst) to incite public indignation on the same question also have been unavailing.

It is significant that Governor Earl Warren, whose political shrewdness is attested to by his opponents, has maintained a hands-off policy on matters regarding Japanese Americans, in sharp contrast to his behavior before 1944. It is assumed that Mr. Warren who won in 1942 on a "non-partisan" platform, will be a candidate for reelection. He will have some opposition in his own Republican party, principally from Earl Lee Kelley who seems to have the favor of the GOP old guard, Warren having had some differences with the latter group on such matters as his proposal for state health legislation. The Democrats who are the "outs" as far as the state administration is concerned may put up Senator Sheridan Downey, while Attorney General Robert Kenny, the outstanding Democratic vote-getter and the nominal head of the progressive wing of the party, is being urged to run. James Roosevelt, son of FDR, is another possibility.

The senatorial seat occupied for a quarter of a century by Hiram Johnson is now filled by William Knowland, son of the publisher of the Oakland Tribune, who was appointed by Governor Warren following the death of Senator Johnson. The Knowland appointment was not a popular one and Lieutenant Governor Houser already has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination. Mr. Houser ran against Senator Downey in the Senate contest in 1944 and it is remembered that he indulged in considerable anti-Nisei electioneering, especially when he visited Salinas, the San Joaquin valley and other areas which he considered hostile to the return of Japanese Americans. One of Houser's campaign warnings in 1944 was that the reelection of Franklin D. Roosevelt would mean the return of the Japanese American evacuees to California. Mr. Houser may have learned by his defeat in 1944 that the Yellow Peril no longer casts any political weight with the state's voters. Last winter, as president of the Senate, he reversed his public attitude toward the Nisei and pre-

sented six Nisei war veterans to the California Senate, lauding their combat accomplishments. It should be noted parenthetically, however, that San Francisco's State Senator Jack Shelley, who is also an AFL labor leader, brought the presence of the Nisei war heroes in the Senate gallery to the attention of Mr. Houser. The incident, though a minor one, was significant in that the California State Senate traditionally has been the womb in which most of the state's legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry has been nurtured.

Many progressive California Democrats are now urging the candidacy of Col. Evans Carlson, the famous Marine raider, for the United States Senate. Col. Carlson has, according to Carey McWilliams, "a profound faith in democracy, and great skill, based on wide experience, in the techniques of democratic leadership." Like another great California soldier-democrat, "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, Col. Carlson has publicly castigated the hoodlum elements in the state's population which have attacked returning Japanese American war veterans. "After Hiram Johnson, James Phelan, and Samuel Shortridge, who did so much to undermine American prestige in Asia, California might well take pride in a Senator who actually understood the peoples of the Far East," Mr. McWilliams declared in a recent Nation article.

Another California Democrat who is believed to have senatorial aspirations is Machester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News whose paper, by comparison with the Hearst press and the Los Angeles Times, is a paragon of liberalism. (Nisei may be interested to know that the Daily News was one of the few major West Coast dailies, the San Francisco Chronicle and News are two others, which have consistently advocated a policy of fair play toward the Nisei as well as toward the state's other minority groups.)

While the rantings of the rank-and-file Bubos have captured the headlines, the generally statesmanlike conduct of the majority of California's delegation in the House of Representatives has not received much attention. West Coast congressmen today are the heart and fiber of the liberal bloc on Capitol Hill. They were influential recently in forcing a reconsideration of Congress' hasty legislation on atomic research. The few racists among the California congressmen have been outweighed in the consideration of matters relating to the relocation center program by sober liberals who were generally sympathetic to the objectives of the WRA. Among the inheritors of the progressive legacy of FDR are Helen Gahagan Douglas, Ned Healy, Frank Havener, George Miller, Cecil King, Ellis Patterson, Chet Holifield, George Outland, Clyde Doyle and Jerry Voorhis.

A question mark in the 1946 campaign is the part which the American fascist, Gerald L. K. Smith, will play in California. Smith recently transferred his activities from Detroit to the Golden State and is now engaged in a full-scale campaign of incitement of racial and religious intolerance. Smith has aligned himself with the promoters of the Ham and Eggs movement whose old-age pension initiative once pulled more than a million votes in California and is now engaged in a state-wide speaking tour, dripping the venom of anti-Semitism and "Christian nationalism" wherever he goes.

Californians of Japanese ancestry long have had an interest in the political vagaries of the state. The present situation of the returned evacuees has its origins in the politics of the state, since without the Yellow Peril incitement of the Phelans, the Ruess and the Schmitz, the Johnsons and the Gannons, the Nisei and the Issei may have been spared the restrictive legislation which still haunts their lives and jeopardizes their future. Without the Yellow Peril politics of the state it is conceivable that there would not have been a mass evacuation. But today that Yellow Perilism, except for a few minor practitioners, is being abandoned as an instrument of political demagoguery.

Vagaries

Comics Story . . .

Sid Feder, A. P. war correspondent who wrote many of the stories about the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team which appeared in U. S. papers, is now back at his post on the A.P. sports staff, covering horse racing. . . . The winter issue of World's Finest Comics carries a cartoon story of America's fighting Nisei, as told by Johnny Everyman. The story is about the participation of the Nisei in the war against Japan despite hoodlums attacks upon the group in the United States. As Johnny Everyman says of the Nisei: "They have taken their places among men of good will of all faiths and races. They have asked only to serve, and they have served well. They have earned the gratitude of our nation, and of all free nations of the world."

One of the Southern California winners of the National American History awards, sponsored by the Hearst newspapers is a Nisei girl, Ruth R. Shiraishi of Gardena high school. . . . The Rafu Shimpo (Los Angeles Japanese Daily News) is resuming publication as a daily newspaper on New Year's Day. English editor will be Henry Mori, a former member of the Rafu Shimpo staff, who has been a member of the reports staff of the Los Angeles WRA office. The Rafu Shimpo is the first of eight West Coast bi-lingual Japanese American daily newspapers to resume publication. Akira Komai is publisher.

Film Actor . . .

Film star Ronald Reagan, just back from Army service, read Lieut. Col. James Hanley's letter to a North Dakota editor ("I know where some good Japanese Americans are buried") at the Americans United rally in Santa Ana on Dec. 8. Mr. Reagan spoke as a representative of the American Veterans Committee, the organization of World War II veterans which had much to do with the Navy's decision to abolish its ban on Japanese Americans. . . . At this rally Louise Allbritton, Universal star who is a native of Texas, thanked the 442nd Combat Team for its rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th (Texas) Division.

McCloy . . .

John J. McCloy, who recently resigned as Assistant Secretary of War and returned to private life in New York, believes that "one of the most satisfying accomplishments that I had anything to do with while I was in the War Department was the organization of the Japanese American units which so fully justified the confidence of those who backed them." . . . A report is being prepared for the Denver Unity Council on license discrimination against Nisei businessmen in Denver. . . . The Navy language school program at the University of Colorado at Boulder will close soon. Many Nisei have participated as instructors in teaching Navy personnel.

Veteran . . .

Ken Nishimoto, former relocation officer in charge of the Washington district office of the War Relocation Authority and a wounded veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, is now employed by the Veterans Administration. Nishimoto was employed by the WCA and the WRA before volunteering for the Army. . . . The Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu which recently reaffirmed its policy of excluding persons of Oriental ancestry from its dining room and other facilities, will discuss its present restrictive policy in February when the matter will be brought to the attention of the general membership. The Outrigger Club, however, is not the only organization of its type in Honolulu which excludes Oriental Americans.

As matters stand at present the WRA has gotten back one half or 2,500,000 of the five millions which was slashed from its appropriation by an economy-minded House. The revised bill, passed by the House, has been sent to the Senate. Most of the fund was cut from the WRA budget had been earmarked for Tule Lake.

Pacific Northwest Letter: Employment, Housing Problems Concern Returned Evacuees

By ELMER R. SMITH

Seattle, Wash.

In my last letter to you, I stated that a more complete discussion would be carried out concerning the population composition of the Pacific Northwest and the implications that had for the problems of the returning evacuees. The important thing to remember in this connection, it seems to me, is that we are all part of the complete social and mechanical changes that are taking place throughout the country. The presentation to follow, therefore, deals with the total social, economic, political and mechanical world in which we are all living. The persons of Japanese ancestry are part, and a functional part especially, of this total sociocultural pattern.

The conversations, both formal and informal, in which it has been my pleasure to become involved, have tended to show that most persons and groups in a position to do anything about ethnic (racial) problems and other social-economic problems are waiting for some mysterious blueprint to be presented to them, upon which some sort of action can be taken. It seems to my way of thinking that the implications of the principles which are in most of the peoples' minds must not await the cumbersome process of formal completion of all-inclusive blueprints and agreements. The present problems facing the post-war adjustments of ethnic groups, and persons of Japanese ancestry in particular, must be approached from day to day in the light of the fast moving developments. Petty political, religious, economic and social differences must be laid aside and the problems attacked in a cooperative and democratic manner by all persons and groups concerned. If, under the uniting pressures of the present conditions, we cannot agree upon the application of American democratic principles from day to day, the prospects for the near future will not be bright!

In relation to the above, it may be safe to divide our population into at least four categories, namely (1) the "policy minded," (2) the "blueprint minded," (3) the "crisis minded," and (4) the "freedom FROM minded."

The "policy minded" persons refuse to think and act in terms of any specific plan or blueprint because they refuse to be bound or tied down in any way. The "blueprint or program minded" refuse to do anything that suggests theory, and they are always clamoring for something specific and definite before doing anything. The "crisis minded" persons always allow a crisis to develop in order that some authority or stimulus from the outside drive them to action. Theirs is a life of reaction and not of action. The "freedom FROM" group seem to be dominated by the philosophy of living and acting in terms of freedom FROM something but never in terms of freedom FOR anything. This last group seems to be, in many instances, the most dangerous. They are willing to act in terms of freedom from want, from intolerance, from discrimination, but they shy away from action which demands freedom for work, for inclusive living on an ethnic (racial) basis, for tolerance, and so on. Theirs is basically a negative approach and not a positive one.

None of these groups and individuals so classified will aid in solving the problems faced by the people within our society as long as they remain intolerant of other philosophies. All of us must become "people minded" in the sense that we must recognize the fact that human beings are rapidly changing creatures and that society is a rapidly changing phenomenon. Policies and blueprints we must have, but they must be flexible and relative, with the realization that these policies and blueprints are to be applied to living, dynamic human beings, in short they are to be applied to people. There is no place in our present changing social scene for the "crisis minded" and "freedom FROM" minded groups or individuals. The persons making up the membership of these groups belong to every race, creed and political affiliation.

The above classification does not mean that all the people in the Pacific Northwest, or anywhere else, fall within one or the other of these categories. There are certain groups and individuals who are "people minded" in the broadest sense of that term, but by and large they are in the minority.

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting some of my friends in Tacoma, and the situation there is very much like that described for Seattle in a previous report. Labor conditions for persons of Japanese ancestry are not good. Housing is a very real problem, and most of the returning families are housed in one or two places, but primarily in the Buddhist Church at Tacoma. The College of Puget Sound has but four Nisei attending this semester. The older Nisei are definitely in the minority in Tacoma; the principal "Japanese" population is made up of older people and the very young, that is children of grade and high school age. At the present time there are very few persons of Japanese ancestry in business in the Tacoma area, due primarily to lack of facilities, lack of finances and the presence of negative feelings in some quarters where businesses might be set up. These three things seem to contribute a fear reaction on the part of many toward going into various business ventures, at least for the next few months.

In the Seattle area, the negativism shown by the labor unions to returning evacuees has tended to make it nearly impossible for Nisei to get jobs, especially where the Teamsters Unions have either direct or indirect relations with the labor forces involved. There are a number of cases where Nisei who have belonged to a union in some other state have been refused acceptance into the Seattle union upon a transfer basis. As a result of this there are a number of skilled and trained workers in this area without jobs due to union discrimination purely upon the basis of race.

Washington News-Letter Action By Congress Closes America's Ears to the World

By JOHN KITASAKO

Up on Capitol Hill last week, the joint conference of the House and Senate appropriations committees reduced by half the operating funds of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, thereby forcing it to cease its functions immediately. Through its powerful listening post during the war, the FBIS monitored foreign radio broadcasts, giving this nation access to otherwise unobtainable information about enemy powers, particularly in important trends in domestic affairs.

Today, thanks to the reckless act of myopic, pennywise Congressmen, America's ears are closed to the world. While other nations are expanding their monitoring facilities for peace-time purposes, the U. S. is the only major power without monitoring service.

The average layman knows very little about the FBIS, for it functioned without fanfare, receiving little or no credit for the valuable services it performed. But it has a record that speaks for itself. The information it picked out of the ether formed the basis of the U.S. psychological warfare against Japan and Germany. A number of Nisei and Issei played an important part in the establishing of that record.

Nisei were employed in FBIS' far-flung empire, all the way from headquarters in Washington to Guam and intermediate points. The FBIS never went to sleep. In the Pacific outposts, monitors listened to broadcasts emanating from Japanese and satellite transmitters round the clock. Special attention was paid to Japanese - language broadcasts beamed to overseas and home audiences. Broadcasts to Japanese home audiences received A-1 priority, for during the war they were the only source of information about inside Japan.

Expert Nisei monitors and translators stationed at the listen-

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

GIs Recall the Heroism of Their Buddies

They're coming back now, the fighting men of the 442nd. And at dinner tables and in front rooms of homes far from the West Coast, they are telling wives and parents and friends fascinating stories of their experiences.

Few of the stories are bitter. These Nisei vets would just as soon forget about the gripping fear they all knew under German shellfire, the cold in the Vosges, the tightness they felt about their hearts as they lay in foxholes waiting out the interminable minutes before H-hour.

But they remember the heroism of their buddies, the devotion of their cooks, the fearlessness of their medics. They know they cannot eat glory, but they are proud of their outfit and the record it set.

They speak almost with reverence of their sergeants—platoon and section leaders—who went out on dangerous patrols time after time rather than ask their men to volunteer.

They tell of one Sergeant K. who blamed himself for the loss of one of his men—a man whom the sergeant had known since childhood — and thereafter went out on every patrol rather than endanger others of his men, until one day he too met his death.

There is the lighter side too, stories of incidents which are funny now, but were tragically serious at the time.

There is the story of a company cook who was determined to get hot coffee to the boys holding a ridge in the cold Italian mountains. The Germans were shelling the hill. The cook never had been under shellfire before. His buddies in foxholes at the top of the ridge frantically wig-wagged the cook to take cover. And the cook, struggling up the hill with a five-gallon can of coffee, waved back, thinking the men were trying to give him encouragement.

Finally the cook reached the hilltop, trembling from the exertion and the strain of the shellfire. "Here," he said shakily, "here's your coffee, you guys," and he ducked into a foxhole to rest and calm his nerves with a cigarette.

The men picked up the can and shook it. It was empty. The can had been riddled by shell fragments, but the cook had been so intent on reaching the top he had

noticed neither the flying steel nor his lightening burden.

They tell the story of a rifleman who had a habit of snoring loudly and who lived in great fear that his snoring would attract German patrols when he was at the front. So he made it a habit of sleeping with his trench knife imbedded in the dirt near his head. He trained himself to clutch the knife and swing it in a wide arc about him whenever he was aroused, just in case some Jerry sneaked up on him.

This rifleman nearly decapitated several of his buddies before they learned to spring back quickly after awakening him.

But the greatest praise of these veterans is reserved for the medics who worked unarmed under fire, locating the wounded, giving them first aid, bringing them into aid stations. Many times the medics had to expose themselves to fire in order to get to the wounded.

Their only protection was Red Cross armbands, and they had to hope the Germans would recognize their non-combatant status and withhold fire. Sometime the Germans would not molest them, but at other times they were fair targets. And many a Nisei medic died with bullets in his back as he bent over to treat a wounded rifleman or carried a litter.

There are stories, too, of adventures in amour, of wild-eyed Italian partisans who often were little better than bandits, of boys of six and seven begging cigarette butts, of Arab vagrants who would slip a wristwatch off a Yank's arm while they conversed.

The memories of fear, horror and suffering—their own as well as that of the civilian population in the battle areas—have been seared permanently in the minds of some of these veterans. But to others these experiences have slipped off easily, like bad dreams that are only dimly recollected by morning.

Now the big objective of all these veterans is to find a place in the civilian life of the nation for which they fought so valorously and well.

EDITORIAL DIGEST

"Thoroughly Democratic" SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

The Tule Lake renunciant's case for restoration of citizenship is "thoroughly democratic" and they have the right to use our American instruments of justice to establish their claims, according to the San Francisco News of Nov. 14.

"It must be recognized that the position in which they were placed by their sudden removal to relocation centers in 1942 created artificial and temporary conditions for them far from normal. . . . It doubtless was hard for them to reach sound decisions," said the News, adding that if any act of our government led them to wrong decisions, "they certainly are entitled to make that known in orderly legal procedure."

"The whole question of their removal from their homes on the coast is shrouded in considerable 'legal fog,'" said the News. "Perhaps their move will result in a court decision that will clear away some of the doubts and establish a new basis of precedent to guide future actions if, perish the thought, a similar emergency should rise again."

duct had to be circumspect lest they invite suspicion or criticism.

Thus while the Nisei GIs, by their bravery on the battle-scarred fields of Europe and the Pacific, underlined the contribution of Japanese Americans toward final victory, credit is due also to the civilian Nisei who fought the war behind mahogany desks, over teletype and typewriter keyboards, and between raucous earphones.

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Placer County Legion Upholds Rights of Nisei War Veterans

AUBURN, Calif.—Homer Chailaux, department adjutant of the California American Legion, has authorized publication of a resolution adopted by the local post of the Legion upholding the right of Americans of Japanese ancestry who have served in the United States Army "to be entitled to the same consideration as any other citizen."

The resolution, however, condemned dual citizenship by persons of any foreign nationality.

Absolute enforcement of the California Alien Land law and United States immigration statutes were recommended by the Legion post.

442nd Eleven Sets Christmas Football Game

Nisei Squad Will
Meet Blue Devils
Of 88th Division

LEGHORN, Italy — The sports feature for American troops in the Leghorn area on Christmas Day will be the football game between the 442nd "Go for Broke" eleven and the invading Blue Devils of the 88th Division from Trieste at Yankee Stadium in Leghorn.

On New Year's day the all-Nisei eleven from the 442nd will go to Trieste to meet the Blue Devils in a return game.

Outweighed in every game, the 442nd team has won three games and lost two during the regular season, losing to the University Training Center and the 92nd Division's Golden Buffaloes.

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Mother Faces Insanity Charge In Tule Slaying

ALTURAS, Calif.—Charges of suspicion of murder were filed on Dec. 7 against Mrs. Shigeno Fudetani, 28, of the Tule Lake WRA center, whose 3½-year old daughter, Violet, was found dead in the Fudetani's barracks home on December 5.

A coroner's jury on Dec. 11 decided that the child died of hammer blows inflicted by a person or persons unknown and did not charge Mrs. Fudetani with the murder.

District Attorney Charles Lederer said he would bring Mrs. Fudetani to Alturas and prefer insanity charges against her.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Fudetani was being held under guard in the mental ward of the relocation center hospital. Her younger daughter, Kazuye, 11 months, was also in the hospital suffering from a fractured skull. It is believed she will recover.

Violet's death and Kazuye's injuries were said to have been caused by hammer blows. The tragedy occurred while the children's father was returning from the mess hall Wednesday afternoon.

A WRA spokesman said both the parents, who formerly lived in Seattle, had renounced their citizenship last January. A possibility was held that the impending deportation of the family may have been a factor in the tragedy. Mrs. Fudetani was found hysterical at the scene of the murder. Authorities were unable to get a coherent statement from her regarding the death of her daughter.

Tommy Takatori Will Head Boise Chapter

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL chapter held its 1945 election meeting on Dec. 5 at Caldwell with Tommy Takatori of Parma elected as president.

Other new officers are Tio Kiyokawa, Caldwell, vice pres.; George Hara, Caldwell, treas.; Bette Arima, Homedale, corres. and recording sec.; Edson Fujii, Nampa, board delegate; and, Kay Inouye, Homedale, historian.

Nisei Soldier Home In Nebraska After Occupation Duty

COZAD, Neb.—Staff Sgt. Tatsuo Matsuda returned to his home in Cozad recently after duty with the Army of Occupation in Sendai, Japan.

Formerly of Chualar, Calif. he was discharged after serving in the Army for four years and four months and after two years of overseas duty.

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Returned Nisei Veteran Has Difficulty in Buying Home

California Board Denies License To Nisei Girl

LOS ANGELES — June Toguri, a Nisei girl who applied for a beer and wine license, has been made a target of the State Board of Equalization's disapproval of her sister, Iva Toguri, one of the "Tokyo Roses" of Radio Tokyo.

The Board of Equalization on Dec. 12 recommended that June Toguri's license application be denied because she is the sister of "Tokyo Rose."

Miss Toguri claimed in her application that the store belonged to her and that she had nothing to do with "Tokyo Rose."

Bandit Holds Up S. F. Cleaning Shop

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Haru Gishifu of the Jefferson Cleaners, 1704 Laguna St., was held up and robbed of \$20 by a bandit who entered the shop while she was preparing to close up on the night of Dec. 8.

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The story of a decorated Japanese American war veteran who came back home from war to Walla Walla and found it impossible to buy a home was told on Nov. 29 by the Walla Walla Interracial committee, according to the Union Bulletin.

The committee described the incident, declaring that a "normal Japanese American family" had been given an "un-normal American deal."

When the house in which they had been living was sold, the Japanese American family made a down payment on a house they wished to buy. Neighborhood sentiment, however, was antagonistic and forced the owner to refund the down payment. The family had a similar experience over the second house they sought to purchase.

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"It is felt that thinking people, when hearing of the situation, may lend a hand in a real effort to make a contribution in preserving the peace for which this soldier, too, fought," the Interracial committee declared.

The committee added that the Nisei GI's family had lived in Walla Walla for many years, and that finances are not a consideration as the daughter's employer is willing to back the family.

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RELOCATION DIGEST

CLEVELAND—Under chairmanship of Miss Louise M. Noble, WRA representative from the regional office at Cleveland, the local Citizens' Committee and its Nisei counterpart were convened for the purpose of discussing the program for resettlers upon termination of the WRA office in January. Five committees were established to undertake any emergencies which may arise. The committees and their co-chairmen are as follows: Committee on Inter-agency Cooperation, Jane Stewart and Mrs. Mutsu Takao; Public Relations, Richard N. Bluestein and Ken Matsumoto; Employment, Housing and Legal Counseling, Carl Spicer and Mrs. Jack Kiba; Church and Religious Activities, Dr. G. Barrett Rich and Sada Iwamoto; Social Activities, Marjorie Manning and Sho Iino. Under sponsorship of the Nisei Activities Committee, returning Nisei veterans were participants at a bowling tournament on Dec. 9, followed by a potluck dinner at the hotel. The Nisei Activities Committee will honor Cincinnati Nisei veterans at a dance on Dec. 15 at the YWCA, and a banquet will be held on the 22nd to honor these same veterans by the Isseikai and the committee at the Christ church.

PHILADELPHIA—Inter-denominational church services in Japanese are held every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Philadelphia at Fellowship House, 1431 Brown street, an inter-racial settlement house sponsored by the Society of Friends. Speakers include Miss Edith Sharpless, missionary of the Society of Friends, who recently returned from Japan; the Rev. N. Kodaira now at Princeton Theological Seminary; and the Rev.

Shintaro Roy Hasegawa. The Nisei Council and the Issei Committee of Philadelphia are actively supporting the city's yearly War Chest drive. The Nisei held a War Chest Rally dance on Nov. 17. A Hospitality Committee to provide entertainment for Nisei and Caucasian soldiers in the Philadelphia district has been created by the Philadelphia Nisei Council. Co-chairmen of the committee are Marie Kyogoku and Hiroko Fujita. Sunkie Tazumi is food chairman.

HARTFORD, Conn.—Recent evacuee resettlers in the Connecticut River valley include Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimichi Shiraki, now at Brewster Lane, Mt. Carmel, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Nagai, c/o V.C. Brewer, 27 High street, East Hartford, Conn.; and Mr. and Mrs. I. Abo, 326 Main street, East Hartford, Conn.; and Haruo Amakawa, Kazuo Kimura and Tsukasa Fujita, 37 Guernsey street, Stamford, Conn.

NEW YORK—Dr. George Wada, formerly of San Leandro, Calif., is now on the staff of the Easton hospital in Easton, Pa. Dr. Teru Togasaki is joining the staff of Bellevue hospital in New York City. Among the Nisei ex-servicemen resettling in New York is Harry Abe, formerly of Portland, Ore., and a former member of the 442nd. Sei Iwai and Susumu Yamashita are returning to California shortly.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Ginzo Suto, 6807-A, Tule Lake, a boy on November 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Furukawa, 1605-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Ogawa, 1518-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Itsui Ikemoto, 2916-D, Tule Lake, a girl on Nov. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazutami Tateishi, 1306-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeto Yamada, 2507-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Oshida, 6448 Woodlawn avenue, Chicago, a boy, Gordon Darrell, on Dec. 6.

DEATHS

Riyoyo Hiyane, 56, on Dec. 5 at National, Utah.

Tokuro Uyeda, 66, of 5102-A, Tule Lake, on Nov. 21.

Shizuko Nishino, 20, of 1603-A, Tule Lake, on Nov. 22.

Kimi Toya, 55, of 4916-C, Tule Lake, on Nov. 23.

Toyo Nakai, 50, of 2818-E, Tule Lake, on Nov. 23.

MARRIAGES

Kiyoko Ike to Minoru Kosako on Nov. 21 at Tule Lake.

Yoshiko Betty Omoto to Taker Sakuma on Nov. 25 at Tule Lake

Chicago Chapter Elects Cabinet

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL elected Noboru Honda president for the year 1946, at a recent election meeting. Assisting Honda will be a cabinet consisting of Togo Tanaka, vice president; Rose Kokubu, recording secretary; Mary Matsumura, corresponding secretary; Dixie Ishida, treasurer; and Dr. William Hiura, Nobumitsu Takahashi and Mrs. Dorothy Kitow, delegates-at-large.

Chicago JACL members announced their full support of the city-wide mass meeting for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

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Four Nisei Pass Illinois Dental Board

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The dentists are Drs. T. T. Yatabe, Harry Kita, Thomas Hira and Clifford Fujimoto.

Dr. Yatabe, who formerly practiced in Fresno, Calif., is planning to open offices in Chicago in the near future. Since leaving the Jerome relocation center in 1943, he has been the Midwest representative of the JACL and is a past national president of the organization.

Economic Reasons For Prejudice Told

TACOMA, Wash.—The Rev. Walter Macoskey declared at a meeting of Tacoma Kiwanis on Nov. 27 that the feeling against persons of Japanese ancestry in the area was inspired by economic considerations.

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The agencies are: Columbus, The Family and Children's Bureau, 141 North Front street, Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, American Service Institute, 907 Columbia Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Nisei Sergeant To Be Honored At L. A. Dinner

LOS ANGELES — A Japanese American veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, Sgt. Harry Tanouye, will be among the ten young Americans honored on Dec. 16 at a dinner to be sponsored by the Salute to Young America Committee.

A galaxy of screen, civic and labor personalities will attend the "Welcome Home, Joe" dinner at the Ambassador hotel.

Ten young Americans will be cited for meritorious contributions—both at home and abroad—in the furtherance of American citizenship and democracy. They are:

Frank Sinatra, entertainer; Bill Mauldin, war veteran and cartoonist; Martha MacLane, trade unionist; Sgt. Harry Tanouye, Nisei war veteran; DeWitt Colbert, high school student; Peggy Ryan, film star; Carleton Moss, writer-producer-star of "The Negro Soldier"; Slim Aarons, Yank Magazine staff writer; Lieut. Edwina Todd; Navy nurse interned in the Philippines

New Year's Eve Dance Planned in Detroit

DETROIT, Mich.—A gala New Year's eve dance-social is in the making for Detroit's Nisei citizenry, it was learned this week. The Nisei Committee of the International Institute, it was reported, is making plans to enable the Nisei of this area usher in the peace-time New Year in a fitting bang-up manner.

While no details were available at this writing, other than that noted above, it was reported that the affair will be held at the International Institute located on East Grand Blvd. Further information is expected to be forthcoming in the very near future.

and Staff Sgt. Edward Carter, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Presenting the awards will be Ingrid Bergman, Artie Shaw, Alvah Bessie, Dore Schary, Barney Ross, Col. Evans Carlson, Attorney General Robert Kenny, Rep. Ellis Patterson, Rabbi Nussbaum and Philip Connelly of the CIO.

Minneapolis Group Issues News Sheet

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Volume one, number one of a mimeographed news sheet was issued under the auspices of the Nisei Girls' Organization last week in Minneapolis. Temporarily called the "Northwest Nisei," the paper covered news of interest to the Nisei of the Twin Cities area.

Report Many Evacuees Fail To Rent Farms

10,000 Have Returned To Los Angeles Area From Relocation Camps

LOS ANGELES—War Relocation Authority officials last week reported that Japanese Americans who have returned from relocation centers in the main have been unsuccessful in getting back into farming operations.

Inability to rent land was ascribed as the chief reason.

Paul Robertson, area supervisor for the WRA, said that of the 36,000 Japanese Americans originally moved from Los Angeles county about 10,000 have returned. The last contingent of 150 arrived on Dec. 4.

The others have resettled in other parts of the United States.

CLASSIFIED ADS

SOLDIER overseas seeks address of CHARLIE S. YOKOI and OLGA AKIKO YOKOI, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., and son and daughter of Eizo Yokoi. Please notify the Pacific Citizen.

HISAO MIYAGI, 12 years of age wants to locate sister who lived in the State of Missouri before the war. Anyone knowing whereabouts please notify the Pacific Citizen.

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State Has No Evidence On Identity of Arsonist Who Set Fire to Sakamoto Home

SACRAMENTO—Answering the demand of the Donner Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Auburn that Attorney General Kenny make public the results of an investigation into the burning of the home of Cosma Sakamoto, Japanese American soldier, near Loomis, Deputy Director Charles W. Johnson of the California Department of Justice declared on Dec. 11 that the investigation into the burning of the Sakamoto home showed evidences of incendiaryism but did not reveal any evidence connecting any person with setting the fire.

In a statement signed by W. H. Comstock, post commander, the Placer County VFW group had inferred that Attorney General Kenny had evidence to show that the arsonist who destroyed the Sakamoto home "was not a white man."

"We, the VFW post of Auburn have information in our possession which does not point in the direction of a Caucasian and we know that Kenny has ample opportunity to avail himself of this information if he wishes to push this case."

"If Commander Comstock has any evidence implicating any person we would like to have it," Johnson replied. He added that the investigation report is available for Comstock to examine.

Johnson assigned Wilkie Ogg, a department investigator, to confer with Commander Comstock regarding the charges made by the post.

The VFW resolution was made public after the Donner Post had been addressed by Col. Wallace H. Moore who urged tolerance toward returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

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