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nanese American Veterans rced to Travel in Hold **Navy Transport Hayes**

Investigation in Washington of Charges Started By Sen. Downey; Nisei Returning to Hawaii Declare Civilians Got Staterooms on Ship

WASHINGTON-An investigation of charges by 44 woundmerican veterans of Japanese ancestry that they were "treatike prisoners" and forced to travel in the hold of the Navy sport President Hayes from San Francisco to Honolulu has started here by Senator Sheridan Downey, D., Calif.

Senator Downey was informed that the Nisei veterans, nine hom were amputees, were forced to travel in the hold of the while civilians occupied staterooms and cabins.

was reported that investiga-also was asked of charges by Japanese Americans, all of m are veterans of the 442nd m are veterans of the 422nd ntry's campaigns in Italy and nce, that they were given only equate medical care while at p Stoneman, Calif., while iting shipment to Hawaii.

ONOLULU, T. H. — Forty-wounded American soldiers apanese ancestry, combat vet-s of campaigns in France and , said on March 19 they were d to travel to Hawaii in the of the transport President while civilians occupied rooms and cabins.

l of the veterans wore the le Heart and nine had lost

or legs. e of the Nisei veterans was yzed from the waist down. spokesman for the wounded soldiers expressed the hope Congress would investigate conditions under which they forced to travel from San

he soldiers asserted their bles started when they ard at Camp Stoneman, Calif., Army general hospitals ughout the United States.

t. Glenn Nakasone said that a days at Stoneman he saw

9 days at Stoneman he saw rse only twice and that pas were required to perform of the chores themselves. Vard boys were not sufficient-rained to give the aid need-said Nakasone, who lost a in Italy and expects to under-

nother operation this week. he Army treated us like going overseas and the handled us like prisoners,"

Cpl. Robert Ikeda, another he Nisei veterans who return-aboard the Hayes for final ical treatment and discharge

eda said conditions at Stoneimproved gradually. Other were given adee medical attention, but that food was far below the qualcustomarily given patients. ct. James Mizunaka, who lost

leg, said the 44 veterans were red to Hawaii as a detacht of patients, not as troops. that no provisions were made ard the Hayes for their care, he majority of the 44 wound-Japanese Americans were vol-ers for the infantry combat with which they fought in

lso aboard the President Hayes e 600 Navy replacements and wives and 38 children of Navy onnel stationed in Hawaii. Army officials in San Francisaid the men had been awaittransportation to Hawaii for onth. One ship assigned to

n proved on inspection to be atisfactory. According to the Navy, Army sportation officers asked the to provide room on a Habulant patients, all capable of iding self-assistance." The y officials said the Army spectroop class" travel for the lents

Proop class, which involves ping in canvas bunks and eatstanding up, is customary for

JACL Protests Treatment of Nisei Wounded on Ship

WASHINGTON-Mike M. Masaoka, national secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, anese American Citizens League, filed a protest with the War Department on March 20 regarding the treatment of 44 wounded veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who were forced to travel in the hold of a Navy transport between San Francisco and Honolulu

Masaoka, who served overseas with the 442nd in Italy and France, requested an official War Department investigation and urged that other Nisei veterans being returned home to Hawaii be given the consideration due them as veterans of overseas action.

nine amputees-were assigned to sick bay while the others were put in a troop class hold with a 76man capacity. Arrangements were made for them to eat at any time instead of having to stand in the chow line, the Army official declared. He also said that sheets, mattresses and pillow cases were provided for the men.)

The Nisei complained bitterly

about shipboard conditions upon their arrival in Honolulu, charging also they were kept below deck as the Hayes steamed into the har-

"If it hadn't been for buddies who helped me carry my trav I couldn't have eaten," said Pfc.
Tsutomu Toyofuku, who had to remain in the held although he held main in the hold although he had lost the use of his left arm.

The Nisei boarded the Hayes at noon on March 9 in San Francisco harbor. Shortly afterward a Navy lieutenant from the Navy's out-bound passenger section made a routine inspection.

According to San Francisco reports, the lieutenant was "surpris-ed" at the physical condition of the Nisei—so surprised he tele-phoned a friend who in turn called

an Army doctor.
(The San Francisco Chronicle said on March 20 "it is not certain whether the 11 men sent to sick bay went there on orders of the ship's surgeon or those of the Army doctor who arrived in re-sponse to the call." Neither is it certain, the Chronicle said, wheth-er the mess privileges and extra beddings were given the others on beddings were given the others on Army request or as an independ-ent action of the Hayes' Navy commander.

(The Chronicle said that Army and Navy officials in San Francis-co declared that the Army doctor interviewed and examined the men individually on the day of departure. It was reported that "all were found physically fit for the trip and all were determined to stay aboard the vessel in their

eagerness to return home.")
In Honolulu, Pvt. Yoshita Yokono, one of the 44 wounded Nisei, had a comment.

"The war's over," he said. "No-

body gives a damn about soldiers." Sgt. Tadao Hamamura, who lost ass 4" patients, the Army Port Embarkation declared.
Army POE officials said that en of the Nisei—including the

As Mother Received Son's Medal of Honor

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1946



FORT MACARTHUR, Calif. - Mrs. Nawa Munemori is shown receiving the nation's highest award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, which has been awarded posthumously to her son, Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori, Los Angeles,

who was killed in action with the Japanese American 442nd Combat Team in the final campaign of the war in Italy. Pfc. Munemori threw himself on a grenade to protect his buddies.—(Acme photo.)

Tule Lake, Last of Centers, **Closed By Relocation Agency**

INELIGIBLE FOR SWIMMING MEET

HONOLULU — Keo (Kiyoshi) Nakama, national AAU champion swimming star, was this week de-clared ineligible to compete in the Hawaiian AAU acquatic cham-pionships this weekend.

Nakama was disqualified be-cause he is a paid physical educa-tion instructor at Farrington high

school in Honolulu.

Clark Reveals Santa Fe Camp Will Be Closed

WASHINGTON—Attorney General Tom Clark announced on March 20 that the alien enemy internment camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico, would be closed on April

Closing of the Santa Fe camp, closing of the Santa Fe camp, following upon the closing of other Department of Justice camps at Bismarck, N. D., and Missoula, Mont., will leave only the Crystal City, Tex. camp under the department's jurisdiction.

Before the closing of the Santa Fe camp some 700 Japanese who have been interned there will be deported to Japan. The remainder of the persons now interned at Santa Fe will be transferred to Crystal City, a camp where the internees may live with members of their families. The 700 deportees include 500 persons of Japanese ancestry from Peru. ancestry from Peru.

hold who should have been top-side."

The veterans took their complaints to Honolulu newspapers upon arrival in Hawaii. "We want our buddies who'll re-

turn later to get better treatment than we did," Sgt. Nakasone stat-

KEO NAKAMA RULED New Interior Secretary Notes "Substantial Completion" Of Four-Year Resettlement Job

WASHINGTON-The closing of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake center at Newell, Calif., this week "marks the substantial completion of that agency's four-year wartime job," Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug declared on March 20.

Mr. Krug announced that the Tule Lake camp was closed as a place of residence with the departure of a final group of detainees and their family members who are being moved to a Department of Justice internment camp pending further review

of their cases and possible depor tation to Japan.

Dillon S. Myer, who has directed the WRA through all but the first three months of the agency's life, noted that the WRA was created by Executive Order four years ago on March 18, 1942, "to provide maintenance and useful employment for the people of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the West Coast military zone." Mr. Myer noted that the WRA has exercised jurisdiction over a total of some 120,000 individuals. The peak population of its ten centers, however, was a little less than 108,000 in February, 1943.

The center at Jerome, was the first to be closed, shut-ting down operations in 1944. The ninth center was closed on Nov. 30, 1945, eleven months after the Army lifted its exclusion orders and the residents again became free to settle anywhere in the country.

It has been announced that cer-tain of the WRA field relocation offices, particularly on the West Coast, will be maintained for another four to eight weeks to assist the more recent resettlers in making more permanent readjustments to life outside the centers. The Washington office of the Authority will complete its disposition of property and records and will

be closed by the end of the fiscal

Reviewing the history of the WRA, Secretary Krug indicated that before construction of the ten centers was complete, the WRA had already launched its program had already launched its program of relocating eligible individuals from among the group of persons who were evacuated from the restricted areas. Under that program, WRA assisted more than 109,300 individuals to leave the centers and resettle in normal American communities. This total includes 2,300 men who went directly into Army service from the relocation camps. relocation camps.

The WRA's records show that at the present time about 51,000 of the 109,300 relocated persons have settled away from their former home and that 57,500 are back in the West Coast states. Approximately 12,500 of those who have resettled east of the Mississippi are in Illinois. Other states which received substantial numbers of the evacuees include Colorado, 5,700; Utah, 5,300; Ohio, 4,200; Idaho, 3,600; Michigan, 2,900; New York, 2,400; New Jersey, 2,300, and Minnesota, 2,000.

The original group was swelled

California Personnel Board Expected to Drop Charges Against Japanese Americans

Nisei Employed by State Were Dismissed Following Outbreak of War When Board Acted on Resolution Passed by Legislature Requesting Ouster

SACRAMENTO-The withdrawal of dismissal charges filed against California State employes of Japanese ancestry in 1942 following the outbreak of war is expected within the next few weeks, except in any cases in which subversive activity can be proved, it was reported last week.

The Japanese Americans were dismissed in April, 1942, when the State Personnel Board held "the outbreak of the war has resulted in a lack of confidence as to the loyalty of persons

of Japanese ancestry."

The action followed the adoption by the legislature of a resolution

Request Full requesting such a move.

Wilmer Morse, deputy attorney general and legal representative of the State Personnel Board, said he will request the board to set a referee hearing of the dismissal charges. He explained no action was taken on the charges during All Seven Justices was taken on the charges during the war because the defendants

were in relocation centers and could not appear for hearings.

William K. Smith, executive officer of the Personnel Board, revealed that Americans of Japanese ancestry who can produce a birth certificate to prove United States citizenship again are eligible for State employment. He said several such returned Japanese Americans are at present employed by the State.

Pending before the State Personnel Board are suits for damages filed by 82 of the approximately 500 Japanese Americans who were employed by the State of California at the time of the outbreak of war. The suits ask for damages and wages, charging un-lawful dismissal from State emlawful dismissal from State employment. The Nisei plaintiffs are represented by James C. Purcell, San Francisco attorney who was recently appointed counsel by the Legal Rights Defense Union of Northern California.

Snake River JACL To Study Oregon **Alien Land Act**

ONTARIO, Ore.—Appointment of Tuggy Itow as executive committee chairman to study the Oregon anti-alien land act and its application in the state was made here at a meeting March 15 by the Snake River chapter, JACL.

Itow will be assisted by George

teemen include Barton Sasaki, Henry Kato, Mamaro Wakasugi and George Hashitani. The drive will conclude at the time of the spring dance.

Report 7100 Persons Repatriated to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — The War Relocation Authority reported here on March 15 that some 7100 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry have been shipped back to Japan from the United States

She will succeed Ernest Iiyama. Ken Nakano, veteran of the Pacific campaign, was named execat their own request.

All Seven Justices Of Appellate Court Will Rule on Cases

LOS ANGELES - Three of the judges of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals last week ordered the appeals of three Nisei, charged with violation of the Selective Service Law, to be heard by all of the seven justices of the Federal Court of Appeals next April in San Francisco.

One of the Judges, Albert Lee Stevens, of the Appellate Court, expressed the view that the cases were of such importance, since they involved the rights of all persons of Japanese ancestry held in relocation centers under the draft law, that the appeals should be heard by all the members of the court. Ordinarily only three judges of the Court decide an appeal

Approximately 100 Nisei evac-uees formerly in the Poston relo-cation center are now out on bail, awaiting the decision of the higher

The trio whose cases are on appeal are Hideichi Takegufa, Yasuto Fujioka and Kingo Tajii. They are being represented by Attorney A. L. Wirin. They claim that they are not subject to the draft law because they were virtually "prisoners of war" and "interned as alien enemies."

Judge Louis Goodman of the Federal Court in San Francisco has ruled that Nisei detained at the Tule Lake segregation center were not subject to the draft law.

Itow will be assisted by George Sugai, Mamaro Wakasugi, Harry Masto, Jim Watanabe, Tom Nishitani and Tom Watanabe.

The committee has been delegated power to make decisions for the chapter, which voted to take active part in land act cases.

The Snake River chapter will hold a spring dance on April 19, according to its social chairman, Masako Sugai.

The chapter also voted to hold a membership drive with James Watanabe as chairman. Committeemen include Barton Sasaki, it was a member of its support of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Committee in the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregation were not subject to the driver of the Tule Lake segregatio NEW YORK CITY — Thomas Komuro has resigned as editor of the Nisei Weekender, weekly New York publication, but will continue as a member of its editorial staff, it was announced here

Alice Sera Elected To Head JACD

NEW YORK - Alice Sera was elected chairman of the Japanese American Committee for Democracy for the coming year at the elections held last week.

Evanston Group Asks Extension Of Naturalization to Issei

EVANSTON, Ill.—The Committee on Social Action of the First Congregational church of Evanston has asked for the extension of the right of naturalization to aliens of Japanese ancestry who "endured unusual hardships" and "sacrificed their American-born sons on the field of battle," it was announced this week by Emma Rogers chairman Rogers, chairman.

The recommendation was made in a letter asking for the repeal of all exclusions acts against persons of Oriental ancestry and application of immigration laws to India, the Philippines, Japan and other Far Eastern countries on the same basis as to other nations.

The recommendation further asked for naturalization for Japanese aliens.

"We urge especially the cause of our Japanese nationals who durof our Japanese nationals who during the war have endured unusual hardships, made unique contributions to the war effort, and sacrificed their American - born sons on the field of battle," the recommendation declared. "We feel that such loyalty merits an adequate reward."

The resolutions were sent to representatives in the House and

Represented Nisei Combat Team



Nisei Veterans Will Speak at Salt Lake Fete

Appreciation Dinner Will Be Held Friday At Hotel Utah

Mike Masaoka, national execu-tive secretary of the JACL, and ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki will be the ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki will be the main speakers at a dinner dance sponsored jointly by the Nisei Victory Committee and the Japanese American Citizens League on March 29 in the Lafayette ballroof of the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.

The dinner dance is a special "welcome home" event for returned Nisei servicemen, but will serve also as a "thank you" dinner for

ed Nisei servicemen, but will serve also as a "thank you" dinner for civic officers and WRA officials.

Guests will include former mayor Ab Jenkins of Salt Lake City, Mayor Earl J. Glade, Governor Herbert Maw of Utah, and Mr. R. Haight of the WRA.

Other soldier speakers will be Jim Tazoi of Garland, Utah, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, and Harry Okubo of Salt Lake City, who served with military intelligence.

Ray Haight of the War Relocation Authority will be a speaker, and Mayor Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City and Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah will greet the returning veterans.

returning veterans.

Invocation will be given by the Rev. Howard Toriumi.

Special musical numbers will be given by Margene Poulson, so-prano; Mary Ann Minato, pianist; and George Sharp, baritone. Miss Minato will give her own arrangement of Japanese and Hawaiian melodies, as well as "Rigoletto Fantasie."

Toastmaster for the banquet will Toastmaster for the banquet will be Dr. Jun Kurumada, former president of the Salt Lake JACL.

Mrs. Henry Y. Kasai, president, will speak on the JACL.

Others on the program are Mr.
E. J. Kirkham, the Rev. Thomas Wersell and Willie Manaka.

The program is under the chair.

The program is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry Kasai, president of the Salt Lake JACL, and Tom Hoshiyama, president of the Nisei Victory Committee.

Committee chairmen include Toshiko Odow, invitations; Merle Akutagawa, orchestra; Buddy Mizuno tickets; Bay Howard Toshiko Odow, Salva Howard Toshiko Odow, Invitations; Merle Akutagawa, orchestra; Buddy Mizuno tickets; Bay Howard Toshiko Odow, Invitations; Merle Akutagawa, Orchestra; Buddy Mizuno tickets; Bay Howard Toshiko Odow, Invitations of the Invitation of the Invit

Akutagawa, orchestra; Buddy Mizuno, tickets; Rev. Howard Toriumi, program; George Yoshi-moto, finance; and Fusaye Odow, decorations.

Dinner will begin at 6:30, with the ball scheduled to begin at 9 p. m. Tickets for the dinner dance will be \$3.50 per person, while tickets for the dance only will be \$2.50 per couple.

Tulare Nisei To Work in Japan

TULARE, Calif. - Miss Miyo Senate and to the chairman of the Committee on Immigration in the Senate and of the Immigration and Naturalization committee in the assignment for the war department. LEGHORN, Italy—The 442nd (Torch of Liberty) Regiment Combat Team's basketball entry recently won the PBS Leagn championship in Italy. In the above photo the men of the 442nd pose for a picture during a practice session at the 61st Statia Hospital gym. They are (left to right) first row: Conrad Kunhara, Jim Tsuha, Tom Harimoto, Leverne Kurahara and Alla Kobata. Second row: Sadamu Nakao, Robert Maitsu, Clarent Watson, Frank Ichimoto, Harry Kodama and Tosh Mori.—(Amy Pictorial Service photo by Sherman.)

Speedy But Small 442nd Cage Squad Loses in Zone Finals

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—The fast breaking diminutive squad of the 442nd Infantry Regiment dropped two out of three games in the PBS Zone finals held in Leghorn, Italy, to the towering PBS All-Stars, who captured the crown. tured the crown.

The tournament was held on the 15, 16 and 17 of February. Having copped the PBS Ivy league honors the week before, the rejuvenated 442nd Infantry quintet in the traditionally 442nd fashion, went down fighting.

down fighting.

All three nights of the tournament, the 442nd five staring Frank Ichimoto, Los Angeles, California, and Tommy Harimoto, Honolulu, T.H., forwards; Roy Suzuki, Seattle, Washington, center; Allan Kubota, El Centro, California and James Tsuha, Honolulu, guards, and the PBS All-Stars played to a packed house of 3.000 sport fans. 3,000 sport fans.

On the opening night the 442nd boys eked out a two point margin victory, 46-44, over the lofty boys of the All-Stars. However, on the succeeding evenings, they dropped two heart-breakers to the champs. Scores were 41-39 and 49-49.

All basketball sports fans in this area witnessed two of the finest teams "tangle horns" on the three consecutive nights.

From the tip-off of each game until the final whistle at the end of each game, both teams never let up on their fast-breaking and lightening passes and never for one minute did the crowd, includ-ing Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, commander of the Nisei outfit, cease rooting for their favorites. Never before had the spacious gymnasium at the 61st Station Hospital catered to so many sports enthusiasts.

No single individual of the 442nd quintet can be singled out as having played the best ball for the entire team displayed one of the smoothest working cogs and showed perfect teamwork, which was an essential factor for their fast breaking offensives throughout the tournament games. throughout the tournament games in futile attempt to "kill" the towering and lofty Goliaths of the PBS All-Star cagers.

Coach Melvin Tsuchiya's "mighty midgets," even though they, the week previous, had captured the Ivy league tournament, entered the PBS Zone finals as underdogs, for one of the main factors against them was height. The 442nd five averaged five feet five inches as against the 6 feet. Coach Melvin Tsuchiya's "mighty midgets," even though they, the week previous, had captured the Ivy league tournament, entered the PBS Zone finals as underdogs, for one of the main factors against them was height. The 442nd five averaged five feet five inches as against the 6 feet three inches of their opponents. In the tournament play-offs

air by leaping high into the and stopping a set-up shot h right under the basket. What 442nd lacked in height they up in speed in breaking away their clever and tricky ball in ing at all times.

At the final game, Inspectional General, Colonel Herbert V. S lon, representing General Fra H. Oxx, PBS commander, presed the PBS All-Stars and 4 players with individual aw Prior to presentation to the #

Nisei Gets Discharge In Japan, Stays on As Civilian Worker

TOKYO - Discharged du February from the Army. Yoshino of Alameda, Califo has elected to stay on in Japan another nine months as a Service employe, CAF-4. He is tached to the ATIS section GHQ in Tokyo, being billed the N. Y. K. building. He has in the army for 31 months. in the army for 31 months.

Inducted in the city of Dem Michigan, back in September he received training and graded from the Ft. Snelling Japan Language School. Originally the CIC of the 11th Airborne visional Advance Group he visional Advance Group, he one of the first Nisei to land Japan. After completing as ment in the Yokohama and Id area, he went with his grow Morioka, serving there until discharge.

Prior to his discharge he given a 7 day furlough to Kob visit his sister and brother-in-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kadots, he has not seen for over 7 to Both Mr. and Mrs. Kadots (guerite Yoshino) are employe the U. S. Army and are with the 40th as interpreters with the 40th Service Group.

Coyama Warns Nisei Veterans of VFW's Attempt to Organize egregated Post in Spokane

Urges Japanese American Veterans to Resist Any Attempt to Form Separate Unit; Notes Post No. 51 Rejected Nisei as Members

SPOKANE, Wash.-Spady Koyama, Purple Heart veteran the Philippines who is one of a number of Japanese Amerins who have been refused membership by Post No. 51 of the eterans of Foreign Wars in Spokane, this week appealed to isei Veterans in the Spokane area not to be swayed by atmpts of some members of the VFW post to form a segregated it of Japanese American veterans.

Koyama explained that the question concerning membership

American veterans of Japanese cestry is a major issue in Post p. 51. He said that a minority led by the post's members, led by mmander Lean S. Helbig, who posed the admittance of the panese Americans are now faving the formation of a separate rw post for the Nisei in Spone thus attempting to nullify e activities of "liberal cleariking members" who want to verse the post's present policy verse the post's present policy race discrimination.

In asking Nisei veterans not to In asking Nisel veterans not to rm a separate veterans organ-ation in Spokane Koyama said: "My answer is that if Post il can discriminate against us is individuals they most cer-ainly can hold the same views gainst us a segregated VFW oost irregardless of our mem-

"I should like to urge the lisei in Spokane through the dedium of the Pacific Citizen o stand their ground and re-ist any attempt for a separate

"Let's not forget why we wore he American uniform and why o many of our friends are bured overseas. Let's not play in-the hands of these narrowo the hands of these hands ninded bigots who seem to have orgotten our public stand last the some issue. ear regarding the some issue. et's stand pat."

The Spokane VFW post's refus-to admit Koyama, Pfc. Richard aita, wounded veteran of the 2nd infantry, and other Japa-se Americans attracted nation-attention last year Command attention last year. Command-Helbig indicated that the appli-tions of the Nisei veterans had en blackballed by a minority of e membership on racial grounds. e suggested at that time that Nisei form a separate post. The Spokane VFW's attitude related in a letter from Col. V. R. iller, commanding officer of the 2nd Infantry, asking the group admit the Nisei. The Spokane st's stand also was a bank of the Spokane ost's stand also was sharply iticized by Jean Brunner, then ational VFW commander, who haracterized it as "stupid."

Koyama, who was a technical regeant in the Pacific, was serely wounded on Leyte. He is ow chairman of the Spokane apter of the American Veterans ommittee and recently was electl sergeant-at-arms of the Spoane chapter of the Military Orer of the Purple Heart.

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Group Moved

Center Which Once Housed 19,000 Persons Darkened This Week

NEWELL, Calif. — The Tule Lake relocation center, home of thousands of evacuees of Japanese ancestry since May, 1942, was closed officially on March 20.

Project Director Ray R. Best announced that the last evacuee announced that the last evacuee had been moved from the camp and that the huge center, which once had a peak population of more than 19,000, was darkened for the first time Wednesday

night.

The final group which remained at the camp until they were moved to a Department of Justice center numbered 650 persons. Most of the group will await further action by the Department of Justice which has patrolled the prejunctor. which has patrolled the perimeter of the camp with its border guards since the Army moved out in October, 1945.

It was announced that the families of detainees were accompanying the latter who were being sent to the Crystal City internment center in Texas, the only Depart-ment of Justice installation with facilities for the internment of

family groups.

Mr. Best noted that more than 30,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry were inducted through the gate at Tule Lake during the life of the camp. About 13,000 already have been relocated in various parts of the United States and a total of 7,618 persons have been deported to Japan. The remainder included persons who were transferred to other camps at the time Tule Lake became a segregation center for those ineligible for relocation.

The reclamation service of the Department of Interior is expected to take over the land and some buildings and equipment and other project property either will be sold as surplus or moved else-

last month and were rejected.

Award of First Medal of Honor o Nisei Cited by GI Paper

FORT MACARTHUR, Calif. -Many Americans will read with ratification the news that a Japaese American has been awarded he nation's highest tribute to a sember of our armed forces—the ongressional Medal of Honor—a ribute carrying with it a personal lessage of honor from the Preslent of the United States," the lert, official publication at Fort facArthur, declared on March 19, ollowing the correspondent ollowing the ceremony at the post ast week when Mrs. Nawa Muneori was presented with the ledal of Honor which had been osthumously awarded to her son, adao, killed in action in Italy.

"These same Americans," the lert declared, "are those who ave challenged the vicious talk of o-called 'American patriots' who ave sought to destroy the rights and privileges of a large group of ave sought to destroy the rights and privileges of a large group of rue American citizens—loyal Japnese Americans. Resorting to arbaric tactics, similar to those mployed by our infamous enemies, recently defeated, these 'pariots' have scored a blemish on ur recently won victory.

ur recently won victory.

"Real patriots, realizing the pain that surely must be brought to the heart of any citizen facing national ostracism have upheld these Americans who, because of racial connections, were faced with brutal confiscation and oppression."

The Alert reported that Mrs. Munemori had written a letter to Col. Evans R. Crowell, commanding officer at Fort MacArthur, in which she thanked Col. Crowell and his staff for the honor given her son and herself. The letter, signed by Mrs. Munemori and her

son, Robert, declared:
"We feel it a great honor to have the Congressional Medal of Honor presented and bestowed upon us in behalf of our beloved son and brother, Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori.

"Although he is not with us in body, he is here in spirit and I am sure that he would appreciate it also. He is also the holder of the Purple Heart and several other awards. If he were here we wonder what he would say and do to achieve such honor which only a few have been able to receive." "Although he is not with us in

Second Battalion of 442nd **Combat Team Deactivated**

BEN KUROKI NAMED TO COMMITTEE OF **NEW EX-GI GROUP**

NEW YORK-Ex-Sergeant Ben Kuroki was named this week to the Provisional Committee for a National Veterans Organization, of which Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, is hon-

orary chairman.
Organizers of the NVO announced that they intend to establish a national interracial organization which will be interested in the problems faced by Negro and

other minority war veterans.

Other committee members are
Walter Bernstein, former Yank
staff writer; Len Zinberg, author;
Captain Hugh Mulzac, famous Captain Hugh Mulzac, famous Negro skipper of the Booker T. Washington; Herb March, district director of the CIO Packinghouse Workers, and Mercer Ellington, composer-conductor son of Duke

Taki Asakura Dies Instantly In Auto Crash

Eric Thomsen Also Killed in Collision Near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Takazumi (Taki) Asakura, 40, prominent Santa Barbara Nisei, and Eric H. Thomsen, WRA officer in charge of the Santa Barbara office, were instantly killed on the night of March 18 on Ventura Blvd. just north of Calabasas when their car crashed into a milk truck in a blinding rain.

Asakura, former president of the Santa Barbara JACL, had been employed by the WRA as Thom-

sen's assistant in Santa Barbara.

It was reported that Thomsen,
55, a resident of Berkeley, was
driving the car which collided with
a milk truck on the rain-swept
highway. Before warning could be given to other motorists, a heavy truck trailer crashed into the two wrecked vehicles, setting them on fire and pinning Thomsen and Asa-kura in the flaming wreckage. Only prompt action by highway

patrolmen in directing traffic in the heavy rain prevented further

wreckage at the scene.

The milk truck was driven by
Harry O. Witt, 27, Van Nuys, who
escaped injuries.

Asakura was the operator of the Arcade Florist shop in Santa Barbara before the evacuation. He was a graduate of Santa Barbara junior college in 1826 and received his degree at Stanford in 1928.

After being evacuated to the Gila River center, Asakura became

head of the housing department. He relocated with his family to Concinnati in December, 1943, and worked there as a florist.

His family was the first among evacuees to return Santa Barbara where he owns the flower shop, a hotel and two homes. That was in March, 1945. He accepted the job in the WRA office in May.

He is survived by his widowed wife, Nao, and three children.
Thomsen is survived by his wife, Mary, and two children.

San Francisco WRA Savs Property Will Be Sold at Auction

SAN FRANCISCO-Unclaimed property now stored in War Relocation Authority warehouses by persons of Japanese ancestry at time of or subsequent to evacuation from the West Coast will be sold at auction if not reclaimed immediately by the owners, it was announced this week by Charles F. Miller, Area Supervisor of WRA's Northern California Area. Sale of unclaimed property will be held April 15 or as soon after that date as arrangements can be made. All unclaimed property in the Watsonville, Fresno, Stockton and Sacramento WRA warehouses will be sent to the San Francisco

Recall Feats of O'Connor Task Force During Fighting In Vosges Mountains Area

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEG-HORN, Italy-The Second Battalion was the third organization of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team to deactivate when it quietly closed its files in Leghorn, Italy, on February 10, 1946. The first to deactivate was the 206th Army Ground Forces Band and last month the 232nd Company of Combat Engineers sent their high pointers home and their low pointers were absorbed by their mother unit—the 442nd Infantry.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, commanded by Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, is now composed of two Infantry Battalions—the 100th and 3rd Battalions, plus Cannon Com-pany, Service Company, Antitank Company, and a Medical Detach-

The Second Battalion, like the rest of the elements in the Comrest of the elements in the Combat Team, received its training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In May of 1944 the Second Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James M. Hanley, Manan, North Dakota, winner of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre, landed his men in Oran, French Algeria while the Combat Team went direct to Naples. However, they rejoined the Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion near Civitavecchia, Central Italy, and were committed to action on June 22, 1944.

After four months of fierce

After four months of fierce fighting against the fanatical German armies in the Rome to Arno River campaign the Nisei were called upon to spearhead the sev-enth Army offensive in the Vosges Mountains in northeastern France. It was during this cam-paign that Major Emmet L. O'Conor, Honolulu, Hawaii, Executive Officer of the Third Battalion, created the "O'Connor Task Force," composed of F Company from Second Battalion and L Co. from Third Battalion for which they re-Third Battalion, for which they received the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. The Task Force jumped off at dawn on the 21st of October through the forest and mountain fastnesses which protected the approaches to Strasbourg and southeastern Germany. So effective was the coordinated attack that the Task Force caught the enemy by surprise as they drove in from the rear while the Regiment proper smashed straight ahead. The German defenders, trapped in this pincer movement, were annihilated or captured.

The citation reads in part: "In destroying the enemy main line of resistence and advancing the divisional front lines by approximately six thousand yards the Task Force captured fifty-six prisoners, killed eighty of the enemy, and captured considerable quantities of enemy materiel and equipment. The fearless determination, daring and intre-pidity displayed by the officers and enlisted men of the O'Connor Task Force exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States."

After the spectacular rescue of ed.

the 36th Infantry Division, 141st Regiment's Lost Battalion of World War II in France, the Regiment was transferred to a relatively quiet sector in the French Maritime Alps. When Colonel Hanley was made the Regimental Executive Officer in March 1945, Major Robert A. Gopel, Chillicothe, Illinois, took over command of the Second Battalion in the final Allied offensive along the Po Valley and along the Ligurian sea coast. The Second Battalion received its second Presidential Disceived its second Presidential Dis-tinguished Unit Citation when it spearheaded the attack which annihilated the German forces and resulted in the unconditional surrender of German Armies in Italy.

Major Gopel left for home in September, 1945, and Major Wil-land N. Colyer of Charlotte, North Carolina, assumed command until October, when he too went home to the States.

Major Sterlin C. Moore, Salem, Arkansas, was the last of the hard fighting field strategists to command the rugged Second Battalion of the 442nd Infantry. Major Moore, though he relates he has not seen much of front line combat compared to his predecessors, did much to promote an efficient smooth-running organization of his scattered units in guarding German PW stockades, supply depots, and other vital installations of the Peninsular Base Section.

The Second Battalion has a great share in the 48 Distinguishgreat snare in the 48 Distinguished Service Crosses, 332 Silver Stars, 825 Bronze Stars, 16 Legions of Merit, 13 Croix de Guerre, and 100 Army Commendations the 442nd Infantry Regiment has received during its twelve months of combat duty in Italy and in

They also sustained a great number of the 9,230 casualties and the 650 who have been killed in action—4,350 being battle wounds and 4,881 being combat induced illnesses which include frostbite, battle fatigue, trench foot, and other illness. They boast of their record of not having a single AWOL since their activation in the Spring of 1943.

Last Christmas the Second Battalion held two parties for the 300 orphans and school children of the Leghorn area. The GIs contrib-uted much of their post exchange rations, cash, and purchased toys from civilian shops to make these unfortunate children enjoy the first Christmas many had witness-

Nisei Cager Leads New Haven **Team to New England Title**

Nakaso Named All-State Twice in Basketball, Football in Connecticut

BOSTON, Mass.-Sam Nakaso, Japanese American evacuee from Alameda, Calif., who has be-come one of the most celebrated athletes in recent Connecticut scholastic history, led Hillhouse high school of New Haven, Ct., to the New England interscholastic basketball championship here last week in Boston Garden before a

record tournament crowd of 10,000.
Hillhouse, winner in 1937 and 1945, became the first three-time winner in the 21-year history of the New England prep tournament and permanently retired the Fletcher Cup. Nakaso was a major reason for Hillhouse high's victory last year.

Besides making the Connecticut

All-State team two years running, Haven players to ma Sam Nakaso has twice been se-all-tournament squad.

lected as All-State in football, a feat made more difficult by the fact that he played center in 1944 and quarterback in 1945.

Nakaso, who came to Connecticut from the Tanforan assembly center and the Topaz relocation camp, also has been selected as an All-Tournament star by sports writers covering the New England championships in Boston.

Now a senior, the Nisei athletic star plans to go to Yale. Nakaso, described in the Boston Globe as the "heart and soul" of the Connecticut champions, was injured in the semi-final game of the tournament when Hillhouse defeated Springfield, Vt., 35 to 16. Despite a twisted ankle he finished out the game and came back limping to lead the New Haven school team to a 41 to 38 victory over Westfield high.

Nakaso was one of two New Haven players to make the 1946



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EDITORIALS: Segregated Veterans

The wisdom of isolating American war veterans of minority race groups through the formation of separate posts of national veterans organizations like the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans is to be seriously questioned. During recent weeks the American Legion has chartered six separate Chinese American posts on the West Coast while Chinese American posts of the VFW and the DAV already have been formed. Similarly, the organization of Mexican American units of the American Legion have been announced. As for Negro Americans who face the terrible reality of Jim Crow in the Army itself, the Legion and the VFW already have set the pattern of segregation through the chartering of separate posts.

Up to this time there has been no activity toward the formation of separate Legion or VFW posts among Japanese Americans although the subject is high on the agenda of problems which Niser veterans must one day consider. The subject currently is being debated in Spokane where wounded Nisei veterans have been denied membership in Post No. 51 of the VFW, athough this post's attitude has been in opposition to views expressed by National VFW officers. Those in the Spokane VFW who do not wish to admit the Nisei have suggested that the Japanese Americans form a separate post in Spokane. Spady Koyama, who was seriously wounded on Leyte and who is one of the many Nisei rejected by the Spokane VFW, has described this suggestion for a separate post as an attempt by bigots in Post No. 51 to achieve the permanent segregation of Nisei veterans. "My answer is that if Post 51 can discriminate against us as individuals, they most certainly can hold the same view against us a segregated VFW post," the Nisei veteran declared.

It is a notable fact that not one of the new organizations of World War II veterans, which include the American Veterans Committee, the Amvets, the Veterans League of America and similar groups, has suggested the segregation of Nisei veterans. If the two major veterans organizations, the Legion and the VFW, prove hostile to the desire of Nisei and other minority veterans to join these groups and to participate in their activities, the Nisei may be forced to turn to the new World War II groups as many already have done on grounds of overall liberalism of the new organizations as compared to the Legion and VFW which often have espoused reactionary courses of political action.

The fate of the two Japanese American posts of World War I in the American Legion in California at the time of Pearl Harbor illustrates the vulnerability of segregated posts. With the outbreak of war the Legion's California department inactivated the charters of the two Japanese American posts, the Commodore Perry post in Los Angeles and the Townsend Harris post in San Francisco. These Japanese Americans who had fought in the First World War were literally kicked out of the Legion. It was not till after V-J Day that the California Legion reactivated the charters of the two Japanese American posts. There has been no indication up to this time that membership of these posts wish to revive the former organizations.

At this time those Nisei veterans who are joining veterans organizations have been signing up with the regular Legion and VFW posts and with the American Veterans Committee and other new World War II groups. In most instances the eligibility of the Nisei for membership in the Legion and VFW has not been questioned but the recent activity of these largest groups in chartering separate posts for Chinese American and Mexican veterans indicate that the Nisei may soon be called on to face the question whether they, too, want to be segregated into separate posts.

The acceptance of segregation by minority groups can easily lead to futher isolation of the group and the activation of restrictive standards in fields outside of veterans af-

GI Protests

"The war's over. Nobody gives a damn about soldiers."

With this cryptic comment, a Nisei American was home this week in Hawaii where he and forty-three other wounded Aderican servicemen had returned aboard the President Hayes under what appeared to have been disgraceful conditions of neglect.

According to charges made after they arrived in Honolulu, the servicemen were given accommodations in the hold of the ship, were even kept below deck as the ship came into harbor. It was only after complaints were made that those among them who were amputee cases were put in the sick bay.

If these charges are true, and there seems no apparent reason for doubting them, the Army is guilty of gross neglect in its care of those servicemen who have already served their country, some so well that they will never again be whole.

The Japanese American Citizens League this week wired its protest to the U.S. Army, but not merely because these men are of Japanese ancestry. There can be no excuse now for a single case of neglect or ill-treatment of America's wounded servicemen. And whatever charges or complaints that such men make must be investigated thoroughly and not glossed over, as was apparently done by embarkation authorities in San Francisco when the treatment of the men became an

Evacuation Reasons

Drawing its conclusions from a Federal Bureau of Investigation report for the past four years, the Sacramento Bee has declared in an editorial that "relocation was neces-

The report, says the Bee, "ought to silence completely those people still inclined to question the wartime necessity of evacuating Japanese from Pacific coast states.'

One thousand persons were arrested shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, says the Bee, quoting from the FBI report, and an additional 4500 others were arrested later, "thus bringing the score to approximately one of every 20 Japanese in the area either apprehended on the basis of actual evidence or subject to suspicion."

But two points the Sacramento Bee, and presumably the FBI also, fail to bring out are these:

No report is made on the number of the total 5500 Japanese arrested who were released after hearings were held. Actually, the great majority of these persons were released after hearing boards had thoroughly investigated them.

Nor does the Sacramento Bee point out that in not one single case was any of these persons brought to trial for treason or for any acts inimical to the interests of the United States.

But the major point in the entire sorry story of the evacuation is still missed by the Sacramento Bee.

If 5500 were arrested by the FBI, if not on evidence but on suspicion, at least, then certainly the possibility of Japanese sabotage was well in hand, and there remained no reason for the wholesale evacuation that followed.

Later evidence has shown that neither the FBI nor the Department of Justice itself favored the evacuation. It has been pointed out again and again that between the time of the December 7 attack and the evacuation there was an interval of four months, during which no acts of sabotage were attempted or occurred.

Accumulative evidence, mounting in the years after Pearl Harbor, shows conclusively that the evacuation was a costly process in men and money and that it was wholly unnecessary in view of the demonstrated loyalty of the citizens of Japanese descent.

Nisei US

Hollywood and the Nisei

John T. McManus, film critic of stories to fit its stars and age no outstanding Oriental the New York daily, PM, suggested last week that a story of the Nisei in the war would make "a swell movie." Mr. McManus took as his text an article written by Col. Wallace Moore of Army Intelligence for the current issue of Screen Actor, monthly publication of the Screen Actors Guild. In this article, written for motion picture players, Col. Moore told of the important part played by Nisei G-2 personnel in the Pacific war and the indispensible role of Japanese American language specialists in the occupation of Japan.

With perhaps a single exception Hollywood's references to the Nisei in films made during World War II and after have been de-War II and are rogatory. The exception is the recent Pine-Thomas production, "To-kyo Rose," which shows Nisei working as American agents in-side Japan. On the other hand side Japan. On the other hand Hollywood has produced films which have been instrumental in the circulation of false charges of sabotage and treachery by Japanese Americans through such pic-tures as "Air Force," "Across the Pacific," "Little Tokyo, U. S. A." and "Betrayal from the East." Although Hollywood has pictur-ed the activities of scores of Nisei

saboteurs who have had no reallife counterparts, the movies have yet to present the picture of a Nisei in uniform. (The newsreels, however, have had good coverage of the Nisei soldier in training and in combat.)

Of all of the mediums of information the movies have presented the most distorted picture of the Nisei, just as Hollywood film-makers have constantly refused to disregard racial stereotypes in their portrayal of members of many other racial groups. The press which long ago accepted the re-sponsibility which is theirs in the shaping of community attitudes has presented much of the matewhich has been used to combat anti-Japanese American hysteria on the West Coast. Even the Hearst press, which played a race-baiting role during the anti-evac-uee campaigns of 1943 and 1944, has published news stories of Nisei valor and the Los Angeles Examiner of the Hearst chain last week carried a big story on the award of the first Medal of Honor to a Japanese American.

Among information media the radio has done the most consistent radio has done the most consistent job of fair reporting on problems affecting the Nisei. In addition, such radio programs as Arch Oboler's "The Family Nagashi" and Millard Lampell's hard-hitting script on "The Boy from Nebraska" indicate the job which the films could do in fighting against the sort of un-American hoodlumism which is typified by the many ism which is typified by the many attacks on the homes of Nisei soldiers in California in 1945.

If some Hollywood producer production which would bear out Mr. McManus' idea of "a swell movie," the Oboler and Lampell radio plays are undoubtedly available. Arch Oboler's drama, pre-sented last fall over the Mutual network, concerns the return of a veteran of the 442nd Infantry to his home in California. On the first night Ben Nagashi is home hoodlums attack the house. From this opening, Oboler uses the play-wright's device of dramatic flashbacks to tell of the struggles of Ben Nagashi's immigrant parents, of Ben's own experiences in school and his love for his girl. In the end Ben, who is embittered by the attack, learns that his friends and neighbors also condemn the hood-lumism which has made him feel unwelcome in his own home town.

Millard Lampell's radio drama was one of a series sponsored by the Army Air Forces on the prob-lems of returning servicemen. Us-ing the story of Ben Kuroki, it tells of the problems of the Nisei GI come home. Incidentally, Ben-Kuroki is working with Ralph D. Martin on a book which also is titled "The Boy from Nebraska" and which will be published this fall by Harper's. This book may be submitted to Hollywood studios, if any are interested in a film if any are interested in a film about the Nisei.

A feature film about a Nisei seems somewhat unlikely since Hollywood usually chooses its ington.

in the movie firmament at present time, although there any number of featured and players, most of whom have playing Japanese villains in films produced since Pearl Ha If Sessue Hayakawa were years younger and enjoyed fame which was his a gener ago, Hollywood producers welcome a Nisei story. Mr. H kawa who has been on the democracy throughout the war cording to reports, and quietly in Paris, is expected enter the film field in hard where he has been starred in pictures as "The Battle" "Yoshiwara." At the height Hayakawa's popularity in Anghe appeared in various racial including the Oriental enterthing the oriental enterthing to the oriental enterthing the orienta including the Oriental and American Indian.

PM's John McManus also lieves that a Nisei movie w "provide honorable employment hundreds of Oriental player Hollywood who have rebelled through the war at being can the world's villains." It has reported previously that som Hollywood's Chinese America tors have turned down roles, ually concerned with Japanes rocities, which carried a n identification with brutality.

Nisei have not forgotten Melvyn Douglas, who recent turned from overseas after years of Army service, some for fair play at a time when other public figures in Califor were willing to back what then an uupopular cause. In that time such motion players as Joe E. Brown, Hope, Frank Sinatra, Gm. Peck, Ronald Reagan, Louis. britton and many others is spoken out for the Nisei at it when the return of the Japa Americans to the West Coast still a controversial issue.

One of the first Calif groups to speak out against wave of terrorism against the turn of the evacuees last year the Hollywood unit of the Na al Citizens Political Action of mittee (PAC), of which Mrs. liam Dieterle, wife of the a director, is chairman.

Some of the first job offers ceived by Nisei in relocation camps came from stars like h chet Tone. A Nisei veterant was refused reemployment by studio got his old job back walter Winchell mentioned studio's refusal on the air. In trast, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer ported to have continued the ary of Eddie Imadzu, one MGM's top art directors, will Imadzu was in the Arkansas mental arkansas cation. Imadzu, who has been ployed at MGM for more twenty years, is back on the lot. Edward Small, an independ producer, was one of the first the studios to employ evac back from the WRA camps other studios have since follo

Unless a courageous, indepe ent producer is found, how the story of the Nisei in W War II, which has been to Hollywood by Col. Moore, will main untaid on the screen main unteld on the screen. fact that Col. Moore's article appear in an influential film ony publication indicates movie professionals are interes just as Hollywood's actors, w and directors have taken and taking an important part in m ments for social and economic tice in California and through the nation.

Relocation: Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O.—The War location Authority will publis directory of all resettlers Greater Cleveland, according Kaleidoscope. Assisting on the rectory will be Fumi Yanagh Mary Yasunaga, Fumy Ehim Beatrice Burr, Miss Nicodem Mrs. Barber, Reverend and M. Torjuri Limmy Akiya He Toriumi, Jimmy Akiya, He Kuwaye, George Obata and I Yasaki. . . Five Nisei are resident the Roosevelt Student Co erative House, an inter-ra co-op home. House president Sachi Fukiage of Yakima, Wa

Vagaries

ublic Relations . . .

Pat Frayne, San Francisco newspat Fraylle, San Krancisco news-paperman whose bang-up job of ublic relations for the San Fran-isco office of the WRA helped out the West Coast's anti-evac-lee hoodlums, resigned from the WRA last week. Frayne's new job vill be to handle public relations or California Democrats in the oming State election campaign.

. Herb Caen titled this a "more ike America note" in his San rancisco Chronicle column this yeek: "An Army Sgt., who spent our years in a Jap concentration amp, is having his teeth repaired y Dr. Hideki Hayashi, S. F. Nisei who, to round off the story, got is office in the Butler bldg. hrough the efforts of Chinese merican Dr. Theodore Lee."

okyo Rose . . .

Iva Toguri, "Tokyo Rose," is ow in Sugamo prison in Tokyo.
Prosecution of the Radio Tokyo
roadcaster is being held up pendng determination whether she olds American citizenship. . . . A lisei youth, now taking prepara-ory studies for West Point, may the first Japanese American to or in the right to study at the U.

Military Academy. . . . Japaese Canadian representatives
re now awaiting an important inerview with Prime Minister Macenzie King on problems confronting Nisei in Canada.

Case History . . .

Bradford Smith, who is now writing a book on the people of apanese ancestry in the United tates for publication by Lippinott, is the author of "Case Hisory," the story of the return of Nisei war veteran to a Califoria town, which appears in the atest issue of Common Ground. Ilso in Common Ground's Spring, 946 issue is a poem "Nisei! Visei!" by M. H. Constable, Chiago poet who in private life is fary Takahashi lary Takahashi.

Sam Nakaso, who left the Topaz elocation center in Utah in 1944 become the sensation of Conecticut prep basketball, was com-ared to Stanford's Hank Luisetti in everything but size" last week y John Bunn who coached the amous Stanford teams on which uisetti played. Coach Bunn, now oaching at Springfield in Vernont, saw the little Nisei lead Hillhouse high of New Haven to semi-finals victory are his to be semi-final victory are his to be semi-finals victory over his team the New England basketball ournament.

Career Girls . . .

pared for a forthcoming issue of clamour. . . The first four Nisei o be signed by the War Departnent for civilian service in Japan re Oko Murata, Nobuko Setogu-hi, Sally Sunada and Tosh Koi-vai. They left in February for heir new assignments overseas. The military intelligence serice language school at Fort Snellng, which has trained more than 1,000 Nisei for Pacific war and ocupation duty, may be moved. Curent reports are that the War Department may inactivate the Army installations at Fort Snellng, which has trained more than ng and transfer them to the Vet-trans Administration.

Sono Osato . . .

Sono Osato has not been idle ince she stepped out of the leading role in "On the Town" to tart rehearsals for her first traight dramatic part. Miss Osato ecently led a group of Broadway personalities who passed out coffee and doughnuts to the Western Union picket line and she has Inion picket line and she has icketed the Spanish consulate in protest against Franco Spain. During the past week ads in New York papers have listed her as sponsor of committees against franco, for feeding families of 210 and AFL strikers, and for the abolition of the Wood-Rankin committee. . Miss Osato who irst became famous as a balerina in the Monte Carlo company is now as well known for er social conscience as she is for er dancing and acting.

The Feb. 17 issue of "Army Talks," published in the European heatetr by the U.S. Army's In-ormation Service, features an ar-

Ben Kuroki:

Why I Joined the Legion

Pacific Citizen:

I wish to take this opportunity to answer your recent letter in which you asked for my reasons for joining the American

First I wish to clarify that I joined two American Legion Posts and also the American Veterans Committee, and that I didn't join these outfits with my eyes closed. After returning from the Pacific, I surveyed Veterans Organizations very closely and came out with definite statistics and information.

and came out with definite statistics and information.

I joined the Legion because like any other veteran, there are very definite things I want—a job, a house, and decent wages—security. And I knew the Legion was the outilit that could go to Washington and really get action for those things. I don't have to kid you—you know that the Legion is the most powerful veterans outfit in existence. Recent statistics from National Headquarters reveal over two and a half million members, with the VFW having a million and a half, and AVC with less than a quarter million members.

And I should like to point out that already over a million and a half World War II vets have joined the legion, and that World War I vets are rapidly becoming a minority. And whether the old Legion guys approve or not, the War II vets will bring up issues like jobs and housing.

up issues like jobs and housing.

Please don't misunderstand me—I didn't join the outfit just because it was big. I joined because I knew that if I needed help because it was big. I joined because I knew that if I needed help to push such things as Issei citizenship, that I had to be in an outfit where the men are, and an outfit that can get action for me in Washington. I'm not the only one that realizes that. Already there are over 150 new charters to Labor Posts—numerous Collegiate Posts, also.

And another thing—I presume that you will criticize Legion leadership as being strong and corrupt at times, but don't forget that those very characteristics will not let them ride herd on

that those very characteristics will not let them ride herd on War II vets. Over 150 Posts protested againt National Headquarters for decorating Hearst with a medal, and over 300 Posts protested the National Commander's attack on General Bradley and the Veterans Administration.

I want you to also know that I didn't join the Legion to be a "paper-member." It has always been my firm belief that if there are things wrong with an outfit, that it was all the more reason that I should join it and fight twice as hard to make things right. It is my sincere wish that every Nisei veteran join various Legion Posts and make their voices heard, and really fight discrimination and really fight for the things they want. Standing idle and cursing an outfit will not help the cause—the cause for which their buddies died in Italy and France.

I also feel it is tremendously important that all Nisei veterans back the JAICL, our only nationally recognized organization. I think it is high time that all Nisei in general wake up to the cause for which our convedes died for any table likewise.

to the cause for which our comrades died for-and stop bickering over the past. It is high time to realize that the war isn't completely over, and that there is no better time to stop and realize above personal greed, that the Nisei vets did a beautiful job of planting the seeds of decency and respect—it's up to all of us to

harvest the crop.
I'm sorry that I got off the subject, but sometimes I get so discouraged at the attitude of the Nisei that it makes me feel work is in vain.

I joined the ACV because it is the most promising of World War II veterans organizations. It is very liberal and progressive in its policies, but it has a long way to go.

Trusting that my opinions and actions are in agreement with you, and with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours Ben Kuroki,

New York City.

Washington News-Letter

Hank Gosho Fought With An article on representative lisei career women is being preared for a forthcoming issued ared for a forthcoming issued area.

By JOHN KITASAKO

Washington, D. C.

Horizontal Hank Gosho's appearance is deceiving. He doesn't look like one of the toughies of Merrill's famed Marauders who fought one of the war's most hazardous campaigns in the Jap-infested jungles of Burma. Hank, to us, looks more like a scholar-bespectacled, articulate, and classroom-complexioned.

And like the other Nisei GIs whose "guts" became a legend ong fighting men, Hank, we found, was not in the least enthusiastic about recalling his experiences. However, he was cooperative to the extent of saying

enough to fill a column.

One of the original fourteen
Nisei who volunteered for the
Marauders, Hank went into action from Ledo in northeast India in the spring of 1943. The Marauders were at first an experimental out-fit conceived by Allied leaders at the Quebec Conference. But after a few initial skirmishes, they found their hit-and-run attacks most effective. The Japanese were thrown off balance, and before they could regain their footing, the Marauders pushed them back further.

A Nisei was assigned to each column of 250 men. The columns

on all fronts has helped bring new understanding to this minority." . . Reports from Hawaii indicate that there is a new Nisei girl swimming star who will challenge the supremacy of America's finest women swimmers. Her name is Mitz Higuchi and you'll be hearing about her when the National AAU championships are held this summer. Miss Higuchi, a fresh-man at the University of Hawaii, already holds the Hawaiian AAU record for the 100-yard breast stroke. She is coached by Soichi

swept down the Hukawng Valley in spread formation, with each column making quick surprise jabs at the Japanese. This style of attack demoralized the Japanese. The Marauders numbered only around 2,000, but Japanese prisoners said later that the attacks coming in such relentless succession made them think there was over a whole division of Maraudover a whole division of Marauders, which was exactly what the Marauders wanted them to believe.

Hank, through pure chance, got tied up with a column consisting entirely of hardened veterans of Guadalcanal and Buna. This outfit was eager to mix it up with the Japanese, says Hank, and as a re-

sult it was assigned to hit the hotspots of Japanese resistance.

How did Gosho get the tag Horizontal Hank? It was given to him by his platoon leader because when the Marauders were ordered to hit the dirt, Hank was the first one down and the last one to get

Hank figured he trudged over 1,000 miles through the dense jungles of Burma—every day on foot except two when he was struck down by malaria and had to be slung over the back of a donkey.

When the Marauders finally Myitkyina, key bastion of the Japanese in north Burma, the suc-cessful outcome of the Burmese From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Reflections on the "Cockpit of Asia"

Des Moines, I'a. What happened to those schemes for building huge American-style ranches in Manchuria?

It was back in the mid-thirties, and Japan had just started the beginnings of a continental empire. Some West Coast Japanese thought they saw opportunity, and they laid grandiose plans for taking American tractors, gang plows and other machinery into Manchuria and introduce large scale farming.

The idea might have been all right. Manchuria's central valley stretches to the horizon, treeless and sunbaked like the plains of Wyoming. The topsoil is heavy and black and productive, like that of Iowa.

But there was something the planners didn't realize: In Man-churia as in most of China it's cheaper to hire a gang of coolies than to buy gasoline and keep machinery in repair.

Trouble Spot

The news analysts and the Orient experts used to call Manchuria the "Cockpit of Asia." It's the trouble spot again with the Russians reluctant to get out, perhaps until it is well stripped of its industrial potential, and the Chinese Nationalists and Communicate vicing for the remaining nists vieing for the remains. William McGaffin of the Chi-

cago Daily News was one of a small party of U. S. correspond-ents that got up into Russian-held Manchuria recently. He wrote of a visit to a cabaret in Chang-chun, and how the Japanese girls were overjoyed when they dis-covered their visitors were American, not Russian.

Changchung was known as Hsinking when we visited it. A couple of Canadian Nisei who lived there took an American engineer and us for a tour of these cabarets and there we saw some

campaign was virtually assured. The Marauders were able to relax for the first time in a year. One day, Hank, exhausted beyond the limits of human endurance after six attacks of malaria and the year-long jungle combat, passed out, and when he came to he found himself in a rest camp in India. himself in a rest camp in India. The other Marauders were subsequently all flown back to India, and thus came to an end the saga of one of the fightingest units in World War II.

After recuperating for a spell, Hank signed up with the Office of War Information section, went back to the front lines, and made loudspeaker broadcasts, as well as radio roadcasts, and helped pre-pare leaflets which were dropped on the Japanese.

Hank says that whenever he re-calls the many close brushes he had with death in the Burma camhad with death in the Burma cam-paign, he gets the shivers. "I find it hard to believe I came out of that hell alive. I guess it was only because of something up there," he says, pointing upward.

POSTSCRIPTS: The transfer of the Navy's Japanese-language school at Boulder, Colorado, to Washington D. C. is scheduled to take place in June. Probable location of the school is Anacostia, in Washington's southeast district.... Local Christian Issei have formed the Washington Laymen's Group, which will meet once a month at the Evangelical Reformed Church. . Negotiations are under way to transfer functions of the local WRA field office, which will close April 1, to the Family Service division of the Community

War Fund.
On to Tokyo: Gay Tamaki, Social Security Board employee, will depart for Japan shortly to work as administrative assistant in the as administrative assistant in the research and statistics section of GHQ... George Shigekawa, formerly with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is en route to Tokyo... Jimmy Yamada, discharged CBI vet, and Charles Yoshida, Hawaiian 442nd dischargee now liv-ing in Washington, are scheduled to leave soon to work in the lan-guage section of GHQ . . . Ray Hashitani, of the strategic bombing survey staff and former OPA economist, will go back to Tokyo next month to serve in GHQ's price control division.

Nobu Katsu, Community War Fund employee, and Lois Noble, former Ohio girl now living in Washington, will be married on March 30 . . . Hank Gosho, now with the Internal Revenue in New York, may be a Washingtonian soon. He hopes to secure a posi-tion in State Department's Office of Research and Analysis.

Japanese girls with the sweetest, most innocent-looking faces we've seen anywhere.

The engineer drank beer and looked over the girls and called some of the prettiest taxi dancers over to our table. He tried to converse with them and made sug-

gestive remarks because he knew the girls wouldn't understand.

But being professional enter-tainers they seemed to sense the meaning of what he said, and they pressed us for translations through which we stumbled.

The girls were pretty to look at when they were seated, but when they stood you could see they lacked cod liver oil or some-thing in childhood. The engineer made a remark then which seem-

ed exceedingly appropriate.
"Their buckets," he said "are hung about a foot too low, but they're exquisite, exquisite."

The Japanese were trying some new theories in Changchung when we were there. One of these was a sanitation measure which consisted of slinging a square of canvas under the tails of the countless horses that pulled carriages and carts through the

The Jaundiced Eye-

Newspapermen allegedly are cynics. Perhaps this is one of the reasons they get that way. In just one night last week these stories came in over the wires or were reported locally:

Two teen-aged girls, in differ-ent parts of the country, were reported missing and later turned up in the company of strange

The 23-year-old wife of a serviceman, mother of two, was found beaten to death, most of her clothing torn off, and her brother who admitted a drunken brawl with her killed himself when picked with her killed himself when

picked up by police.

A prominent physician and his wife went on a two-day drinking party with an acquaintance he met at clubrooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, and when the physician snapped out of it he found his friend had disappeared with sundry household furnishings.

A 74-year-old man who didn't trust banks kent his entire for-

trust banks kept his entire for-tune—42 \$20 bills—in his pocket, was picked up for intoxication, and was found to have been robbed of all but \$15.

A priest charged with contrib-uting to the delinquency of a

A county attorney arrested for driving while intoxicated.

It's hard to say whether crime

and moral laxity have increased since the end of the war, or whether there simply is more space on the wires to carry a larger number of stories about petty human frailties now that legalized wholesale slaughter has ceased.

At any rate, the news these days would be highly discouraging for a moralist. Perhaps it is to avoid disappointment in one's fellow humans, and more impor-tant, to avoid becoming moral-ists, that the newsman tries to build up a case-hardened shell of cynicism.

In a world full of phoneys, one is less likely to get hurt if he looks about with a tolerant if jaundiced eye.

New York Conference Will Be Held on **Immigration Laws**

NEW YORK—Announcing that one of their objectives will be the initiation of a campaign to end racial and political discrimination in the immigration and naturaliza-tion laws of the United States, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born this week issued a call for a Conference on American Citizenship to be held on April 6 at the Paramount Ballroom in New York City.

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Wedding Shower

LEMON GROVE, Calif .- Twenty-three friends of the Tamotsu Kidas gave the young couple a surprise wedding shower and housewarming to welcome them back to Lemon Grove on March

Present were Abe Takehara, Fusae Kida, Wayne Anderson, Wilbur Livesy, Myra Viau, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Denlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Denlinger, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hohnman, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Bollman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Osgood.

OKADA-HINO RITES

NEW YORK CITY-More than 200 guests attended the wedding of Miss Akiko Hino and Mr. Stanley Okada on Sunday, March 3, at the New York Buddhist church with the Rev. Hozen Seki officiating. Attending the bride was Mrs. Hozen Seki, and Mr. Kiyoshi Yamashita was best man. Hiroshi Yamamoto, Henry Tanabe, the Rev. Newton Ishiura and N. Nobu-moto were the ushers. Mr. Okada is the executive director of the New York Buddhist church and is on the Yale university faculty. Miss Hino is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Yoshio Hino of Honolulu.

Salt Lake City **Bowlers Dominate** Pocatello Tourney

POCATELLO, Ida.—Salt Lake City took most of the honors in the Pocatello JACL Nisei Bowl-ing tournament held March 16 and 17 in Pocatello with first place awards in the men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles and individual high, game entries.

The Idaho Wolves placed first in the team matches, with the Salt Lake City team placing second and the Pocatello O. C. Market third. The Wolves scored 2295 points, with Salt Lake City scor-ing 2258 and Pocatello O. C. scoring 2208.

Dr. Jun Kurumada of Salt Lake City scored a 239 game to take individual high game honors.

Dr. Kurumada also teamed with Tad Sako to take first place in the men's doubles with a score of 1069 for their three games.

Jun Uyeda and Speed Nukaya of Idaho Falls placed second with a total of 1016 pins, and Steve Sato and Ivan Ogata of Pocatello took third place honors with 1005.

Bob Sakai of Salt Lake City took first in the men's singles with 538 pins, followed by George Hiroto of Pocatello, 515, and Mits Kasai of Idaho Falls, 491.

Steve Sato of Pocatello, Idaho, and Bertha Tanimine of Salt Lake City placed first in the mixed doubles with a total of 863 points. Sato bowled a 573 series, while his partner bowled 290. Second place was taken by Shige Tanabe and Isa Morimoto of Pocatello with 433 and 417 scores respec-tively. Paul Okamura of Pocatello and Uta Tsujimoto of Salt Lake City took third place with 413 and

Miss Tsujimoto also placed first in the women's singles with a 446 series. She was followed by Shige Tanabe of Pocatello, 405, and Amy Kawamura of Pocatello, 400.

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Nisei Girl in Japan Seeks Whereabouts of Parents in US

SACRAMENTO — "Say, fella, have you ever been to Sacramento, California?"

This question, says the Sacramento Bee, is asked of every marine she meets by 20-year-old Mitsuko Sakai in Nagasaki, who haunts places where she might find a marine from Sacramento who might give her information about her parents, who lived in Clarksburg, California, before they were evacuated from the west

Miss Sakai lived in Clarksburg until 1940, when she was sent to

Japan.

She told a marine corps reporter that she has lost all trace of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzo Sakai, and she is anxious to let them know she is safe and well and is trying to arrange an early return to the United States.

When she completed her sophomore year in the Clarksburk High school, it was decided that she and her older sister should go to Ja-pan for a summer visit with their grandparents in Kumamoto, Kyushu. Once they arrived, however, their grandfather opposed their return to the United States. Later the elder sister returned home, but Mitsuko was detained.

"I think," she said, "my grand-father thought that by keeping me here he could influence my parents to return to Japan."

Her grandparents died during the war and she is now making her home with an uncle and aunt.

WRA Secretary Given Gift, **Farewell Party**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. _ Tad Kitazumi, WRA secretary Indianapolis, was honored farewell party recently at home of Mary Miyasaki.

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their primary duties are that Train and Guard Commanders an escort train consisting of r 40 box cars filled with over 00 German POW's and war re-

The duty of Train and Guard mmander of such an escort is of many responsibilities. It is itting that such a responsible sition is given to an officer of 442nd Infantry Regiment. Even ugh the enlisted men guards from other units in this area, by respect and speak of the of-ers from the 442nd Japanese perican Combat Team as "good

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as men, equal to live among the peace - loving peoples whom they have beaten a few years ago.

Recently, Second Lieutenant George M. Komachi, Executive Officer of Company I, 442nd Infantry, was in charge of the company I. try, was in charge of a contingent of German POW's. He was train and Guard Commander for one of the largest shipments of German POW's to leave from this area to Germany. In a six day tour of duty, Lieutenant Komachi assumed the leadership and responsibility of over 1,000 prisoners until they were released to the Third Army troops in Hamberg, Germany

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ma, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Koyanagi a boy on Feb. 13 in Selma,

To Mr. and Mrs. Mits Saita a boy on Feb. 28 in Selma, Calif. To Sgt. and Mrs. George Tan-

aka a girl, Kathleen Jo, on Feb.
11 in Passaic, N. J.
To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jobe a
To Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Yamasaki, New York City, a girl, Ruth
Michi, on Feb. 28.

DEATHS

Shizuyo Nakamura (Mrs. Yoshisuke Nakamura) on March 14 in San Francisco. Jisuke Yamada on March 10 at

Santa Ana, Calif. Tomesuke Sakiyama, 63 on March 13 at Temple City, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Lily Yuriko Uyematsu to George K. Uyeda on Feb. 17 in Chicago. Kumi Kato to Masaru Kotake on Jan. 24 in Tule Lake. Akiko Nishimoto to Kaoru Yagi

on March 17 at Los Angeles. Emi Katayama to Joe Yamaki on March 10 in Salt Lake City.

Grace Sato to Ted Matsunaga on March 3 in New York City.

Engagement

FRESNO, Calif.—At a dinner attended by close friends and relatives on Feb. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Nagata of Fresno announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Kiyoko Mary, to Mr. Joe Katsuki, son of Mr. K. Tanaka of Provo, Utah. The wedding has been set for March 30.

Former Hunt Evacuee Ruled Sane at Hearing

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Masao Hattori, 19, was ruled sane at a sanity hearing on March 12 and will face a felony indictment on a statutory charge during the next term of district court.

Hattori, former resident of the Minidoka relocation center, was

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There is still a large amount of There is still a large amount of property in the Los Angeles warehouse at 836 So. Santee St., the WRA announced. The agency declared that on request it will store property in any licensed public warehouse in Los Angeles and pay all storage charges up to July 1,

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The program was conducted by George Fujii, president of the Murray chapter and delegate to the Denver convention.

The convention report was made y Tom Matsumori, Mt. Olympus delegate.

The evening closed with refreshments and entertainment.

State Denies Liquor Sales Rights to Nisei

LOS ANGELES — Three Japanese Americans were denied applications for liquor licenses by the state board of equalization on March 19 on the recommendation of William G. Bonelli, fourth district member, who declared that the parties involved were "not the true party in interest.'

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The Zephyrs defeated the CYO Ayes 28 to 26, with C. Akizuki of the CYO Ayes high-point man with 15 points.

The Moody Cards defeated the Chicago Buddhists 32 to 16. G. Komatsu of the Cards scored 12

In the third game the CYO Jayvees defeated the Midwest Buddhists 32 to 16 in an overtime game. Shimosaki scored 13 points for the Buddhists, while J. Okabe scored 11 for the Jayvees.

Midseason standings are as fol-

Standing at Midseason

W	L	Bye
Zephyrs3	0	1
CYO Aves3	1	0
Zephyrs	1	1
Moody Cards2	1	1
CYO Jayvees 2	2	0
CYO Jayvees2 Midwest Buddhists0	3	1
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LOS ANGELES—Thirty returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, all of whom are too old to work or too ill to be without medical attention, have been moved from the Winona housing project in Burbank and the Lomita air strip to the El Segundo project, it was reported here last week.

War Relocation Authority offi-cails indicated that the El Segundo project, one of several which have provided emergency housing for evacuees returned to the West Coast last fall, is better provided for the handling of older people because of the availability of nursing services and special diets.

The WRA indicated that the move had nothing to do with any plan to close the projects. The fate of the projects awaits word from the WRA in Washington.

Masaoka, Kuroki Will Speak Tuesday at New York JACL Meet

NEW YORK—"Unsolved Prob-lems of the West Coast Evacua-tion" and other national issues facing Americans of Japanese descent will be considered at a pubscent will be considered at a public meeting in the Rutgers Presbyterian church, 36 West 73rd street, Tuesday, March 26, 8 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the New York chapter of the Japan-American Citizens League.

Ex-Sergeant Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the League and veteran of the 442nd Combat Team which fought in Italy, and ex-Sergeant Ben Kuroki, JACL special representative and national speaker on minority problems, will discuss a program of action adopted by the organization at its Ninth Biennial Convention held in Denver, Colorado, recently.

"Japanese Americans are deeply concerned over employment, housing, citizenship and other matters that affect the life of the entire nation," stated Yurino Takayoshi, president of the New York chapter and chairman of the meeting.
Federal legislation to compen-

sate indemnity claims for all losses incurred in the evacuation is a major point in the League's program. "Redetermination of the evacuation issues" through a series of new test cases, campaign for "equal rights and opportuni-ties" for all peoples, and pressure for government recognition of its obligations to the evacues are other issues posed by representa-tives of 22 League chapters at the convention, which will be dis-cussed at the New York meeting.

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