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## JACL Protests 'Mistreatment' Of Nisei Combat Veterans at Southern California Army Camp

Report Conditions Improve as War Department Announces Investigation Under Way; Soldiers Now Awaiting Shipment to Homes in Hawaii

An investigation of the treatment accorded Japanese American combat veterans from Hawaii, now awaiting shipment to homes in the territory, at Camp Haan, Calif., has been ordered by Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Peterson, Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii reported this week in a telegram to Saburo Kido, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League.

JACL national headquarters in Salt Lake City had wired Secretary of War Patterson and Mr. Farrington on Dec. 24 when the JACL had been advised of "mistreatment and abuse" of members of the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Haan. The JACL declared in its telegram to Secretary Patterson that Japanese American combat veterans from Italy were being used to work in garbage detail and other work in place of prisoners of war.

Information received by the JACL also stated that Japanese American veterans were being restricted in passes to Los Angeles and other communities.

Many of the soldiers from Hawaii, who had hoped to return to their homes before Christmas and New Year holidays, were ired by news that Japanese prisoners of war, who had been used as cotton pickers in the San Joaquin valley, were being sent to Hawaii for work while Japanese American GIs were still awaiting shipment.

Following the protests to Washington, it was reported that restrictive conditions for Nisei war veterans at Camp Haan had been eased.

With the cooperation of the Los Angeles WRA office and other agencies, the Los Angeles office of the JACL arranged entertainment and tours of Hollywood for the Nisei GIs.

It was estimated that nearly 500 Japanese Americans from Hawaii were at Camp Haan and Fort MacArthur awaiting shipment. They were scheduled to leave for their homes from Los Angeles Harbor on Jan. 5.

## BLACKFOOT POLICE REPORT VERBAL ASSAULT ON NISEI

BLACKFOOT, Idaho—Mike and Hero Shiosaki, honorably discharged veterans of overseas combat who returned to their Blackfoot home on Dec. 10, were verbally assaulted Christmas night by hoodlums who drove off in a car, Bingham county authorities reported on Dec. 26.

The incident occurred in front of the Shiosaki home at midnight. A friend had let the two Nisei ex-servicemen out of his car when the four or five occupants of another car approached and shouted names at the Nisei, officers said.

Hero, 26, and Mike, 24, started for the group, who quickly drove away.

## The Voice Greets Nisei GIs At Broadcast in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — One hundred and ten Japanese American members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, all from Hawaii, were entertained at the Frank Sinatra CBS broadcast from Hollywood on Jan. 2 under special arrangements made by the JACL.

Before the broadcast the Nisei heroes were greeted from the stage by Frank Sinatra who spoke of them as "these heroes with Japanese names."

"You'll find some Americans with names like Sinatra, too," he added.

In closing his broadcast he

## Ickes Favors Compensation for Evacuee Losses

WASHINGTON—Americans of Japanese ancestry who were moved from the West Coast to war relocation camps and to other areas outside the evacuated zone in 1942 "are entitled to and should receive compensation for any damage inflicted on their property in California or elsewhere during their absence," Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes told a press conference on Dec. 28.

War Relocation Authority officials have been advised by evacuees who have returned to homes on the West Coast that much property which had been stored privately has been stolen or damaged.

Fires, some believed to have been of incendiary origin, have destroyed homes and other buildings owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry in California and Washington.

## Over 5500 Relocate From Tule Lake During Past Year

NEWELL, Calif. — Over 5500 residents of the Tule Lake center relocated during 1945 up to Dec. 15, the Newell Star reported recently. Over 1000 of these departures occurred during the first half of December.

Many more persons eligible to resettle have picked their departure dates in January, according to W. K. Holland, relocation program officer.

## Three Nisei Given Degrees at UC

BERKELEY, Calif. — Katsuki Ishida and James Mei Nakamura were among 701 fall term graduates at the University of California, as announced by the university this week.

Katsuki Ishida was granted a degree of bachelor of science in the college of pharmacy, while James Nakamura was given his degree of doctor of dental surgery in the college of dentistry.

## Marine Corps Opens Ranks To Japanese American Group

### San Francisco Agrees to House Alameda Evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO — The Board of Supervisors on Dec. 29 approved an inter-county agreement under which San Francisco will house sixteen returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry from the Central Utah relocation center and Alameda county will pay the bill.

The evacuees, all former Alameda residents, are housed at Hunter's Point. Board members said they would not assume San Francisco residences by the agreement which resulted from the Alameda county housing shortage.

## ASHES OF POET REPORTED STOLEN IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Ashes of a Japanese poet, S. Honda, who died at the Heart Mountain relocation center, have been taken from a Washington residence where they were sent for safekeeping, according to the Washington Post of Dec. 29.

The burial chest containing the ashes was taken from an apartment locker owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Inouye, 103 Wayne pl. S. E.

Inouye, who seeks their return, said the burial chest was forwarded to them at the request of Honda's daughter, Teresa Honda, 23, student at the University of Wisconsin.

Inouye, an employee of the Agriculture Department, said several boxes in the lockers had been broken open, but that the burial chest was the only article taken from his property. He said he thought the thief considered the chest of value because it was heavy and wrapped in white cloth.

## Judge Halts Deportation of Alien Evacuee

LOS ANGELES—An important precedent was set in a Japanese deportation case by Federal Judge Ben Harrison in Los Angeles on Dec. 22 when he halted the deportation of Shannosuki Madokoro to Japan through issuance of a writ of habeas corpus. At the same time he ordered his release from the custody of the district director of immigration at Los Angeles upon the furnishing of \$1000 bail.

The habeas corpus suit was filed by Attorneys A. L. Wirin, J. B. Tietz and K. Doi.

According to the habeas corpus petition on file in the Federal Court, Madokoro, an Issei, was denied a fair hearing before the immigration authorities because he was unable to secure counsel, since at the time of the hearing he was detained at an alien detention camp for Japanese.

If the federal court upholds Madokoro's claim, the decision may have the effect of nullifying all hearings in detention centers, since the majority of persons of Japanese descent were under detention, either in detention centers as aliens, or in relocation centers.

Madokoro's case is set for hearing in the first week of January.

## 177 Nisei Soldiers Sail for Japan Duty

SEATTLE — Assigned to military intelligence duties in Japan, 177 young American soldiers of Japanese ancestry sailed for Yokohama on Dec. 29 aboard the steamship Sea Witch.

Traveling as casuals, they will act as language specialists with American occupation forces in Japan.

## Maj. Gen. Turnage Announces Action Taken in Accordance With Policy Change by Navy

NEW YORK CITY—Japanese Americans may now enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps, following reversal of a wartime policy of banning them from service with this branch of the armed forces, according to a statement from Major General A. H. Turnage, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

This announcement followed within weeks the opening of enlistment to Japanese Americans by the U. S. Navy, which had also banned Nisei from its ranks during the war.

## Nisei Accepted By Navy as Ban Lifted

DENVER — Nelson Shigehisa Kobayashi, 18, of Brighton, Colorado, has earned the distinction of being the first Nisei accepted by the U. S. Navy in Colorado, since lifting of the ban excluding Nisei Americans from navy service.

Kobayashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigetaka Kobayashi, 965 Bridge street, was processed through the Navy recruiting office in Denver on Nov. 21. He was shipped on the same day to the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego for boot training.

## Cincinnati Nisei Enlists in Navy

CINCINNATI, O.—John Muraoka, 18, of Cincinnati, is now in boot training at Great Lakes Training Center as one of the first Nisei enlistees in the U. S. Navy, according to a letter from David Muraoka in the Colorado Times.

He has been accepted for submarine service and hopes to go into radar and radio work.

A native of San Jose, California, he was evacuated to Heart Mountain and later relocated to Cincinnati. He has a brother in the U. S. Army.

## Coast Fair Play Committee Ends Work, Closes Offices

### Organization Defended Rights of Nisei Citizens During War Period

BERKELEY, Calif. — The closing of the offices of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play was announced this week by Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, executive secretary. The Committee was created early in 1943 with Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul as honorary chairman to defend the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans.

Having achieved its main purposes the Fair Play Committee now turns over the continuing protection of the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry to the newly created California Councils for Civic Unity and other permanent organizations in the field, Mrs. Kingman stated. According to Chairman Maurice Harrison, officers of the Fair Play Committee, including Galen M. Fisher, Monroe E. Deutsch, Richard R. Perkins, Irving F. Reichert and Paul S. Taylor, will review the situation in May, 1946, to determine whether a resumption of the Committee's activities seems desirable.

More than 100,000 mailings to newspaper editors, radio commentators, and others in a position to educate the public in behalf of fair play for Japanese Americans were sent out during the existence of the Committee. Conferences with

The U. S. Marine Corps announcement was "in accordance with the recently expressed policy of the Navy Department," according to Major General Turnage.

The Marine Corps assistant commandant's statement was made in a letter to Peter S. Aoki, eastern representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. It followed a long campaign on the part of the JACL and other interested organizations in removing this discriminating ban from Marine Corps policy.

Major General Turnage's letter stated that the Marine Corps restricted use of Nisei Marines during the war because of likelihood of "mistaken identity of other Marines."

"This was apparent when it became a not uncommon practice for Japanese soldiers to wear Marine Corps uniforms and infiltrate into our lines, and consequently through similarity in appearance, Japanese Americans would be subjected to undue dangers," his letter stated.

"The Marine Corps, being assigned missions primarily in the Pacific theater of operations, believed that the enlistment of such personnel was not in accordance with economy of personnel policies because of the limitations on the nature of duties and the echelons to which they could be assigned."

Though Japanese Americans were banned from the Marines during the war, a number from the U. S. Army in intelligence work were assigned to the Marine Corps, where they served with distinction.

congressmen and governmental leaders on several occasions in Washington, D. C. strengthened the forces which desired to deal fairly with the racial minority group which had been evacuated from the West Coast as a precautionary war measure.

Warm commendation of the Committee's defense of American principles during war time have come from Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, from Dillon Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, from Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, from Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt and many others.

## Nisei Weekender, New Weekly, Appears In New York City

NEW YORK CITY — A new Nisei weekly, the "Nisei Weekender," appeared for the first time on Dec. 28 in New York City.

Edited by Tom Komuro, the newspaper is published by the Nisei Press Associates under chairmanship of Harry Oshima.

Staff members include Eddie Shimano, Chiye Mori, Dyke Miyagawa, Tom Toyota and Harry Oshima.

The first issue featured articles by Andrew Roth, author of "Dilemma in Japan," Rube Hosokawa and Nao Takasugi.



## Secretary Ickes Upholds WRA Official for Verbal Blast Against Anti-Evacuee Group

AUBURN, Calif.—Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes has upheld Charles F. Miller, Northern California supervisor for the War Relocation Authority, in the controversy over the latter's characterization of some Placer County citizens as "a bunch of night riding, sneaking, skulking gunmen or arsonists," it was indicated here.

Congressman Clair Engle, who had protested Miller's denunciation of certain Placer county citizens, last week made public Ickes' reply.

In his reply Ickes also stated that Miller's castigation of the activities of the California Preservation Association, a Placer county organization formed for the purpose of preventing the return and resettlement of former residents of Japanese ancestry in the area, "does not seem to me inept in describing the activities of this particular organization."

Ickes wrote Rep. Engle:

"Upon my examining Mr. Miller's statement as reported in the clippings attached to your letter I find that he has used the phrase 'a bunch of night riding, sneaking, skulking gunmen or arsonists,' not in a general reference to the citizens of Placer county, but in a specific reference to those individuals who recently burned down a Japanese American home and to other persons of similar propensity.

"His reference to the bigoted mouthings of the members of the California Preservation Association is of course more personal, but does not seem to me inept in describing the activities of this particular organization.

"I agree that officers of the United States government have a responsibility to select their language with care when discussing their fellow citizens.

"In this situation, however, Mr. Miller was talking in general about individuals who had employed violence and terror against the returning Japanese Americans and in particular about the California Preservation Association, an organization which was formed for the specific purpose of opposing their return. In exposing and combating activities of this kind, more stringent language obviously is required than is normally employed by federal officers.

"I believe that Mr. Miller was acting in the public interest in using vigorous and effective language to combat arson and incitement to race hatred."

Charles De Costa, president of the California Preservation Association, announced on Dec. 29 that he would make no formal response to the letter written by Secretary Ickes. De Costa pointed out that the California Preservation Association is operating upon legal grounds in its efforts to oppose the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to California.

Miller's statement was issued last November when the Preservation Association protested the use of persons of Japanese ancestry on section crews in Placer county by the Southern Pacific Company.

Congressman Engle, in protesting Miller's statement, had asked

## WRA to Close Field Offices In Six Cities

Final Dates Set for Relocation Offices In East Coast Area

NEW YORK CITY — The War Relocation Authority will close its field offices in six eastern cities during the five months beginning January 1, it was announced this week in New York City by Robert Dolins, relocation supervisor for the East Coast Area.

Ceasing operation on New Year's Day, the Newark, N. J., district office at 20 Washington Place will be the first to close, Mr. Dolins said. The remaining East Coast offices will shut down according to the following tentative schedule:

Boston, Mass. (1702 Federal Post Office Bldg.) February 1; Hartford, Conn. (804 American Industrial Bldg.) February 1; Washington, D. C. District Office only (1006 U St., N. W.), April 1; New York City District Office (6301 Empire State Bldg.), April 1; Philadelphia, Pa. (1105 Stephen Girard Bldg.), April 1 and East Coast Area Office—New York City (5301 Empire State Bldg.), June 1.

"After each office closes, a community committee and local agencies which have in the past cooperated with the War Relocation Authority in the Japanese American resettlement program will continue working together to provide services essential to the successful adjustment of the evacuees who have resettled in the district city and its vicinity during the past few years," Mr. Dolins said.

"These newcomers will thus continue to have available the community resources which each locality customarily provides for persons needing assistance in meeting problems related to employment, housing, health, and integration into normal community life."

The War Relocation Authority has already closed nine of the 10 relocation centers which it operated as wartime residences for the Japanese Americans who were evacuated from their West Coast homes in 1942, Mr. Dolins pointed out. The one center still open is Tule Lake at Newell, Calif., which will close on February 1.

"that Mr. Miller be brought to account for the manner in which he has conducted himself."

## 4500 Persons Sail to Japan On Army Ships

Voluntary Repatriates Comprise Majority of Those Aboard Gordon

PORTLAND, Ore. — Approximately 4500 persons of Japanese ancestry, including American-born persons who had renounced their citizenship in war relocation camps, sailed for Japan on Dec. 29 on the U. S. S. General W. H. Gordon.

A large number of the group were alien internees who had been confined in Department of Justice camps for most of the war.

Of the members of the group who were American-born, a large percentage were children who were accompanying their parents. Adult members of the group which sailed on the Gordon were voluntary repatriates from the Tule Lake center as well as Department of Justice deportees from Santa Fe, N. M., Bismark, N. D., and Crystal City, Texas.

(In Philadelphia Commissioner Ugo Carusi of the Immigration and Naturalization Service announced that of the group which left aboard the Gordon "3,549 were from the Tule Lake camp." Carusi said that "very few — about 35" were being returned under deportation proceedings.)

## Returned Evacuee Jailed in Yuba City On Stabbing Charge

YUBA CITY, Calif.—Frank Yamada, 28, was jailed last week on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon as a result of a disturbance in a camp for returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the Sutter Basin.

Sheriff A. W. Kimerer arrested Yamada after he received a call from the Woodland Clinic saying a person there was receiving treatment for a stab wound.

The sheriff and Chief Deputy A. W. Carpenter found Yamada bound hand and foot on the floor of the bunk house at the camp.

Other residents said Yamada had been drinking and had stabbed Rehei Miyazaki without warning while the latter was asleep.

Yamada was disarmed by others at the camp.

Kimerer said Yamada told him he believed Miyazaki had been telling "bad stories" about him.

Miyazaki was treated for stab wounds in the head and arm.

## Charge Illegal Entrant Used Papers Of Deceased Nisei

LOS ANGELES—Tadaichi Hiraoka, 30, was held here in custody of the FBI in the county jail last week, charged with illegal entry in 1933 on a passport allegedly obtained through the use of a birth certificate belonging to a Nisei who had died in Japan two years previously.

The suspect, also known as Seigaku or George Yoshimoto, was arrested Dec. 29 and charged with falsely representing himself to be a United States citizen.

FBI agents made the arrest, acting on an indictment returned by the grand jury on Dec. 12.

Hiraoka is charged with representing himself to be Seigaku Yoshimoto who went to Japan in 1926 and died there March 29, 1932. According to Federal records, Hiraoka used the dead man's birth certificate when he came to this country in 1934.

## Plan Dinner for Resettlers Group

MADISON, Wis. — To honor members of the Madison Committee on the Relocation of Japanese Americans, local resettlers are giving a dinner on January 11 at the First Congregational Church.

Committee members include: George Okada, Seattle and Minidoka, and Shini Yamamoto, San Francisco and Central Utah, program; Kishio Matoba, Elk Grove, California, and Manzanar, general arrangements; Mrs. Henry Nomura, Oakland, Mrs. T. Yamashita, Oakland and Gila River, and Mrs. George Okada, dinner; Shiro Shibata, San Francisco and Central Utah, finance; Hellan Yamashiro, Portland and Minidoka, decorations; and Mrs. Edward Ochi, San Francisco and Central Utah, invitations.

## Federal Court Delays Action On Tamura Deportation Case; Renunciant Will Get Hearing

LOS ANGELES — With the change in policy announced last week by the Department of Justice towards American citizens of Japanese ancestry, the Federal district court has postponed the Habeas Corpus Petition filed by Mrs. Fumiko Tamura to afford Mrs. Tamura an opportunity for a hearing before the Department of Justice, the Southern California office of the American Civil Liberties Union reported this week.

With the public announcement by the Department of Justice that renunciants were to be summarily removed to Japan, a petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was filed in Los Angeles, as a test case, to halt the deportations. A similar case was filed in San Francisco in behalf of approximately 1,000 Tule Lake renunciants.

The American Civil Liberties Union is cooperating in the cases, the Northern California Committee in the San Francisco cases and the Southern California Branch in the Los Angeles case.

The following announcement was made at Tule Lake:

1. All persons, whether citizens or aliens, including renunciants, who desire to be repatriated to Japan voluntarily will be repatriated.

2. All aliens who have previously been interned in the Department of Justice Internment Camps and are presently in this Center, subject to special segregation or parole orders, who do not wish repatriation, will be given an opportunity for a hearing at which they may show cause why they should not be ordered removed to Japan by the Attorney General as alien enemies who have adhered to the military government of Japan or its principles. Aliens in this class who do not request a hearing will be ordered removed to Japan.

3. All former United States citizens now residing in the Tule Lake Center who renounced their United States citizenship, who nevertheless desire to remain in the United States, will be given an opportunity to ask for a hearing before an officer or board of officers and to show cause why they should not be ordered removed to Japan by the Attorney General. Hearing officers will employ the same consideration in deciding cases of alien enemies or renunciants interned at Tule Lake as are employed in the cases of other alien enemies or any enemy alien nationalities who have been interned for cause during hostilities. The treatment of renunciants at Tule Lake thus to be substantially identical to the treatment of other alien enemies interned for cause in Department of Justice camps during hostilities.

4. Japanese aliens, including renunciants, who after individual hearings were ordered removed from the Tule Lake Center and interned in the Department of Justice internment camps because of trouble - making, disloyal conduct, demonstrations, including membership in disloyal organizations, and other subversive activities and conduct, will be ordered removed to Japan by the Attorney General.

A. L. Wirin, attorney for the ACLU was advised by C. E. Rhetts, acting head of the War Division of the Department of Justice at Washington, that hearings would be made available to all renunciants whether at Tule Lake or at other detention centers upon request "except those interned after hearings as pro-Japanese troublemakers."

It is expected accordingly that those renunciants now at the detention centers at Santa Fe, New Mexico, Bismark, North Dakota and Crystal City, Texas whom the Department of Justice deem to be "troublemakers" will not be given any hearings prior to their removal to Japan.

Up to the present time only those renunciants and aliens who have voluntarily desired removal to Japan, have been deported. The deportation of the so-called "trouble makers" is scheduled to take place soon.

## Four Hundred Men of 442nd Attend Army School in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy — After four sessions the Army's University at Florence, Italy, has closed its doors. The Army's educational program in this theatre was considered a huge success by all those soldier students who had the opportunity to attend and by all those who were in command of the project. Thousands of students from the ranks of every branch of the service made up a student body which included almost every race, color and creed. The Army's foresight in providing educational facilities for its fighting men and women overseas in order that they might be better prepared to solve tomorrow's problems will surely prove to be lucrative in the years to come.

To this American Institution incorporated on foreign soil went hundreds of Japanese American fighting men; veterans of the famous Japanese American Combat Team. The record established by these men on the field of battle were equalled scholastically in the classes and study-halls of the University. The soldier students of the 442nd typified the American trait of versatility by displaying courage, perseverance, and strength on the field of battle and high intelligence quotients in the university class rooms.

At the opening session of school in July, 1945, First Sergeant Isamu Aoki, (then private first class) of Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected student body president out of 1323 students comprised of officers and enlisted personnel from throughout the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Each session lasted exactly one month and each month new students arrived, among the new arrivals each month were men from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who represented the Regiment with distinction. Approximately four hundred men from the Combat Team attended the university during the four months the university functioned. The men from the 442nd seemed to delve upon the practical courses

such as mathematics, business and agriculture. Their practical side was also seen in the fact that many of them took the course in psychology of marriage. A majority of the men who were fortunate enough to have had the chance to attend the university are now in the States continuing their education as civilians or are working in different fields of occupations better equipped.

The curricula offered the student body was comparable to that of any first rate college in the United States proper. The Italian University of Florence offered their whole hearted and unselfish cooperation to the Army University in the form of extending the use of their modern scientific facilities to the soldier students.

Those students taking art were especially fortunate for they benefited immensely through the unselfishness on the part of the Board of Directors of the Italian University. The faculty of the Army University was composed of both Army personnel and civilian instructors and professors from the United States.

## Widow Files Suit In Salt Lake Death

Toyohiko Yoshikawa and her son, Jack Tadao Yoshikawa, 25, last week filed suit for \$25,372.21 damages for the death of Torakichi Yoshikawa on Aug. 3 in a poison gas tragedy at the Colonial Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Charged in the case are four defendants, Fujio Iwasaki, proprietor; Henry Samejima, house clerk; and David G. Pearson and Lyman C. Hude, partners operating the Utah Pest Control Laboratory.

The complaint charges that proper precautions were not taken by the defendants to warn the victim of the fumigation, which was taking place in a room directly above the basement apartment of the Yoshikawa family. Mr. Yoshikawa unsuspectingly entered his room and was overcome by hydrocyanic acid fumes, which had seeped from above, the complaint says.

## Japanese American Women Initiated Into CIO-FTA Union

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—In a practical demonstration of democracy Local 64 of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers initiated a large group of Japanese Americans at a special meeting held recently, the People's World reported on Jan. 2.

Local 64 is the only San Diego union with a clause in its contract forbidding discrimination because of ancestry, nationality, creed or color on the part of either the company or the union. The contract is with the Van Camp Sea Foods Company.

The new members of Local 64 include Mrs. Shizue Koba, Mrs. Yoshiko Kawato, Mrs. Fumino Honda, Mrs. Elino Matsumoto, Mrs. Kay Fujimoto, Mrs. Enomoto, Mrs. Otomi Nakano, Mrs. Ichioy Ochi, Mrs. Sode Vetter, Mary Masuyuki, Dora Kato and Mrs. Ine Takesita.

One of the new members brought her son to the meeting. He was wearing the Purple Heart, token of shrapnel wounds he suffered Oct. 29, 1944, in the Vosges

Mountains when his famous 442nd regiment rescued the trapped 141st infantry regiment.

Other members are still awaiting the homecoming of their sons from battle service in Europe and the Orient, said the People's World. All of the new members were recently of Poston, Arizona.

## Omaha Resettlers Hold Holiday Dance

OMAHA, Neb. — Resettlers in Omaha and many of their friends enjoyed a Christmas party held Dec. 22 at the YMCA. Feature of the evening was a fourteen-piece band from Father Flanagan's Boys Town.

Jennie Ando, talented tap dancer, performed. Patrick Okura was master of ceremonies.

Chairmen of committees in charge of arrangements were Mrs. Patrick Okura, refreshments; Sachiye Endo, decorations; Hideo Ito, entertainment; and Elso Ito, invitations.



## 442nd Veterans Entertained in L. A.



American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought with the famed 442nd Central Postal Directory and other units in the European war were entertained at a pre-Christmas party at the Evergreen Playground on Dec. 22. Nisei girls from Los Angeles and Pasadena were hostesses to the

group of combat veterans, many of whom are in Southern California awaiting orders to return to their homes in Hawaii. More than 125 servicemen attended the affair. The Los Angeles office of the JACL was one of the sponsoring organizations.—Los Angeles Times photo.

## U. S. Court Upsets Conviction Of Fair Play Committee Group

### Appeals Tribunal Rules Instructions to Jury Were Erroneous

DENVER — The Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver on Dec. 26 upset the conviction under charges of conspiracy to violate the draft law of seven Heart Mountain evacuees, leaders of the Fair Play Committee, who were sentenced to terms of from two to four years in Cheyenne, after a trial by jury.

The defendants are Frank Seishi Emi, Kiyoshi Okamoto, Paul Takeo Nakadate, Tsutomu Wakayae, Minoru Tamesa, Isamu Horino and Funtaro Kubota.

The higher Federal Court ruled that the trial judge had erroneously instructed the jury when he refused to advise them that urging persons to refuse service in the Army, in order to create a test case to have the rights of persons of Japanese descent determined by the courts, was entirely within the law; and that this did not constitute evidence of a conspiracy to violate the draft law.

The Court of Appeals thus summarized the activities of the Fair Play Committee:

"The defendants were evacuated from their homes in the Pacific Coastal region and placed in a relocation center at Heart Mountain, Wyoming. An organization was formed at the relocation center. Its membership was limited to citizens of the United States, and apparently its original purpose was to air grievances, improve the lot of the evacuees, and test the constitutionality of the evacuation. Sometime after the inception of the Committee, the defendants and others of like status were reclassified under the Selective Service Act and made eligible for service in the armed forces. The Committee thereupon inaugurated an active part in it. Funds were raised, meetings were held, addresses were delivered, letters were written, bulletins were published and circulated, and publicity was prepared for publication and was published in the Rocky Shimo. Much said in the address, bulletins, and publications was to the effect that because of the uncertainty of their status, those at the relocation center who had been thus reclassified were not subject to the provisions of the Selective Service Act; that their evacuation and detention constituted a wrongful violation of law; that clarification of their status was desired before being inducted into the armed forces; and that they were willing to enter the armed service as soon as the

wrong done them was corrected and they were restored to their rights as citizens. A test case in court to determine their status and vindicate their rights was discussed and correction by Congressional pronouncement was mentioned."

According to the Court of Appeals some of the leaders of the Fair Play Committee went further than the above and directly urged non-compliance with the draft law. These were issues of fact which the trial judge should have left to the jury under legal instructions. Quoting from a United States Supreme Court decision the Denver Appellate Court ruled:

"One with innocent motives, who honestly believes a law is unconstitutional, and, therefore, not obligatory, may well counsel that the law shall not be obeyed; that its command shall be resisted until a court shall have held it valid, but this is not knowingly counselling, to evade its command."

The defendants were represented by Attorney A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

### PROSECUTOR WILL ASK NEW TRIAL IN DRAFT CASE

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Federal Dist. Atty. Carl Sackett will probably call for another trial of the seven Japanese Americans whose conviction on charges of conspiracy to violate the selective service act was reversed by a higher court in Denver, he indicated here on Dec. 29.

Sackett said he had not yet received the opinion of the 10th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which reversed a federal district court verdict in the case. The reversal was based on alleged improper instruction to the jury by U. S. Dist. Judge Eugene Rice of Oklahoma, who heard the case in Cheyenne.

Eight Nisei were charged in the federal complaint. Seven were convicted and are serving terms of from two to four years in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The eighth was acquitted.

### Tule Lake Educator To Aid MacArthur

NEWELL, Calif. — To act as advisor in practical education to General Douglas MacArthur, Superintendent of Schools Kenneth M. Harkness of Tule Lake is planning to fly to Tokyo after January 1, according to the Newell Star.

## Attorney Who Defended Terrorists Will Take Case for Evacuees

AUBURN, Calif. — Floyd Bowers, Roseville attorney who successfully defended James E. Watson, Claude Watson, Alvin Johnson and Elmer Johnson on charges of acts of terrorism against Sumio Doi, returned Japanese American farmer, has undertaken the defense of Japanese Americans in an escheat case.

Bowers has filed a demurrer to proceedings brought against Mr. and Mrs. S. Kondo, Aster Kondo, their son, and Shigeo Otani, all named as defendants in the escheat action, which was filed last April by District Attorney C. E. Tindall and Attorney General Robert Kenny of California.

The original action was amended in October by the officials after Kondo failed to answer the original complaint. The document by Bowers is the first defense action filed in the case. The state and county contend there was a violation of the California anti-alien land act by the four defendants in the purchase of property in Placer county.

### Property Personnel Only Residents of Relocation Centers

Only property personnel, none of whom are of Japanese ancestry, remain in the War Relocation Authority's camps in the intermountain area, it was announced this week by Ariel Ballif, relocation adjustment supervisor in the WRA's Salt Lake City office.

Mr. Ballif said that approximately 50 percent of the evacuees in the camps in the intermountain area have returned to the West Coast while others have found homes in the intermountain area and in states further east.

### Northwest Nisei Publish New Newspaper

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — A mimeographed newspaper tentatively titled "Northwest Nisei" made its appearance in December in Minneapolis under editorship of Cherry Tanaka.

Printed under the auspices of the Nisei Girls' Club of the YWCA, the paper has a staff including Sachi Akimoto, Becky Hasegawa, Pat Kato, Grace Shimizu, Sumi Takemoto, Fusa Tsumagari and Sachi Wada.

## Hawaii Citizens Challenge Immigration Department's Discrimination in U. S. Travel

### Nisei, Other Oriental Americans Subjected To Special Procedures Not Required of Other Citizens, Says Statement from Honolulu Group

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Contrary to a recent statement by Commissioner of Immigration Ugo Carusi, Nisei and other Oriental Americans are discriminated against by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in traveling between the United States and Hawaii, according to a statement by Mitsuyuki Kido, executive secretary of the Territorial Emergency Service Committee of Honolulu.

Americans of Oriental ancestry, even veterans of World War II, are subjected to special procedures not required of other Americans, Mitsuyuki Kido declared on Dec. 24 in a letter to the Japanese American Citizens League in Salt Lake City.

In an additional letter to Gerald Corbett, secretary of the Territory of Hawaii, he outlined the special procedures required of Oriental Americans, adding that the procedures seem to be intended "to discourage travel of Americans of Oriental ancestry to the mainland."

The bureau requires of these persons a certification of citizenship not required of others desiring passage to the states, Kido said. This certificate is issued after the applicant "proves" his citizenship.

"This procedure while discriminatory and unjust might not have been too bad had the immigration officials been able to grant hearings as soon as applications were made," Kido said.

In addition, certificates of Hawaiian birth issued by the Secretary of the Territory of Hawaii and by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of Board of Health are not recognized by the various departments of the United States Government, his letter contended.

An American of Oriental ancestry must produce a witness or witnesses present at his birth or about the time of his birth or testify before an examiner. While recently this has not been applied to veterans, they are still required to have hearings, he declared. The regulation is particularly difficult for many older Americans, Kido declared, who are not able to find witnesses, and for whom travel is thus made practically impossible.

Hardship cases imposed by these regulations were cited by Kido as follows:

1. A labor leader of Oriental ancestry was invited to attend a national convention in Washington. He had previously made four or five trips to the mainland as a seaman and had in his possession a certificate of citizenship issued by the Department of Commerce and a Hawaiian birth certificate issued by the Secretary of the Territory. He was born on another island and left it years ago. As he no longer lives with his parents he was unable to produce the required witnesses. The hearing was held in this case when a wire came from Washington requesting it.

2. A high school graduate of Oriental descent received word that he was accepted for matriculation at Ohio State University

two weeks before the fall term began. He received a number one priority to travel and had his steamship reservation made. He proceeded to the Immigration Bureau for a certificate of citizenship where he was told that his case could not be heard for at least a month. Had this boy been an American of any other ancestry he would have been able to sail as soon as he purchased his steamer fare.

3. A veteran who has returned from the European front went to the Immigration Bureau for certification. He previously had a hearing in 1941 but before he was able to secure a copy of his certificate of citizenship, the war started. He was asked to appear for a re-hearing because he did not make the trip after the first hearing. At the hearing he was asked whether he planned to return to Hawaii after his legal training. He answered that he did not know because four years on the mainland might influence him one way or the other.

The letter of identity issued in this case stated that "although United States citizenship has been conceded by this office, the application for a Certificate of Citizenship of the Hawaiian Islands in the case of the above-named has been denied, for the reason that the applicant has not satisfactorily proven that absence from Hawaii will be temporary, and therefore does not qualify under part 128.5, Title 8, CFR."

The letter of identity was issued, but valid for 30 days only.

### Milwaukee Council Ceases Activities With End of Year

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — With the close of 1945 the Milwaukee Nisei Council terminated its activities, according to the final issue of the council bulletin.

Sam Minami, chairman, declared in a closing statement, "I am sure that everyone feels that the Council has fulfilled its purpose of sponsoring activities and participating in public relations. It is the duty of every American of Japanese descent to support the activities of any organization which has been created for the purpose of benefiting others. It will be the duty of everyone of us to look ahead and put our shoulder to the task of supporting the local JACL in order that we may benefit not only ourselves but others."

Minami expressed his appreciation for the aid given the council by many individuals and organizations in Milwaukee.

## Nisei Amputee Gets Presents On Vox Pop Radio Program

WASHINGTON — Pvt. Frank Fujino, who lost a leg while fighting with the 442nd Central Postal Directory in France, was a little dazed but happy this week following a visit from Santa Claus.

Santa Claus, later revealed to be Lieut. Gen. James Doolittle, visited Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington on Christmas Eve as part of a Vox Pop broadcast over the CBS network.

The Japanese American was one of three GIs at Walter Reed to participate in the Vox Pop radio show, the other two soldiers being an American prisoner of war from the Philippines and a Negro hero from the 92nd Division.

Pvt. Fujino was interviewed by Gen. Doolittle and told of his experiences with racial prejudice while on a furlough in California.

For his part on the program Pvt. Fujino received a portable typewriter, a new civilian suit and \$50 in spending money from Santa Claus through the courtesy of the sponsors of the Vox Pop show.

Gen. Doolittle, who led the first American air raid on Tokyo, discussed racial intolerance in the United States with the Japanese American soldier.

Fujino told Gen. Doolittle that "there is one American though, who always fought for the Nisei, and who has fought for tolerance for every minority—Ed Sullivan."

(In New York City Sullivan said that Fujino's statement was "quite the most wonderful Christmas present I've ever received." Sullivan is the conductor of the "Little Old New York" column in the New York Daily News.)



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## EDITORIALS:

### Fair Play Committee

One of the most effective wartime committees organized to assure democratic treatment of Japanese Americans, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play this week announced that it would cease operations as an emergency committee, though its work be carried on on a more permanent, state-wide basis through established Councils for Civic Unity.

The committee on American Principles and Fair Play was an educational and public relations group, and it was also a pressure group on government, local and national, to liberalize existing policies and institute others needed to secure the welfare of the evacuees.

As early as October, 1941, the committee, then called the Northern California Committee on Fair Play for Citizens and Aliens of Japanese ancestry, warned Californians that popular resentment toward Japan "may find expression in greater discrimination or even physical violence against fellow-residents of Japanese extraction, distrust of the Japanese government being transferred to all persons of Japanese race . . . such animus would be not only un-American but also a menace to public welfare and the good name of our State."

Thus, two months before the war began the Fair Play Committee had seen the ominous signs of war as they affected Japanese American residents of the West Coast. From that time it was committed to a policy from which it has not swerved—a policy of education, democratization, and the influencing of public opinion and the government in the best interests of not only the evacuees but of the whole public.

With rescission of the exclusion orders by the War Department on December 19, 1944, the program of the committee changed. It was shortly afterwards that the committee made the following statement:

"Of this we are certain. The status of any one minority is irretrievably related to all minorities. There are many able groups and individuals here on the Pacific Coast and elsewhere who have made the problems of minorities their chief concern. Some have maintained a warm and active interest in the thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry during these past bitter years. More have allowed problems of a less vicious controversial nature to take first place in their over crowded schedules and budgets.

"One of the most important things we must do is to gain recognition of the rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry, recognition and membership in any inter-racial postwar or social planning group in California.

"We have occasionally, in the past, been criticized for concentrating our efforts in behalf of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry. We look forward to the day when that concentration of effort will not be necessary, when members of this, one of our smallest racial minorities, will receive friendly recognition by all groups working in the field of minority problems.

"When that day comes, our immediate task will be done, and we can turn our keen interest and strong support toward the development of proper attitudes and conduct among men of all races."

The Fair Play committee has today come close to that day. And at the present moment, as it considers dissolution of its present organization for a permanent, more widely-supported organization, it can feel assured that this day was hastened by its strong, active work. The Nisei have come home and

the Nisei problem as such is being solved. For this, certainly, the individual members of the committee can be proud.

### Compensation

Interior Secretary Ickes, in his press conference statement last week, opened the subject of Federal compensation to evacuees for losses resulting from the evacuation. These have been considerable and range from those sustained as a result of forced sales during the time of the evacuation itself in 1942 to losses of property from fire, theft and assorted vandalism which was discovered by the Japanese Americans upon their return to West Coast homes.

A recent New York Times dispatch from San Francisco also indicated that WRA Director Dillon Myer has recommended that the government recognize "honest claims," and has suggested that Congress might set up a small claims commission to sift such claims and approve those deemed worthy. Such a program, of course, would be contingent upon Congressional approval of compensation procedure and also would require the appropriation of funds to cover the payments which would be made.

Numerous instances have been reported where "vandals" have broken into barns and storehouses and plundered the property of the evacuees. Farmers have returned from relocation camps to find that their equipment and tools have vanished along with the tenants who occupied the premises during the war.

There has been no complete survey of the losses sustained by the evacuees as a result of the evacuation. Such a survey should be taken as the initial step in determining the extent of actual damages through fire, theft and vandalism.

### Nisei GIs in Japan

Andrew Roth, whose "Dilemma in Japan" has been one of the more penetrating books of the season on the state of that country, points out in a recent article in the "Nisei Weekender" the close connection between the political status of Japan and the treatment of Japanese Americans in this country.

"I hoped," he writes, "that if more Americans recognized that there is a Japan other than the murderous military-fascists and their supporters, there would be more chance to eliminate discrimination against Americans of Japanese descent."

"There is little doubt in my mind," he also says, "that the democratization of Japan—with the aid of Nisei and other Americans—with a democratic outlook—will contribute to the improvement of the Nisei position in America."

Roth gives large credit for the present improving situation in Japan to the Nisei troops now stationed there.

"Nisei translators and interpreters attached to the American occupation have played an important and irreplaceable role in speeding the process of delousing Japan of its old, warbreeding elements," he says.

"The Nisei soldiers have, of course, aroused the hatred of the military-fascists and their supporters for they have been skillful in rooting them out. Nisei experts spotted the anti-occupation activities of the Higashi-kuni government and speeded its fall.

"Nisei translators uncovered the attempts of the Japanese newspapers to arouse anti-American sentiment by playing up phoney rape stories. It was a Nisei who noted the attempt of the *benshi* (movie title-readers) to mix in anti-American propaganda with their reading of titles.

"The exposure of such elements is not only a contribution to the success of the American occupation. It is simultaneously a helping hand to the still-weak American crackdown on press distortions, coinciding with the attempts of Japanese newspapermen to get rid of their pro-fascist editors and owners. Americans of Japanese descent have thus shown that they are not only able to die for democracy in Italy but are able to help breathe life into infant democracy in Japan."

We have not yet progressed to the point where our racial lineage is unimportant. Thus the Nisei, who did not themselves doubt their loyalty to this country at the outbreak of war, were forced to prove their loyalty by the evacuation and by service in the army. And paradoxically, those who were most conversant with Japanese customs and the language were the Nisei who were most able to help win the battle in the Pacific.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Housing Is the Major Issue

It is a year now since the West Coast was reopened to persons of Japanese ancestry. Approximately one-half of the 115,000 persons who were ordered from the area in 1942 have returned and within the coming year another 25 per cent will probably come back from duration homes in the inland West, the Midwest and the East.

There has been much talk about inadvisability of racial community groupings but unless the present trend is reversed the Little Tokyos will live again. The reasons for the restoration of the Japanese communities are obvious and are the same as those which accounted for the pre-war Little Tokyos and the Chinatowns, the Harlems and the Little Italys. The reasons are both economic and social and have to do with the linguistic, cultural and gastronomical needs of the first generation group as well as discrimination on the job and in housing which tend to hem members of a racial minority into certain areas.

Housing, which is the crux of the West Coast resettlement problem for the evacuees, and the lack of available commercial properties and business space outside the former Little Tokyos encourage the tendency to relocate in the same urban districts from which the Japanese Americans originally were evacuated. Most of these Little Tokyos were filled following the evacuation with war workers who converted store-space and commercial properties into emergency apartments and dwellings. With the departure of many of these war workers following V-J Day and the return of the evacuees, much of this property is being used under the management or ownership of returned evacuees.

With a large percentage of the returnees still living in Federal trailer and barracks camps and in privately operated hostels, the housing crisis is first on the agenda for the WRA and for other groups interested in the resettlement problem. It is significant that although many of the evacuees have been residing under emergency conditions in federally-managed projects for more than two months only a handful have found permanent housing. Many of the people who have transferred to individual homes have been forced to buy houses to obtain shelter and most of the returned evacuees do not have the financial resources, especially after more than three years of relocation center life, to purchase homes.

With special stress on the combat records of Nisei GIs, the public relations officers of the WRA have been able to create a favorable atmosphere for the return of

the evacuees in almost all sections of the Pacific Coast. Two years ago the public temper was considered to be a major factor against the return of the evacuees but today that question is no longer a controversial one. The many organizations which were created to oppose the return of the evacuees are faced with public disinterest and, in many cases, public disapproval of their program. Propagandists who were used to inspire an active opposition to the Japanese American group are now turning to other, and greener, pastures. For example, John Lechner is now touring West Coast cities warning about the "Red menace." Kilsoo Haan is an advocate of the independence of Asiatic peoples. Art Ritchie, who founded the Japanese Exclusion League, has been sponsoring a tour of a Filipino guerrilla. Even Assemblyman Chester Gannon has made a grudging admission that there are "some" loyal Japanese Americans.

The problem faced by Japanese Americans in California today is no longer one of community acceptance. The question is one of housing, which is shared by returning GIs, and of employment and business opportunities which the Nisei face in common with members of other minority groups.

The present movement for a California FEPC is one which will affect the employment future of the returned evacuees and an interesting development in the present campaign to get an initiative measure covering fair employment practices on the 1946 ballot is the fact that the drive has won the interest and support of many organizations which originally were created for the sole purpose of assisting the Japanese American evacuees. There is a growing realization that the Nisei question is indivisible from that of the general minority problem and this is reflected in the broadening of the scope of activities of organizations which, hitherto, were interested only in the Japanese American group. A similar widening of perspective is noticeable in the attitudes of the returned evacuees.

With all but one of the relocation centers closed, the major field of activity and responsibility for the War Relocation Authority is now concentrated in the evacuated area. The WRA, which had nothing to do with the evacuation, is faced with the backbreaking problem of returning the evacuees to a reasonable approximation of the status which these persons enjoyed prior to the evacuation. The evacuation was an action unprecedented in our national history and the responsibility is one which the government, through the WRA, cannot shirk. The situation is particularly acute in relation to the large group near Los Angeles, who face a future of uncertainty and desperation unless they are assured of adequate assistance.

## RELOCATION DIGEST

NEW YORK CITY—Hazel Mizusaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mizusaki, New Jersey, only Nisei student at the Mandl School for Medical Assistants, was recently elected treasurer of her freshman class. Also in New York is her sister, May, attending the Jean Morgan School of Art. They reside at 14 East 16th Street, New York City. . . . Sairoki Morikawa, formerly of Brawley and Los Angeles, is presently employed in the New York laboratory of Frank Mark, who is doing important research in cancer serum. Morikawa was engaged to assist the scientist in the extraction of protein from soy beans. . . .

HARTFORD, Conn.—Resettlers and other friends in Hartford, Conn., of Mr. Edward Ota and Miss Reynolds, popular secretary to Dean Van Dyke of the Hartford Theological Seminary, were happy to hear of their recent marriage. Mr. Ota came directly East to college before the evacuation. He is well known to the WRA staff in Hartford and has been active in several social affairs at the YWCA where some of the Nisei have been participating in the city-wide program.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Nisei USO at St. John's Parish Hall was the scene of a Christmas formal on Dec. 22. Music was furnished by a three-piece orchestra and Rena Brown, an assistant director of the YWCA Penthouse USO club, was mistress of ceremonies. . . .

PHILADELPHIA — Among recent arrivals in Philadelphia from Tule Lake are Motosaburo Ino and Richard Tsugio Kondo. Mr. Kondo can be addressed at 313 South 41st Street. Other newcomers are Mr. and Mrs. Kiyonori Yamaguchi and their family of five children, Edward, Alice, Edith, James and Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Takaichi Kiyono, who have been working since August in Narberth, are now employed by the Saffee Glass Company in Philadelphia. Shoso Tokumoto, who is employed with the Precision Thermometer and Instrument Company during the day and works as a watch repairman at night, is now living at 3236 Sansom Street. . . . Job opportunities for evacuee typists and secretaries in Philadelphia continue to exceed the number of applicants, according to the local WRA office.



# Vagaries

## Dancer . . .

Yuriko Amemiya will tour the country next spring as a member of Martha Graham's famous dance troupe. Miss Amemiya, a native of San Jose, Calif., appeared in "Appalachian Spring" and other Graham dance productions last season in New York. She was also presented in concert with several other young artists by the YMHA in New York City last Sunday. . . . Eric Johnston, who succeeded Will Hays as czar of the motion picture industry, recently ordered that there would be no more ridiculing or belittling Japanese in the movies. . . . Veterans of the 442nd Combat Team from Hawaii, "sweating out" the transportation jam at Camp Haan and Fort MacArthur in Southern California, were entertained last week in Hollywood, attending radio shows and visiting film studios. One group attended the Frank Sinatra show. The tours were arranged with the help of the Los Angeles WRA office and the JACL.

## Unionist . . .

Karl Yoneda, Nisei CIO leader who was recently honorably discharged after serving for two years in the China-Burma-India theaters, has arranged a Far Eastern propaganda exhibit for the California Labor School in San Francisco. Yoneda, formerly vice president of the Alaska Cannery Workers union and a prominent member of the ILWU, once ran for assemblyman in San Francisco. His wife is the former Elaine Black, also prominent in union activities and one-time representative of International Labor Defense in Northern California. Their 7-year old son is Tom Mooney Yoneda, named for the famous labor figure who was a good friend of the Nisei labor leader. . . . while overseas Karl Yoneda was attached to an American propaganda unit and wrote many of the newspapers and pamphlets which were dropped on enemy territory.

## Author . . .

Thomas Mann, noted German author whose books were burned by the Nazis and who is himself a refugee, was among the first of many noted Hollywood residents to employ Japanese and Japanese Americans from war relocation centers. . . . Although a two-day rain had converted the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho into a veritable sea of mud, more than 300 persons showed up to buy scrap lumber on Dec. 26. Most of the 300 cars managed to get stuck in the mud and W. E. Rawlings, director of the now-empty relocation camp, had five tractors on duty pulling out the mired vehicles. . . . Several Nisei with trade union backgrounds, who had been recruited by a government agency to help in the democratization of Japan, were stranded in San Francisco when the State Department declined to issue passports.

## Secret . . .

One of the untold stories of the war in the Pacific is the part played by Nisei in OSS (often referred to in Washington as 'Oh So Secret'). Some Nisei operated behind Japanese lines. When the story is told one day it will add another chapter to the magnificent record of Nisei in World War II.

## Acrobats

Louis Sobol reports that Ringling Brothers circus is debating whether to restore Japanese acrobats to good standing under the big top this coming season. Japanese acrobats were familiar fixtures in sawdust arenas until Pearl Harbor. Since most of them were aliens, travel restrictions and other difficulties forced circus troupes to drop them during the war years. . . . In his regular ABC broadcast on Dec. 30 Orson Welles told of his meeting with "Fu Manchu," the Oriental magician who is now mystifying audiences in Mexico City. "Fu Manchu," as Mr. Welles explained, is not the reincarnation of Sax Rohmer's famous character but is a Japanese American named Okano from Brooklyn, U. S. A.

## Attorney . . .

Floyd Bowers, the Placer county attorney whose plea in defending the alleged terrorists in the

# Soldier's Notebook: NISEI WERE PICKED TO SAVE TEXANS

(The following article by Sgt. Ralph Friedman, author of the "Soldier's Notebook" column in the Daily People's World of San Francisco, tells of the story of one Japanese American in the 442nd Infantry's rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th (Texas) Division. The story below appeared in the People's World of January 3, 1946.)

By SGT. RALPH FRIEDMAN

One afternoon I went down to an amputee ward to interview one of the men in the 100th Battalion for our newspaper of the air, the McGloskey Journal. Each week we run a feature called, "GI Joe of the Week" and we wanted someone to represent the Japanese American soldiers.

The man I came to see is Saburo Takiosho, who once did a little farming in California and once highballed a truck down the northern part of Highway 99 and in-between did other kinds of work.

I found Takiosho — none of the guys in the ward called him by his first name—a very pleasant and clean-cut guy. About 25, I judged. I was surprised when he said he was 32.

He was sitting up in bed, one leg very noticeably missing, and before I stated my mission he smiled cheerfully and bade me occupy the chair by his side.

When I explained the purpose of the interview he thought it an excellent idea—but he didn't want to be interviewed.

"There are guys around the hospital who were in the 100th longer than I was," he said. "Why not see them? They know more than I do."

I had been through this before with other Japanese Americans. They are all very friendly, very polite, and cheerful guys to talk with—but they don't want to be interviewed. They don't want publicity.

The Nisei I have met are the best-mannered, most dignified, most courteous, and sober soldiers I have ever met. I heard a combat-toughened veteran — also an amputee—once say that the Nisei are too damn gentlemanly and he'd like to see one drunk, just to prove to him they were human.

At any rate, I can understand why the 100th Battalion did not have one case of AWOL, a phenomenon in the American Army—and all other armies, too.

It was like pulling teeth to get Takiosho to talk. As long as I had the notebook in sight he kept suggesting I see other fellows. Only after I had put the pad away, started to leave, and hesitated to say a few words about articles at the PX—which later developed into a re-count of his experiences—did he talk easily.

Takiosho joined the 100th at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He was in another outfit as a Sergeant but took a bust to private to get into the 100th. He felt it was going to be hot from the start, and he wasn't wrong.

He went overseas with the 100th and was with them on the winter line in Italy. "It was a hell of a winter," Takiosho remembered. "A hell of a lousy winter."

The 442nd absorbed the 100th and then was loaned by General Mark Clark to General Patch for the invasion of southern France. Fighting was, as Takiosho puts it, "just average," until the call came to rescue the "Lost Battalion."

"It is said that the Japanese-Americans lost more men in making the rescue than they saved, but Takiosho doesn't say anything about that. He just remembers the Vosges as the place he left some good buddies behind and pulled back to the Yank lines some very worn-out doughs.

"It was tough fighting," Takiosho said. "Tree-bursts and everything. It took us six days to break through. We were pretty tired ourselves when we got there."

The 442nd was called back to Italy by General Clark for the big offensive and the 100th was as-

signed to capture a hill which the Germans had held for a year.

On a chilly five a. m. they pushed off and four hours later they had the hill, the same hill from which the Germans had repulsed so many American attacks.

The name of the town near the hill is Verigion and Takiosho won't forget it because that's where he stepped on an anti-personnel mine that blew his leg off.

Takiosho snapped his fingers. "I almost made it. After that hill there wasn't any tough fighting. When we got into the plains it was easy. If I had just not stepped on that mine I would have been o. k. But I guess my luck ran out."

As I started to leave the fellow in the next bed, who had been listening, said to Takiosho in a cow-country Texas drawl: "You guys did enough to make you citizens of Texas."

# Washington News-Letter WRA Director Optimistic Over Completion of Relocation Job

By JOHN KITASAKO

Returnees to the West Coast are on the whole making satisfactory adjustments, and their general situation should show a much greater improvement as time goes on. That was the way Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority summed up his observations of a three-week tour of the Pacific slope which ended on Dec. 19. Thus as the WRA goes into the last six-month stretch, Mr. Myer is able to envision with optimism the successful completion of the cycle which began with the evacuation back in 1942.

There are still some problems, to be sure, but none so serious that it cannot be solved through the cooperation of the returnees, Caucasian friends, and welfare agencies. Considering the general upheaval on the West Coast as a result of the sudden swing into reconversion and the wholesale return of the evacuees, the whole WRA program has come along more smoothly than had been anticipated at this stage. No particular area stands out. Returnees have covered about the same distance on the road back in all districts from San Diego to Seattle.

The major problem in the beginning was housing. This was especially true in northern California, where over one half of the returnees have settled. But notable progress toward alleviating the situation has been made, says Mr. Myer. Already the WRA has relinquished use of the Camp Funston housing plant. The only temporary housing units now are at Hunters Point, where there are still some 700, and at a small project near Sacramento.

In southern California the big task is to find homes for the 2,200 who are still in the temporary housing units and the 1,600 who are quartered in hostels.

The bright spot in the Seattle resettlement picture, according to Mr. Myer, is the Hirabayashi nursing home. This home is operated by the parents of Gordon Hirabayashi, who, with the help of the American Friends, converted a large building into a haven for 14 aged persons. All the occupants are happy; all are receiving excellent treatment.

The care of the aged who are single and with no form of support is a problem which will become increasingly acute, believes Mr. Myer. The ideal solution is a home like the Hirabayashi's, where the aged would have that congenial companionship which they might find difficult to enjoy in public institutions.

To determine what problems have to be met in the ensuing months, Mr. Myer conferred with returnee leaders, representatives of social, civic, and church groups, and members of the WRA staffs up and down the coast. Chief among the problems are discrimination against the Nisei job-seekers and the inability of farmers to rent or lease land in some areas. The latter problem is partly responsible for aggravating the re-

turnee housing conditions in some of the metropolitan areas.

The entire WRA program is to be re-gearred to meet these and other problems. Up to December, the WRA personnel had their hands full receiving the returnees, but now with the mass movements at an end, they will concentrate their efforts toward solving the problems of adjustment. As the first step, a complete inventory is being taken of those in temporary housing units to determine where the WRA can be of most service.

The WRA offices on the coast will close on May 1, but Dillon Myer is confident that by that time, everything will be in satisfactory shape. His optimism is bolstered in a large degree by the excellent cooperation being accorded by public and private agencies, especially by the state and local welfare bodies, and also by the way the returnees are helping each other.

**Hawaiian Statehood**  
**HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS**, "Hawaii is worthy of statehood," according to an editorial in the Hollywood Citizen-News of Dec. 26.

Pointing out that the principal objection raised to Hawaii's plea for statehood prior to the war was Hawaii's large Japanese American population, the Citizen-News says: "Those who believed that the Nisei would be loyal to the United States favored statehood. Those who doubted them opposed it. "This uncertainty no longer exists. Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii were almost 100 per cent loyal to the United States and many of them now wear our highest military decorations.

"These Nisei, by their conduct in the war, have answered the principal argument against statehood for Hawaii."

**Texas Editorial**  
**AUSTIN AMERICAN**

In an editorial that points out that some Japanese came from Japan to American colleges, studied language, technical and scientific subjects, and then returned to their country to further its plans of aggression, the Austin American points out also the "creditable record" of many American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

"The record is replete with the names of these Japanese Americans of proven loyalty and of fine service to the United States in the war. Their service was against the

# From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## The Brave New World of 1946

This is being written on the dawn, figuratively, of a new year which holds promise of finally settling down to that rose-colored postwar world of chromium, white enamel and plastics.

The war is over. Evacuation is over. The prejudice problem is well on the way to being licked. Most of the 100,000 persons uprooted from the Pacific Coast four years ago are home now.

"Home," however, happens to be in the 48 states. These Americans transplanted the length and breadth of the land have taken root. They've built up job seniority and neighborhood good will. They've become integral parts of their communities.

In other words they have acquired a security they did not have when they first moved in a year or two or three ago.

Even those who have returned to the West Coast are recouping the losses of four years suffered in terms of prestige, economic holdings, business good will and community acceptance.

The new year may not be an easy one. There remain many international and domestic problems to be solved. We'll have to learn to get along with Russia; to have faith in the United Nations organization; to find equitable solutions to the powerful nationalist movements in Java, French Indo-China, India; to put an end to China's civil war.

On the domestic front, a basic understanding must be reached between capital and labor before all-out production of civilian goods can be resumed. There is the threat of bitter industrial strife before a workable and mutually acceptable formula can be devised.

But these problems are different from the kind that faced us during critical phases of the war—for instance, Japan's relentless southward advance in early 1942, the battle of El Alamein when Rommel's powerful spearhead was crushed, the battle of Midway when Japan's fleet was crippled, the battle of the Belgian bulge when a desperate Nazi counter-offensive threatened to postpone VE-day almost indefinitely, the battle of Okinawa when suicide bombers were depleting U. S. fleet units needed for the coming invasion of Japan.

There are problems ahead, but they are not insurmountable. There is hope for a brave, new world in 1946.

Last night they hurried off the last edition, it being New Year's Eve, and permitted the hired hands to go home a couple of hours early.

The tavern on the corner was crowded and the plate glass steamed up so you couldn't see out very well. And so we waited in the sub-zero cold for the bus.

Before the bus arrived it was midnight, and that was the signal for horns and sirens and the explosion of automobile exhausts. The bus wasn't crowded. It was too early for merry-makers to go home.

After the first half mile there were only a handful of passengers aboard. The driver was glum, as if unhappy about having to work on New Year's Eve.

Up front, just behind the driver, was a man in a sailor's uniform. He had on a heavy pea jacket so one couldn't see his service ribbons. He must have been around 35, or perhaps he just looked that old. At his side was a small zipper bag like the kind the fellows used to have for their basketball suits.

One somehow sensed that this sailor had been far away—for a long time—and now he was coming home. His face was hard to read. It was expressionless in a tired way. And yet there was a studied manner about him as if he were purposely putting up a calm exterior.

The blocks sped by and at 25th the sailor rang for a stop. He stood by the driver for a moment and the driver came out of his glumness and asked: "Where are you from, sailor?"

The sailor's back was turned toward us and we couldn't hear his reply. By then the bus had stopped and now the sailor picked up his bag and started to leave.

The driver's voice was more awake now. He said: "Well, good luck to you, Bud, and happy new year."

But the sailor didn't answer. He was striding down the street.

In back of us was an army lieutenant colonel with a woman who appeared to be his wife. He wasn't young — perhaps pretty close to retirement age. "A nice gift," he said gently to his companion, "that lad will be a nice New Year's gift for someone."

Then it was time for us to get off. It was slippery underfoot and the midnight air was so crisp one's breath seemed to hang suspended. The sky was cloudless and one could trace the Big Dipper, its pointers showing the way to the North Star, that mariner's signpost in the frozen beyond.

We picked our way homeward over icy sidewalks and thought about that sailor reaching home in the first few minutes of 1946. The incident seemed to be symbolic of the new year, but we couldn't figure out just how or why.

difficulty of suspicion of any person of Japanese appearance and name," said the Austin American.



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## Medal Given Nisei in Japan



WITH THE SIXTH ARMY IN JAPAN—In the Customs Circle in Kobe, Japan, Sergeant Toshi Teramoto, son of Mrs. Hashi Teramoto, Rt. 1, Parlier, Calif., receives the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from Major General Clarkson, commander of the battle hardened 33rd Division. Sgt. Teramoto is a member of the Division Language Detachment.

### Wedding

MILWAUKEE—Friends in Milwaukee have recently received word of the marriage of Miss Yuki Kawakami and Pfc. Den Sato, formerly of Route 2, Yuba City, California, and Granada, at the Fort Snelling chapel, Minneapolis, on December 2. Miss Kawakami, whose parents are living in Chicago, is formerly of Seattle.

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### Mrs. Shimasaki Aids Toy Distribution In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mrs. Ira Shimasaki, assistant secretary of the Washington Council of Churchwomen, was pictured in the Washington, D. C. Evening Star of Dec. 25, with Mrs. Irving W. Ketchum, president, as they assembled toys and gifts at the council's headquarters on N Street for distribution to children and lonely men and women on Christmas day.

The Evening Star stated that Mrs. Shimasaki is a second generation Japanese American whose parents came from Japan as youngsters after having been converted to Christianity.

Mrs. Shimasaki's brother, Lloyd Onoye, was one of the first Nisei to volunteer for overseas service. A sergeant, he lost his life fighting in Italy. The young woman's husband also is in the Army serving overseas, said the Star.

The Council distributed thousands of presents and gifts of money amounting to over \$2,000.

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## A Home and an Acre of Land Planned for "Cherry Vistas"

Nisei Housing Committee in Los Angeles Acts  
To Meet Shortage of Homes for Returning GIs,  
Evacuees; Available Properties Sought by Group

LOS ANGELES—Pre-fabricated houses, each on an acre of land, grouped together near main highways in the truck gardening valleys around Los Angeles, may be the answer to housing problems of relocatees, according to the American Japanese Housing Committee of which John (Ty) Saito is chairman.

"Cherry Vistas" is the name given this development. There will be not one but several of these sites, thus avoiding any "Little Tokyo" aspect, according to the committee.

Further, small shops or stores adjacent, on the highway, may be operated by residents not otherwise employed.

The cost to the buyer? Probably considerably under \$5,000 — and that covers the acre of land as well as the pre-fab house and all installation, ready to move in. Down payments will be trifling, balance less than rent—much less, considering present inflation.

WRA proposed the plan, but Issei and Nisei, including Nisei vets, are working out the details, arranging their own financing and construction.

Housing is labeled in the Los Angeles press as a major "catastrophe" — and it's almost impossible to get building materials. But, strange as it seems, pre-fabs are available in quantity, and the American Japanese may be the first to actively recognize that—just as they were the first to use idle Army barracks and empty war workers' trailers this summer.

The first step in establishing "Cherry Vistas" homes is finding land. There may be relocatees who have idle land. Such acreage—or lots—can be used on either a lease or sale basis.

Owners of land are being asked to get in touch with the American

Japanese Housing Committee, Ty Saito, Chairman, at 1551 West 37th St., Los Angeles 7.

About 800 families of returnees are now living in barracks and trailers in Southern California. They will have to find permanent housing by spring. New construction is the only answer of permanent value—and pre-fabs are about the only possible quick new construction.

Pre-fabs are not necessarily "cheap," for some styles run well over \$10,000. However, the houses selected for "Cherry Vistas" will be priced at around \$2,500 without land. Less than a week is required to erect them. Good materials, fully insulated from weather, with modern design using exterior knot-pine and interior ply-pine, are utilized. One, two and three bedroom homes are available, each with individual kitchen, dinette, bath and living room.

It isn't Beverly Hills—but it's far better than barracks or trailers. And it is possible to move a pre-fab to another location if necessary. For that reason a lease is sufficient for the land; the acreage owner can thus reserve the right to use his property for other development later when it is possible to get materials for general construction, the committee notes.

But—the land comes first, so if you know of suitable acreage, tell the housing committee. Even a city lot.

WRA will go to bat for jobs in the vicinity of "Cherry Vistas." Other organizations will help too.

And, in time to come, the Nisei and Issei may find that "Cherry Vistas" is a far happier solution to the problem of living than "Little Tokyo" ever could have been.

There'll be more cooperation, too—both among the Japanese Americans and with their neighbors.

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# Tell People Not to Come To Japan, Uncle Tells Seaman

NEWELL, Calif. — "For God's sake go back to America and tell the people there not to come here." This is the message a Nisei member of the merchant marine, Noboru Harry Hashimoto, relayed here following a trip to Japan with the Merchant Marine, according to the Newell Star.

Hashimoto, who relocated from Tule Lake a few months ago, visited the center early in December.

On his trip to Japan, Hashimoto had three days shore leave in Tokyo and Yokohama and relayed his uncle, who was in Japan throughout the war. It was his uncle who asked him to tell the Issei and Nisei in America to remain in this country.

Hashimoto said his uncle's diet consisted chiefly of sweet potatoes, with rice virtually unobtainable. Cigarettes were selling for \$1.25 a package and were much more expensive on the black market.

Civilians were friendly and did not appear to have been in favor of the war, Hashimoto said.

The Nisei merchant marine member worked as a longshoreman for the Maritime Commission following his relocation from Tule Lake. He said he expects his ship will make another trip to Japan shortly.

## Kawasaki Appointed Director of Chicago Resettlers Committee

CHICAGO — Appointment of Corky T. Kawasaki as executive director of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee was announced by President Harry Mayeda at an executive board meeting Dec. 17 at the CYO Nisei center.

The board announced plans for starting English language classes and announced that those interested should call Kawasaki at the CYO Center, DELaware 4481. Other immediate plans include an invitational reception on January 6 to introduce the committee to resettlers in Chicago.

Other officers of the organization include T. Matsunaga, vice president; Mrs. Ken Nishi, secretary; K. Sugimoto, treasurer; and Y. Maruyama, auditor.

The advisory board includes many prominent Chicagoans, including Judge George L. Quilici, municipal courts of Chicago; Dean Robert Redfield, University of Chicago; Dr. Harold W. Ruopp, president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago; Russell W. Ballard, director of Hull House; and Horace B. Cayton, co-author of "Black Metropolis" and director of Parkway Community House.

## WRA to Return Articles Taken From Aliens

### Machinery Set Up To Comply with Recent Proclamation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Following the recent Presidential Proclamation No. 2674, which provided, among other things, that Japanese aliens are now entitled to seek the return of personal property surrendered to the government as wartime contraband, the War Relocation Authority set up mechanisms for the return of such property still in its custody.

WRA announced that it could no longer assist evacuees in reclaiming property surrendered to the Department of Justice or local law enforcement agencies acting for that Department. This includes property surrendered prior to occupation of the assembly centers. Requests for these items should be submitted directly to the United States Marshal for the judicial district in which the property was surrendered.

WRA will, however, assist evacuees in reclaiming property surrendered at the assembly centers and at the relocation centers. All requests must be addressed in writing to the nearest WRA Area Supervisor. Each request should include the name of the assembly center and the relocation center in which the evacuee lived.

Tule Lake Center residents should address requests to the Evacuee Property Officer there.

## Milwaukee Couples Announce Engagements

MILWAUKEE — Engagements of interest to local resettlers are those of Miss Mary Nitta to Mr. Frank Mito and of Miss Agnes Inouye to Mr. Vincent Doi.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tanzo Toyofuku, 7117-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadaki Murano, 3006-B, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shizumi Origuchi, 7105-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Kosako, 1715-C, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kosaburo Ochi, 8308-A, Tule Lake, twin girls on Dec. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Ozaki, 8313-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yamashita, 2515-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koyotake Ogata, 2802-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noriaki Atsumi, 5714-C Tule Lake a boy on Dec. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eisaku Yamaguchi, 4501-A Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suzuki, 2001-A2, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tsukimura, 4116-C, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Sato, 1019-D, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Renno Yoshimura, 5014-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Dec. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Nakai, 2801-D, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zendo Matsumoto, 8103-A, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sakamoto 1918-F, Tule Lake, a girl on Dec. 9.

### DEATHS

Violet Sumire Fudetani, 3, 53-06-A, Tule Lake, on Dec. 5.

Toyoyi Oka, 45, of 5701-E, Tule Lake, on Dec. 6.

Tomi Kametani, 66, of 76-4-F, Tule Lake, on Dec. 7.

Emiko Ikeda, 7 months, of 7704-I, Tule Lake, on Dec. 8.

Saeko Hagio, 15, of 7104-BC, Tule Lake, on Dec. 9.

Nobukichi Tanaka, 69, of 3417-D, Tule Lake, on Dec. 9.

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## Nisei Servicemen are Honored at Dinner

CALDWELL, Idaho — Fifteen Nisei servicemen and ex-servicemen were honored by their friends with a turkey dinner at the First Methodist Church in Caldwell on Dec. 30.

They were: Archie Atagi, Dangi Atagi, Louis Furushiro, Harry Hamada, Raymond Hashitani,

Kaichi Daimaru, 66, of 908-B, Tule Lake, on Dec. 14.

Rinzo Yamashita, 71, of 4107-AB, Tule Lake, on Dec. 15.

Mrs. Yasu Nakashima, 82, 160½ 25th St., Ogden, Utah, on Dec. 19.

Sosuke Ioka, 65, formerly of Tule Lake, on Dec. 21 in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

### MARRIAGES

Yoshiye Kawate to George Ryoji Furuta, Dec. 9, at Tule Lake.

Sumi Nakano to Jimmie Tamura on Dec. 10 at Tule Lake.

Eiko Kikkawa to Shizuo Muroka on Dec. 16 at Tule Lake.

Yuki Kawakami to Pfc. Den Sato at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Toyo Yoshida to T/5 Tak Shindo on Nov. 13 at Fort Snelling.

Hatsuko Harada to Lt. Kenji Sayama on Dec. 8 in Minneapolis.

Dorothy Uyeno to Ed Kitazumi on Nov. 30 in Minneapolis.

Mye Yamasaki to Lt. Hideo Nishita on Nov. 17 in Minneapolis.

Sarah Nakagawa to Dr. Sam Isamu Sato in Boulder, Colo., on Dec. 22.

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## Commander of Nisei Combat Team Returns Home on Visit

LEGHORN, Italy—Colonel Virgil R. Miller, commanding officer of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, has packed his bags like his gallant fighting men to return home. However, he will come back to the Regiment and Leghorn after spending about thirty days visiting his relatives and friends in Orange, New Jersey, and Winneconne, Wisconsin. Having come overseas in May of 1944, this is Colonel Miller's first trip home in almost two years.

Colonel Miller left recently by air from the Pisa Airport. On the night before his departure the Regimental Staff Officers gathered together to wish him "Bon Voyage" and "Aloha" at an informal party at the Officers' villa.

Colonel Miller, who was commissioned at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1924, served in the Territory of Hawaii and Fort McClellan, Alabama, before he was assigned as executive officer of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on June 27, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Colonel Miller took over command of the Regiment when Colonel Charles W. Pence was injured in action. The Regiment was then in the Maritime Alps guarding the Franco-Italian frontier from possible German invasion from the south.

Colonel Miller was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. He also wears the Italian Cross, and was twice awarded the French Croix de Guerre. His theater ribbons include the Asiatic-Pacific with one Battle Star, the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, and the American Theater Ribbon. Above these two rows of colorful and significant ribbons he wears the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Colonel Miller's wife, Mrs. Ann Miller, and three children are residing at Winneconne, Wisconsin.

### Col. Pursall Takes Over 442nd During Commander's Absence

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—Lieutenant Colonel Alfred A. Pursall, Crystal City, Missouri, has been appointed Executive Officer of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team recently. Colonel Pursall has taken upon his broad shoulders the task of temporarily commanding the Nisei unit during the absence of Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, who has returned to the States for a well deserved rest. Colonel Miller will return to the Regiment in January, 1946.

Colonel Pursall joined the 442nd in July of 1944 during the first major drive of the 442nd Japanese

American Combat Team; the Rome to Arno River drive. He served as the Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion through the initial baptism of fire and its other three major campaigns in Italy and in France.

The 442nd Japanese American Combat Team is generally regarded as one of the finest assault groups in Army history. They have won more decorations, considering the time spent in combat, than any other unit in Military annals. Though only a Regiment, they have won fifty Distinguished Service Crosses, and over a thousand other combat decorations. In addition, they have been honored with the President's Distinguished Unit Citation six times and have also won two meritorious Service Unit Plaques. More than four thousand members of the Combat Team have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Colonel Pursall wears the coveted Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in combat, the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action, the Silver Star for gallantry in action and has four Battle Participation Stars for actions in the Rome to Arno River Drive, Battle for Germany in the Vosges Mountains of northeastern France, the bitter holding action in the Maritime Alps along the Franco-Italian frontier and the final capitulation of all enemy forces in northern Italy.

In addition to his major individual awards, Colonel Pursall wears the Presidential Distinguished Unit Badge which the Third Battalion he was commanding won for its participation in the epic rescue of the now famous Lost Battalion of World War II in the Vosges Mountains.

His wife, Mrs. Estelle E. Pursall, resides at Fesus, Missouri. His mother, Mrs. Pauline A. Pursall, is living at Barborton, Ohio.

### NOMURA NAMED ON JUNIOR COLLEGE ALL-STAR ELEVEN

LOS ANGELES — Tamotsu (Babe) Nomura, whose return to the West Coast from the Heart Mountain relocation center helped the Los Angeles City College Cubs place second in the Southern California Junior College football conference, was named on the All-Southern California team announced by the Helms Athletic Foundation recently.

Nomura, who sparked the Los Angeles eleven from his halfback post, set a new junior college record when he completed 56 of 77 passes during the season.

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## Race Relations Group Hits Restrictive Housing Policies

### Proposes Neighborhood Controls Based in Occupancy Standards

CHICAGO—Neighborhood controls based on occupancy standards are proposed by the American Council on Race Relations to replace restrictive covenants based on race or religion.

Analyzing the effect of restrictive covenants and the current housing shortage on community relations, the Council concludes that new housing must be developed on a non-segregated basis to check the spread of segregation to other aspects of community living, such as schools and recreation facilities.

The Council's analysis was prepared by Robert C. Weaver, director of Community Services and former special assistant to the U. S. Housing Authority, and is published as an illustrated pamphlet titled "Hemmed In—the ABC's of Race Restrictive Covenants."

"Hemmed In" maintains that restrictive covenants have failed in the very purpose for which they were designed, protection of property values. The covenants force minorities to expand in a series of unplanned break-throughs at the points of weakest resistance, carrying with them the overcrowding that perpetuates slum conditions.

New housing alone is not

enough, says Dr. Weaver. There must be provision for the planned, orderly entrance of minority families into new neighborhoods. He advocates property agreements in these new neighborhoods limiting housing units to single families, barring roomers and establishing standards of maintenance.

"Hemmed In" outlines the history of race restrictive covenants, which were introduced after World War I when racial zoning was declared unconstitutional. The pamphlet then proceeds to describe the effect of the ensuing residential segregation on the community's economy and the psychology of the people who live in it.

"Hemmed In" advances a three-point program; abolition of race restrictive covenants, development of occupancy standards, and the building of new non-segregated housing.

### WRA to Discontinue Travel Requests After February 28

The War Relocation Authority will terminate its services relating to the return of evacuees to former West Coast areas on Feb. 28, 1946, and no travel requests will be granted after that date, Ray B. Haight, area supervisor of the WRA, declared in Salt Lake City this week.

Provisions for shipment of goods will also be terminated at that time, Mr. Haight declared.

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