



## Church Service Groups Rap "Third Evacuation"; Question Legality of Eviction Notices

500 Persons May Be Homeless If Projects Close on Schedule

LOS ANGELES—In an action of opposition to the announced "third evacuation" of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry in emergency Federal housing projects, all of which will be closed for the returnees by April 30, leading church service groups which have been active in assisting the Japanese Americans distributed notices to the various housing installations on April 4, charging that the WRA letters announcing closing dates for the projects are not legal eviction papers.

"Attorneys tell us that WRA letters announcing closing dates for the various installations are not legal eviction notices and that they cannot legally evict you without serving legal eviction notices," the letters signed by Newell Howard, social industrial secretary of the American Friends Service Committee of Southern California, and by Clarence Gillette, executive secretary of the Committee for Christian Democracy, declared.

More than 1500 persons reportedly face eviction from emergency shelters they have occupied since their return from the relocation camps. Efforts are being made to find temporary housing to accom-

modate this group when the present projects are closed but it was estimated by Scotty Tsuchiya, JACL regional director in Los Angeles, that 500 persons would be left homeless.

The notices signed by Steward and Gillette added:

"Any person going into your trailer or apartment, without your consent or a court order, to move you and your property, may be arrested for illegal entry, and may be sued in the civil courts. If you cannot move, you may wait for legal eviction notice giving you the 15 days specified in your contracts.

"Do not permit anybody to remove your property without the above steps being taken.

"The American Civil Liberties Union has agreed to handle court cases that arise from any violation of your civil rights."

In an effort to cope with the housing crisis occasioned by the closing of the projects, Rex Lee, assistant director of the WRA, called a meeting on April 4 at which time he reported that 150 more trailers will be made available for temporary housing when and if a reliable organization could assure the Federal Public Housing Administration of security. Rent for these trailers will be \$13.00 a month within city limits and \$10.00 a month in rural districts.

## Many Japanese Americans Killed in Hawaii Disaster

"Missing" Nisei GI Returns Home To Honolulu

HONOLULU—Carl Kiyoshi Ogawa, who was reported missing in action with the 442nd Infantry in Europe, returned home last week and requested city officials to remove his name from the list of dead on the territorial war memorial.

## First Canadian Repatriates to Leave Shortly

No Forced Deportation Until Privy Council Acts on Test Cases

TASHME, B.C.—The first group of voluntary repatriates of Japanese ancestry to leave Canada for Japan will depart between April 15 and May 15, T. B. Pickersgill, head of the Japanese Division of the Canadian Department of Labor, told a general meeting of evacuees here recently.

Mr. Pickersgill explained that no forced deportation orders will be issued pending the appeal of test cases now before the Privy Council, but stated that voluntary repatriates may make applications.

He stated that the question of allowing minor children of repatriates to retain their Canadian citizenship had not yet been decided by the government.

## Nisei Combat Veteran Reenlists for Three Years in U. S. Army

LEGHORN, Italy—A California Nisei GI, Pfc. Jimmy Doi of Oxnard, Calif., who went through three bitter campaigns with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team while his parents were residents of Japan, recently elected to reenlist for three years in the Regular Army.

Pfc. Doi, a member of Company A of the 100th Battalion, declared that he had fought to defend the principles of democracy and that now that the war was over he was reenlisting for duty with the Army in the Pacific Theater in order that he may be able to find his parents with whom he has lost contact.

Pfc. Doi was evacuated from Oxnard to a relocation center and then resettled in Chicago where he found employment as a stock clerk. He was inducted on April 12, 1944 and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla.

## Jackie Cooper Cites Nisei Combat Feats In Talk at Dance

LOS ANGELES—Jackie Cooper, Hollywood screen star and returned Navy veteran, cited Japanese American soldiers for their heroism and loyalty in a short talk at the Second Veterans Dance sponsored by the Citizens Coordinating Committee on April 1 at Evergreen Playground.

Cooper spoke as a representative of the American Veterans Committee and emphasized the importance of Nisei membership in the AVC.

Among the guests at the dance, attended by more than 400 persons, was Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss. Mr. Finch, returning from a three-weeks visit to Hawaii, expressed his gratitude for the fine reception he had received while in Hawaii.

## Hope Abandoned for Safety Of School Children Missing Since Tidal Wave Hit Hilo

A large number of Japanese Americans were believed this week to be among those killed, injured and homeless in the series of tidal waves which smashed against the Hawaiian Islands on April 1.

Most of the casualties were on the Island of Hawaii, hardest hit by the seismic wave which left the city of Hilo in shambles and which accounted for most of the 88 persons known dead in Hawaii.

In all, 176 persons were reported dead or missing and nearly all of this total were persons of Japanese, Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese and Filipino ancestries. No deaths of Army or Navy personnel stationed in Hawaii have been reported.

The seismic tides which smashed Hawaii wrought damage estimated at more than \$10,000,000. The immense waves also hit Tahiti, the Aleutians, the California and Oregon coasts and South America but Hawaii suffered the greatest loss of life and property damage.

Search for the missing, including 50 school children, most of them believed to be of Japanese ancestry, who were swept to sea at Hilo in Monday's tidal wave, was continuing but hope gradually was being abandoned for their safety.

"We expect to find them when the ocean gives up its dead," Police Chief Anthony Paul of Hilo said. "It will be a long time before Hilo returns to normal."

Boys and girls rushed to the beaches when the ocean receded just before the first of the waves struck. Many were reported engulfed near the sugar plantation village of Laupahoehoe. Of the 28 missing at Laupahoehoe, 18 were children. Only one body had been recovered there.

Frank Kansaki, a Laupahoehoe school teacher, said he was eating breakfast at the home of another Japanese American teacher, Frank Nakano, when the waves struck and "the house seemed to go to pieces around us."

"When the water closed over me I had Kristine Nakano, 6, and Janet, 2, in my arms. I struggled for breath and when I came to the surface I had only one child in my arms—Kristine.

"I carried her to dry ground and went back to see if I could pull anyone else out. But the house had disappeared."

Nakano fought his way back from the ocean and was taken to a hospital, but Mrs. Nakano and three of their four children are missing.

The tragedy that befell the Nakanos was duplicated among other Japanese American families in the area.

Many Nisei war veterans, who had just returned from overseas service, were among the first to

report for emergency disaster relief and aided in the care of the injured and in search for the missing.

Casualties also were reported from Kauai and Maui islands which also were hard hit by the seismic waves. Severe damage was reported on both islands.

Of Hawaii's cities Hilo was the hardest hit. The AP's Douglas Lovelace, one of the first correspondents to reach the stricken city of 25,000, said that Kamehameha street was reduced to a tangled, muddled, jumbled mass of wreckage. Entire buildings were missing. The AP writer said that Hilo's death toll might have been in the thousands if the waves had struck two or three hours later than it did. The swells engulfed Hilo's waterfront business district while the city slowly was waking up to life Monday morning. A little later the area would have been thronged with workers and shoppers.

William Hana, who rescued his mother and two other women from the Hana hotel, described the disaster:

"We heard the water crash into buildings. Screams of people, the crunching of wood and the shattering of glass filled the air.

"Our hotel was shaking so fiercely we couldn't move. There were about 25 women and children inside. Then the waters receded and men started helping the women and children out. Everyone in the hotel was saved but we found two children underneath—dead."

## Returned Evacuees Seek Farm Jobs With Housing, Says WRA

LOS ANGELES — Many Japanese Americans are seeking resettlement as workers on farms and ranches, James L. Shelby, Southern California supervisor of the War Relocation Authority, said here this week.

He said that returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry were available for agricultural work.

Growers and ranches having living accommodations available for the workers and their families and needing experienced farm help were asked by Shelly to contact the WRA office.

## Silver Star Medals Awarded Seven Men of 442nd Infantry

LEGHORN, Italy — Almost a year since the Japanese American (Torch of Liberty) Combat Team went into action in the final offensive of the war in Italy, the 442nd Infantry was notified that seven of its Nisei members have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The awards brought to more than 330 the number of Silver Stars presented to men of the 442nd Combat Team for combat gallantry.

Five of the recipients of the award, one of the Army's highest for combat action, already have returned to civilian life. One has reenlisted in the Regular Army and one is still with the unit in Italy.

Recipients of the award are Pvt. George Nishimura, Troutdale, Ore.; Staff Sgt. Robert A. Chino, Chicago, Ill.; Pvt. Mitsuru Takahashi, Salt Lake City, Utah; Pfc. Joe Sase, Ogden, Utah; Pfc. Tokko Fukuchi, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tech. Sgt. Miles Hamada, Fort Logan, Colo.; Pfc. Iwao Shimokawa, Honolulu, T. H.

Pvt. Nishimura, a member of L Company, is still in Italy.

Sgt. Chino, now a Regular Army man stationed in Nice, France, where he has married a French girl, was a rifleman with L Company when the action occurred which won him the Silver Star. Sgt. Chino also wears the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

## Two Thousand Returnees Still Living in Housing Projects

Additional 1500 Housed in Temporary Hostels In Los Angeles Area; Authorities Seek Solution To Crisis Engendered by Closing Program

LOS ANGELES—The War Relocation Authority reported April 1 that 1913 returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry are still living in temporary housing projects which are scheduled to be closed by April 30.

Closing of the emergency housing projects, which were set up by the WRA in cooperation with the Federal Public Housing Authority to provide shelter for evacuees who were returned to Southern California when the relocation centers were closed, was necessitated by the fact that the WRA is now winding up its work, it was explained.

Last week more than 500 evacuees at the Winona emergency housing center in Burbank were forced to move when the project was closed. Most of these evacuees are unable to find private housing and were transferred to installations at Lomita and Hawthorne which will be closed on April 30. According to the WRA the emergency projects had the following populations on April 1: Magnolia, Burbank, 118; Lomita, 8; Hawthorne, 540; Santa Monica, 158 and El Segundo, 219. The total consists of members of 433 families.

Efforts are now being made by relocation officials to find jobs with housing for the evacuees.

In addition to the total of those in the emergency centers, 1420 evacuees still are reported living in 32 hostels in Los Angeles county. These persons also need private housing, it was stated.

The Santa Ana airport housing project, which provided emergency shelter for Japanese Americans returning to Orange county, was closed this week, leaving 71 persons without permanent housing.

Many evacuees living in trailers at the various emergency centers are forced to transfer to barracks when these trailers were moved to the Winona project which will be reopened soon as a project for distressed families.

It was reported that approximately 75 service-connected families among the returned evacuees have been promised permanent housing in an FPHA project. Nisei veterans with families may be among those who will receive first

## 442nd VETERANS OPEN CAFE IN HAWAII TOWN

WAILUA, T. H.—The 442nd Cafe, named after the famous Japanese American infantry combat team, opened recently for business in the plantation store building in Wailua.

Formerly the plantation's coffee shop, the business was turned over to two veterans of the 442nd infantry, Shizuo Hirayama and Walter Watanabe, who will operate it as a private enterprise.

## Police Investigate Death of Aged Man

PORTLAND, Ore. — Police this week investigated circumstances surrounding the death of Unejiro Miura, 88, of 4319 South East Long St.

It was reported a uniformed policeman took Miura home on March 11 after allegedly finding him lying in the street. At that time he appeared uninjured, but could not talk and reportedly did not talk up to the time of his death on March 30.

The patrolman who took Miura home did not make a report to headquarters. Miura lapsed into a coma on March 30 and was pronounced dead on arrival at Portland General hospital.

choice for trailer homes at Winona.

It was also reported that 765 persons, members of families with men in service, are now residing in housing projects in Long Beach.



## Report Nearly Three Thousand Renunciants Receive Releases From Department of Justice

**Detainees Freed Following Hearings Held In Camps; Expect Some of 365 Sent to Texas Center Eventually Will Receive Releases**

SAN FRANCISCO—Almost three thousand persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their United States citizenship under duress and who faced removal to Japan as dangerous enemy aliens have been granted Department of Justice releases from detention, the American Civil Liberties Union-News reported in San Francisco this week. Two thousand, seven hundred and ninety-two persons were released, though none have had their citizenship restored.

The number of releases is expected to mount over the three thousand mark as the government acts on the cases of renunciants formerly detained at Bismarck, North Dakota, as well as those at Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Union-News declared.

When the Tule Lake center closed on March 28, 365 renunciants were shipped to the Crystal City, Tex., alien internment camp. Release orders came through up

to the time of the train's departure, and a number of persons ordered released were removed from the train. It is expected that some of the 365 sent to Crystal City will be released as additional orders are received.

The renunciants detained at Bismarck were transferred to Santa Fe last month. After a weeding out process at the latter camp, those not released will join the Tule Lake group at Crystal City.

## State of California Confiscates Farm Property of Nisei Soldier

**Superior Judge Rules Yoshimura Land Escheated to State**

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei veteran now in service in Italy was deprived of his land by the state of California last week when it was ordered escheated to the state by Judge Arthur L. Mundo of the San Diego superior court.

The defendants in the case are John and Charles Yoshimura, sons of Yoshitaro Yoshimura. John Yoshimura is in the U. S. Army and has served in Italy since April, 1945.

The property was originally purchased from the Federal Land bank of Berkeley by the Yoshimuras, who paid \$10,000 down and made improvements of over \$26,000.

When the Yoshimuras were sent to the Poston relocation center, they were unable to continue payments on the contract. The bank thereupon sold the contract to one Thomas Gonzales.

According to A. L. Wirin, attorney for the Yoshimuras, the order of Judge Mundo gives title to the property to Gonzales upon his payment to the bank of the balance due on the contract. The result will be a profit of approximately \$35,000 to Gonzales, Wirin said.

## Nisei Bowler Misses Perfect Game by One Pin

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Mas (Butch) Iwaihara, Nisei bowling star who recently returned to California from Utah, missed the bowler's dream, a perfect score, by one pin last week at the Alameda alleys.

Along with his high game of 299 Iwaihara posted a nine-game average of 224. For the past five weeks Iwaihara has had the high

## NEW YORK JACL TO HOLD DANCE AT DELMONICO

NEW YORK CITY—The New York chapter, JACL, will hold its semi-annual informal ball on May 11, 9 p. m., at the Hotel Delmonico, it was announced this week by Alfred Funabashi, dance chairman.

The dance will honor the New York War Relocation Authority, which will close its doors on May 15, and the Greater New York Citizens Committee for Japanese Americans, which recently opened its office at 11 West 42nd street.

The event will be the second held at the Delmonico. The first anniversary ball, held last Thanksgiving, was an outstanding success with over 400 persons in attendance. The repeat performance is expected to surpass even the first ball, according to Funabashi.

Members of Chairman Funabashi's committee are Sada Maruyama, Clifford Forster, E. Ken Furuya, Yurino Takayoshi, John Iwatsu, Eureka Satow, Hank Kusaba, Joe Oyama, Eleanor Tanita, Mitsi Yasuda, Elizabeth Maruyama, Jean Hosokawa and Ken Hayashi, tickets; Stanley Karikomi, locale and orchestra; Peter Aoki, entertainment; Masaji Murai, Yurino Takayoshi and Harry Kuwada, general arrangements; and Ken Hayashi, publicity.

The committee revealed that tables will be reserved for groups. Tickets are being sold for \$2.70, with a special \$1.50 rate for servicemen and women. They may be purchased from any New York JACL member or at principal Japanese stores, restaurants and churches in the city.

weekly game on the Alameda lanes with scores ranging from 253 to 269.

## Spokane AVC Chapter Hails Work of Nisei as Chairman

SPOKANE, Wash.—Spady Koyama, Nisei war veteran who assumed the chairmanship of the Spokane chapter of the American Veterans Committee following the resignation of Robert Gove, received a "thank you" from the veterans group recently when he turned over the chairman's gavel to Paul A. Fine.

"It is to be regretted that he could not be persuaded to run for the office of chairman himself," an editorial in the Island Empire AVC News stated. "His short tenure of office was the most fruitful period for the Spokane chapter since it was chartered. He inaugurated and provided the spark for the housing drive which has been so successful."

The AVC chapter paper said that under Koyama's leadership "the membership has gone on record and has apprised its congress-

men of its progressive stand on vital issues of the day."

"The chapter is fortunate indeed to have had Spady as its chairman," the editorial stated.

The Spokane AVC approved an anti-discrimination clause suggested by the Oahu, Hawaii, AVC chapter for inclusion in the constitution of the National AVC.

It was stated that the recommended clause would prevent any AVC chapter anywhere from barring anyone otherwise qualified for membership in AVC because of race, color, creed or political belief.

It was brought out at the meeting that although there is not one case on record of any person being barred from AVC membership because of these reasons, "the principle must be so firmly stated in the national constitution as to make such action forever impossible."

## Nisei GIs in Japan Included In Public Fraternization Ban

TOKYO — American soldiers of Japanese ancestry are included under the directive issued last week by Army of Occupation authorities which ban public displays of affection on the part of American GIs toward Japanese women, an Army headquarters official stressed this week.

Offenders are fined \$10, locked up for the night, and appear be-

fore their commanding officer the next day.

In explaining that Nisei soldiers are included under the directive, Lieut. William P. Kelly of the 8th Army judge advocate's office declared:

"They are American soldiers in uniform. If the girls are of the same race—Japanese—it's just a coincidence."

## Government Answer Expected In Suits for Habeas Corpus Filed by Tule Lake Renunciants

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States government has agreed to answer by April 14 mass habeas corpus and equity proceedings filed in behalf of almost 1500 persons who renounced their American citizenship, the American Civil Liberties Union-News reported here recently.

The suits were filed in their behalf by Wayne M. Collins as private attorney.

A motion will be made before April 15 by the government to strike from the petition in habeas corpus a letter signed by former Under Secretary of the Interior Abe Fortas, which admits that 80 per cent of the renunciations resulted from duress.

The suit was originally filed for 1002 persons in November in the U. S. district court. Two hundred and forty-seven others added their names to the original list during March.

The same 247 as well as 171 persons at the Bismarck, N. D., and Santa Fe, N. M., internment camps have also joined a pending suit seeking cancellation of their renunciations of citizenship and an injunction to restrain the Justice department from carrying out its announced plan of deporting them to Japan as enemy aliens. The new group contains 62 boys and girls who are under 21 years of age.

Meanwhile Collins filed amendments to the original complaint making further charges that the persons in question are the victims of duress by the government and seditious groups.

Attached to the new complaint is a photostatic copy of a letter signed by Abe Fortas, which declared that certain "virulently pro-Japanese nationalist organizations" at Tule Lake "resorted to intimidation, threats of violence and actual violence in coercing residents to join the organizations and participate in their demonstrations. It was primarily due to the pressure of the organizations that over 80 per cent of the citizens eligible to do so applied for renunciation of citizenship this past winter."

The complaint charges that responsibility for the renunciations rests with the War Relocation Authority "for its failure and refusal to take precautionary measure to prevent such rule of terror and to protect the plaintiffs from harm and to safeguard their rights as American citizens."

The complaint also charges that 8000 Japanese have been repatriated, including the organizers, leaders and active members of the pro-Japanese nationalist pressure groups, and that those who remained confined in this country are merely the victims of these groups.

The complaint concludes by alleging that the Army, in revoking

its mass exclusion orders and individual exclusion orders, made a finding that none of the persons now detained are "hostile or dangerous to the security of the United States."

## San Francisco Daily Plans to Resume Publication Soon

SAN FRANCISCO — Reestablishment of the Japanese American Daily News, oldest of the bilingual English-Japanese papers on the West Coast, is expected to be announced shortly.

The Japanese American News was founded more than 50 years ago by Kyutaro Abiko. After Mr. Abiko's death in 1936 the newspaper continued under the management of his widow, Yona Abiko, until May, 1942, when it ceased publication as a result of the West Coast evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Yasuo Abiko, son of the founder, S. Asano, former editor of the paper, and Kando Ikeda are now making plans for the resumption of publication in offices at 1765 Sutter St.

## Student Aid Group to End Activity Soon

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — All Nisei students who wish financial assistance or help in college placement should contact the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council before April 30, it was announced here this week by Ann M. Graybill, director.

The council, which has aided directly in the placement of thousands of Nisei college students since the time of the evacuation, is scheduled to close all activities by June 30, and students wishing scholarship assistance must file their applications by the last day in April, it was announced.

The council may be reached at the following address: Room 514, 1201 Chestnut street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

The council director also announced that transcripts of center high school records are obtainable at the following address: Division of School Administration, U. S. Office of Education, Room 1327 Temporary M, 26th and Constitution avenue, Washington 25, D. C.

Upon request the transcripts will be sent directly to the school to which admission is desired. Correspondence may be addressed to Mr. Timon Covert at the above address.

## Halo Hirose Wins National College Title

**442nd Veteran Helps Lead Ohio State Team To NCAA Championships**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Hirose, returned veteran of famous 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team, proved he lost none of his aquatic skills March 31 when he won the 100 yard free-style race in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships.

Hirose's victory helped Ohio State university to win the NCAA championship with 61 points.

The Nisei star from Hawaii edged out Ray Thayer of Army 0:52.1s in the century. He sparked on the Buckeye's relay squad, swimming the lap and making up considerable yardage.

Hirose lost the 50-yard style to Bob Anderson of Stanford. Thayer was third.

Hirose is the second Nisei star on Ohio's swimming team. For the past three years Kiyomasa (Keo) Nakama has been a stay on Coach Mike Pegg's squads, winning NCAA titles leading the Buckeye squad as a freshman in 1945. Both Nakama and Hirose were teammates in Hawaii and were developed by Soichi Yamamoto, now swimming coach at the University of Hawaii.

## Evacuee May File Claims for Damages

Persons who suffered loss of property to their property while in the possession of the War Relocation Authority through negligence of the WRA or an employee thereof may file claims amounts not exceeding \$10,000 under the Small Claims Act, it was announced here this week by B. Haight of the WRA.

Claims must be filed within year from the accrual of the claim, it was reported, but in the event a claim was made in a more formal manner to the WRA center or field office within year, the claims might be by an affidavit, Mr. Haight declared.

Losses arising from or growing out of the mere fact of evacuation or from theft or vandalism by private persons are not allowed under the Small Claims Act.

In filing for a claim, an affidavit must be prepared showing following in detail: date of accrual of the claim; items of loss; fact of ownership; of negligence or other cause of claim that justifies payment of it. If the date of accrual of claim was more than one year before the filing of the affidavit, fact and circumstances of the formal presentation of the claim within the year, if in fact such informal presentation and claims were made, must be given.

All claims must be sent to Washington office of the War Relocation Authority, addressed to the director, for the attention of the relocation division.

## Takeno, Nomura Quit Denver Newspaper

DENVER, Colo.—Resignations of Roy Takeno as managing editor and Shinsiro Nomura as editor of the Japanese section of the Shimpo, bi-lingual Denver newspaper, was announced March 30.

## Town Which Barred Evacuees Now Has Interracial School

WEST BRANCH, Ia.—An Iowa community that three years ago defeated a proposal to use the Scattergood hostel, 2½ miles southeast of West Branch, Ia., as a Japanese American hostel, today is proud of the interracial high school that was formed in its place, according to George Shane in the Des Moines Register.

The Scattergood boarding high school, operated by the Quakers, today includes among its 34 students Bill Asawa, 17, from Glendale, Ariz., and Gale Welch, 15, son of Rosa Page Welch, Negro mezzo soprano of Chicago.

The white, the Negro and the Japanese American work, study, eat and play together. The old-fashioned Quaker beliefs, which to

many persons in the atomic still seem so modern, are put into practice here, says Shane.

The proposed Nisei hostel eventually set up in Des Moines The Friends though it just as that the change was made, Shane, since the Nisei were in a better position in Des Moines look for work throughout Iowa.

But others, he writes, felt this rural community had an enriching experience in understanding because its people not had these fellow Americans from the West Coast among them.

The reception this unusual has had in the West Branch community has been a vindication of the ideals which the Friends upheld, according to the writer.



# One-Man USO" Returns from Hawaii



Ten Hawaiian Nisei who fought with the fifth army in Italy, France and Germany are shown above at the Palace hotel in San Francisco where they were entertained by Earl M. Finch, March 31, when he returned from a visit to the Islands. Finch, sitting at the head of the

table, is surrounded by T/5 Richard Hamanaka, Cpl. Nichi Shimazu, Pvt. James Noji, Cpl. Bill Yagi, Pfc. Roy Matsuda, Pfc. Jack Ikehara, Pfc. Shigeo Suemori, Pfc. Temotsu Akimoto, T/5 Takemi Kikawa and Cpl. Sam Kawakani.

—San Francisco Chronicle photo

## Earl Finch Returns from Trip to Hawaii with Fund for GIs

Believes West Coast Attitudes Improved Toward Nisei Group

SAN FRANCISCO — Bringing \$10,000 as a gift to wounded Japanese American soldiers in hospitals on the mainland from well-to-do in Hawaii, Earl M. Finch, a San Francisco rancher-businessman, returned on March 31 from a three-weeks trip to Hawaii. While in Hawaii Finch was feted at a series of celebrations in the territory's major communities by Japanese American veterans and their families and friends. Finch, who has been conducting a one-man campaign on behalf of Nisei GIs whom he met while they were training at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, gave a banquet for Japanese American soldiers from Hawaii on his first night in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel. He announced that he planned a similar affair in Los Angeles on his return to Mississippi where he will continue his crusade for better interracial relations. He told newsmen that he thought that West Coast attitudes toward Japanese Americans "were greatly improved."

## Nisei Girl from Minidoka Now Works for United Nations

Mitsu Yasuda Says Evacuation Matured Japanese Americans

NEW YORK—A Nisei girl who came to New York City from the Minidoka relocation center is now the only American of Japanese extraction working for the United Nations. She is Mitsu Yasuda, 21, of 107 E. 88th St. Miss Yasuda told a World-Telegram reporter last week that "it could only happen here." Vivacious and smiling, she revealed she got the job the time-honored democratic way—by asking for it. "I love it here," she said. "The international atmosphere is lifting just the feeling that something actually being done to preserve peace in the world. Of course, the United Nations will succeed. It must succeed." Miss Yasuda said she had a very personal stake in the U. N. for she knew what wars have to offer. She and her parents and four brothers and sisters were evacuated from Seattle in May, 1942, and moved to the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho. She spent three years there. A secretary to the space control officer of the United Nations, she is now going on in New York, the job which calls for allo-

## Four Nisei Accepted By Scientific Society

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Four Nisei recently were accepted into membership by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology during the organization's 30th annual meeting in Atlantic City. The new Nisei members are Mary Ishimoto, Cambridge, Mass.; H. Minatoya, University of Illinois; Dr. Warwick Sakami, University of Pennsylvania, and Mika Hayano, University of Wisconsin.

## Two Nisei on Omaha Cage Team

OMAHA, Neb. — Two Nisei, Frances Okura and Mae Okura, are members of the Juliet Candies women's basketball team, which is favored to take the women's AAU cage tournament which started this week in Omaha at the Jewish community center. The Juliet five won 11 out of 12 games during the regular season to win the AAU senior women's basketball league championship.

cating office space and providing office equipment and supplies, Miss Yasuda said that the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 had its bright side. "It woke us up, matured us, taught us a lot about doing something personal toward preserving the peace, and proved, too, that California, Washington and Oregon aren't the whole United States." The thought of Minidoka burned her up, the World-Telegram reporter said. "As an American," Miss Yasuda added, "I was furious at first. We had committed no crimes and there was absolutely nothing on us. Dad, who used to own a flower shop, was taken from us and sent to an alien detention camp in Montana." The aftermath of the war is still with her, Miss Yasuda said, because a sister, born in Seattle, was caught in Tokyo at the beginning of the war. Now when she goes into the Council chamber she studies the men around the table pretty hard and wonders if they realize just how many people are hanging on their words. Miss Yasuda, who formerly was an editor of the Minidoka Irrigator, has acted as editor of the "Bussei News" published by the New York Young Buddhists Association.

## Three Internees Fail In Appeals to Remain In United States

CRYSTAL CITY, Tex. — Three internees in the Department of Justice camp for Japanese aliens and their families were recently denied their appeals to remain in the United States.

A special hearing board of the Immigration and Naturalization Service turned down the appeals of Kazumaro Uno of Los Angeles, Yoshisuke Fukuda of San Francisco and Suyeji Sakamaki of San Francisco.

## Max Ishiguro Takes Civil Service Job With U. S. in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy — Technician Fourth Grade Max M. Ishiguro, BAR man with the 442nd Japanese American combat team during combat days, was recently honorably discharged in Italy.

He is the second soldier from the 442nd infantry regiment to be discharged in the MTO theater and to secure employment as a civilian worker.

Civilian Ishiguro had accumulated 46 points and was eligible for discharge. However, he signed a waiver and remained with the 442nd until securing a job with the United States civil service as a radio technician and repairman. Recently he boarded an army C-47 transport and flew to Caserta, Italy, for his new work.

Mr. Ishiguro's new duties will be that of maintaining and servicing of wireless communication sets with the 3141 Signal Service depot with headquarters at Caserta. He has selected to remain at his new post for a period of one year, at which time he will be eligible to return home to Greeley, Colo., or may again sign for an indefinite period.

Mr. Ishiguro prior to his induction into the army at Fort Logan, Colo., in March of 1944, was an auto mechanic for the McCarty Sherman Motors in Denver, Colo., for ten years.

During combat days, the diminutive automatic rifleman trudged through the mud and adverse weather of Italy and France carrying his weapon up and down the hills. Having participated in three major campaigns, the Rhineland, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns, the Coloradan holds the coveted combat infantryman's badge and the ETO ribbon with three battle participation stars.

Mr. Max Ishiguro's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ishiguro, are residing at Route 3, Box 442, Greeley, Colo. He graduated from Gill high school in Greeley, Colo., in 1933. Mr. Ishiguro upon termination of work in Italy with the civil service plans on returning to Denver, Colo., and opening an auto maintenance shop of his own.

## Isolation of Minority Group Veterans in Separate Posts Protested by JACL Official

Practice of Organizing Segregated Units Hit By Masaoka in Statement to Emergency Meeting On Problems of Veterans of U. S. Minorities

Efforts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans to activate special "segregated" posts for non-Caucasian veterans is causing "grave concern" to returned GIs of Japanese ancestry, Mike M. Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, declared this week in a statement to the Emergency National Conference on Minority Veterans Problems which was convened at the Willkie Memorial Building in New York City on April 5.

Noting that the Legion recently had chartered six Chinese American posts on the West Coast and were organizing separate posts for Filipino, Mexican and Negro veterans, Masaoka noted that "tremendous pressure" is being exerted upon Japanese Americans to have them follow the segregated pattern.

Masaoka, a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, said that the Nisei "thus far have resisted such attempts to have them activate special Legion posts of their own."

The JACL secretary pointed to that example of the Spokane, Wash., VFW post which had refused to accept wounded combat veterans of Japanese ancestry into membership and were urging the Japanese Americans to form a segregated post of their own.

"We are opposed to these segregated posts both as a matter of principle and as a matter of practice," Masaoka added. "We believe that these isolated detachments whose memberships are limited solely to those of one racial stock are an example of an insidious technique which follows the Hitlerian doctrine."

"We believe that if the veterans of one minority voluntarily agree to form a special post they are admitting that there is some legitimate basis for class or race treatment or discrimination."

Masaoka noted that the Nisei Veterans Service Committee of the

JACL which met at the convention of the JACL in Denver recommended that Japanese American veterans join regular posts and discouraged the formation of special "segregated" chapters.

In his statement, the JACL secretary urged that the Emergency Conference on Minority Veterans Problems, which had been called by the American Council on Race Relations, go on record as opposing the activation of segregated posts whose memberships are limited to one race, one color or one creed.

The JACL statement was read at the veterans conference in New York by Bob Funabashi, who recently returned to his home in New Jersey after serving in Italy and France with the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team.

The statement noted that specific cases of prejudiced action toward returned Japanese American veterans "are now comparatively rare" but recalled that "only a year ago" American soldiers of Japanese ancestry were subjected to violence and threats of violence in West Coast areas.

The statement noted the present campaign on the part of the State of California to confiscate property owned by Japanese American veterans which the State has alleged to be held in violation to the anti-alien land ownership law.

## Japanese Anti-Fascist Artist Reunited with Son in Nippon

Taro Yashima Went To Japan as Member Of U. S. Army Unit

NEW YORK CITY—Taro Yashima, Japanese artist and anti-fascist who fled his country in 1939, was reunited with his 9-year old son, Makoto, in Japan recently, according to a feature story in the newspaper PM.

Yashima told his story to a PM reporter upon his return from Japan, where he went as a member of the Strategic Bombing survey for the U. S. Army.

The artist first came to the United States with his wife Mitsu, also an artist, in 1939. They left their son, then 5, with his wife's parents.

"I was very worried about Makoto," Yashima said. "The Japanese knew I was working for the American government, and they might have done something to him."

In Kobe, where he'd left Makoto, there was a gaping bomb hole where Mitsu's family's house had stood. But the family had found a new home on the edge of the city.

"To get there, I had to pass through a school playground," said Yashima. "I was doing this and I heard my name called by some children. I did not turn my face immediately and the voices got louder and louder. When I did turn, the children were gathered around a younger boy. The children said they remembered me from before the war. They pushed the boy forward and shouted, 'Here is your son!' It was him! I could tell at once—he has a face just like my wife's. I was overjoyed. He smiled at me and looked excited and was too embarrassed to say 'Hello.'"

During their short reunion, Yashima talked with his son about the war. "Makoto had been pessimistic about Americans," he said. During occupation he was afraid of them. But he soon began to feel they were very kind people. He saw, too, that I had not been killed or jailed in America. I talked with him about America and he became very vigorous to know

more. For him America became a bright new world."

Yashima has been trying to get his son into America, but the possibility seems remote as long as Japan retained her enemy nation status, he said.

"I hope he can come soon," he said. "When I left him he was so very sure I'd be sending for him in less than six months. He wanted so much to come, he could not understand when I told him how difficult it might be."

On his War Department assignment, Yashima interviewed hundreds of Japanese citizens, housewives, businessmen, farmers. He said that like his son, they had changed their attitude about Americans.

"When American troops landed, the people fled," Yashima told PM. "People had been organized along feudal lines and were taught Americans were monsters."

Asked if there were any resentment against the Americans, Yashima said:

"No. In rich people maybe. They say they like Americans, but underneath they want them to go home quick. The working man, he wants them to stay and help build a democracy. He knows Japan was wrong in starting war."

Asked if there weren't any resentment at all, Yashima smiled and said:

"Oh yes. The people are a little suspicious to see American military government working with the same town officials, businessmen and police heads who drove them to war. They don't understand this. But they remember something. They remember that they will hold democratic elections on March 31 and that they will have their own chance to overthrow the fascists still in power."

Yashima is the author of "The New Sun," a pictorial autobiography. He is now at work on a new picture book, "The Horizon is Calling," which deals with the ruthless manner in which the Japanese war lords organized their people for war.

A series of political cartoons by the artist appeared in the Pacific Citizen.



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## EDITORIALS: One Year After

One year ago this week the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was spearheading an attack in the mountainous areas of the Ligurian coast which was to develop into the final great offensive of all Allied forces and which resulted in the reduction of enemy strongholds on Mount Belvedere and in Massa, Carrara and the naval base at La Spezia.

In the words of General Mark Clark, the 442nd had been brought back secretly from its stations in the Maritime Alps to participate in the final knockout blow against the Nazis in Italy. The men of the Japanese American Combat Team infiltrated into their positions under cover of darkness and launched a blow which took the enemy by surprise and broke a winter-long stalemate in the Apennines.

Now one year later, almost a year since V-E Day, the 442nd Combat Team, which made its emblem of the Torch of Liberty one of the most honored in the European theater of operations, is still on duty and is carrying out the tedious duty of guarding supplies and enemy prisoners and its elements are stationed from Naples to Bologna. With the gradual deactivation of units of the 442nd Combat Team, the return of remaining elements may be expected in the not too distant future. The presence of the unit in Italy today is in itself an extension of the War Department's original plans which called for the return of the Combat Team to the United States by March, 1946.

It is a significant fact that the record of the 442nd Combat Team, a segregated unit, was a decisive factor in breaking the Army's policy of segregation of military personnel of Japanese ancestry, just as the work of other Nisei soldiers in intelligence units in the Pacific aided in breaking down the Navy's policy of total exclusion of Japanese Americans.

There has been no indication from the War Department as to the future of the 442nd Infantry when the unit returns from overseas service. It is presumed, however, that the unit will be deactivated and that at that time the War Department may indicate its policy toward Japanese American servicemen in the future.

## Federal Responsibility

That good-will does not always produce concrete dividends on the race-relations front is the contention of A. A. Liveright, director of the American Council on Race Relations.

"Stirrings of the American conscience" have been evidenced in a number of ways during the first few months of this year, says Liveright, manifest for example in the enormous response to Brotherhood Week, the non-segregation policy of the Federal Council of Churches and the YMCA's resolution to ban segregation in its facilities.

"On the negative side, however," he continues, "despite these various manifestations of interest and concern, almost nothing has been accomplished nationally in terms of eliminating job discrimination, providing housing, or basically changing government policy on discrimination. Both on the national and state fronts no concrete advances have been made in obtaining FEPC legislation. On the national front, a courageous and far reaching housing program for all has been proposed but is effectively bogged down with

amendments and gaps which threaten to cut the heart out of the program. The veterans' program is bogging seriously, especially with respect to service to the minority veterans.

"As a matter of fact," Liveright says, "the Federal government officially washes its hands of race relations on June 30, the end of the fiscal year. WRA will fold completely by that date with many problems of resettlement still to be met. FEPC will probably fold before that date with no continuing federal machinery contemplated to provide for non-discrimination in reconversion employment. Out of twenty-one federal agencies surveyed last year by the American Council, no more than one or two have any official policy against discrimination guiding their operations with the exception of the President's executive orders on fair employment practices for war-time employment. To all intents and purposes, therefore, the federal government is out of the business of fighting discrimination and the job is more than ever up to states and local communities."

The federal government has failed, says Liveright, in that it did not implement a national policy aimed at underwriting nondiscrimination, "but it has likewise failed to provide the general security and planning type of legislation necessary to provide opportunities for jobs, housing and security for all workers. Failure to extend social security, to provide an adequate full employment bill, to raise the minimum wage and to set up a real housing program cannot help but affect race relations.

"Tensions and frictions will grow in direct relation to the lack of courageous government planning for security."

The only alternative left, says the director of the Council on Race Relations, is that the local communities take on the business of race relations. The task will be harder because the federal and state governments have not acted, he warns, but progress can be made.

The newly-organized California Council for Civic Unity provides an example of activity on the part of private citizens in the absence of Federal or State responsibility in the matter of race relations. Many of the local community groups which have been organized into the California group were formed in order to assist the return of Japanese Americans to their homes. These groups played an important role in preparing public sentiment and in providing assistance to returnees. This experience is now being utilized in the field of race relations affecting majority and minority Californians and already has proved of value in areas where race tensions have been aggravated by reconversion difficulties.

## Segregated Schools

A hard-hitting, common sense ruling on segregation because of race in California school districts was handed down recently by Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick, who ruled that the practice was in violation of the 15th constitutional amendment.

The case was brought by five parents of Mexican American school children in Orange county, representing an estimated 5,000 students who are housed in separate schools. The action was brought by the Los Angeles American Civil Liberties Union with David C. Marcus as attorney.

During the court trial representatives of the school districts involved contended that segregation was necessary because the children are backward in school, due to their unfamiliarity with the English language. Judge McCormick further stated that the methods of segregation fostered antagonisms in the children and suggested inferiority among them where none existed.

The policy, said the judge, was "odious to a free people," and "arbitrary and discriminatory and in violation of their constitutional rights, and illegal and void."

Outside of the strongholds of segregation in the south, California has had one of the ugliest records for racial discrimination in its public schools. Children of Japanese and Chinese ancestry have at varying periods been assigned to separate schools, and even as late as 1942, when the evacuation occurred, certain school districts in central California continued the policy of segregation.

As the proverbial backbone of democracy, the public school system must for once and for all time abolish the last remnants of racial discrimination, first in school enrollment and secondly in the placement of teachers.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Yellow Fever in Politics

California's recurrent waves of antagonism against its residents of Japanese ancestry have coincided with its major political election campaigns. Back in 1906 San Francisco's Mayor Eugene Schmitz, facing indictment for corruption in office, seized upon the "Japanese issue" in an effort to divert attention from the graft charges levied against him and his political boss, Abe Ruef. Since the days of Schmitz and Ruef who, incidentally were officials of the Native Sons of the Golden West, California politics have been subjected to periodic attacks of yellow fever.

In utilizing the Japanese as a political scapegoat, Schmitz' tactics were not original ones. He was merely making a latter-day application of the anti-Chinese slogans, like Dennis Kearney's ringing cry that "the Chinese must go!" which had reverberated from the shorelands to the Sierras in the 1880s and which signaled the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act and other restrictive legislation against persons of Chinese ancestry. The Yellow Peril has been a fixture in California politics for a long, long time.

Many California politicians played anti-Japanese politics so long that it became a sort of reflex action, so that anti-Japanese attacks, later directed against Americans as well as alien immigrants of Japanese ancestry, continued long after the subject had been exhausted as far as public interest was concerned. An example is that of Jack Inman, one of the early Yellow Peril-mongers, who was a state senator more than 30 years ago. In the 1944 elections Inman attempted a comeback with the same sort of race-baiting which had won him votes three decades ago and wound up an also-ran in the primaries. He then turned his attention to the organization of a coalition of anti-Japanese American groups under the leadership of the California Preservation Association in an avowed effort to prevent the return of Japanese American evacuees to their homes. The organizers of the California Preservation Association, which is still in existence in the Placer County area, have found that public opinion no longer regards racist attacks on Nisei and other Oriental Americans as patriotism.

Racist campaigns against California residents of Japanese ancestry have pock-marked the statutes of the state with such discriminatory legislation as the anti-alien land ownership and fishing bills and authorization for the segregation of school children of Japanese, Chinese and Mexican ancestry. The anti-alien land law in particular was the end result of well-organized campaigns of race prejudice in 1913 and 1921. This law is now being used in an effort to confiscate the property of Americans of Japanese ancestry, including land owned by Nisei who have seen overseas service in World War II.

But there will be no Yellow Peril in California's important gubernatorial elections this year, even if U. S. District Attorney Charles Carr of Los Angeles, who has political ambitions succeeds in his effort to bring Iva Toguri, erstwhile "Tokyo Rose" of Radio Tokyo, to Los Angeles for what will be a well-publicized trial. There is no politician more astute in the vagaries of California politics than Attorney General Robert Kenny who is expected to be the Democratic candidate for governor. In a newspaper interview given recently, shortly after he had indicated his availability as a candidate, Mr. Kenny noted that he had been forthright in his defense of Japanese Americans and other citizen minorities in California. Such an admittance by a candidate once would have been regarded as political dynamite, but mainly because of the magnificent records of Japanese American soldiers in the war the Nisei issue is not even a dud. Mr. Kenny's opponent, the incumbent Earl Warren, once subscribed to the Yellow Peril school, as a glance at the transcribed records of the Tolman committee hearings will prove, but has adopted a more statesmanlike approach to the subject of Japanese Americans and other minorities in recent years. Mr. Warren, also an astute campaigner, has indicated by his

recent attitude on race relations in the State that he is aware that race-baiting no longer pays off votes.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the anti-evacuation campaigns in California in 1942 and 1944 were artificially contrived. The objective was the maintenance of the policy of exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast for the duration at least. The campaign failed because of the records of Nisei in combat, the rapid improvement of our war situation in the Pacific and because there were lots of people in California who believed in democracy. The racists conducted their campaigns through "canned" editorials in newspapers and "canned" resolutions sent to local veterans groups like the Legion and the VFW for concurrence. The Legion and the VFW suffered nationally in prestige because of this anti-Nisei attitude and the changed outlooks of both organizations toward the Nisei is a tribute to the influence of the GI World War II.

The promoters of the wartime campaign of 'prejudice against Japanese Americans on the West Coast included the old-line racists of the Native Sons type who in the situation an opportunity to practice their specialty and their commercial interests and individuals who had profited from the evacuation and the exclusion of Japanese Americans from the economic life of the West Coast. Prior to the evacuation persons of Japanese ancestry had occupied an important role in certain types of agricultural activity and in the distribution of farm produce. Much of the support for the evacuation campaign came from these sources. The American League of California, one of the more active of these anti-evacuation groups, was made up of men active in the produce and floral industries. The Remembrance Pearl Harbor League appealed to farmers who had taken over the lands of the evacuees. The majority of the Oregon Property Owners Protective League was self-explanatory. Other groups like the Japanese Exclusion League sought to convert wartime hatred to profit. With the removal of the Army ban against the return of the evacuees the campaign collapsed. None of these war-time organizations are active today. Men like John Lechner and Elmer Haan, two self-proclaimed anti-Nisei experts, have turned to other fields. Lechner has shifted to the Yellow Peril to the Red Peril, seemingly only a matter of gradation. Haan is now speaking on Asiatic political problems.

California's state civil service which treated its Nisei employees shabbily, is belatedly taking action to dismiss charges of disloyalty which had been made against Japanese American employees. Most of the wartime restrictions against the Nisei in California have now been lifted. The repository of race prejudice in the State government is the Board of Equalization whose policies, in refusing certain business licenses to Japanese American applicants, reflects the personal bias of one of its members, William Bonelli, who has run unsuccessfully on several occasions for higher office on racist platforms which have been directed against Japanese Americans. Mr. Bonelli is not running this year.

Race-baiting no longer is in vogue in California politics.

## Relocation: St Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Eighteen St. Louisans recently donated a drop of blood to the Barnes hospital according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. . . . Henry Masharu Ema of St. Louis, Kay Takeoka of Portland, Wash., and Ryo Munetaka of Tacoma, Wash., were awarded the degree of doctor of dental surgery by St. Louis university at recent graduation rites. Munetaka was one of 11 graduating seniors elected to membership in the Eta Eta chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, national honorary dental fraternity. The engagement of Miss Maki Kijiwara to Mr. Edward Koyama was announced here recently at a buffet supper.



## Vagaries

### Nisei Hero . . .

Sadao Munemori of Los Angeles, killed in action in Italy and posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, is one of 177 infantrymen who have been awarded the nation's highest military honor. When he was attending Frank Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles, shortly before his induction into the Army, he was known as "Spud." . . . A number of Japanese Americans and Issei were employed during the war by the British Military Mission in India . . . The Japanese American Committee for Democracy in New York is publishing Wataru Kaji's documentary record of the first group of Japanese anti-fascists to fight on the side of free China in the war. It will be titled "We are Seven." Kaji was an outstanding Japanese writer who escaped the militarists and was instrumental in mounting a propaganda offensive against the Tokyo fascists.

### Lexicon . . .

The incorporation of the word "Nisei" into the American language is now complete. The New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle on March 31 asked for a five-letter word meaning "American of Japanese ancestry." . . . Sono Osato teamed with Val Palentinoff in a dance number at Carnegie Hall in New York City. . . . Yuri Amemiya appeared before a home town audience for the first time this week when the Martha Graham Company played in San Jose, Calif. . . . Master Sgt. Tom Okamoto's comic GI character, "T/5 Snafu," is now a regular feature of the weekly Fort Snelling Bulletin. A drawing by Sgt. Okamoto, which won first award in its class in the Seventh Service Command art competition last year and was shown at the National Gallery in Washington, was reprinted in a collection of GI art.

### New Field . . .

After five years of work on behalf of Japanese Americans, Floyd Schmoie of the Seattle office of the American Friends Service Committee this week left Friends Service work and is hoping to go to Japan to do direct food and clothing relief work. . . . Ben Kuroki left Salt Lake City this week for eastern speaking engagements. One of his coming talks will be given before the Jewish War Veterans of Detroit. . . . While the Canadian government considers measures for the forced deportation of 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, Nisei Canadian veterans are returning from war service with Canadian and British Commonwealth forces in India, Malaya and Australia.

### Beyond Prejudice . . .

The story of the services rendered to Japanese American evacuees by religious organizations during and after the evacuation will be told in a new book, "Beyond Prejudice," which Toru Matsumoto has written and which will be published by Friendship Press. Ray Komai, Los Angeles artist, has designed the jacket for the book. . . . San Francisco may begin its slum clearance program with the rebuilding of the Fillmore Street area formerly known as "Japanese Town." . . . Several Japanese American film actors who have returned to Hollywood are having a hard time keeping busy before the cameras because of the movie industry's new policy of not producing films with Japanese villains. For the same reason many Chinese Americans who were busy during the war in roles portraying Japanese militarists are also getting fewer calls from the studios and from Central Casting.

### Tribune . . .

The Chicago Tribune, Midwest citadel of isolationists, recently came out for statehood for Hawaii, citing the combat records of Hawaii's Japanese Americans. . . . It's reported Dillon S. Myer, credited in Washington with having done a bang-up job for WRA, has been approached to take an important post in which he can apply the experience he gained in dealing with human problems as WRA chief. . . . Nisei girls, employed by the Army of Occupation in Japan, recently were on hand to

## Washington News-Letter Full Story of 442nd Infantry Has Not Yet Been Written

By JOHN KITASAKO

The story of the fighting 442nd is a story that is crying for a complete narration. Communiques from field press headquarters related incredible military gains, dispatches of war correspondents described the reckless bravery and cunning of the boys with the slanting eyes, and War department reports tabulated medals and citations won by this combat unit.

But they were only fragmentary. The complete story has to be written by one of the boys from the ranks. Already we know of two fellows who are contemplating writing books of the 442nd, and there must be others. It looks like a race to the publishers.

The story of the 442nd is primarily a story of courage, which we think can be divided into three parts. First there was the courage in actual fighting, where the little brown fellows in khaki instilled deathly fear into the hearts of the Jerries by their daredevil tactics and became the most talked about unit on the western European battlefield.

Many accounts were written about the guts of the 442nd. During the war, there were some people who felt that perhaps some of the stories were overplayed, and that because of its unique make-up, the 442nd was singled out more than the others. We asked Mike Masaoka about this. Not even a small fraction of the heroic achievements was ever told, he scoffed.

We asked him how he accounted for this astounding fighting spirit. He thinks it's partly due to the fine example set by the older Nisei in the outfit, fellows who had a wife and two or three kids back home. When the younger fellows saw these fathers push on and lead charges against dangerous enemy bastions, they just couldn't tag along. They had to get in there and pitch too.

Then too the 442nd established a reputation early, and the fellows wanted to live up to it. No one wanted to be called yellow.

The 442nd's yen for battle however was costly. The table of organization strength of the original 442nd was 3,000. Actual casualties for this unit and its replacements totaled over 9,000—a 300 per cent casualty, the highest in the army.

Second, all the courage was not displayed in combat, but also in hospitals and rest areas behind the lines. One of the first questions which Nisei GI's who regained consciousness asked was if they had done their job well. When assured they had, then they started worrying about how seriously they had been injured.

Mike said he saw many Nisei who were shot up so badly they knew they had no chance to live. They merely asked for a cigarette, refused medical assistance, and insisted it be given to those who had a chance to pull through.

In field stations right behind the front lines, medics oftentimes had to work in the dark. They called out for fellows who needed immediate attention. Many who were mortally injured lay in the darkness without saying a word. In the light of the morning, they were found dead.

Thirdly, there was that courage which the boys showed even before they went overseas. "The most wonderful story about the 442," said Mike, "is that it was made up of a great number of fellows who had been kicked around on the west coast, called all kinds of dirty names, thrown behind barbed wire fences, but who volunteered because they had vision, guts, and faith in American democracy. There is no better example of true American courage than that."

Yes, we'd like to see one of the 442nd boys come out with a book, and mighty quick, too, while the war is still fresh in everyone's mind.

POSTSCRIPTS: Guy Webb, chief of Public Relations of the Veterans Administration, is going to conduct a question-and-answer column in the Pacific Citizen on problems of Nisei veterans. . . . Sgt. Charles Kikuchi, hero of the chapter "Young Americans

"frisk" the wives of Japanese diplomats and newspapermen who were repatriated from neutral countries in Europe. It was reported that some \$5,000,000 in U. S. currency and jewels, which the diplomats and their wives sought to smuggle into the country in violation to Army regulations, were recovered by the searchers.

with Japanese Faces" in Louis Adamie's book, "From Many Lands," is stationed at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, where he is interrogating returning vets and making case studies.

Roy Nakagawa, former instructor of Japanese at Harvard, is now at the Pentagon, prior to leaving for an assignment in Tokyo with GHQ's language section. . . . Emi Kamachi, of the Department of Education, and Mariko Okazaki,

### Sister of a GI Hero:

## MOM GOT THE MEDAL

By SUE KUNITOMI

Half a dozen eager young people stood on the highway watching the bus rumble to a stop beside them. After their suitcases were placed in the baggage compartment they boarded the bus. From their seats they waved to the group they were leaving behind.

Just before the bus began moving, a young girl stuck her head out of the window.

"Goodbye, goodbye," she called out and then she sang: "On, Wisconsin, On, Wisconsin . . ."

It was almost sundown one day in March, 1943, and the scene was the gate leading out from the Manzanar relocation center, California. I remember it well for I was one of many who stood behind the barb-wire fence, a few feet away from the M. P. sentry house. I felt a stab of envy for the girl who was leaving for unknown points, unafraid and confident. She re-kindled in the hearts of those staying behind a spark of faith in their future. I recalled it the other day when she wrote one of her letters from Madison, Wisconsin.

They gave her Mom a medal, she wrote, for "Spud" who died on a battlefield in Italy last April. They gave it for heroism "above and beyond the call of duty."

Yaeko Munemori, a registered nurse at the Madison General hospital walked down the corridor to her room in McConnell hall. She heard her name paged for a telephone call and picked up the receiver. The laconic voice of the telegraph operator read the message from her older brother. "Keep a stiff upper lip," he had wired. After the first flood of tears, there was no room for self-pity; not that she ever indulged in it.

No one loves nursing the way Mune does. She paid every cent for her expenses through the years of training. This love for her profession, her hard work and her father's dying words—to keep on with her studies—spurred her on till she became a full-fledged Florence Nightingale.

The first October Sunday I spent with Mune was unforgettable. Briskly we climbed State street and as we stepped carefully along the rocky path by shimmering Lake Mendota, she related the story of the retreat of the Blackhawk Indians across this same autumn-splattered forest set in the midst of the beautiful campus. She loves Madison with the same incurable enthusiasm she has for America. She rode busses, tramped the streets of the capital city to absorb its beauties.

Mune spoke often of her younger brother. Always there was sisterly pride and longing to see Spud in uniform. He volunteered in November, 1941, because he wanted to remove the hyphen from the word "Japanese-American." He believed in America with a faith that never faltered—a belief growing deeper through the years. Democracy failed him more than once, he never failed democracy. Spud was a quiet chap, least of all he didn't look like a hero. One time the Army transferred him to the Military Language School in Minnesota. There he staged a one-man strike until they

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### The Nisei Are a Well-Traveled Group

Once upon a time we considered Des Moines as a backwater town, far from the hurly-burly of America's mainstream. We were in the midst of endless cornfields, a good day's journey from Chicago, the Twin Cities or Kansas City, a long sleeper hop from Denver or St. Louis.

We were reconciled to isolation, more or less, from the vagaries of Nisei life, the east-west flow of Nisei traffic, the thousand and one ties of Nisei kinship.

We have discovered suddenly that our isolation is no more. We have, by some strange circumstance, become a house by the side of the road where travelers stop.

Often the visitor is someone heading back to what appears to

formerly with the WRA office in Philadelphia, left last week for Japan via Seattle to work for GHQ. . . . Douglas Todd, former assistant project director at Heart Mountain and later director of Gila, is now with the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington.

be the greener pastures of the Pacific coast. A few weeks ago it was LeRoy Takaichi who, with his brother Sam, was going west to complete the San Jose-Santa Anita-Heart Mountain-Cody-Minneapolis-San Jose cycle.

Sometimes it's an old friend passing through on a business or inspection trip, like Jim Sugioka or Masao Satow.

Last week it was a soldier, Frank Muramatsu, on furlough en route to a California staging area from where he expected to be shipped overseas for a tour of duty with the occupation forces.

This week it was another soldier, Bob Yosh Kogama, proudly wearing his "Ruptured Duck," hurrying leisurely to Los Angeles to rejoin his wife and son.

They are travelers all, and most of them drop in with no more warning than a telephone call 15 minutes before they show up.

But they always are welcome, for we are glad to see old friends and happy to be able to provide them with shelter, a meal or a hot bath.

Sometimes they call from the airport like Jack Maki and Peter Aoki. We're stopping here for 15 minutes, they say, so we thought we'd give you a ring to say hello. They're just as welcome as those who decide to spend four or five days with us.

We pull out the extra sheets and convert the studio couch into a bed; we set another place or two at the table. The hospitality is simple but sincere; we're glad to have them.

The talk waxes on deep into the night. We're catching up with the latest news and gossip. Bob's bought a house; May's expecting her second; Yukio, who used to stack oranges in a supermarket, has a responsible job with a leading firm of architects; Ed's got his mother and dad with him and is planning on going into business soon; Ted's out of service and looking for a job. And so it goes.

Our home is like an inn, and part of our return—like that of an inn-keeper of old—is in the news that the wayfarers leave before they speed on.

Mostly, the news is good. It has to do with instances of assimilation, heartening economic and social readjustment, of the fruits that are being enjoyed as the result of courage, perseverance, ingenuity, and opportunity to employ skills and training.

It wasn't so long ago that we were doing the traveling, the dropping-in for a meal and a bed, saying the gay farewells as we went on our way.

The memories of those days are recent enough to be undimmed, and we remember well how good it is to find friends in a strange town, to enjoy a home cooked meal after days of hurried eating at roadside stands, to relax in a tub and sleep between sheets.

We've imposed on many a hospitable housewife, and perhaps it is only right that it is our turn to be doing the honors.

It was Kimbo Yoshitomi who saw us off one damp night in San Francisco and made the remark: "It seems we're always seeing you off for somewhere."

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Sometimes we envy our friends who can, or are forced, to travel. But for the time being our traveling must be vicarious. And we shall continue to welcome one and all to these doors. We shall regale in their stories and thrill over their news.

And, when the time comes, we shall wish them well and send them on their various ways.

### Denver President Acknowledges Work Of National Officers

DENVER—Dr. Takashi Mayeda, president of the Denver chapter of the JACL and secretary to the national board, this week made official acknowledgement of the work of conventional delegates and national officers at the ninth biennial JACL conference in Denver, Feb. 28 to March 3.

The Denver president commended National Secretary Mike Masaoka and expressed also his appreciation of the work of past officers of the JACL "who carried us through the crucial war years."

Dr. Mayeda also paid tribute to the "heroic and gallant" war services of Nisei in the armed forces who "assured us our bright future in America."



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**Capital Weddings**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Lois Noble and Nobu Katsu were married on March 30 at the New York Presbyterian church in downtown Washington. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Burroughs.

The maid of honor was Nancy Hegwood of Ohio, and Bob Iseri was best man. The bride is a former War department employee, while the groom, formerly of Berkeley, Calif., is employed by the Community Chest. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Iki.

Shiori Yasumoto, formerly of Watsonville, Calif. now with the Office of Alien Property Custodian, became the bride recently of Joe Tamura, OPA economist, whose home town is Honolulu.

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OGDEN, Utah — The engagement of Miss Michiyo Mukai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Mukai of Ogden, Utah, to Lieutenant Salem Yagawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yagawa of Tacoma, Wash., was announced this week by the bride-to-be's parents.

The bride-elect was stationed with the Army Air Forces at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, for 22 months and was but recently discharged from the Women's Army Corps. Lieutenant Yagawa is stationed in Tokyo.

**Chicago Students Hold Spring Dance**

CHICAGO—The Chicago Northside Youth Organization, newly-formed teen-age group under sponsorship of the Reverend Samuel Takagishi, minister of the Armitage Methodist church, held a "Spring Nocturne Dance" on April 5 at the Erie Community House.

Co-chairmen were Joy Kashima and Ted Ikeda.

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## Double Ring Ceremony

PHILADELPHIA — Miss Marii Kyogoku, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. I. Kyogoku of Fresno, California, became the bride of Ichiro Hasegawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hasegawa of Essington, Pennsylvania, in a lovely double ring wedding ceremony on March 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wagman of Drexel Hills. The bride is a graduate of the Univer-

## Wedding

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Miss Hiroko Yoshihara of San Jose became Mrs. Sam Mune at wedding rites held March 9 in Santa Clara. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Owen Still. Mr. Mune is from Centerville, Calif.

sity of California and is the secretary to the research head of the national CIO. The groom graduated from Kenyon college in Ohio and is a physical chemist for the Atlantic Refining company.

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## Chicago Nisei Girls Group Ends Activities with Dance

CHICAGO — The Chicago Girls Service Club, organized in October, 1944, marked the end of its services to Nisei servicemen and to the women in this city with a farewell dance on March 30 at the YWCA Loop Center.

In officially ending the organization, it was noted that the service program of the club had been fulfilled and that there no longer existed a necessity for the program it has filled since its inception.

The primary purpose of the group was to provide services to the many Japanese Americans in the armed forces who came into Chicago.

Its secondary purpose was to provide recreation and social activity for the Nisei women in the city. The ultimate ideal was the assimilation of these Nisei into the various clubs and departments of the YWCA.

As part of its service program the club members paid regular visits to wounded Nisei at Gardiner and Vaughan hospitals and at Christmas time prepared Japanese food for these men. Outdoor parties, dances and banquets were held regularly for servicemen coming into town, and the money to

carry on these activities was raised through a series of benefit dances.

Most of the members of the Chicago Girls Service Clubs will be absorbed into the Business and Professional department of the YWCA, it was noted by Yuri Tanada, retiring president.

Other members of this group have included Alice Inouye, June Moriwaki and Louise Suski.

### Civil Rights Defense Units Organized

LOS ANGELES — The groundwork for local Legal Rights Defense Unions in Riverside and Gardena was laid recently with the help of I. Akahoshi, secretary of Los Angeles LRDU and Scotty Tsuchiya, representing the JACL, K. Mukaeda and T. G. Ishikawa.

The preliminary committee of the following were named in Riverside: K. Muramoto, Chuhanchi Nakaguchi, Ryoza Hirata, Hideo Nishimoto, Dr. Inaba, Tsutomi Sanematsu, Tororoku Yoshida, Kazuo Morisono, Chikaharu Yamakawa, Sumi Harada, Toranosuke Fujimoto, Haruko Sato, and Chibayasu Inaba.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. Sukeichi Ikuma, a boy on March 15, in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Okamoto, a girl on March 14, in Visalia, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Taube, a girl on March 18, in Fresno, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rikizo Nakamura, a girl on March 23, in Sacramento, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Shiro, a son on March 23, in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinoshita, Los Angeles, a son, Jeffrey Miles, on March 31.

To T/5 and Mrs. Aki Oki, a boy, Steven Kiyomitsu, in Nampa, Ore.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Isamu Kawashima, a girl, on Feb. 24.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Shig Komatsu, a boy, on Feb. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. Iwasaki, a girl, Marcia Kisaye, on March 15, in New York City.

### DEATHS

Hachigoro Ikeda on March 28, in Santa Ana, Calif.

Goichi Hase, 65, on March 29, in Grangeville, Calif.

Unejiro Miura, 88, on March 30, in Portland, Ore.

Midori Tamada on March 25, in Ontario, Ore.

Mrs. K. Nishimoto on March 24, in San Jose, Calif.

Chikae Sato on March 24, in Los Angeles.

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tsuboi, Salt Lake City, on March 22.

Mrs. Muki Kawasaki, 63, on March 29, in Kingsburg, Calif.

Kamekichi Okazaki on March 29, in Sacramento, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Misao Iwahashi to Sadao Nagao of San Francisco, on March 31 in Sacramento.

Mary Tokiko Goto to George Yoshio Shimamoto on March 31 in Los Angeles.

Mary Ann Sogo to George Muto on March 16 in San Diego.

Mitsuko Urugami to Hideo Uyeji on March 31 in San Diego.

Yoneko Ikeda to Kanichi Watanabe on March 24 in Stockton, Calif.

Mitsuko Ogura to Shigeo Akahoshi on March 7 in San Jose, Calif.

Hajime Kishimoto to Masao Hamamura on March 24 in San Jose, Calif.

Jack Uchida to Takako Dell Nakagawa in Minneapolis.

Kimimoto Uchida to Mary Kinoshita in Minneapolis.

Robert Nishigaki to Alpha Watanabe in Minneapolis.

Ted Miyamoto to Yoshiko Ogata in Minneapolis.

Tad Hamane to Kiyoko Imoto in Minneapolis.

Yasu Momii to Hideo Higa on March 10, in Denver, Colo.

Kinue Aoki to Tamotsu Tokunaga on March 10, in Orto ( ) Colo.

Yoneko Uchida to Kantaro Inai on March 11, in Denver, Colo.

Tomiko Shikura to Yoshio Tsunoda on March 12, in East L. A., Calif.

Yoneko Ikeda to Kanichi Ikeda on March 14, in Stockton, Calif.

Fukiko Takei to Bill Tatsuo Yamamoto on March 16, in Chicago, Ill.

Ann Hisako Kagohara to Henry Kiyoshi Nakata on March 17, in Brighton, Colo.

Chizue Ogami to Fumio Suehiro on March 24, in Salt Lake City.

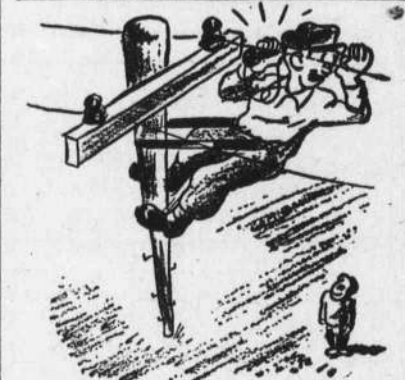
Betty Hideko Yamashita to Tad Tadao Fujii on March 24, in Los Angeles.

Mabel Ishiguro to James Urano on Feb. 27, at Fort Lupton, Colo.

Tadaye Hamada to Rikio Shiohama on March 23, in Los Angeles.

Emiko Shinagawa to Nobuo D. Kishue on Feb. 20, at Hanford, Calif.

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## Housing, Jobs Main Problems Facing Evacuees in New York

### Committee Assumes Responsibilities of Relocation Agency

NEW YORK—Seeking complete integration of the city's 6,000 residents of Japanese ancestry into the life of the community, the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, Inc., 11 W. 42nd St., has taken over the functions of the recently closed area office of the War Relocation Authority, it was announced this week.

The action of the committee was announced by Robert M. Benjamin, Wall St. lawyer, who with Attorney George Yamaoka, serves as co-chairman of the group incorporated "to promote full understanding between residents of Japanese ancestry and the Greater New York community as a whole."

"While we will give special attention to the housing, employment and personal problems of the 3,200 Japanese Americans who

have migrated here from relocation centers following their evacuation from the West Coast," Mr. Benjamin stated, "our real functions will be much broader."

"We intend to obtain the full integration of Japanese Americans into community life," he said.

The 140 members and officials of the committee include Edward F. Corsi, Stanley Isaacs, Dr. Harry Gideonse, Charles Abrams, Sono Osato, Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Philip W. Barber, Isamu Noguchi, Read Lewis, Loula D. Lasker, Dr. Dan D. Dodson and many other persons equally prominent in both city and Japanese American activity.

According to Peter S. Aoki who recently resigned as director of the regional office of the National JACL to take the position of executive director of the committee, the great problem faced by the Japanese Americans who have resettled in New York is that of housing. Jobs present the next obstacle.

## House Votes to Admit Japanese Wife of American Newsmen

WASHINGTON — The House voted unanimously on April 2 to lift immigration bars to permit entry into the United States of the Japanese wife of an American newspaperman.

Legislation approved and sent to the Senate will give Mrs. Masuyo (Marjorie) Sudo Cromley, 31, research worker at Tokyo Imperial university and wife of Raymond A. Cromley, a Californian now in the Army on leave as a correspondent, the status of an immigrant who entered the United States for permanent residence and citizenship.

Because of the Asiatic Exclusion Act of 1924 Mrs. Cromley was barred from legal entry as an immigrant because of her Japanese ancestry.

Included in the legislation which will permit Mrs. Cromley to stay in this country were similar exceptions for two Italian orphan boys who stowed away on United States troopships and for an American-born wife of an Italian diplomat. The latter lost her citizenship when she married the diplomat in 1935.

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## Salt Lake JACL Plans Bowling Tournament

Bowlers from Denver, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and other cities of the intermountain west will be in Salt Lake City April 13 and 14 to compete in the annual Nisei Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL at the Temple alleys.

Ten teams have indicated they will be represented in the men's team matches. Orem, Utah, and two Salt Lake teams, Okada Insurance and Wally's Flowers, are the first three teams to sign up with Kaoru Honda, tournament chairman. The Okada Insurance team formerly bowled under the auspices of Westerfield dairy in the Federal League competition in Salt Lake and later as the Salt Lake JACL team.

Chairman Honda announced that the opening hour of the tournament has been advanced to 4:30 p. m., Saturday, April 13, when the women's singles will be rolled. Mixed doubles will follow at 6:30 p. m.

Men's team matches will go on Sunday at 12 noon, with men's singles to follow at 2:30. Men's doubles and women's doubles will be rolled at 5 p. m.

Jiro Sakano of Main Jewelry in Salt Lake has offered a trophy for the winner of the men's singles. The men's doubles trophy has been donated by Henry Y. Kasai of Salt Lake City.

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