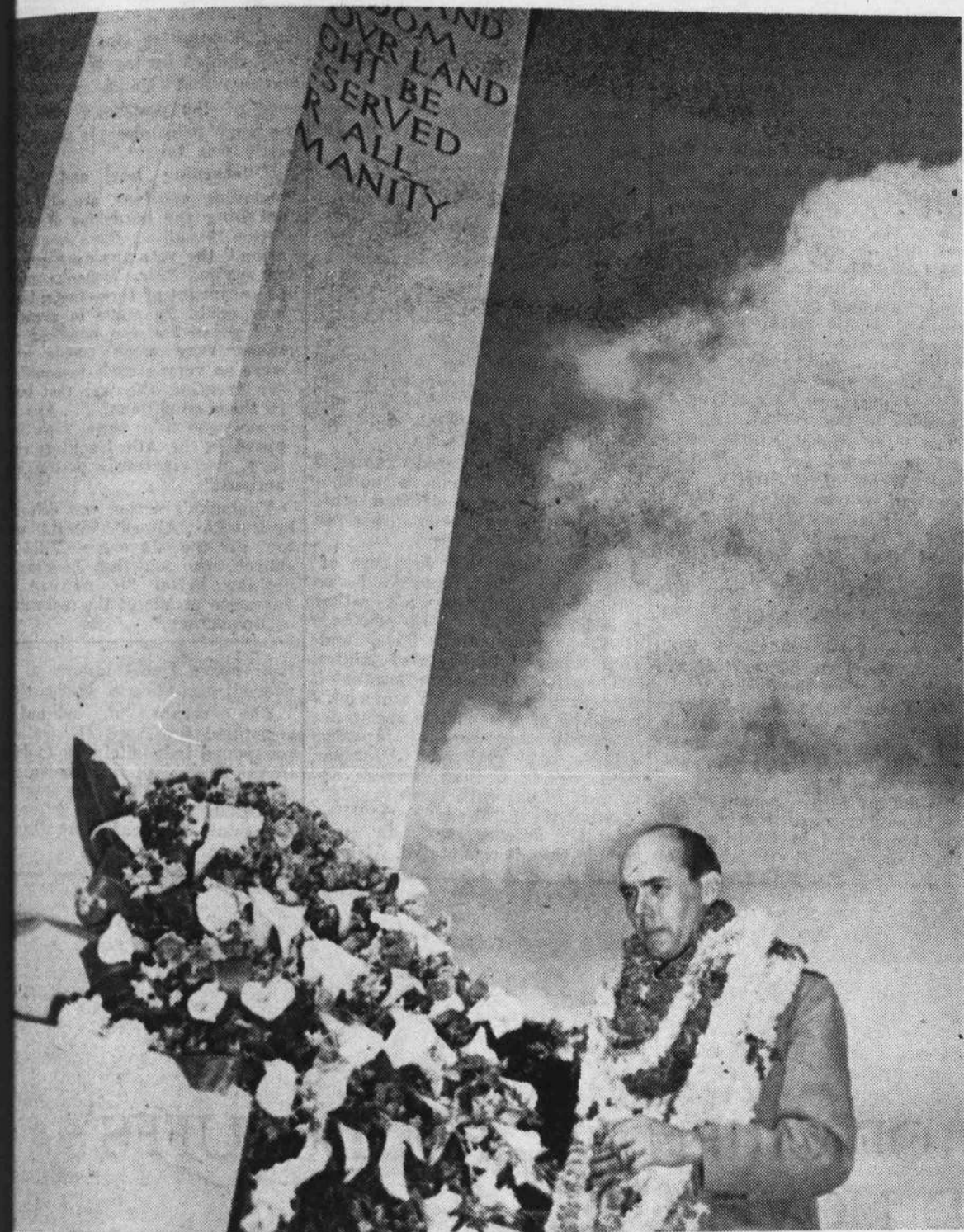




Ban Travel Restrictions on Hawaii Nisei

Earl Finch Pays Respects to War Dead



American war veterans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii last month played host to Earl Finch, businessman-rancher of Hattiesburg, Miss., during the latter's 25-day visit to the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Finch, who spent most of the war entertaining Japanese American troops, is shown in this photo in a solemn moment shortly after his arrival when he paused to pay his respects to the approximately 500 Japanese Americans from Hawaii who are among the territory's hon-

ored war dead and whose names are enshrined in the war memorial in front of the Territorial building in Honolulu. Among the Japanese American dead were many men whom Finch had entertained while they were training in Camp Shelby in Mississippi. Mr. Finch returned to the United States recently with a check for \$10,000 which was contributed by the people of Hawaii toward entertainment and other services for Hawaiian GIs who are still in U. S. Army hospitals on the mainland.

Report Two Hawaii-Born Youths 'Rescued' from U. S. POW Camp

HONOLULU—One of the strangest stories of the war, the "rescue" of two American citizens of Japanese ancestry from an American prisoner of war camp was told here on March 19 by Betty MacDonald in an exclusive story in the Star-Bulletin.

Two Hawaiian-born citizens, who were forced into service as laborers by the Japanese army, have been returned to their homes in Hawaii through the auspices of a unique service established in Honolulu and known as the Prisoner of War Information and Visitors Bureau, Miss MacDonald reported.

The prisoners are Hideo Kinjo, brother of Thomas Y. Kaneshiro of Honolulu, and Shogen Itomura, son of Seii Itomura, also of Honolulu.

Both boys were born in Honolulu in 1929 and were sent to relatives in Okinawa at an early age and were educated there.

They were inducted into the Japanese army as laborers and were captured on Okinawa where they were surrendered to American troops at the earliest opportunity, Miss MacDonald said.

Because of their desire to return to Hawaii, their extreme youth when captured, and their good records, they were released

in March from an American prisoner of war camp on Oahu in Hawaii and have rejoined their families.

Buddhist Service Honors Nisei Soldier Killed in Italy

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — In the first Buddhist service ever held in Milwaukee, a memorial service for Haruo Ishida, formerly of Seattle who was killed in action in Italy on April 6, was performed this week by the Rev. G. Kono.

The Nisei soldier was a member of the 442nd Combat Team.

Seattle Student Will Enter State Contest

SEATTLE, Wash. — After winning a preliminary debate between Franklin, Cleveland and West Seattle high schools, Lucius Horiuchi of Franklin will represent the South Seattle high schools in the State Debate contest sponsored by the Knights of Pythias on April 27.

The winner of the State contest will compete in a regional debate and if successful will qualify for the national contest.

Horiuchi was awarded a \$25 bond for winning the primary debate.

Plan Organization Of Nisei Veterans

LOS ANGELES—Wataru Nakashima, temporary chairman for the organization of a new Nisei veterans group, has called a mass meeting for Japanese American returned soldiers at the Los Angeles Buddhist church on April 14.

Nakashima said that his group would not be "an isolated body" but would work with all other organizations whose interest lies in minority groups.

Shipping Companies Advised Certificates of Citizenship Not Required for Passage

NEW YORK—Striking at discriminatory practices which have resulted in travel restrictions between Hawaii and the mainland United States for American citizens of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is advising its West Coast and Hawaiian officials that "certificates of citizenship" are not required of American citizens leaving Hawaii for West Coast ports.

The American Civil Liberties union together with the National JACL, brought the matter of travel restrictions against Oriental American citizens to the attention of Department of Justice officials and was told that action was being taken by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to clarify its policies toward Japanese Americans and other citizens of Oriental ancestry.

Up to the present time no Japanese American or other Oriental American has been able to purchase a ticket for passage between Hawaii and the United States mainland without first obtaining a "certificate of citizenship." Citizens other than Oriental Americans were not subjected to this practice.

The Honolulu Board of Supervisors, which recently denounced discriminatory practices on the part of the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding travel by Oriental Americans as "unfair, unlawful and degrading," declared that the Oriental Americans "are subjected to long delays and bureaucratic abuses in their efforts to travel between Hawaii and the United States."

It was stated that Japanese Americans were often forced to wait for months to obtain a "certificate of citizenship."

According to a communication from Deputy Commissioner T. B. Shoemaker to Clifford Forster of the ACLU, the district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco has been advised to inform transportation companies in Hawaii, in writing, that "there is no requirement in the law of regulations, or on the part of this service that any citizen obtain a Certificate of Citizenship in order to proceed to the mainland or elsewhere."

Mr. Shoemaker said that the Immigration Service official in San Francisco has also been asked to advise transportation companies that "the procedure for issuance of such certificates is solely for the convenience of the citizens themselves and that any such citizen, when about to travel to the mainland or elsewhere, may obtain such a certificate if he elects to do so, but, on the other hand, is free to depart without such a certificate."

The case is the only one of more than 50 filed by the case in which there has been no contest.

At the time the suit was filed the Tanidas were in the Poston relocation center to which they had been evacuated from their home in Vista. They applied for repatriation and were sent to Japan in November, 1945.

U. S. Refuses to Permit Entry Of Wives of Two Nisei GIs

WINNIPEG, Man. — While ex-Sergeant Robert Kitajima, a Japanese American from California, is stranded in Canada due to the refusal of U. S. Immigration officials to admit his Canadian-born wife of Japanese ancestry, another American Nisei GI has married a Japanese Canadian girl, the New Canadian reported last week.

The GI is Lieut. Makoto Kimura who married Miss Lucky Inamoto in Montreal on Feb. 21.

Lieut. Kimura, finding himself in the same predicament as Robert Kitajima, has written the latter to inquire what has resulted from Kitajima's numerous appeals to U. S. authorities.

So far Kitajima's efforts have been fruitless, the New Canadian

reported. An appeal which was telegraphed President Truman has resulted in a reply from a Justice department official who explained that United States immigration laws bar the entry of any alien "ineligible to citizenship." Although the wives of the two Nisei GIs were born in Canada and are Canadian citizens, they are ineligible for citizenship under the present American law because of their Japanese ancestry.

Unlike Kitajima who received his discharge after returning from his work on the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey in Japan, Lieut. Kimura, now on furlough, must leave for another 16-month stretch of service with U. S. occupational forces in Japan.

Evacuation Remains Smudge On National Honor, Says Post; Urges Payments for Losses

WASHINGTON—The wartime treatment of Japanese Americans, particularly the evacuation and exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, "remains a smudge upon our national honor and a threat to elementary principles of freedom," the Washington Post declared on March 28 in an editorial which saluted the War Relocation Authority for a "job well done" in handling "the most distasteful of war jobs, the detention upon mere suspicion and without trial of approximately 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry."

The Post declared that the WRA's job "was made necessary through the decision of Gen. John L. DeWitt to exclude all Japanese Americans" from the West Coast area.

Noting that Gen. DeWitt's order has been validated by the Supreme Court on grounds of military necessity, the Post added that "we hold still to the opinion we have expressed on a number of occasions that the exclusion was altogether unnecessary, that it was prompted more by blind racial prejudice than by military considerations."

The Supreme Court's validation of it amounted, as Mr. Justice Murphy charged in a dissenting opinion, to a "legalization of racism," the Post said.

The Post declared that the Federal government owed the evacuees generous help in getting re-established and "restitution for their property losses."

"Once the exclusion error was committed, guardianship of the uprooted Japanese Americans became a Federal responsibility," the Post noted. "They had to be kept in detention centers until they could be relocated in parts of the country other than the West Coast. The burden of discharging this unhappy obligation was given to an emergency agency, the War Relocation Authority, headed at first by Milton Eisenhower, later and through most of its existence by Dillon S. Myer. It performed its task with humanity, with efficiency and with a conscientious sense of trusteeship toward the evacuees which

made amends for the terrible hardship inflicted upon them.

"All the men associated in this undertaking, and in particular Mr. Myer, who fought valiantly and pertinaciously against prejudice for the rights of these unfortunates in his charge, can take pride in a difficult job exceedingly well done."

"When at last the Army rescinded its exclusion order about 57,500 evacuees moved back to their former homes in the West Coast states. But about 51,500 settled eastward in new homes. Perhaps the dispersal will have some benefits in better integration of the Japanese Americans into American society. The loyalty of those left here has been meticulously scrutinized. Out of the whole number in the relocation centers, some 3000, including quite innocent family members were transferred to internment camps administered by the Department of Justice; and about 4700 persons were voluntarily repatriated to Japan—many of them, no doubt, because the treatment they received here convinced them they had no hope of leading free lives in America."

Chapter Invites Nisei to Dance

LOS ANGELES — Nisei veterans in the Los Angeles area are being invited by the Wilshire chapter of the American Veterans Committee to attend the First Spring Dance scheduled by the veterans group on April 20 at Hollywood Masonic Hall.

Nisei Attorney Picked to Aid Trials of War Crimes Suspects

George Yamaoka Leaves By Plane for Army Assignment in Japan

NEW YORK—George Yamaoka, New York Nisei attorney and member of a Wall Street firm, has been commissioned by the War Department to serve as a defense and liaison counsel with the international military tribunal which is to try the major suspected Japanese war criminals in Tokyo beginning on April 15, it was reported this week.

Mr. Yamaoka left New York on April 10 by plane for the West Coast and is expected to be in Tokyo in time for the opening of the proceedings.

The Nisei attorney declared that "it was with some hesitation" that he finally accepted the offer of the War Department to participate in the war criminal trials.

"I did so primarily believing that I could be of some service to the United States government," Yamaoka added. "I am firmly convinced that this government must accord, even to our enemies, no matter how reprehensible, a fair trial based upon legal standards which democracies have set up as examples to the world."

The international military tribunal is headed by Sir William Flood Webb of Australia. The American representative is Justice John P. Higgins of the Superior Court of Massachusetts. It is presumed that Mr. Yamaoka will serve under Justice Higgins, although his duties will require him to serve as defense counsel for the accused.

Former Premier Hideki Tojo and his Pearl Harbor cabinet are listed as first on the docket.

Mr. Yamaoka was born 43 years ago in Seattle where his father, Ototaka Yamaoka, a former member of the Japanese parliament, had practiced law.

"When my father, a man of liberal ideas discovered that his ideas were too liberal to be in accord with the political doctrines of

those in power in Japan, he moved to the United States in the early 1890s, married and lived here with his family until his death in 1924," said Yamaoka.

The Nisei lawyer is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Law School of Georgetown University. He attended the London Naval Conference in 1929 as a legal attache with the American delegation. After admission to the New York State Bar in 1931, he became associated with the firm of Hunt, Hill & Betts and since 1940 has been a partner.

He is married, has a child and lives with his family in Great Neck, L. I. A brother, Caro Yamaoka, is a member of the U. S. Army and is attached to General MacArthur's headquarters in Japan.

Yamaoka Will Help Coordinate Defense In War Crimes Trials

TOKYO—At the request of the Japanese government, Gen. MacArthur has asked George Yamaoka, prominent New York Nisei attorney to come to Japan to help defend ex-Premier Hideki Tojo and other high-ranking Japanese war crimes suspects.

A GHQ source said Yamaoka has agreed to become a member of the war-crimes defense staff and already has been processed medically for the trip.

It was stated that Japanese officials desire that Yamaoka be on the general defense staff rather than be assigned to Tojo or others of the approximately 25 defendants expected to be tried jointly.

They feel that, as a practicing American attorney, Yamaoka would be of tremendous assistance in coordinating work of Japanese defense attorneys and American military and civilian lawyers appointed to act with them.

Even if the New York Nisei joins the defense staff, its ranks remain thin, it was stated. At least

Report Nisei Group Opposes Yamaoka Stand

Action Leaves Room For Misinterpretation, Say JACD Veterans

NEW YORK CITY — Criticism and praise over the appointment of George Yamaoka, Nisei lawyer to the defense counsel of Japanese war criminals was voiced in New York City this week, according to the Nisei Weekender of April 13.

Veterans in the Japanese American Committee for Democracy were quoted by the Weekender as stating that Yamaoka's acceptance of the position "contradicted the very principles for which the battle was fought."

"Returning Issei and Nisei, including veterans, are still undergoing the hardships of relocation, resulting from the evacuation," the veterans were quoted as saying. "Mr. Yamaoka must be cognizant of these facts; how could he stand in a court and plead for the innocence of those very same people who were so very greatly responsible for creating the war that led to these conditions? . . . As veterans who have actively participated in the Allied military victory, we vigorously protest his actions."

Yamaoka's action was defended by the Rev. Alfred Akamatsu, pastor of the Japanese Methodist church, who said that there can be nothing better "to convince the Japanese people of the real nature of democracy."

two dozen more attorneys are needed, according to headquarters.

The return of indictments scheduled for April 15, has been postponed indefinitely due to delay in the arrival of the Russian prosecution staff but this was expected to give the defense a breathing spell of more than a week.

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Canada Lifts Travel Ban on Nisei Veterans

Japanese Canadians Who Served in War May Travel Freely

WINNIPEG, Man. — Canada's ban against the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the British Columbia coastal area was lifted slightly last week—for Canadian war veterans of Japanese descent.

Under the new regulations all persons who served in the Canadian armed forces in World War I or II will no longer be subject to travel restrictions as of April 1. The new ruling covers the wives and dependent children of such men.

Heretofore all persons of Japanese ancestry, who were evacuated from the Canadian West Coast, were barred from returning to the coastal zone.

Movements of all Japanese Canadians, however, are still under the control of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Department of Labor. Japanese Canadian war veterans, however, may now travel freely without obtaining permits.

Four Nisei Soldier Dead Listed on Malheur Honor Roll

ONTARIO, Ore.—The names of four Japanese Americans from Malheur county are listed in the county's gold star honor roll of sixty names.

All of the Malheur Nisei who were killed in action were members of the 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory.

The honor roll lists the following:

Pvt. Jero Kanetomi of Oregon, killed in France on Oct. 20, 1944.

Pfc. Chester K. Abe, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Abe, killed in France on Nov. 2, 1944.

Pfc. Mitsuo Mike Iseri, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Iseri, killed in France on Nov. 3, 1944.

Pvt. Roy Naemura, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Naemura, killed in Italy on April 15, 1944.

Buddhist Group To Observe Anniversary

CLEVELAND, O. — A benefit show held in Cleveland March 30 by Les Debonaires to raise funds toward the establishment of a farm for aged Issei attracted a capacity crowd at the MCA auditorium.

Highlights of the evening included a vocal by Henry Kanow, aritone; a piano solo by Mabel Sugiyama; and a vocal solo by Shig Shiba, cowboy singer.

Glory Yoshizaki and Ruth Hijikata were in charge of general production and were assisted by the following: Michi Ishii and Alice Taketa, general arrangements; Ruby Hifumi and Rei Ota, publicity; Lillian Hijikata, usherettes; Hisayo Saijo, programs; and Mary Yoshimura, advisor of the group. The Cal Clevelanders were in charge of maintenance.

Admission and decorations raised by the benefit will go toward an aged Issei farm in California. The Rev. K. Imai of Tulare county will be in charge of the project.

JACL Protest on Treatment Of GIs Answered by Military

The War department this week answered charges from the Japanese American Citizens League regarding alleged inadequate treatment of wounded Hawaiian Nisei while enroute to the Hawaiian Islands by assuring the JACL of the department's desire to make every effort "to return wounded veterans to their homes in as comfortable a manner as possible."

The War department's communication was sent to Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, by Col. Charles W. McCarthy of the general staff corps.

Masaoka's original complaint reinforced a protest from 44 wounded veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who were

Nisei Wins DAR Contest



RIDLEY PARK, Pa.—Teru Nakano, 17-year old Nisei student, recently received a \$100 victory bond for the best examination paper on good citizenship in a contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Teru is a senior at Ridley Park high school.

In the above photo Teru is reading the notice from the DAR to her sister, Naomi, 24, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and an instructor in sociology. Naomi Nakano was elected president of the women students group at Pennsylvania in her senior year.—(International News Service photo.)

Scholastic Laurels Come Easy To Two Pennsylvania Girls

Naomi Nakano Is Sociology Instructor At University

RIDLEY PARK, Pa.—Teru and Naomi Nakano are two little maids from school who have achieved scholastic records that are astounding to everyone but themselves, according to a report from their hometown, Ridley Park.

The girls are too busy having a good time with extra-curricular activities to do any more than take the honors in their stride.

Teru, 17, recently entered her first contest, an examination on constitutional history sponsored by the DAR, and walked off with first prize. She was following in the footsteps of her 24-year-old sister, Naomi, who starred in scholastics and just about everything else at the University of Pennsylvania and Bryn Mawr.

Teru has an "unprecedented" scholastic average of 97 per cent, according to her principal, J. Laydon Moore. But in addition to her studies she edits the school year book, has played the violin for ten years and is concert master of the school orchestra; plays the trumpet in the school band; stars on the varsity hockey team and belongs to the German, history, library and glee clubs. She also plays the piano, swims and sketches.

Her sister Naomi has mastered

the three P's, poise, personality and pin-upish figure, with as much success as she conquered the three R's.

She won a scholarship to Penn, a fellowship to Bryn Mawr, where she took her master's degree, and a fellowship back to Penn, which she gave up so she could become a sociology instructor there while she's studying for her doctorate.

At Penn she was a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the French, junior and senior class honorary societies. During the height of the war with Japan she was president of her class and president of the Women's Student Government association.

Like Teru she plays the piano and violin, swings and does handwork.

Their father, Yosuke, came to America almost forty years ago to study at the University of California. Their mother, who is also named Teru, was educated at a Japanese college and came to the United States a little later to marry.

It is, the report says, an all-American family.

Idaho Falls Holds Appreciation Fete For Nisei Soldiers

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—An appreciation banquet with a two-fold purpose, to honor and welcome home Nisei war veterans and to express the appreciation of Japanese Americans to the people of Idaho Falls for their sympathetic treatment and understanding during the war, was held by the Idaho Falls chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League on April 3 at Bonneville hotel.

Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, and Ben Kuroki were the main speakers. Mr. Masaoka lashed out against discrimination against any racial minority, declaring that such action opened the way toward discrimination toward all minorities.

Ben Kuroki told of his "59th mission" against homefront prejudices.

Mayor E. W. Fanning and Eli Kobayashi, president of the JACL chapter, were among the speakers. Yukio Inouye of Shelley was toastmaster.

Conversion of WRA Centers Into Farm Communities for War Veterans is Proposed

Legless Nisei GI Flies Plane in Army Demonstration

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — John Toto, a Japanese American soldier who lost both of his legs during combat action overseas, recently helped the Michigan State Department of Aeronautics prove that amputees need not be "grounded" during the air age.

Toto helped fly a two-control Erco, a type of non-spinable civilian plane, which was furnished by Michigan aircraft dealers for a demonstration given by amputees from the Percy Jones veterans hospital at Battle Creek.

All Emergency Projects Will Close April 30

One Thousand Evacuees May Receive Housing In Winona Trailers

LOS ANGELES—Stressing that the emergency housing projects in which 1750 returned evacuees of Japanese are still housed will be closed by April 30, James L. Shelly, area supervisor of the War Relocation Authority, told the Los Angeles County Committee for Interracial Progress on April 8 that the agency would make every effort to see that none of the Japanese Americans will be homeless after the temporary projects are closed.

Shelly said that the Winona project in Burbank, from which 500 evacuees were transferred last month and which is being converted into a general housing project for distressed persons, will accommodate approximately 1,000 of the evacuees in 300 trailer units.

Kiyoharu Anzai, WRA relocation officer in Los Angeles, asked the Committee for Interracial Progress for the support of the community in alleviating the present plight of the returned evacuees, many of whom, according to Anzai, have lost much of their personal belongings as a result of the evacuation.

Nisei Recalls Hiroshima City Before, After Atom Bombing

DES MOINES—One of the few persons in America today who have a mental picture of Hiroshima before and after the atom bomb is Masao Terai, 29, of Des Moines, the Register reported recently.

Terai was discharged from the army as a sergeant last January after serving in the Pacific theater as a translator and interpreter, concerned with the psychology of the Japanese soldier and civilian.

But the most amazing thing he witnessed was the ruins of Hiroshima, a city he saw on a visit to Japan nine years ago.

"When I was there before," Terai said, "Hiroshima was a crowded city. The buildings were all cluttered together, except in the commercial district."

"That part was modern, with concrete buildings. It was much like an American city in that section."

"When I was in Tokyo after the war, waiting to go home, I traveled through Japan on my own time. I was just amazed at what had happened at Hiroshima. All those cluttered buildings were gone. A few little shacks were springing up but there was nothing left. Only a few bare concrete walls here and there."

While in Japan he talked with Japanese officers about the effect of Allied propaganda.

"I was interested," Terai noted, "because I had helped write it. They didn't think it had much effect. If anyone picked up a leaflet he was supposed to turn it over to the police. This always meant questioning. So to avoid questioning, they wouldn't touch the leaflets, they told me."

The younger generation will be won over by America, Terai said.

Committee Hearings Already Held on O'Mahoney Bill

WASHINGTON—The proposed transfer of three western camps, used by the War Relocation Authority for the housing of Japanese American evacuees from the West Coast, will make 230 farm units available to veterans this year, according to Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., who has introduced a bill to transfer the lands to the Reclamation Service.

Sen. O'Mahoney believed that the legislation can be reported to the Senate shortly. Hearings were held last month.

The areas involved are the Hunt relocation center on the Minidoka irrigation project in Idaho, the Heart Mountain center on the Shoshone project in Wyoming and the Tule Lake center on the Klamath project in Oregon and California. The Tule Lake camp, last of the WRA projects to close, was emptied of its wartime inhabitants last month.

Senator Glenn Taylor, D., Idaho, said that the bill permits the Reclamation Service to use all the WRA buildings it needs for farm homes and project activities. Any other buildings not utilized may be released to nearby communities to aid in relieving housing shortages.

Ultimately the WRA lands, including 1,678 acres of private lands acquired for the Heart Mountain camp, are expected to produce nearly 1,000 irrigated farm sites; 450 at Heart Mountain, 270 at Hunt and 165 at Tule Lake. Contemplated for opening this fall are 105 farm units at Heart Mountain, 40 at Hunt and 85 at Tule Lake.

Agricultural projects on these lands were initiated during the war by Japanese American evacuees at the three centers, which had a combined peak population of 40,000 evacuees. Most of these lands were put under cultivation for the first time by evacuees and were used to grow food for the use of the residents of the camps.

Veterans are qualified to acquire some reclamation lands by homesteading.

Reclamation bureau officials testified that many of the community buildings such as the community hall and administration buildings, garages and shops can be used by project settlers and that many of the utility systems will also be usable.

They have a great admiration for General Douglas MacArthur, he said.

"Crowds stand in front of the Daichi building in Tokyo hoping for an opportunity to see him. They seem to think more of him than the emperor now," Terai declared.

"It's amazing how quickly the Japanese took to the GIs," Terai said.

The former sergeant is now living in Des Moines with his wife and their son Gerald, 20 months old.

Racial Discrimination In Naturalization Law Criticized at Meeting

NEW YORK — The racial and political discriminations, including the ineligibility of certain Oriental aliens, in the naturalization laws which handicap non-citizens in the United States from becoming naturalized were criticized on April 5 at a conference on American citizenship sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born at 136 West 43rd St., with 75 representatives from various unions and fraternal organizations in New York City attending.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service was attacked for its "intimidation of the non-citizen" by several speakers at the conference.

Elimination of "all racial and political provisions in the naturalization laws" was urged by the speakers, who also called for revision of the education requirements for aliens more than 50 years of age.

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EDITORIALS:

Travel Restrictions

The Immigration and Naturalization Service is this week taking steps to clarify the rights of Nisei and other Oriental Americans to travel between Hawaii and the United States mainland without being subjected to special restrictions which have been imposed upon the Oriental Americans solely on the basis of race and ancestry.

The district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Francisco has been advised to notify transportation companies that there is no requirement in the law which necessitates that an American of Oriental ancestry must possess a Certificate of Citizenship before he is sold a ticket and that any citizen is free to depart from Hawaii for the mainland without such a certificate.

The difficulties encountered by Oriental Americans in obtaining passage from Hawaii to the mainland and the needless red tape and inconveniences to which they have been subjected are a throwback to the time the plantation and mill owners of Hawaii, fearing that they would lose their Oriental labor to the West Coast, where wages were higher and working conditions better, imposed special restrictions upon their ability to leave Hawaii. W. L. Mackenzie King, now Prime Minister of Canada, wrote in 1907 that persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii believed that the Asiatic Exclusion League in San Francisco, the first of the organizations which have promoted an anti-Oriental program in California, were not without contribution from Hawaiian plantation owners "to assist them in an agitation which by excluding Japanese from the mainland would confine that class of labor to the Islands, to the greater economic advantage of the members of the (Hawaiian Planters) association."

Mackenzie King wrote in 1907 that it was the effort of the plantation owners in Hawaii to depress the wage scales of Japanese workers which led to the large-scale emigration of these Japanese to the West Coast of Canada and the United States. In later years, particularly after the end of the First World War, efforts of Japanese and other plantation workers to obtain higher wages and better working conditions were restricted by the employers and recurrent industrial disputes accelerated the further emigration of these Oriental workers. Practices were imposed at this time by the shipping companies, which controlled travel between Hawaii and the West Coast, to limit this emigration through practices such as that of requiring persons of Oriental ancestry to obtain special certificates before they could buy a ticket.

Conditions in Hawaii today are not those which were in effect a generation ago. The Big Five companies no longer maintain a stranglehold on the territory's politics or its economy. Trade unions have brought the techniques of collective bargaining into the plantations and the mills. Hawaiian politics, through an awakening of the ordinary citizen, are not dominated by the men of the Big Five. Race is not pitted against race in the pineapple and sugar cane fields and Hawaii can give a lesson to any of the 48 States in the matter of harmonious race relations. But some of the practices of discrimination have remained and one of these has involved the restrictions imposed on Oriental Americans in travel out of Hawaii, a practice which the Immigration and Naturalization Service apparently did not discourage.

The long-delayed action of the govern-

ment service in rectifying this discrimination has followed representations on the part of the American Civil Liberties Union, the National JACL and the Territorial Emergency Service committee, the American Veterans Committee and other groups in Hawaii.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service's action has removed another racially discriminatory blot from our public practices.

Canadian Brides

While thousands of foreign brides of American GIs are coming into this country to join their husbands, two others in Canada are barred by our discriminatory immigration and naturalization laws from entering the United States with their husbands.

The two are Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry. Their husbands are a former sergeant with the U. S. armed forces and a lieutenant still in service.

Canadian wives of American servicemen are admitted into this country unless they are of ancestry that makes that ineligible to citizenship by naturalization. Thus it is that these Nisei Canadian brides cannot accompany their husbands to the country for which they served.

This outrageous discrimination, purely on the basis of race, makes doubly obvious the inconsistencies of our immigration and naturalization laws.

Particularly because of the similarity between the Canadian and American cultures, the Nisei Canadian brides are far closer to their American husbands than thousands of foreign wives and their American soldier husbands. There is no language barrier nor major cultural differences.

The inadequacies of our immigration policy, which was written to meet the alleged "needs" of an earlier day become more glaring as we go closer toward the maturity of our democracy.

Perhaps some way can be devised by which these Nisei brides of Canadian citizenship can be allowed to enter this country, the law should not be allowed to keep American soldier husbands apart from their wives.

Evacuee Losses

Many resolutions have been passed asking for indemnification for economic losses by persons of Japanese descent in the unprecedented evacuation program of 1942.

Various estimates have been made on evacuee losses, but as yet no one has attempted to establish the amount in any detailed manner.

Realizing that the first step toward the securing of indemnities must be an accurate picture of the losses sustained, the Council for Civic Unity in Los Angeles has arranged for the circulation of economic loss survey forms to be filled in by the evacuees.

The applications returned will determine approximately what the general losses were for the majority of Issei and Nisei families.

The blanks are not to be misconstrued as being applications for indemnification which will be promptly paid, according to G. Raymond Booth, executive director for the Council for Civic Unity.

"The overall economic loss in income and property directly caused by the mass evacuation . . . is what we are after," Booth declared.

Warning that the questionnaires do not guarantee payment, Booth said, "We must first set up the remedial policies, but without the proper information, this cannot be done."

The questionnaire asks, among other things, the pre-evacuation job of the applicant; present work; number of dependents; estimate of income from 1936 to 1945. Farmers are asked the number of acres in operation before and after removal from the West Coast; principal crops; expenses involved in evacuation.

A large and accurate response to this application is necessary to aid the Council for Civic Unity in arriving at an estimate for the total evacuee loss. The matter of indemnification cannot be gone into until this question of the amount involved is determined.

The applications are available at 215 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, phone TR 6271. We urge that all Nisei and Issei give their cooperation in this project which is for the ultimate welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

On Franklin D. Roosevelt

One year ago this week a great man died.

He was the most beloved and the most hated man of his time. He was beloved by the great majority of Americans who, by their own choice, elected him four times to the presidency. He believed in the people and drew his strength from them. He was hated by many and the nature of his enemies marks the stature of his greatness as a humanitarian and a democrat.

The men who hated Franklin Delano Roosevelt were the money-changers driven from the temple, the cynical men who gave but lip service to democracy, the angry men whose selfish desires had been thwarted by the social progress which was the hallmark of his time. Franklin D. Roosevelt's name was a blasphemous oath in the counting-houses but it was a surge of hope in the houses of the disinherited and the oppressed. He gave new dignity to labor and to all the forgotten men, to the little people among whom are all the racial minorities.

He was early to recognize the evil of fascism but his warning to quarantine the aggressors went unheeded. There were people who believed that the world could live with fascism and that an uneasy acquiescence to the international banditry of the fascists would assure peace in our time. There was a meeting in Munich and there were all the little betrayals which continue to this day.

When the time came Franklin D. Roosevelt fought fascism with the same political genius with which he had unified the variegated and conflicting elements of his own political party and had successfully led that unwieldy coalition in a concerted onslaught against the ramparts of social and economic reaction. He became the architect of coalition war and the builder of the structure of democratic victory. His vision and his influence are sorely missed today as the victors bicker and threaten to disrupt in a confusion of tongues as did the builders of the Biblical Tower of Babel.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was the trustee of the hearts and hopes of the people of his time for a decent and better world. He used this legacy wisely, ever the trustee and never the possessor.

His place in history will be beside another man who, believed, as he did, in the people, and who was also beloved and hated at one and at the same time. The other man's name is Abraham Lincoln and he is still remembered, not alone in his own country, but in all the places of the earth where men dream of a better world.

Shortly after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt the men of the 442nd Combat Team of Japanese Americans in Italy took up a collection to be used toward the building of a suitable memorial to the late president. The spontaneous response on the part of these Nisei GIs reflected the affection and regard which the ordinary doughfoot, like the Nisei or like Mauldin's Willie and Joe, held for their war leader. As far as the Nisei were concerned, it was also an appreciation of the fact that FDR's belief that "Americanism is of the mind and heart" and not of race or ancestry, expressed at the time of the organization of the Japanese American Combat Team, was instrumental in affording the Nisei the opportunity to insure forever their future as Americans.

In a projected Army force of ten million men the utilization of the manpower of 25,000 Nisei soldiers was a minor item among the major decisions required in the winter of 1942 when the plans were being drawn for the great offensives which were to contain and finally destroy the fascist power. It is known that there was considerable opposition in Washington itself and pressure, particularly from the anti-evacuee interests in California, was strong and demanding against the use of Nisei. It was argued that the mainland group, subjected to the evacuation and confined in relocation camps, would not respond and that the Japanese Americans in Hawaii already were being utilized as a source of essential labor toward the reconstruction and main-

tenance of that territorial base. The influence of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his good wife, Eleanor, supporting the group in the War Relocation Authority, favored the reopening of military service to the Nisei, was instrumental in rescinding the policy then in effect against the inclusion of Japanese Americans. A significant role played by Japanese Americans in the war in the Pacific and the important part of specialists in the Pacific are a part of the American military record.

In recent months there has been an effort, initiated in part by men who hated Roosevelt, to assign to him the responsibility for American participation in World War II. The effort has failed though the Congressional Pearl Harbor hearings drag on. The reasoning of those who would blame Franklin D. Roosevelt for the war takes a curiously astigmatic view of world history and ignores completely the plans and practices of the European and Japanese fascists for world domination. Those who argue that the appeasement of the Japanese militarists have averted war in the Pacific ignore the fact that a Munich European events have shown, provides only a temporary absence of war and is no peace at all.

In a similar manner Franklin D. Roosevelt has been blamed for ordering the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942, an event which, as Prof. Eugene V. Rostow has termed it, was "our greatest wartime mistake" and one with implications, particularly in the relationship with America's various race groups, will assume greater importance in the years to come. The evacuation decision today a matter for research and study on the part of a number of interested individuals.

The facts have not yet been made public. It is known, however, that President Roosevelt was given misleading information by trusted advisers, particularly the late Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, who told the President according to information received by a Congressional committee that Japanese American fifth columnists "comparable to Nazi fifth columnists in Norway," had been active in Hawaii on Pearl Harbor Day. Information confirmed after the evacuation decision was announced proved that there was not a shadow of truth in Secretary Knox's report on Japanese American activities in Hawaii and that there was no sabotage or treason of any kind by any citizen or resident of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii before, during or after the Japanese attack.

It is known that the commander of the Western Defense Command, charged with the security of the West Coast and fearing enemy invasion, asked for blank powers to evacuate any and all persons from military areas and that this power was granted. Shortly afterwards the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry was announced. One of the highest administration officials is reported to have stated, upon learning of the proposed mass evacuation, that no such action had been intended when the powers had been granted the military.

If the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry were a matter of an overall policy of national security, it would have been instituted immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack—and not carried out, as it was, four months afterwards. If it were a matter of overall policy, the Japanese Americans in Hawaii would also have been evacuated, and there would have been a second evacuation of Japanese Americans in inland California which was ordered months after the Pearl Harbor attack and which was inspired, by all intents, by the protests and pressures to which the military commander was subjected from anti-Japanese American groups in Central California (there was a "second evacuation" of the eastern portions of Washington, Oregon or of northern Arizona).

On the basis of available information it appears that the civilian government granted full and extraordinary powers to the military (Continued on page 5)

Vagaries

Dancers . . .

Many of the "Chinese" chorus girls at a new Oriental night club in New York City are reportedly Nisei. . . . At the time of evacuation in 1942 several Chinese night clubs in San Francisco lost many of their performers who had to leave for war relocation centers. Most Nisei performers would rather use their own names but were forced to adopt Chinese stage names to get bookings. Agents are still afraid to book a "Japanese" act. . . . Toy and Wing (the dance team of Paul Jew and Dorothy Takahashi) was broken up by the war when Paul was drafted. The team, which played London's famed Hotel Savoy during the blitz and which was also featured in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, is expected to be reunited soon. * * *

Labor . . .

Radio: Orson Welles, in his Sunday program of comment over ABC, recently awarded a radio to a man who had written him, charging that he (Welles) had misstepped the Japanese American issue on the West Coast. Actually, Orson Welles has spoken out forcefully in defense of the rights of Japanese Americans, particularly in the newspaper columns which he wrote last year for the New York Post and other U. S. papers. . . . Herb Caen, San Francisco Chronicle columnist who does a Sunday evening stint over KPO, last Sunday told of the reactions of San Francisco Nisei evacuees who had returned to their former homes but who were going east again. He quoted one Nisei as saying that he preferred San Francisco's climate but that he was going east because he would rather have the cold than the cold shoulder. Caen also told of the story of a Nisei student who returned recently to George Washington high school and turned out for the varsity track team. He told the coach that he wanted to try out for the low hurdles but that he did not have track shoes, whereupon five other members of the squad offered him their shoes. One of the five was a young war veteran, captured on Bataan, who had spent four years in Japanese prison camps. . . . Caen, who served with the armed forces in Europe and was in Normandy on D-Day, also told of a new San Francisco restaurant opened by two war veterans back from the Pacific. These veterans have hired a full crew of Japanese American workers. * * *

On the Air . . .

The AFL's restaurant workers union is interested in organizing Japanese American workers in Salt Lake City. Practically every major restaurant in Salt Lake has a Japanese American crew. . . . Earl Kiyoshi Ogawa is not the only Nisei veteran who returned to Hawaii to find his name among those of men listed as killed in the war. Another Nisei, Seie Oshiro, also found his name on the war memorial shaft in Honolulu. * * *

The second daily paper to be started on the West Coast will be the Nichi-Bei Times of San Francisco. The publishers of the new paper have announced that it will have no connection with the old Nichi-Bei (Japanese American News) which ceased publication as a result of the evacuation. The paper will be published by a corporation formed by staff members of the old Nichi-Bei and their friends. * * *

Paintings of Nisei Artist Will Be Shown in Coast Cities

NEW YORK—A traveling exhibition of relocation center paintings and drawings by Mine Okubo will be shown at Mills College in Oakland from April 15 to May 12, according to Margaret Anderson, editor of Common Ground. The Common Council for American Unity, publishers of Common Ground, sponsored the first exhibition of Miss Okubo's recent work in New York City last summer. The exhibition has been shown in St. Paul and Detroit in recent months. After the Mills College show, the paintings will be on view in Miss Okubo's home town of Riverside, Calif., through June and will

Prof. Rostow Believes U. S. Owes Reparations to Evacuees For Property Loss, Detention

NEW YORK—The United States government "owes reparations" to the 100,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from the West Coast and confined in war relocation centers, Eugene V. Rostow, professor of law at Yale University, declared in a letter published by the New York Times in April.

Prof. Rostow, author of an article on the legality of the evacuation which appeared in Harper's in Sept., 1945, under the title "Our Greatest Wartime Mistake," declared that the evacuees "should be allowed to present claims for war damage like other innocent victims of the war program."

"Until the wrong is acknowledged and made right we shall have failed to meet the responsibility of a democratic society—the obligation of equal justice," Prof. Rostow stated.

Prof. Rostow cited the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Duncan case in which it declared the wartime exercise of martial law in Hawaii illegal, "at least as to individuals arrested long after the Pearl Harbor emergency."

"The reasoning and spirit of the opinions of the Justices (in the Duncan case) reinforce the institutions of American liberty," Prof. Rostow declared. "The case raises, however, one disturbing issue for public action:

"Ex parte Duncan is in every way inconsistent with the hasty wartime decisions of the court upholding the 'relocation' of American citizens of Japanese descent who were on military

order removed from the West Coast in 1942 and denied their liberty for more than three years."

"It was surprising that the present Supreme Court, generally so willing to correct its own mistakes, missed the opportunity to undo its decisions in the cases of the Japanese Americans, and especially Korematsu v. United States. The opinions in Ex parte Duncan contain only fleeting and obscure references to the Japanese American cases."

"For everyone but a determined splitter of legal hairs, however, the status of these cases is not in doubt. They have been repudiated. If it was illegal to try the cases of embezzlement and assault before military courts in Hawaii in 1942 and 1944, it was even more illegal to send 100,000 men, women and children into three years of confinement without so much of a military trial. Public opinion and the Congress must accept the premise that the Supreme Court has now held our relocation program illegal."

Washington News-Letter

Nisei War Veteran Will Return Overseas as Civilian Worker

By JOHN KITASAKO

Jimmy Yamada, former staff sergeant with a Japanese-language unit in the China-Burma-India theater, is sweating out a four-to-six-week processing period in Washington which all civilians must undergo prior to overseas duty. Then he'll be ready to set out on another jaunt, this time to Tokyo and MacArthur's headquarters.

Jimmy was one of the first group of 25 Nisei to be flown over the Hump from India into Kunming, China, from which

200 U. S. forces to enter that key Japanese stronghold. There they translated for the Chinese Combat Company, and the U. S. Office of Strategic Services, and prepared special reports for the Foreign Economic Administration.

The Nisei had a difficult time trying to make the native Chinese believe they were Japanese Americans. In fact they never did succeed. The Chinese insisted they were Chinese Americans who spoke Japanese, and even tried to convince them of that. They claimed they had some infallible method by which they could distinguish a Nisei from a Chinese.

A Chinese merchant in Shanghai accosted Jimmy one day. "You Chinese? Yes?" "No," said Jimmy. "Filipino?" "No, I'm an American of Japanese ancestry."

The merchant broke out laughing. "You Japanese? Japanese? Then me Japanese too!" And he walked away guffawing to his heart's content.

It was unfortunate in a way that the native Chinese were not aware of the fact that Japanese Americans were fighting the war on the side of the Chinese. But that was just a little beyond the realm of comprehension for the poor Chinese who knew Japanese only as swaggering conquerors.

The white populace of Shanghai, however, understood the Nisei and appreciated the strategic role they had played in the war. This was due in a large part to the talks given by William Winter, a war correspondent, who spoke to British and American internees. Winter declared it was unfair to confuse the Nisei with the minions of Hirohito, and recounted at length the glorious record of the 442nd.

So Jimmy is back in the States, marking time before shipping out. The Japanese language was something very foreign to him before the war. Like many other Nisei, he just didn't bother studying it. But he really hit the books at Snelling — so diligently, in fact, that he was awarded a gold watch for making more progress in his

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Des Moines, Ia.

As an example of what can happen before you realize what's going on, we commend to you the growth of the perfume industry. Within the last few years it has developed to the point where it sports two-page color advertisements in the leading magazines and full-page ads frequently in newspapers.

In our masculine way we regarded perfume as a somewhat luxurious finishing touch to a woman's toilet, nice but not essential, roughly comparable to a \$150 Simonize job after a car wash.

But now the ads tell us that there is a scent for every occasion and purpose, and one isn't necessarily considered a floozy because she wears a perfume which advertises itself as "openly provocative."

We can guess, in a rough sort of way, the occasion when "Fatal Apple" might be applied by milady. But so far we haven't gotten up the nerve to ask a saleslady the who, what, why, when, where and how of "Muse" at \$25, \$50 and \$75 the bottle. Plus federal tax, of course. * * *

Geisha House

We've never been able to find justification for visiting a geisha house more than once. Curiosity is reason enough the first time.

But after that it's a matter of humoring Japanese gentlemen who work off their steam playing parlor games, going through the routine of folk dances, and drinking great quantities of hot sake and cold beer. And few of them can hold their alcohol well.

The girls? Yes, some of them are pretty and interesting enough to make a second session not unpleasant, even if the language barrier makes it difficult for one to wax brilliant with his repartee. But the most attractive ones have a habit of gravitating toward the more affluent members of the party, leaving the newspapermen to the lesser members of the geisha profession.

Now that a geisha's tip led to the discovery of two billion dollars in precious metals in the mud off Tokyo's Sumida river, it seems every shavetail lieutenant in the occupation army has an alibi for spending his nights off at a geisha house.

Business, you know. A lot of investigating to be done. * * *

Grunt and Groaner

While we're on the subject of Japan, don't miss Life's picture of the week in the April 8 issue. It's a portrait of 7-foot, 276-pound Minanogawa, one-time wrestling champion of all Japan, who's running for parliament under his

proper name of Tomojiro Sakata. Champ Minanogawa is an impressive, if not handsome specimen from his scow-sized shoes to the top of his close-cropped head.

If there is a GI in Japan with a touch of Barnum's sense of showmanship and Mike Jacob's promotional ability, Minanogawa will be grunting and grimacing soon with some U. S. beef trust.

Think of the possibilities! He'd be a natural as the villain in those blood-curdling dramas of the mat. There he'd be, Minanogawa, pounding the daylight out of the local champ until finally the clean-cut, handsome local hero flattens the invader like MacArthur toppling the empire of the Rising Sun.

When the public gets tired of that, the promoters could bill the horror show of the century with Minanogawa squaring off against the French Angel, or perhaps the Swedish Angel. * * *

New Milkman

It's a Small World Note: Our new milkman says he spent 93 days in the lines with the 442nd and he had a buddy by the name of Hosokawa.

We undoubtedly are the only Nisei family on the milkman's route.

There was another Hosokawa family in pre-evacuation Seattle, one we heard of in Tacoma and another in Sacramento. Since then we've heard of several other Hosokawa families but they needn't be alarmed. The newspapering, or disreputable offshoot of the clan knows of no basis for claiming kinship with the others. * * *

Small Fry

The latest epithet among the grade-school set hereabouts is "cootie-itis."

In our day if a guy was a dope, we called him a twerp or scut or even a square-head. Sometimes he was a lame-brain and at extremes a snarf.

But now every neighborhood youngster in disfavor is afflicted with cootie-itis, according to his temporary blood-enemies.

THE NISEI VETERAN

Educational Benefits in GI Bill of Rights

Washington, D. C. Hawaiian-born Keith Kaneshiro is believed to be the first Nisei in Washington, D. C., to make use of any educational benefits of the GI Bill. Graduate of the Universities of Hawaii and Michigan, Keith is now working with the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey of the Air Forces as a civilian translator—virtually the same job as he had as a soldier with the survey. He is now devoting his night hours to a short intensive course in the Russian language.

After graduating from the Camp Savage MIS Language School in 1943 he shipped overseas and was assigned to the Fifth Air Force in Brisbane, Australia, and New Guinea. He returned to the War Department on detail after seven months' overseas service. Following V-J Day, he flew to Japan with the Bombing Survey, one of six interviewers in a team of 11 men. He interviewed Japanese at all levels of society seeking data on morale factors. He visited Tokyo, Sendai, Yamagata, Taira and Yokosuku.

At Uruga docks he chanced to see a group of former Tule Lake men who had been returned to Japan. They were a very sorry looking outfit, he said. After finishing his survey detail he returned to the United States on a Victory ship.

The GI Bill (Servicemen's Readjustment Act) allows \$500 a year tuition and \$65 a month subsistence money to single veterans and \$90 a month to married veterans. In a short intensive language course such as Keith is taking a charge is made against his tuition credit and he receives no subsistence money.

The amount of time a veteran is entitled to go to school is computed by adding one year to the length of his service (must be 90 days or more unless disabled.) A master card index is maintained in New York City in which each veteran has a credit card against which all benefits of the GI Bill are charged as he uses them.

The number of veterans now in school and training on the job under the two GI Bills is close to half a million and is expected to reach close to a million this fall. * * *

This column will be glad to answer any questions pertaining to veterans' benefits administration, as for instance, education, loans, disability compensation, insurance, etc. Such questions can be answered also at any Referral Office, or Contact Representative's Office of VA.

Nisei USA: (Continued from page 4) without realizing the full extent to which these powers would be used, or that the singling out of a single minority for mass evacuation by the commander in charge would become "our greatest wartime mistake."

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**Seattle WRA Office Seeks
Owners of Stored Property**

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle office of the War Relocation Authority this week announced the names of persons with unclaimed property that is still held in WRA warehouses with the warning that goods unclaimed by April 24 will be sold at public auction commencing on that day.

Where property is sold at auction due to failure of the owner to claim it, the proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the U. S. Treasury, it was announced by Harold S. Fister, area supervisor. The proceeds may be subsequently claimed by owners who can satisfactorily establish their right to receive such proceeds, he reported.

Anyone knowing the present address of individuals whose names are given below on WRA lists is asked to telegraph the information, charges collect, to H. H. Curnow, transportation supervisor, 717 1st Avenue, Seattle. Where the address of the individual can be ascertained before April 24, the WRA will ship the property to the rightful owner.

The following persons have unclaimed household goods at the WRA warehouse at 212-214 3rd Ave., South, Seattle:

I. Iwamoto, George Mizuta, Sumi, Y. Koyano, T. Nogaki, J. Fukuyama, Y. Yamamoto, Kathleen Mukai, Iida Go, Joe Sakamoto, Steve Naito, M. Kawaguchi, P. Y. Tomita (F. Fujihira), T. Ito, F. K. Tsuboi, T. Fukano, S. Sugawara, T. Yamamoto, Fusako Kondo, Shigeru Aoki, Yamagishi, F. Ozawa, K. Sakuma, M. Omori, N. Sakai, F. Komoto, George S. Kozu, Sue Nakayama, G. Ninatsu, F. Kato (Yamauchi), T. Okamoto, Jim Koga, J. Hirai, G. Sasaki, N. Mitsuoka, M. Hamai, J. K. Fujinaka, Shimomura Kawashima, T. Yamaguchi, George Mizuta, Minoru Mayeda, T. Takao, Harvey Shirai, T. Shimizu, S. Okihara, Yokota, M. Matsuda and M. Mayeda.

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The following persons have Army contraband turned in at the Puyallup assembly center and now held at the Seattle warehouse. Most of the following property consists of books, scrolls, records and games:

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The team recently was voted Sportsmanship trophy for all-around sportsmanship. League referees make the choice each year.

Sid Inouye, co-captain, took the other two honors. He scored 20 points for the season to become the league's leading scorer, and bucketed 36 points in one game to cop the single-game scoring crown.

The team, sponsored by Harrie's Watch Shop, won three games and lost two in league play. This was the team's first season together.

Other members of the team were Dave Unoura, co-captain, Taro Matsui, Jack Oda, George Yahiyo, George Yoshimura, Frank Hayashi, Tom Hayashi and Frank Inouye.

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Japanese Canadian Soldier Reported Hurt in Plane Crash

TORONTO, Ont.—A Japanese Canadian soldier who has been serving as an interpreter with British forces in Singapore was officially reported injured in an airplane crash on March 27.

Sgt. George David Suzuki, eldest son of Toshizo Suzuki of Toronto, was hurt when a Sunderland plane crashed at Sletar Naval Base in Singapore.

No further information was received by the parents.

Central Buddhists Hold Picnic

FRESNO, Calif.—Approximately 100 persons attended the first CYBA picnic in the Sanger foothills held April 7.

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TOKYO—A Japanese American officer in the U. S. Army of Occupation in Japan was married on April 6 to Mitsuko Miura, Japanese movie actress.

The officer, Lieut. George H. Godo of Los Angeles, met his bride when he visited her Tokyo studio last October in his capacity as a Signal Corps officer. They will live in Japan after Godo returns from a short trip to visit his parents in Los Angeles.

The bride will continue her career. Godo expects to represent an American firm in Japan after he is discharged.

The wedding was held in the 42nd General hospital chapel. The ceremony was performed by Army Chaplain Freeman Parker.

Lieut. Godo recently obtained special permission from Army headquarters for the marriage. He is believed to be the first American soldier of Japanese ancestry to be married in Japan.

Chicago Church Begins Classes In Buddhism

CHICAGO—Sutra classes (study of Buddhism) are being held at the Midwest Buddhist church office, 152 West Division street, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Everyone interested has been invited to attend.

The Rev. B. Fujimura will begin an observation tour of other Buddhist groups in the Eastern area on April 16. His itinerary will include Philadelphia, Washington, Boston and New York. He will return to Chicago in the middle of May.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Fukushima a girl on March 11 in Reedley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Ono a girl on March 16 in Fowler, Calif.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Max Watanuki, San Mateo, Calif., a girl, Laura Maxine, on March 23.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Minor Inouye, 412 N. 21st St., Boise, Ida., a son, Minor Jr. on Feb. 3.

DEATHS

Kumataro Okitsu, 64, on April 5 in Los Angeles.

Mitsujiro Ishibashi on April 7 in Los Angeles.

Hisa Morioka (Mrs. Shigeru Morioka) on April 3 in Los Angeles.

Hidetsugu Oyama on April 5 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Nobuko Muto to Hisao Takeda on April 6 in Los Angeles.

Shin Hiraizumi to Yasuo Okubo on April 6 in Los Angeles.

Hatsuyo Yoshimoto to Miyuki Tanaka on April 7 in Sacramento.

Shower

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—A pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Bill Yoshino was held at the Ando home on April 7. Those who attended were the Misses Esther Okuda, Anne Ohki, Miko Kishi and Sumi Hashimoto and Mesdames Hiroshi Hamaguchi, Kazuo Masuda, Ben Noda, Gilbert Tanji, Bob Morimoto and Mac Yamaguchi. Co-hostesses for the occasion were Miss Minnie Ando, Mrs. Fred Hashimoto and Mrs. Mamoru Masuda.

National JACL Officers to Tour Northwest Area

Three national staff members of the Japanese American Citizens League will leave Salt Lake City Saturday, April 13, for a 10-day speaking tour in Spokane, Seattle, Portland and Boise.

They are Mike Masaoka, national secretary; Hito Okada, national president; and Eiji Tanabe, member of the national office staff.

They will be sponsored in the cities by the following groups:

Spokane, Japanese American Civic Club, Joe Okamoto, president; Seattle, Japanese American Citizens League; Portland, Committee on Civic Affairs, Roy Yokota, chairman; and Boise, Snake River chapter and Boise Valley chapter, JACL.

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CHICAGO—The Little Theater group of the Triple I organizations will present five one-act plays in an all-drama program at 8 p. m., April 27 at the Olivet Institute, 1441 No. Cleveland.

Participating in the program are Rose Mary Grunel, Vilma Jobo Nakamura, Kenji Nakane, Clifford Thomas, Valerie Thompson, Ann Seto and John Wintermute.

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Two Nisei Win National AAU Boxing Titles at Boston Meet

BOSTON, Mass.—Two Japanese Americans won national amateur boxing championships in the National AAU tournament which was concluded at Boston Garden on April 10. The Nisei victories aided the Hawaii team in making off with the major laurels in the annual tournament.

Before a roaring crowd of 13,016 persons, Tsuneshi Maruo, a decorated veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's battles in Italy and France, came back to the ring to win the national bantamweight championship by outpointing Wallace Smith of Cincinnati.

Robert Mitsu Takeshita of Hawaii battered 17-year old Roscoe

Hinson of New York into submission to win the welterweight championship.

In the flyweight division Yoshi Miyamura lost in the finals to another teammate, David (Boo) Buna.

The Nisei champions followed in the steps of another Japanese American from Hawaii, Paul Matsumoto, who won the National AAU championship in the lightweight division in 1940.

Baldwin Okamoto of Oahu, another Nisei entrant on the Hawaiian squad, lost in the semi-finals of the flyweight division.

Roy Higa, bantamweight, and Ken Maeshiro, Hawaiian lightweight champion, were the other two Nisei on the Hawaiian team.

Nisei Soldier Hurt In Railroad Crash

Taro Marumoto, 24, of Ogden, Utah, was among 58 persons injured when the Western Pacific railway's Exposition Flyer hurtled from the tracks at Pilot, Nev., on April 5.

Marumoto was reported in serious condition.

The eastbound train jumped the tracks about 4:20 p. m. (mountain time) shortly after entering a siding at Pilot. It ripped up the railway right-of-way for some 400 feet and smashed two houses alongside the track.

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Halo Hirose Aids Ohio State Victory In National AAU

BAINBRIDGE, Md. — The performances of Halo Hirose, Japanese American war veteran from Hawaii, played a major part last week-end as Ohio State University won the National AAU indoor swimming championship and completed a "grand slam," having previously won the Big Ten and National Collegiate Athletic Association titles.

Hirose, who enrolled at Ohio State after returning from service in Italy and France with the 100th Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team, anchored Ohio's victorious 400-yard free-style and 300-yard medley relay teams. He finished second to Walter Ris of Great Lakes in the 100-yard free-style event and took a fourth in the 220-yard free-style.

JACL Offers Aid to Hawaii Wave Victims

The relief situation for the assistance of Hawaii residents who were made homeless as a result of the tidal wave on April 1 is "under control," the National JACL was informed on April 11 in a telegram from the Territorial Emergency Service committee in Honolulu.

Expressing appreciation for the JACL's offer of aid to tidal wave victims, the Emergency Service committee declared that a clothing drive would not be necessary.

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese American Citizens League has offered its facilities to inaugurate a clothing drive to aid homeless victims of the tidal wave disaster which struck Hawaii on April 1.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL, wired Hawaiian officials this week extending sympathies and offering the services of the JACL on the mainland in any project which may tend to alleviate the distress of persons made homeless by the disaster.

(The Red Cross announced in Honolulu on April 8 that the toll of dead and missing as a result of the seismic wave had reached 205 in all the Hawaiian Islands. A large number of the casualties are believed to have been persons of Japanese ancestry.)

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Problems Met by Japanese Americans Presented To New York Meet by Veteran of 442nd Infantry; Bill Mauldin Attacks Anti-Nisei Campaign

NEW YORK — American war veterans of minority groups, particularly Negroes and Japanese Americans, are being forced to take only menial jobs upon their return to civilian life, Vincent Malveaux, who conducted a survey of twenty-one cities for the American Council on Race Relations, told a conference of minority veterans problems at the Willkie Memorial Building on April 5.

Malveaux painted a "dismal picture for the returning minority veteran."

Bill Mauldin, noted cartoonist, attacked discriminatory practices against Japanese American veterans and cited the war record of the Nisei group.

Robert J. Funabashi, a returned veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, represented the Japanese American Citizens League at the meeting, and opposed current practices of the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in organizing segregated posts of minority war veterans on the Pacific coast.

Funabashi declared that the properties of many Japanese Americans in service were endangered by the current campaign of the California State government to confiscate farm lands for alleged violation of the State's anti-alien land law.

The Nisei veteran spoke of "obvious abuses" of the rights of returned Japanese American GIs in West Coast states but said that the Nisei veterans "did not like to be used for test cases."

Forty organizations sent representatives to the emergency conference.

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