



## Return of Nisei Stranded In Japan During War May be Permitted Under New Plans

**Majority of Petitioners Were Students, Visitors At Time of Outbreak of War; Hearing Board May Be Set Up to Consider Cases Individually**

WASHINGTON—Procedures to permit the return of qualified Nisei who were stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war in 1941 are under discussion by State Department and other officials and a definite program may be put into operation shortly.

United States military occupation authorities in Japan have been petitioned by "hundreds" of American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who desire to rejoin families in the United States. Most of these persons were studying in Japan or visiting relatives at the time of the outbreak of war.

One of the procedures which has been discussed will be that of establishing a special hearing board of American government officials in Japan which will consider cases individually and will have the power to recommend that the petitioners be permitted to return.

Many of those now desiring to return were unable to get shipping accommodations in the fall of 1941 and some were aboard the last ship from Yokohama which turned back to Japan when within view of Hawaii.

Many Hawaiian-born persons of Japanese descent, now in Okinawa, already have applied for permission to return to their homes.

It is pointed out, however, that because of the severe shortage of shipping, no persons will be permitted to return for many months after the program is made effective.

It is believed that several thousand persons will be affected by the program.

## LST Crew Tells Of Rescue of Nisei Off Hawaiian Coast

SAN FRANCISCO—The rescue of a 14-year old Nisei from the debris-laden seas off Hawaii following the recent tidal wave was described on April 11 by the crew of the Navy LST 731 which arrived in San Francisco over the weekend.

The landing craft, veteran of Guam and Iwo Jima, was ten miles from Hilo when the seismic wave which brought death to nearly 200 persons smashed into that city.

Unable to dock at Hilo's battered waterfront, the vessel, the sole undamaged ship in that area, was ordered back to sea to search for survivors under the direction of navy patrol planes.

The following day 14-year old Yoshikazu Murakami was found floating on a life raft and was taken aboard.

## GI Brings Home Young Nisei He Found in Yokohama Ruins

SAN FRANCISCO — Eleven year old Masuo Koike who survived the bombings of Yokohama was reunited here on April 18 with his mother, Mrs. Izumi Koike of Brooklyn.

The reunion was made possible through the efforts of an American GI from The Bronx, Pfc. Frank Donato of 318 East 154th St., who had found the boy wandering in the bomb ravaged streets of Yokohama last December.

The Koikes had left the boy with the mother's parents in Japan when he was too ill to return with them.

The boy rushed from the side of his GI benefactor into the arms of his mother who had come from Brooklyn to San Francisco to meet the ship. He covered her face with American-style kisses.

Donato, whom Masuo calls "Poppa," was serving with the Third Military Headquarters in

## 1400 Awards Won by Men Of Nisei Unit

**49 DSCs Received By Japanese Americans In Italy, France**

New awards given to men of the 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team on Army Day, April 6, in Leghorn, Italy, brought to 1423 the number of decorations and awards won by the unit, exclusive of Purple Hearts.

The long list of honors given the Japanese American servicemen of this unit includes one Congressional Medal of Honor, 49 Distinguished Service Crosses, 353 Silver Stars, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, and 17 Legions of Merit.

In addition these men have been awarded 844 Bronze Stars, 112 Army and Division Commendations, 14 Soldier's Medals, 14 Italian and French awards, 6 Presidential Distinguished Unit citations and 2 Meritorious Service Unit plaques.

## BUSINESS LICENSE DENIAL TOLD AT DENVER MEETING

DENVER, Colo. — Action on a proposal to prohibit the denial of business licenses in the city of Denver to persons on grounds of race, color or creed was delayed for two weeks by the City Council on April 15 pending the investigation of specific cases of discrimination.

The Very Rev. Dean Paul Roberts and Rev. C. P. Garman spoke in behalf of the proposed ordinance.

The City Council was told that Japanese American businessmen had been denied licenses to operate businesses outside the Larimer street area.

## Old-Timers Lead Italy Parade



LEGHORN, Italy—Four original members of the 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team were honored in the Army Day parade in Leghorn on April 6 when they carried and guarded the national and regimental colors in the huge parade staged by American military forces in Leghorn. They are from left to right: Master Sgt. Jitsuo Yoshida, Honolulu; First Sgt. Hisaji B. Hamamoto, Fillmore, Calif.; First Sgt. Melvin M. Tsuchiya, Waimea, Kauai; and, Tech. Sgt. Tsuneo Nakada, Los Angeles.

## Men of 442nd March Through Italian City They Liberated

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—The 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team participated in an American street parade on Army Day, April 6, to honor the soldiers of World Wars I and II on Viale Regina Margherita, Leghorn, Italy. Seven thousand troops passed the reviewing stand where the commanding officer of the Peninsular Base Section and his staff reviewed the American troops of the Leghorn area.

Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, 442nd Japanese American Combat Team Commander was appointed commanding officer of American troops which were amassed from the Leghorn area to take part in the great Army Day celebration.

The Japanese American troops of the 442nd Infantry Regiment were selected to participate in the largest parade witnessed in Leghorn since V-J Day. In the V-J Day celebration the Nisei marched at the head of the gigantic parade.

The Peninsular Base Section commanding officer, Colonel Francis H. Oxx of Newport, Rhode Island, singled out the Japanese Americans as being outstanding in both appearance and, in marching ability.

Major Thomas W. Akins, Dallas, Texas, commanding officer of the 100th Battalion, was commanding officer of the crack 442nd soldiers which made up the provisional battalion that represented the Regimental Combat Team. Executive officer of the battalion was Captain Jack W. Rodarme, Joplin, Missouri, who is presently the commanding officer of the Third Battalion. Other officers on Major Akins' staff were Second Lieutenant Harry K. Habata, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and First Lieutenant Charles W. Shrinski, Honolulu, Hawaii.

First Lieutenant Thomas M.

Kobayashi, Phoenix, Arizona, regimental adjutant, and Captain Oral E. Stanton, Indianapolis, Indiana, regimental plans and operations officer, were Colonel Miller's aides de camp.

The American troops of the Leghorn area were at their best as they passed sixteen abreast down the boulevard along the Tyrrhenian sea coast before thousands of American and British troops as well as Italian civilians.

## Escheated Property Auctioned by State

STOCKTON, Calif. — Escheated to the State in litigation under the California Alien Land Law, five acres of agricultural land which was confiscated from Kiyoshi Watanabe in 1945 went under the auctioneer's hammer on April 10.

The land was purchased for \$3,500 by a deputy sheriff of San Joaquin county.

## GI Ceremony Marks First Nisei Wedding in Japan

TOKYO—The first wedding of a Nisei couple in Japan since the start of the Allied occupation took place on April 2 when Lieut. Grant Ichikawa of Suisun, Calif., and Miss Mildred Yamamoto of Koloa, Kauai, T. H., were married at the 42nd General Hospital St. Luke's chapel.

Mrs. Ichikawa arrived in Japan last November as a U. S. government civil service worker from Hawaii. She is now employed by the CCD in the Dai Ichi building in Tokyo.

## Seek Test on California Alien Fishing Ban

**Law Was Passed by Legislature During Wartime Session**

LOS ANGELES—A test case is being prepared by the Southern California office of the American Civil Liberties Union on the 1943 California anti-alien fishing law which prohibits Japanese aliens and other "ineligible aliens" from engaging in either commercial or sports fishing in the state.

It is reported that A. L. Wirin, counsel for the ACLU, will file the case in behalf of a group of Japanese fishermen who are unable to resume commercial fishing operations because of the new law.

The case will be filed in the form of a writ of mandamus against the Fish and Game Commission of California in order to secure an order against the Commission requiring it to issue a license to the Japanese applicant.

The anti-alien fishing bill was passed in 1943 while the several thousand persons of Japanese ancestry, who had played a major role in the California fishing industry before the war, were in relocation camps. Previously, attempts to pass the bill had failed.

## New Group Formed To Combat Coast Racial Prejudices

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles civic leaders on April 18 launched the Pacific Coast Council on Intercultural Education to combat racial prejudices of the West Coast, which were defined broadly as Negro-white, Mexican-Anglo, Japanese-Caucasian, and Jewish-Gentile.

John B. Hughes was elected as president of the board of directors, with Joseph P. Loeb, Norman O. Houston, and Mrs. John P. Buwalda as vice presidents. Leon L. Lewis was named secretary.

Dr. Stewart G. Cole was elected executive director of the council.

Dr. Cole, in presenting the opportunity facing the Pacific Coast Council, emphasized the fact that while the east coast has built up faulty intercultural relations over a period of three centuries, and the South has acquired an unfortunate interracial arrest, conditions on the Pacific coast are still sufficiently fluid to allow the people in California, Oregon and Washington to establish folk ways, laws and community attitudes in which the wide variety of peoples living there can develop a civilization representing the finest traditions of America.

## Discuss Formation Of Community Group To Aid Returnees

LOS ANGELES — Organization of a community body to carry on the work of the War Relocation Authority after that government agency is liquidated was discussed on April 15 at a meeting called by G. Y. Katow of the WRA.

Lieut. Ichikawa is the commanding officer of the Linguist Pool section of Allied Translation and Interrogation Section. He is a graduate of the University of California and entered the army in November, 1942. Trained at Camp Savage, he was sent to Australia to join ATIS in February, 1944 and received a field commission in the Philippines in August, 1945.

A reception was held in the officers' lounge after the ceremony.

The newlyweds plan to return to the United States after the lieutenant receives his discharge.



## Youth, Charged with Murder Of Wounded 442nd Veteran, Goes on Trial in Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif.—S. J. Johnson, 22, charged with the murder of George Yoshioka, wounded veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, went on trial last week in the Superior court of Judge Raymond M. Dunne.

The trial is the first on Johnson's dual plea of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

LeRoy Bob, 21, jointly accused with Johnson, already has been convicted and sentenced to death in the gas chamber at San Quentin for the murder of Yoshioka who was brutally beaten and robbed on Nov. 16.

An automatic appeal for Bob is now ending in the Supreme Court.

Two brothers of the slain ex-GI were the witnesses for the prosecution as Johnson's trial was opened on April 12.

The defense is being handled by court-appointed Attorney Ira B. Langdon. Assistant District Attorney Bradford M. Crittenden is prosecuting.

Judge Dunne's jury panel was excused from serving inasmuch as it was a jury from that venire which found Bob guilty of first degree murder in ten minutes.

## New JACL Chapter Formed in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, O.—Organization of the Cincinnati chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League was completed last week at a meeting attended by Masao Satow, special Eastern representative of the National JACL.

Dr. Makoto Yamaguchi was elected president of the new organization.

Major Christopher Keagan, for-

## OGAWA ELECTED DELEGATE TO VFW COUNTY COUNCIL

MERRICK, Long Island, N. Y.—Elmer Ogawa was elected delegate to the county council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a two-year term at the annual elections last week of the VFW's Mariner's Post No. 1310.

Ogawa, who resides at 68 Stuyvesant Ave., performed 28 months of overseas service in anti-aircraft artillery units in and about the Canal Zone. Transferred to the infantry early in 1945, he almost got aboard a Pacific-bound transport but was scratched at the last minute because of his 73 discharge points and because at 39 he was over-age. He spent the balance of the war at Camp Wolters, Tex., instructing infantry replacements for the 442nd Combat Team.

mer company commander of H company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was elected vice president of the Cincinnati JACL.

Mrs. Alice Iino is the secretary of the new group.

## Sgt. Kusaka Wins Guggenheim For Work in Atomic Research

NEW YORK—Dr. Shuichi Kusaka, young Japan-born physicist who is now a private in the U. S. Army, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for work in atomic research, the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation announced on April 15.

The fellowship to Dr. Kusaka was one of five awarded by the Guggenheim Foundation for work in atomic research.

During the war Dr. Kusaka worked on atomic research and was an instructor in physics at Smith College in Massachusetts. His presence at Smith was marked by protests of some townspeople in Northampton in 1944 but college authorities backed his right

to remain on the faculty.

When the U. S. Army opened its ranks to alien volunteers of Japanese ancestry in 1945, Dr. Kusaka was inducted and is now in military service.

Born in Japan, he was brought by his parents to British Columbia at the age of four. He went to schools in Vancouver and attended the University of British Columbia. He transferred to the University of California at Berkeley and graduated from that institution.

Dr. Kusaka has indicated that he will work with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who headed the atomic bomb project at Los Alamos during the war, at the California Institute of Technology.

## Japanese Wife of British Navy Officer Reunited with Husband

Kane Tsujimura  
Tortured, Imprisoned  
By Japan Military

LONDON — Kane Tsujimura, Japanese wife of a British naval officer, was in London this week, reunited with her husband after years of separation during which she was tortured and imprisoned by the Japanese police.

Her story is told by Douglas Warth in the Sunday Pictorial published March 24 in London.

Her husband's name is not revealed, for he is due to return to service in the Orient.

Kane Tsujimura's war started in 1941 when the Jap warlords were whipping up a fanatical hatred of Britain and America before their treacherous swoop from the skies on Pearl Harbor, writes Douglas Warth.

"A dream girl in a sky-tinted kimono, she was busy writing pamphlets to distribute among the hood-winked Japanese troops. Her husband's country was in danger. She was no longer a Japanese girl."

Shortly before war broke, she left Japan with her husband for the comparative safety of Hong Kong.

They were parted when he went to train a motor torpedo boat flotilla; she stayed to write more pamphlets and to gather and translate intelligence reports for the British. When Hong Kong fell, she was promptly arrested.

She was tortured for days at a time, and she was told her hus-

band had been killed.

"There was hardly a night, for months, when they left her at peace in that prison cell," says Warth. "They brought men in and tortured them out of consciousness before her eyes, to try to make her name her associates. She could have spoken and removed the threat of death from her head. Kane chose silence, fierce loyalty to the husband they said they had killed."

"Then dramatically came the news that her husband was alive," the story continues.

"Up the steps to the dread interrogation chamber, one day, she saw the guards dragging him, just as they hustled her out of sight."

"She shouted. Their eyes met. They struggled towards each other, only to be torn apart again. That was all. They contrived to utter a few words to each other—enough to keep alive the flimsy hope on which they both had to live through the misery of years."

After months more of imprisonment, the police decided they were on the wrong track in trying to get information from her, and they returned her to Japan.

She went to her parents' home in Kobe, where she was bothered by fanatics who called her "spy" and "enemy."

Ten days after the end of the war she received a telegram stating her husband was alive. And finally, in March, 1946, she arrived in England to be reunited with him.

## Nisei Girl Takes Part in CIO Picketing for Registration

PORTLAND, Ore.—Leonora Kadoguchi, a Nisei girl who is a member of the research staff of the CIO's International Woodworkers of America, was on her first picket line on April 5.

Miss Kadoguchi joined with other CIO pickets who established a line at entrances to Multnomah county courthouse to induce Portland citizens to register for the May primary.

Miss Kadoguchi's sign read: "If

you want to help us or fight us at the polls—you gotta REGISTER."

Other signs said that "unregistered citizens are unfair to American democracy."

The demonstration was sponsored by the CIO's Political Action Committee in order to help the county's registration drive. Most of the pickets were from the International Woodworkers of America.

## WRA Acts to Provide Housing For Evacuees in Emergency Projects in Los Angeles Area

Temporary Shelters Will Be Closed by April 30 Deadline

LOS ANGELES — With all the temporary shelters provided by the War Relocation Authority for returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry scheduled to be closed by April 30, plans for the "evacuation" of those still living in the emergency housing units proceeded this week.

All of the projects have been maintained in cooperation with the Federal Public Housing Agency.

With only two weeks remaining before the closing of the temporary project, the population of the Lomita Air Strip camp, now the largest of the emergency housing centers for the returnees, was reported last week to be more than one thousand. Efforts are being made to transfer the residents at Lomita to other Federal units or to private housing.

The WRA in Los Angeles reported last week that 140 trailers were being provided through the FPHA for large families who are able to install them on private property. These trailers will be rented by FPHA for \$13 a month in urban areas and \$10 a month in rural districts.

Housing for many of those now in the five emergency projects for returned Japanese Americans may be provided in the new Federal project for distressed persons at Winona in Burbank if these persons are unable to find private housing.

Last week strong protests were registered by evacuee returnees at Lomita when the WRA reportedly ordered some of the elderly

## Watsonville Student Enters California Spelling Contest

SAN FRANCISCO — Haruo Kokka, eighth grade student at the Edward A. Hall school in Watsonville recently won the spelling championship of Santa Cruz county and will represent the county in the California spelling meet on April 27.

The winner will represent the State at the National Spelling Bee in Washington.

The Nisei student is the son of Satoru Kokka of Watsonville.

## Evacuees Warned Stored Goods to Be Sold at Auction

SAN FRANCISCO—Unclaimed property in WRA warehouses in Northern California owned by persons of Japanese ancestry has been assembled in the WRA warehouse at 1701 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, where it will be sold at auction at 9 a. m., April 29, if not reclaimed immediately by the owners, it was announced this week by Charles F. Miller, supervisor of WRA's Northern California area.

Any person who believes he has property held here and can offer proof of ownership is urged to telegraph such information immediately to Charles F. Miller, Area Supervisor, Northern California area, War Relocation Authority, 461 Market street, San Francisco 5.

The property held includes contraband material and household goods varying in amounts from 1 to 84 pieces.

couples to split and to find room in bachelors quarters in order to provide trailers which must be transferred to Winona. The Rafu Shimpo reported that the WRA stated the trailers must be emptied in order that contractors can move them into the new installations at Burbank.

## CANADA EVACUEES FIND NEW HOMES IN EASTERN AREA

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The number of evacuees of Japanese ancestry who are moving from British Columbia to eastern provinces shows a marked increase in recent weeks, according to figures released by the Japanese Division of the Department of Labor.

Seventy-seven persons moved east in February, as compared to 48 in January and 27 in Feb., 1945.

The largest group of evacuees who relocated moved out of New Denver, one of the "ghost towns" in the Canadian Rockies which have been the wartime homes of Canada's evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry.

## Barnstorming Nisei Cagemen Win Games in Northern Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy — (With the 442nd basketball team on a northern Italy barnstorming tour.) On March 30th, in the course of a barnstorming tour through the northern sector of Italy the speedy cagers of the 442nd laid to waste an All Star Italian basketball team in Udine to the tune of 44 to 37. Completely out-classing the Italian five the 442nd casabamen seemed to score at will throughout the forty minutes of the game.

Just after the tip-off the two teams seemed evenly matched but as the game reached that point nearing the end of the first quarter when both teams know what to expect of the opposition, it was 442nd all the way until the final whistle. The first quarter ended with the score 9 to 7 in favor of the 442nd.

In the second stanza the first team of the 442nd poured on the heat with 1st Sergeant Tom Harimoto, Honolulu, Hawaii, leading the way. Apparently the Italians were unable to cope with the clever feints executed by Tommy for he went under the basket to score time and again. First Sergeant Roy Suzuki, Seattle, Washington, Staff Sergeant Sadamu Nakao, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Privates First Class James Tsuha, Honolulu, T. H., Frank Ichimoto, Los Angeles, California, who filled the remaining positions of the first team also played brilliant ball under the equally brilliant sun. At the half time the points made by the adversaries was doubled and the count was 25 to 11 in favor of the 442nd.

The second squad took over at the start of the second half but found that they were playing against a rejuvenated ball club for the Italians began to score in quick succession. However, the scoring spree was brought under control and the second team retaliated with enough baskets to keep a comfortable lead upon the hard playing Italian All Stars. This quarter of the game was the most exciting since the second team was a closer match for the Italians. As the whistle blew ending the third quarter it was 442nd 35; Unique All Stars 26.

## Evacuees File Suit to Upset Duration Lease

Report Tenants Refuse To Return Property To Japanese Americans

LOS ANGELES — The present status of "duration" leases which were made by evacuees of Japanese ancestry with non-evacuee tenants at the time of the evacuation in 1942 is now under consideration in Justice court in San Bernardino in a suit brought by Kiyomi and Hideko Takeiri against O. L. Butler.

In the suit the Japanese American plaintiffs seek repossession of farm property which they had leased "for the duration" to Butler.

The Rafu Shimpo reported that, in many instances, tenants are refusing to turn back property to returned Japanese Americans claiming that the war against Japan is not legally over and that the "duration" is still in effect.

In an amended complaint, filed in San Bernardino Township court the Takeiris claimed that they are entitled to gain possession of the premises because their lease with Butler is invalid because the phrase "so long as the war with Japan shall continue" is too vague and indefinite.

## "Good Samaritan" Killed Assisting Stalled Motorist

LOS ANGELES — Takeo Kojima, 54, is dead today because he stopped to give another motorist a helping hand.

Kojo was driving down Western Avenue on April 14 when he saw an auto stalled on the street. He began to push the stalled auto with his own car but the bumpers of the two vehicles locked. Kojo got out of his car to help untangle the bumpers and was struck by a third. He was killed instantly.

In the fourth and last quarter of the game the Italians started making desperate shots which unfortunately for the 442nd found their mark. The second team worked hard for the quarter to get the situation in hand. After the Italians' final bid to take the game was stopped the second team dropped a few more to show just who was boss and the game ended with the score reading 442nd 44; Uaine All Stars 37.

Playing his usual consistent game First Sergeant Tom Harimoto walked off with the high point honors having made a total of 14 points. The whole team did splendidly on offense and doubly well on defense in that they had to bottle up an Italian center who stood 6 feet 5 inches off the ground.

On the morning of the 29th the 442nd basketball team put on an exhibition match for the British soldiers at the local outdoor court. Handicapped by the cement floor and the bright sun, the first squad met the second squad in a contest to show the English soldiers how the fast game of basketball should be played. Although the poor facilities cramped their style the 442nd boys put on a good show while an English athletic instructor pointed out the finer technicalities of the popular American sport to the soldier audience over a public address system.

Throughout the game's entirety the diminutive 442nd hoopers amazed the English with their speed, deceptiveness, and cat-like agility. Fast breaks and clever passes were heartily applauded in the traditional English manner but a score was greeted with cries of "well done Yank," which was sweet to listen to. Fancy one hand passes and long shots from mid-court also brought rounds of cheers from the attentive audience.

The exhibition game played by the boys of the 442nd was for the benefit of the officers of the British Sport Center in Udine, Italy, who wish to introduce the exciting game to the soldiers of the British Army. After the game was played the appreciative English soldiers stood up in the stands and gave the boys of the 442nd rousing cheers.



## Combat Medals Presented to Nisei in Italy

Fifteen Honored With Awards at Army Day Fete

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—In conjunction with the Army Day celebration, fifteen members of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team received Silver Stars, Bronze Stars and Army commendations at an informal award presentation ceremony at the Regimental Headquarters in Leghorn, Italy, April 6, 1946.

Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winnebago, Wisconsin, Nisei Combat team commander pinned the medals on the soldiers' jackets and clasped their hands firmly while extending his personal congratulations for performances of heroism and gallantry in action. Immaculate Colonel Miller, who wears the Legion of Merit, Silver Star and Bronze Star under his most cherished Combat Infantryman's Badge, was designated to lead seven thousand troops from the Peninsular Base Section including his 442nd Regimental Combat Team through the city of Leghorn in a formal Army Day review earlier today.

Staff Sergeant Takashi Uyeno, Fort Lupton, Colorado, machine gunner of Company C, and Staff Sergeant Charles I. Tsukishima, Casper, Wyoming, Browning Automatic Rifleman of Company C, were awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the 442nd's last major campaign in northern Italy.

For heroic achievement in action and which cost his life in Italy last April, Technician Fifth Grade Hiroshi Sugiyama received the Bronze Star. Colonel Miller extended his deepest sympathies as presented the Bronze Star (posthumously) to his brother, Technical Sergeant Shinobu P. Sugiyama of Company K.

Staff Sergeant Paul H. Nomura, Farmington, Michigan, rifleman in Company B, and First Lieutenant Roy O. Warren, platoon leader of Company L, also received the Bronze Star Medals.

First Lieutenant Roy K. Futaba, Assistant Battalion Surgeon, Pueblo, Colorado, was awarded the Fifth Army commendation. The 2nd Infantry Division commendation was extended to Private First Class Hiroshi Odoi, Company C, Battle, Washington, Technical Sergeant Masao Takahashi, Company C, Stockton, California; Private First Class Isamu Satogata, Company C, Honolulu, T. H.; Sergeant James T. Shimbori, Company C, Denver, Colorado; Private First Class Masaaki Saito, Company C, Honolulu, T. H.; Private First Class Seiji R. Takahashi, Company C, Stockton, California; Sergeant Yukio Y. S. Sunahara, Company C, Fort Lupton, Colorado; Sergeant Shigeru Fujimori, Company C, Meriden, Wyoming; and Private First Class Shoji Suzuki, Company C, Lake Villa, Michigan.

## Paul Kasugai Was Noted for Tennis, Bridge Ability

"Paul Kasugi," whose death was reported on March 6 in the Pacific Citizen, was identified as Paul Shiharu Kasugai, a noted tennis player and bridge authority. A letter sent to this paper this week by a friend of the deceased.

Kasugai, who is believed to have committed suicide following many years of illness, was born in Nagoya, Japan, and came to the United States when he was a child. He attended Commerce high school in San Francisco.

He was one of northern California's foremost tennis players and represented that section of the state for many years in California championship games.

Kasugai was also known as a master bridge player and teacher and held the Ely Culbertson certificate of teaching. He also translated one of Culbertson's books into Japanese and at one time attempted to introduce the game in Japan.

## Aids GI Uncle on Okinawa



OKINAWA—Okusei Arakaki, 14, assists his uncle, T/Sgt. Jiro Arakaki, GI interpreter, at a U. S. Army office on Okinawa. The youth left Hawaii ten years ago to visit his grandparents on Okinawa and has been there since. The sergeant, who located his nephew soon after he landed on Okinawa, plans to take him back to Hawaii as soon as the State department approves.

—Photo by Acme.

## Gen. Stilwell Will Address San Francisco Nisei Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO—The colorful and beloved war hero, "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, will be the guest speaker at a testimonial banquet to be held by Japanese Americans in the San Francisco Bay area on May 7 in honor of individuals and agencies who have aided in the resettlement of the Nisei during the past years. The Japanese American Citizens League will sponsor the banquet.

General Joseph W. Stilwell, Sixth Army commander and recently named commander of the Western Defense area, first praised the Nisei GIs in his units when he was commanding general of the China-Burma-India theater. He later declared war on "barfly commandos" and urged the formation of a "pick-axe club" to fight Pacific coast race-baiters.

## Gen. Stilwell to Be Main Speaker at Chicago Affair

CHICAGO—General Joseph Stilwell will address the Nisei veterans he has so often publicly praised at a Memorial Day testimonial banquet sponsored by 15 Japanese American organizations in Chicago on May 30 at the Stevens Hotel.

General Frank Merrill, whose Marauders made flaming World War II history in the Burma jungles, will be among the special guests. The Marauders included many Nisei among their ranks.

Sergeant Ben Kuroki and Mike Masaoka, national JACL secretary, will speak on the program.

The dinner will honor Nisei men and women who served in the country's armed forces during World War II and gold star Issei parents whose sons died in service.

The event will also honor men and women in Chicago who aided in the resettlement program of Japanese Americans in the city.

The banquet will be open to all interested persons and tickets are now available from the sponsoring organizations. Inquiries by mail may be sent to the Midwest Office, Japanese American Citizens League, 189 West Madison street, Chicago.

Names of returned Nisei servicemen and women are now being added to the guest list. Individuals who know of such persons are asked to refer them to Masao Imon, chairman of the veterans committee for the banquet at the CYO Nisei Center, 1110 North LaSalle.

## Miyashiro Loses To Callura in Match in Trenton

TRENTON, N. J.—Richi Miyashiro, Nisei boxer from Hawaii, lost a decision to Jimmy Callura of Hamilton, Ont., in the eight-round main event of the Tuesday night boxing card here.

## 79 of Japanese Ancestry Killed, Missing in Wake Of Tidal Wave in Hawaii

Majority of Casualties Reported in Hilo Area; Hundreds Narrowly Escaped Death, Thousands Homeless; Bodies Recovered from Under Wreckage

HONOLULU—At least 44 Hawaiian residents of Japanese ancestry were killed and 35 are missing as a result of the tidal wave which struck the Hawaiian island group on April 1.

Hundreds of others narrowly escaped death, while thousands were made homeless when the huge waves damaged or destroyed their homes.

Most of the casualties were reported from Hilo on the Island of Hawaii where 120 persons were dead or missing, of which total 37 of the dead and 21 of the missing were of Japanese ancestry.

Japanese American organizations joined with the Red Cross and other relief agencies to care for the injured and provide shelter for the homeless.

Many of these bodies at Hilo were recovered as crews dug into the wreckage of the city's water-front area.

The following casualties of persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii were listed on April 4 by the Star-bulletin:

## DEAD

### HAWAII (Hilo)

Vivian Abe, 3, 21 Emma St.  
Tsuru Arita, 61, Paauilo.  
Mrs. Ayano Neiri, 1130 Kamehameha Ave.  
Suichi Fujita.  
Mrs. Haruko Fukumori, Seaside club.  
Naoki Goto, Shinmachi.  
Mrs. Harabara, 1130 Kamehameha Ave.  
Harue Hayashida.  
Shigeru Hayashida.  
Carral Higashihara, infant, 1176 Kamehameha Ave.  
Harriet Higashihara, 5, Hilo.  
Tomie Isumi, 18, 1134 Kamehameha Ave.  
Mrs. Sawa Ichinose, 62, Shinmachi.  
Kama Kokazu, 63, Kohala.  
Mrs. Makayo Kinoshita, Shinmachi.  
Mrs. Jane Vincent Kobayashi.  
Gunji Kono, 54, 209 Mauakoa St.  
Takeji Kobayashi, 60-C Keelokolani St.  
Alice Yamada Leite.  
Mr. Matsuno, Shinmachi.  
Michiyo Matsuno, infant, 1174 Kamehameha Ave.  
Mrs. Chizuko Nakaji, Hilo.  
Jane Setsuko Nakaji, 8, Shinmachi.  
Keiji Nirei, 56, 34 Emma St.  
Stanley Sakaguchi, 4, 1174-J Kamehameha Ave.  
Rupert Sekimura, 1, Shinmachi.  
Jack Sekimura, Shinmachi.  
Miss Asako Shimonaka, Shinmachi.  
Kura Tanaka, 21 Emma St.  
Toshiro Tateishi, 71, Waiakea.  
Mrs. Ueda Shinmachi.  
Mrs. Shizue Udo.  
Sadao Uno, Kealahou, Kona.  
Kimiko Yamada, 1130 Kamehameha Ave.  
Toshi Yamada, 17-B Mamane St.  
Clifford Yamamoto, 5 months, 1160 Kamehameha Ave.  
Lorna Yamamoto, 3, 1160 Kamehameha Ave.  
Kikujiro Yamamoto, 79, 100 Li-holihi St.

HAWAII (Laupahoehoe)  
Janet Yokoyama de Caires, 8.

KAUAI  
Charles Hada, 32, Nawiliwili.  
Mrs. Iwa Matsui, 57, Kalihiwai.  
Ruth Ninomoto, 10, Kalihiwai.

MAUI  
Gisetsu Ichimoto, Paia.

OAHU  
Mary Nakamura, 9, Kahuku.

## MISSING

### HAWAII (Hilo)

Gerald Abe, 21 Emma St.  
Mrs. Tsune Fukui, 17-B Mamane St.  
Seiji Hayashida, 18 months, Shinmachi.  
Masaichi Hiroshima, 50, Shinmachi.  
Miles Tatsuo Iwaoka, 4½ months, 1136 Kamehameha St.  
Mrs. Asana Kamimura.  
Miss Tamiko Kawamoto, 28, Shinmachi.  
Harold Gihachi Kobayashi, 5, Kamehameha Ave.  
Melvin Kobayashi, 3, Keelokolani Ave.  
Sadaji Rendell Kobayashi, Keelokolani Ave.  
Tomaezen Kobayashi, 7, Keelokolani Ave.  
Toraki Matsumoto, 65, Shinmachi.  
Freddie Miura, 6.  
Noboru Miyamoto, 27, Kamana.  
Baby Nakahara, 9 months, 1130 Keelokolani Ave.  
Melvin T. Nakaji, 5, Shinmachi.  
Masuyo Sekimura, 2.  
Jinjiro Sumida.  
Eijiro Tanaka, 64, 21 Emma St.  
Miss Tsuyako Yagi, 19, 33 Apaanane St.  
Allan Shigeru Yoshiyama, 3, 720 Laukapu St.

### HAWAII (Laupahoehoe)

Florence Nakano, 32.  
Norma Nakano, 4 months.  
Janice Nakano, 2.  
Stella Nakano, 4.  
Mitsugi Tamamoto, 13.  
Momoru Ishizu, 15, Kapehu.  
Tokuyoshi Sakamoto, 15.  
Tatsumi Yamamoto, 14, Kaiakea.  
Setsuyo Uyeno, 14, Ninole.  
Seichi Nakamura, 13, Oookala.  
Hatsue Nakata, 17, Oookala.  
Kiyoshi Sunahara, 16, Honohina.  
Shoso Isaki, 16, Honohina.  
Toshiaki Fujimoto, 13, Honohina.

## Memorial Services Held at Graves of Men of 442nd

LEGHORN, Italy—Short memorial services at the gravesides of men of the 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team who had fallen in the last great offensive of the Italian campaign in 1945 were conducted recently by Chaplain George Aki, regimental chaplain.

The services were conducted in the military cemetery at Castelfiorentino.

A group of men from the 442nd accompanied Chaplain Aki on his visit to the cemetery. Those making the tour included T/4 Tom S. Fujiki, Bridgeton, N. J.; Staff Sgt. Tom Sekimura, Hilo, Hawaii; T/5 Tokio Kasai, Richmond, Calif.; Pvt. Yonehisa Yamahama, Erlanger, Ky.; Pvt. Arthur Shoji, Livingston, Calif.; T/5 Raymond Tanaka, Honolulu, and T/5 Kiyoshi Sakuda, Honolulu.

## Seek Owners of Recordings Used in Pacific Propaganda

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 1,270 Japanese - language phonograph records which played a significant part in the Office of War Information's efforts toward winning the war will be returned if their original owners can be found, state department officials announced this week.

Japanese music and songs were broadcast across the Pacific by OWI to attract attention of troops and other listeners to key overseas programs telling of America's war and peace aims.

The records were contributed by more than 250 persons in War Relocation Authority camps, all of

which are now closed. Present addresses of these individuals have not been determined.

All original owners have been asked to write before May 20 to the chief of the Japanese section, OIC, State Department, 111 Sutter street, San Francisco 4, California, identifying their records if possible and giving their current addresses.

In some instances, it was announced, the full names of owners were not given, and in a few cases the names were not given at all. Wherever possible, records will be returned immediately, it was reported.



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## EDITORIALS: Statehood Issue

Rep. Henry Larcade of Louisiana, chairman of the House Territories subcommittee which held hearings in Hawaii in January on the statehood question, believes that his congressional colleagues will raise issues on the "Japanese question" and on Hawaii's non-contiguity to the mainland when the statehood bill comes before the general body of the House for discussion.

In a statement to the United Press recently, Rep. Larcade said that those who raise the "Japanese question" in regard to Hawaiian statehood do so because of misinformation. The Louisiana Democrat noted that rumors of Japanese sabotage have proved unfounded and that Japanese Americans "have made a fine record throughout the war."

"Although the 'Japanese question' may be raised when the Hawaiian statehood bill comes before Congress, it is a notable fact that the great majority of public opinion on the West Coast, as expressed by newspapers and such varied groups as the chambers of commerce and the CIO, favors statehood for Hawaii. One of the statehood bills, incidentally, has been introduced by Sen. William Knowland of California. This attitude on the West Coast reflects a national opinion in favor of Hawaiian statehood, as a recent Gallup poll on the question has shown. Whereas in other years the 'Japanese question' may have been a difficult obstacle in the consideration of enabling legislation for Hawaiian statehood, the war record of Japanese Americans has made the group a positive factor in favor of statehood. The only expressed opposition to Hawaiian statehood on the West Coast has come from the Native Sons of the Golden West, traditionally anti-Oriental and white supremacist in outlook, and this has only served to highlight the race-baiting nature of the opposition.

## Attention: West Coast

The situation on the West Coast as it affects Americans of Japanese ancestry is not resolved, according to Harry W. Flannery, who sees it from his vantage point as a radio commentator for CBS.

Before Flannery went overseas he received letters of protest when he described incidents concerning the Nisei soldiers, he writes in an article in the April 13 issue of *America*.

"In my daily broadcasts over the Coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, I have talked about the Japanese American record in the war," he says. "I began because wounded veterans who had served with the Nisei in Italy, France, the South Pacific and the China-Burma-India theater asked me to do so. I continued because veterans with whom I talked in Italy and the CBI added their insistence.

"Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott of the Fifth Army talked with our party in the Hotel Bella Riva on the shores of beautiful Lake Garda in northern Italy. After we had asked a number of questions about the campaign, the German prisoners and the future of Italy, he leaned forward and spoke with an insistence he had not shown before.

"There's one subject I especially want you to talk about when you get home," he said. "That's about the way the Japanese Americans have fought over here. They have one of the best records of any men in the army. They spearheaded our drives at Casserta, Cassino and in the final push this spring. The 442nd regiment of Japanese Americans, with a normal complement of

4200 men, suffered 9,230 casualties, won four thousand Purple Hearts.

"Some of the people back in the United States are acting as if they did not know about the job these men have done; but a lot of my men who have fought alongside these boys are going back to speak in no uncertain terms about unAmerican actions. They are going to remind some people that they have fought and died to kill fascism over here and they don't want it at home. They have battled here for American and Christian principles of justice, fair play and equal opportunity for all Americans and all men. And when you write Japanese American," he added, "don't hyphenate it. These men are not hyphenated Americans, but full Americans who have proved it with their blood."

When Flannery returned to the air after his trip, he reported these injunctions on the air.

"I was glad to see that no letters of protest came in, as they had in the past. It seemed that the attitude of West Coast people had changed while I was gone, and I mentioned that on the air. But that served as the signal for numerous protests, many sent to my sponsor demanding that I be removed from the air. Some told my sponsor I was a traitor because I was 'defending the Japanese.' Anonymous letters signed 'Distraught Mother' and 'Patriotic American' asked whether I had a son in the Pacific, and whether I had not read of the atrocities committed by the Japanese. The charitable attitude would be to assume that the writers confused the Japanese enemy with us, but the writers attacked the Japanese Americans specifically and in racist logic and with disregard of our Fourteenth Amendment insisted that all are our enemies."

Closing with the Japanese American Creed, as written for the JACL, Flannery says:

"This (creed) is a statement of faith that everyone who calls himself American or Christian cannot but respect. If it is not respected, if the racist weeds that are growing all too lustily on the West Coast are not rooted out soon by stern justice, we shall fail not only the Nisei who have fought for us, but all those who have shed their blood to exterminate the weed on foreign soils."

## Interracial Church

In a Chicago church at 935 E. 50th street, a Baptist congregation has achieved that interracial harmony that is so often talked of but seldom achieved even in this, a democratic country based upon the principle that all men are created equal.

The church has a congregation that is about one half Japanese American. The associate pastor is the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, who is also on the board of trustees.

The only interracial feeling that has developed is one of harmony, according to the Rev. F. R. Steiger, pastor.

"Contrary to predictions we have become an entity rather than Americans and Japanese," he said. "We just ignore any racial differences and worship as Christians all."

This interracial church has succeeded where many other groups have failed to integrate separate and "different" elements because it has recognized that the essential sameness of the individuals is far greater than the assumed differences.

## A Dark Page

A few weeks ago 53 persons were released from the internment camp at Angler, Ontario in Canada. A brief notice to this effect has appeared in Canadian newspapers. The full story, however, of this internment of these persons and many others like them will occupy one of the darker pages of the wartime chronicle of the treatment of a minority group in Canada. Most of the 53 who were released had been in internment since early in 1942 and were Canadian-born citizens. All were of Japanese ancestry.

Back in 1942 in the first phase of the Canadian program of evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry, a procedure was adopted whereby male members of families were interned and were sent to work projects in the interior. At that time a number of these Japanese Canadians, protesting their separation from their families and asking for the evacuation of family units, staged a demonstration in Vancouver. Canadian authorities ordered the demonstrators jailed and they have been in internment for the past four years, separated from their families.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Politics and the Nisei

The political consciousness of the Nisei in the United States has been intensified by their wartime experiences, particularly in the evacuation, in which the influence of political forces upon the daily lives of the individual Nisei was made apparent. To say that the liberal forces in our political life have been for fair and democratic treatment of Japanese Americans during the way and that the reactionaries have not, would be too easy a generalization to be entirely accurate. Many an "honest conservative" has stood up to be counted on the side of the angels, as far as the Japanese American issue was concerned. But it is true that the liberal forces have generally been the majority of those who supported the Nisei in the early months of the war.

The men and women in both major parties who today support the OPA and the FEPC are generally those who opposed the persecution of the Nisei. The fact is not lost on the Nisei and the sum of the wartime experiences and observations of the Nisei group will conceivably affect their future attitude on political and economic issues. The liberal church groups were among the first to support the Nisei and the progressive forces in the trade union movement, personified by the CIO, were quick to lend support to the right of Nisei to work in jobs of their own choosing.

The Nisei question, particularly the right of Japanese American evacuees to return to homes on the West Coast, was a major political issue two years ago. Today the whole question concerning Japanese Americans is devoid of political controversy and the race-baiters of 1944 have found other issues. California politicians, faced with what may be one of the most intense campaigns in the State's history, are not raising the "Japanese issue" for the first time since the San Francisco earthquake. The wartime record of the Nisei in particular is to be credited for this disinclination on the part of otherwise unscrupulous politicians to use the Japanese Americans as scapegoats. This time, because of the Nisei's record in World War II, the use of anti-Nisei slogans is considered politically inexpedient.

Further proof of the fact that the Nisei issue is no longer controversial is the fact that two persons, who during the war were closely identified with the West Coast campaign for fair play to Japanese American, are leading candidates for Congress on the Democratic ticket. They are Ruth Kingman, who was the executive secretary of the West Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and who is now the chairman of the California Councils for Civic Unity, and Dr. Hubert Phillips of Fresno State College who was closely identified with the Fresno chapter of the Fair Play group. Mrs. Kingman will run for the seat which will be made vacant by the retirement of Rep. Tolan while Dr. Phillips will oppose B. W. (Bud) Gearhart, the Republican incumbent. Although both Mrs. Kingman and Dr. Phillips were leaders in the fight for a racial minority, that fact is not a campaign issue. Both have won the support of the progressive forces in their respective districts because of the liberalism of their basic political positions.

The political attitudes of the Nisei on the mainland, however, are more a matter of academic rather than practical interest to the politician. The votes of the Nisei are too few among the millions on the West Coast to be reckoned as a positive factor in any election.

In Hawaii, however, the reverse is true. The Nisei vote does count although there is no record that the Nisei ever voted on a strictly racial basis to elect anyone, despite the recent charges by Territorial Senator Alice Kamokila Campbell. The question of Japanese American voting habits in

Hawaii, where persons of Japanese ancestry make up approximately one-third of the population was brought up last January during the statehood hearings in Hawaii of the House's subcommittee on territorial affairs. Although charges were levied that the Japanese Americans could conceivably control Hawaiian politics through bloc voting, no evidence ever has been presented to show that practice of bloc voting ever has existed among members of the group.

Because of the stress placed on the possible conduct of Japanese American voters in Hawaii in the event of statehood (Rep. Rankin of Mississippi once opposed statehood with the contention that the people of Hawaii might elect congressmen of Japanese ancestry), the Honolulu Star-Bulletin recently surveyed Hawaii's voters of Japanese ancestry and found on basis of any political bloc among the Japanese Americans on a racial basis. Actually the division between Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii are predicated on differences of economic philosophy and cannot be reconciled by any effort to achieve unity on a racial basis. Hawaiian political leaders ridicule any suggestion that the Japanese Americans vote "as a racial bloc," the Star-Bulletin concluded.

"Their participation will be through the Republican party, the Democratic party, the political action committee and the veterans organizations," the newspaper quoted an observer as predicting. "The Japanese voter, especially the younger voter, asks to be heard alone. He doesn't want to be singled out as set apart from the remainder of the community. He is an intelligent voter and candidates, including those of his own race, must offer a constructive program to win his support."

The growth and influence of labor's political action was evident in the last Hawaiian election when labor's candidates took the control of the financial and business interests on the territory's legislative machinery. The forecast is for increased action on the part of labor in Hawaiian politics. The CIO's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union which has more than 10,000 members of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii recently appointed Jack Kawano as the chairman of its political action committee on Oahu. Kawano's selection, however, is based on the fact that he has been a leader in the trade union movement in Hawaii for many years and has the support of the rank and file of Hawaiian labor. It is interesting to note that the majority of members in Kawano's own waterfront longshoremen's local are not of Japanese ancestry but they have consistently elected him to their leadership. The Nisei voters in Hawaii will find a progressive force in labor's political action.

The present outlook is that two or three candidates of Japanese ancestry will enter the race in the 1946 territorial legislative elections. Japanese American candidates have been missing from Hawaii elections since the 1942 campaign when several were nominated but withdrew from the finals, partly because of pressure from the military. The withdrawal of the Nisei candidates under pressure in 1942 has been criticized but a consensus of opinion is that the candidates had little choice in the matter once the military's demands were made known since the territory was at that time under martial law.

The Star-Bulletin's survey noted that the Japanese American vote in Hawaii "is being trained to come politically wise" through labor's political action committee and such liberal groups as the Hawaii Association for Civic Unity. It is the hope of Hawaii's liberals that the Nisei will become a definite force for progressive political action.

Both in Hawaii and on the mainland the war has marked the intensification of political interest among the Nisei for events during wartime have shown that reactionary politicians are often the instigators of anti-democratic activity against minority groups.



## Vagaries

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The West Coast county, which achieved a certain notoriety for antagonistic attitude toward Japanese Americans, is gradually changing its attitude. However, all ware stores in the county have ceased to serve persons of Japanese ancestry except one store which will serve the Japanese Americans only when a certain clerk is on duty. This clerk who has refused to subscribe to the undemocratic stand of the hardware store returned home recently after long service in the Pacific in combat against the Japanese enemy. . . . One of the better stories of the evacuation concerns a woman of Japanese and Irish ancestry who flatly refused to comply with an evacuation — and was not evicted. She eventually got a job in a West Coast war plant and later was employed by War Department itself.

prints . . .

New York's Japanese American Committee for Democracy is now distributing reprints of an article by Hugh Deane, former Far East correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, in the April issue of the Christian Register. Deane charges that Toyohiko Kato, a Japanese Christian leader, rendered to militaristic nationalism during the war. . . . From the San Francisco Chronicle column of April 11: "During the war Pat Frayne and Bob Greer worked for the War Relocation Authority, trying to keep a minority (loyal Japanese Americans) from being persecuted; though with WRA, they've now joined the Dem. State Central Committee and are busily engaged in persecuting another minority—the publicans."

## Anti-Segregation . . .

The gist of Screen Star Jackie Cooper's speech on behalf of the American Veterans Committee at Nisei veterans dance in Los Angeles recently was a plea for the city of all ex-GIs against the racial segregation of veterans. . . . However, Los Angeles is the first city on the mainland to have a Nisei veterans group. The organization was started at a mass meeting last Sunday. . . . When Earl Finch returned recently to the mainland from his 23-day visit to Hawaii he brought back orchids from Nisei veterans in Hilo for several Japanese American buddies who were injured recently in a plane crash near Auburn, Calif. The Red Cross reportedly brought several of the crash survivors to the airport to meet Finch.

## Transferred . . .

Sixteen Nisei GIs with the 88th (Blue Devil) Division in northern Italy were recently transferred to the 442nd Combat Team. . . . The other day three Nisei, in Switzerland and on the GI tour, were window-shopping on a street in Lausanne when a tall man with four stars on his shoulder came across the street to talk with them. It was General Mark Clark. . . . Secretary of State Byrnes was recently given authority by President Truman to take any necessary measures in regard to "enemy aliens" interned in the U. S. The executive order was issued in relation to the situation posed by the presence of several hundred Japanese aliens from South American countries in U. S. camps. Japanese from Peru who have been held at Santa Fe recently petitioned U. S. authorities for the right to return to Peru rather than be transferred to Japan.

## A Good Sign

Pacific Citizen: I shall be leaving Japan in the next day or two. . . . My seven months stay in Japan was pleasant and in some ways I cannot help but regret the thoughts of leaving. Yet home and the states have a stronger appeal. There is nothing I like better than to hear the man (or boy or girl or woman) on the street sing because he feels like it—and that is precisely what is happening here in Japan. To me that's a good sign—and a far cry from what I first saw back in early September. S/Sgt. Kaz Oshiki.

# Washington News-Letter WRA Nears End of Arduous Work as Emergency Agency

By JOHN KITASAKO

In about nine weeks, the War Relocation Authority will go into the limbo of defunct war agencies, ending over four of the most furious years any government agency has ever experienced. Every federal agency always has its quota of critics, but the WRA, it seems, inspired more than the usual number of zealots bent on applying a scorching political hotfoot.

However, as if in vigorous vindication of its principles and came crashing through, whipped every last one of its snipers, and found the answer to every problem which confronted it.

In contrast to the heyday of its stormy career, the WRA headquarters in the Barr Building in Washington are quiet these days, as the WRA rolls leisurely along toward its day of dissolution. Last week we visited the man who steered WRA's course through the uncharted waters of bigotry and prejudice—the man who never lost his smile even when there seemed no way to turn.

The big tasks are behind Dillon Myer, but he's not loafing; he's coasting. He is conferring with his lieutenants, catching up on his reading of reports and pamphlets, and preparing his final report to the Secretary of the Interior and the President.

We asked him if he had anything lined up after WRA folds. He had "plans," he said, but as yet nothing definite to report. Two things he is sure of, however. One is that he will take a job that will keep him here in Washington. He likes it here, and so does his family. The other is that he will remain in civil service—he has a 30-year record, only five years more to the retirement age.

It is safe to predict that any number of agencies will want to snap him up the minute he declares himself free. Also, that he will not step into anything as hot as the WRA. The WRA assignment was tops in stirring his convictions, but it took just a little too much out of him.

From now on, in matters of routine nature involved in the dissolution of a governmental agency will for the most part occupy the attention of WRA officials.

All regional offices and the Washington headquarters are preparing final reports, covering every aspect of operation and administration.

Records of all sorts from the centers, regional offices, and the national office are being consolidated. Perhaps no agency ever kept such comprehensive records as the WRA. The record processors at 10th and U Streets will readily agree to this, for their offices are bursting with files.

The property at all centers, both

fixed and movable, except at Tule, has been inventoried and turned over lock, stock, and barrel to surplus agencies for final disposition. Tule's property will be completely transferred on May 4.

The one remaining area where a problem of any sort exists is the Los Angeles district, where housing has been the big bugaboo. Mr. Myer objected to the labeling of the current situation there as the "third evacuation." The WRA is doing its best in an area which has the worst housing problem in the entire United States.

The WRA has arranged to have the Federal Public Housing Authority agree to work families of veterans and servicemen into projects set up for them. The county public assistance bureau has assumed responsibility of 250 persons considered welfare cases.

The Winona installation, which will be converted into a regular trailer park, will handle approximately 1,000 persons. It will be turned over to FPHA for administration around May 1.

In addition, says Mr. Myer, a number of people will be able to rent trailers that will be moved for them to places of employment such as farms. The housing difficulties should be resolved in several weeks, Mr. Myer feels.

This, then, amounts to a progress report of the WRA as of April. We expect to have a story shortly on the WRA - sponsored legislation to set up a claims commission to indemnify evacuees.

POSTSCRIPTS: Mary Ogawa and Jimmy Hamasaki, research analysts in the Military Intelligence Division, were recently presented the Meritorious Service Award by the War Department for outstanding service during the war. Hamasaki is leaving soon on a two-month trip to China for the War Department.

Sgt. Shuichi Kusaka, former instructor of physics at Smith College, was recently transferred from Wright Field, Ohio, to the Technical Detachment at Fort Myer, across the Potomac. Kusaka plans to teach at Princeton University after he is discharged.

# Government Officials Will Be Informed on Problems Faced By Minority Group Veterans

CHICAGO—Charges that Washington agencies responsible for administration of the GI Bill have failed to give equal service to minority veterans will be carried to respective agency chiefs by a committee, headed by Charles H. Houston, Washington attorney and former member of FEPC, it has been announced by the American Council on Race Relations. The committee, comprised of representatives of national veterans' groups and organizations interested in minority problems, is acting on proposals drafted at a national emergency conference on Minority Veterans' Problems called April 5 in New York by the American Council.

Resolutions drafted by the conference urged investigation of the policies of all government agencies charged with administration of the GI Bill of rights, and asked the American Council to arrange appointments with government representatives to follow through on the conference's resolutions.

"Dates have been set for April 22, 23, 24 and May 1 for the committee to meet with federal agency chiefs administering the GI Bill," reports A. A. Liveright, executive director of the American Council. These include appointments with John W. Studebaker, Commissioner, U. S. Department of Education; General Omar Bradley and General Hawley, Veterans

Administration; Wilson W. Wyatt, Housing Expediter, National Agency; Robert C. Goodwin, USES; General Graves B. Erskine, Retaining and Reemployment Administration; and William F. Patterson, Apprentice Training Division, Labor Department.

All of the national veterans groups have been invited to have representation on the committee. Other than veterans representatives, Mr. Houston has named to the committee the following: Walter White, NAACP; A. A. Liveright, American Council on Race Relations; Julian Thomas, National Urban League; Robert Funa-bashi, Japanese American Citizens League; Luigi Creatori, National CIO Community Service Commission; George Mitchell, Southern Regional Council; Ernesto Galarza, Pan American Union; and Mabel Staupers, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Not only did government agencies come under fire of the New York conference, but also old line veterans' organizations. The conference, representing forty national bodies, charged that old line veterans' groups provide no machinery for attention to the problems of minority veterans and fail to admit minority veterans to membership on a basis of equality.

"The extent to which veterans' organizations will go to secure an effective and just action for mi-

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### The Fongs Fight to Keep Their Home

Des Moines, Ia.

If it weren't such a tragic commentary on one facet of California mentality, the case of Horace Y. M. Fong vs. the Oak Knoll Improvement club could well be the basis of a musical comedy.

Horace Fong, according to press dispatches, is a well-to-do Chinese American restaurateur in Oakland, Calif. He is married to a Caucasian and he served during the war in the U. S. Navy.

The Fongs purchased a \$20,000 home in allegedly fashionable

Oak Knoll, and now their neighbors would deny them the good earth because they are not "Caucasians."

So far, the story is the old one, with minor variations, of restrictive covenants. A group of property owners get together to freeze out someone trying to buy into the district because they don't like the way he parts his hair, or something.

As this is written the Fongs' attorney has charged that the Oak Knolls group is guilty of just about everything in the books, including violation of treaties with the Iroquois Indians. He contended one court decision ruled that Chinese were to be considered the

same racial stock as Indians, and that therefore Horace Fong had more right to live in Oak Knolls than any of the opposing litigants.

The attorney also declared he would appeal to the United Nations to enter the case. His success in this maneuver is to be questioned, however, the United Nations being somewhat involved in another real estate dispute between Iran and the USSR.

Apparently it has never occurred to the Oak Knollers that their stand lacks consistency. The by-laws of their exclusive lodge allow them to have persons other than Caucasians on their premises as domestics and such, but somehow the air becomes tainted the moment a non-white enters the district as a home-owner.

This is to let the Oak Knollers opposed to Horace Fong know that millions of Americans are nauseated and outraged by this example of bare-faced discrimination toward a fellow-American who happened to have Chinese ancestors.

Mayhap the Iroquois would raise a squawk about having Horace move into their tepee as a long-lost cousin, but certainly he has proven his right to make his home in Oak Knoll or anywhere he pleases.

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## Entertainers

Once upon a time an entertainer was a person who lived lavishly when he could and whose morals usually were free and easy.

Now he's as apt to be a crusader for inter-racial understanding and good will, as witness the activities of Singer Frankie Sinatra and Comedian Eddie Cantor.

Joe E. Brown, who's been in the select company of socially conscious showfolk all along, won himself an even dearer place in the hearts of minorities recently with a speech at an American Legion ceremony honoring 250 Gold Star mothers.

He asked for greater tolerance toward the Russians, Germans and Japanese and declared "there is so much hate and greed and suspicion in this country that we seem to forget the war is over."

"I hate everything the Nazis and the Japs stood for while there was war," he continued, "but now they are enemies no longer, they are just human beings."

"In fact, some people don't seem to realize that the Civil war is over yet, and hate another fellow just because he is from another section of the country."

It's a good bet that some of the American Legion bigwigs needed a lecturing to of that kind more than the mothers whose boys did not come back.

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## Mme. Butterfly

Tamaki Miura, reportedly incurably ill with an intestinal tumor, climbed out of a Tokyo hospital bed recently to sing the arias from Madame Butterfly over a national radio network in Japan.

She had to be given an injection before she could perform, and afterward she returned to the hospital. "Please send my love to America," she said. "My dying wish is to go there again, where I spent the happiest days of my life."

Broken, wrinkled and 64, Tamaki Miura was a far cry from the prima donna that patrons of the Met knew during her stay in the United States from 1915 to 1930.

There is pathos to her story. But her life was more fortunate than that of the fictional Cho-Cho-san whose role she sang innumerable times.

At least Madame Miura lived in and loved the land that Pinkerton denied to Cho-Cho. Perhaps it was a fitting tribute that Tamaki Miura's last performance should have been heard by many GIs who, too, love that broad land on the other side of the Pacific.

## EDITORIAL DIGEST

### The Nisei's Record SEATTLE TIMES

A brief summary of a report by the American Council on Race Relations on the record of the Nisei during the war is given in a recent editorial in the Seattle Times.

The report, says the Times, shows that 20,529 Nisei served in the U. S. Army during World War II; that the 100th Infantry Battalion received 1547 Purple Hearts (not including second timers), 21 DSCs, six Legions of Merit, 96 Bronze Stars, two awards from the Italian government, and a War Department Unit Citation; that the 442nd won 4000 Purple Hearts and 1254 other awards.

"The good Americanism of the Nisei is well attested by these accounts," says the Times, "and by the warm regard in which they were held by American fighting men of other ancestry. It is of passing interest to note also that the Army, in its search among the Nisei for interpreters and intelligence officers for the Pacific War, found so few who could speak their ancestral tongue that special training schools were set up to teach them the Japanese language."

"This report, briefly summarized here, is of value as history and doubtless will serve good purpose. In our particular region, however, its conclusions are almost supererogatory. Sensible Americans hereabouts do not question the good American spirit and loyalty of their Nisei neighbors and never have. As time passes, the others, who nurse emotional complexes on this subject, will quiet down."

minority veterans," said Mr. Liveright, "will be indicated by their reaction to and participation in the program set up by the New York conference."

A report was made at the emergency conference of minority veterans in New York on Apr. 5 by Vincent Malveaux of the American Council on Race Relations. Malveaux's report cited instances of discrimination against Japanese American veterans including the following:

"Richard Setsuda, a Japanese American veteran of Seattle who was a businessman before the war, was offered only menial jobs by the Seattle office of the U. S. Employment Service. Many other Nisei veterans applying at the Seattle office say they were told: 'You boys might as well apply for unemployment compensation; there are no jobs for you.' They wonder what will happen when jobless compensation runs out."

"While veterans of all races and creeds are hard hit by the acute housing shortage, those of minority groups suffer an added disability. In Los Angeles, Nisei vets wishing to get GI Bill home loans were immediately discouraged by learning that, because of restrictive covenants and other discriminatory practices, they were limited to a choice of inferior homes in slum areas that would never be approved by bank or VA appraisers."



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## Kataoka Rolls 206 Average In Pin Meet

### Okada Insurance Squad Wins Team Crown in Bowling

Moon Kataoka of Denver emerged as the star of the second annual Nisei bowling tournament held by the Salt Lake JACL on April 13 and 14 as he took first place in the men's singles, high game event and the all-events game, paired with Hime Kawakami of Salt Lake to take first in the mixed doubles and teamed with George Takeuchi of Denver to win the men's doubles.

The Denver bowler averaged 206 for nine games to take the all-events trophy.

Okada Insurance of Salt Lake City won the team championship from a field of twelve teams with a 2502 score. The Okada team, composed of Dr. Jun Kurumada, Tad Sako, George Kishida, Shozo Hiraizumi and Larry Tajiri, nosed out Denver, which finished second with 2472. The Ogden Vets placed third with 2322, and Wally's Flowers of Salt Lake City placed fourth. Other competing teams were Okada Insurance Team 2, Ogden Green Parrots, Syracuse YBA, Twin Falls, Davis County, Salt Lake Bussei, Murray and Orem.

Jean Terao won the women's singles with a 499 series, while Shige Tanabe rolled a 187 game for the highest single game in the women's events. Miss Terao and Uta Tsujimoto of Salt Lake City took the women's doubles.

Approximately \$400 in cash awards were distributed in addition to the trophies and prizes, which were donated by the Denver JACL, Henry Y. Kasai, Jiro Sakano, the Ogden Nisei Jewelry Co., the Salt Lake JACL, and Tak's Texaco service station.

The tournament was managed by Bill Kaoru Honda of Murray.

### Hana Matsuri Observed in California

FRESNO—The Central California YBA observed the first postwar Hana Matsuri (Flower Festival) on April 13 at the Buddhist church in Fresno with approximately 300 persons attending the impressive service at which the Rev. Kumata of San Francisco was guest speaker.

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## Brooklyn Hostel Which Aided 1600 Will be Closed Soon

### Recall Opposition Which Attended Opening Of Building in 1944

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn resettlement hostel which housed over 1600 persons of Japanese ancestry during its two years of existence, will close its doors within a few days, according to Violet Brown in the Brooklyn Eagle.

The hostel was set up by the Church of the Brethren and the American Baptist Home Society to give temporary haven to the men, women and children coming from relocation centers to the New York area.

The hostel was the center of dispute and opposition at the time of its opening on May 10, 1944.

"The Mayor had expressed violent opposition to resettlement of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in the East despite their screening by the FBI," says Miss Brown. "The Legion objected to their being in Brooklyn 'between the Navy Yard and our defense plants.' Representative John J. Delaney, moved by a petition from some of his Brooklyn Heights constituents, declared he feared trouble or 'even riots.'"

However, the writer quotes from Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, executive secretary of the Brooklyn church and Home Mission Federation, who said:

"The Brooklyn Bridge has not been burned down, the Brooklyn Navy Yard still stands. There has not been one accusation of sabotage on the part of these Japanese Americans, not a single insult delivered to them on the street, not a breath of prejudice. They have been accepted in Brooklyn homes and in homes throughout the city.

"I should say that this Brooklyn Heights hostel has been more

than a success. It has been a triumph for justice and brotherhood, a tribute to the people of Brooklyn."

While employment was not overly the sphere of the hostel, nevertheless found jobs for half its residents at one time. Most of those placed were professional workers, but many were known persons, such as Swanson, H. V. Kaltenborn, Sokolsky, Russell Wright, Elman, Reinhold Niebuhr and man Thomas, got domestic there.

The Brooklyn Council for Social Planning took an active interest in the hostel. The council set up a steering committee composed of Associate Justice William F. Hagerty of the Appellate Division, as chairman, and Dr. Carpenter and Mortimer Brenner as co-chairmen. One of its firmest advocates, Brenner agrees with Carpenter that the success of the hostel "was a tribute to the ability of Brooklyn people to live together harmoniously regardless of race, creed, color or national origin."

During most of its existence the hostel was directed by Eliza Burke, ex-history professor, and his wife.

Residents at the hostel included its firstcomers, Masatoshi Satomi, and his son Masao and daughter, Midori; and the Atumis and their son, Larry, were the last family.

### Abo Pitches Fresno To Victory Over COP

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# Santa Ana Airport Residents Moved to New Trailer Homes

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The final transfer in the evacuation and relocation of Orange county's residents of Japanese ancestry was completed last week with the final movement of the 73 remaining occupants of the emergency housing camps at the Santa Ana Army Airfield to trailers in Costa Mesa, Beach and San Diego.

The 73 persons were all who remained of the several hundred Japanese and Japanese Americans returned to Orange county relocation centers last fall who were housed at the airfield in the absence of individual housing.

With the declaration that the buildings were surplus property, the 73 persons housed in the barracks were forced to find new homes, Newton Taylor, district officer of the War Relocation Authority, pointed out.

Thirteen aged and chronically ill persons will be housed in five trailers parked at 18th St. and Center Ave. in Costa Mesa. The others which were loaned to Orange county for this purpose by the Federal Public Housing Authority were the only answer to the housing problem of the county, Taylor said.

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All veterans and service-connected families among the Japanese group have been placed in trailer housing at Los Cerritos Trailer court in Long Beach, while other families have moved to the Ocean View trailer camp in San Diego.

## Waka Mochizuki Engaged to Wed Rev. Dannenhauer

NEW YORK CITY — The engagement of Miss Waka Mochizuki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Mochizuki of Morristown, New Jersey, to the Rev. Kenneth Dannenhauer, pastor of the Community Baptist church of Oak Lawn, Long Island, New York, was announced recently by the parents of the bride-to-be.

A former member of the First Baptist church in Seattle, Miss Mochizuki participated in state and city activities in the Baptist and interdenominational churches. While at the Minidoka relocation center she served as club activities supervisor. Since arriving in New York two years ago she has been connected with the Baptist convention, doing promotional work recruiting college age young people for summer service projects under the Baptist board.

The Rev. Dannenhauer is a graduate of Bucknell university at Lewisburg, Pa., and Colgate-Rochester Divinity school at Rochester.

The wedding will take place on June 1 at the Riverside chapel in New York with Dr. John Thomas of the Crozer Theological Seminary of Chester, Pa., and the Rev. C. W. Dannenhauer, father of the groom-to-be, presiding.

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## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kobayashi a girl on March 25 in Santa Ana, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Takemoto, a boy, John Ichiro, on April 5, in Detroit, Michigan.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fujikawa a daughter, Carol Kay, on Feb. 26 in Springfield, Mo.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Sho Komai, a son, Alan Jun, on April 4 in West Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Tanimoto, a son on March 30 in Selma.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Wada, Fresno, a girl on April 6.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takao Matoba, Fresno, a daughter on April 2.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Sanwo, Fresno, a daughter on April 3.  
To Mr. and Mrs. G. Fujimoto, a boy, on April 2 in Fresno, Calif.

### DEATHS

Toyoyji Abe, 66, on April 3 in Dallas, Texas.  
Mrs. Tomo Hirata, wife of Yori-suke Hirata, on March 31 in Parlier, Calif.  
Mrs. Nobuyo Tsutsui, 68, on April 1 in Clovis, Calif.  
Keitaro Hayashida on April 5 in Visalia, Calif.  
Takeo Kojo, 54, on April 14 in Los Angeles.  
Kazuo Uyeda, 51, on April 15 in Tarzana, Calif.  
Teizo Yasuda, 63, on April 14 in Boulder, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Mitsuko Uragami to Hiizu Uyeji on March 31 in San Diego.  
Chiyeo Clara Harada to William Yutaka Sumida on April 4 in Los Angeles.

## N. Y. JACL Plans Harlem Week Program

NEW YORK — The New York chapter of the JACL will participate in the annual All-City Harlem Week, May 27 to June 1, and a program is being planned for the evening of May 31. Mrs. Jean Hosokawa will be in charge.

A reorganized committee on program and activities met on April 11 with Yurino Takayoshi, president of the New York chapter.

The following committeemen were selected: Sam Kai, chairman of the reorganized committee; James Yamanaka, chairman of the social program, working with Mitsuo Takami, Eiko Okajima and Shugo Seno; Mrs. Jean Hosokawa, chairman of the educational program, with Kay Uchida and Margaret Saito, and Mitsuo Matsuo, chairman of the sports program, with Art Abe.

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Mineko Hirasaki to Ichiro Sakai on April 8 in Los Angeles.  
Jerry Yoshiko Kishi to John Masaru Tadokoro on April 14 in Los Angeles.

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## Nisei College Students Hold Denver Meet

DENVER — Nisei college students in the intermountain area will meet this weekend, April 20 and 21, for the first Nisei Intermountain Collegiate conference at the Barnes auditorium and the Denver Press Club.

Dr. Edwin R. Walker, professor of philosophy at the University of Colorado, will lecture on the topic, "Alleviating Discrimination." Speaking from the Nisei viewpoint on the same subject is a University of Colorado graduate in sociology, Mrs. Tami Kosuge Masunaga.

Others speaking during the two-day conference will be Carl Haberl, supervisor of counseling for the USES; ex-sergeant George Ueyemura; Mrs. Yuriko Terasaki Nogami; Charles Graham, president of the Denver Unity Council; Minoru Yasui, attorney; and Dr. W. A. Sikes, professor of sociology at the University of Denver.

Student leaders for the Saturday afternoon discussion groups are Masa Nakamura, Sam Ushio, Katherine Kubo, and Mary Ann Tateyama.

Five schools in the intermountain area have undertaken the work of the conference, the University of Denver, the University of Colorado, Colorado State College of Agriculture, the University of Wyoming and Colorado State College of Education.

## Cincinnati Group Holds Bowling Party

CINCINNATI, O.—The Young People's activities committee sponsored a bowling party Sunday, April 14, at the Avon alleys with approximately 50 persons attending. Hisashi Sugawara was chairman of the bowling and Florence Suzuki was in charge of the pot-luck supper which followed.

Alice Iino's 140 was high score for the girls, and Jimmy Takeuchi received the men's prize with 155.

## Party Planned For Relocation Work Officials

NEW YORK — Staff members, current and past, of the WRA and other relocation agencies in the Greater New York area will be honored at a party given by the Resettlement Council of New York, in the Manhattan Hotel, 58 East 102 St., Friday evening, April 26 at 8 p. m.

With the local WRA offices closing May 15, the Council will express the Japanese American community's gratitude to those who have done more than their jobs as relocation workers, according to Louise Morgan, chairman of the planning committee.

Other members of the committee are Emiko Shimizu and Daijiro Oi, Japanese Christian Institute; Yuri Takenaka, Young People's Christian Federation; Yoshio Kawachi, Japanese American Committee for Democracy; Michi Kagayama, Japanese Christian Association; Jack Hata, Japanese Methodist Church; Ina Sugihara, Japanese American Citizens League; Peter Aoki, and Jobu Yasumura.

## Spokane Nisei Plan Formation of JACL Group

SPOKANE, Wash.—Formation of a Japanese American Citizens League chapter in Spokane, Wash., was seen here this week following endorsements from civic leaders and petitions signed by 80 Nisei and 40 Issei.

The recommendations for forming of a JACL chapter were made at three separate meetings in Spokane on April 13 and 14.

Spokane civic leaders met on April 13 at the Spokane hotel with JACL officials Mike Masaoka, Hito Okada and Eiji Tanabe, and endorsed formation of a chapter.

Present were Municipal Judge Raymond F. Kelly, Major George G. Greene, Rabbi Fink, the Rev. Walter L. Peterson, John H. Thomas, Lt. Paul A. Fine, John F. Eubank, Joe Okamoto, Spady Koyama, Harry Kadoya, and George Numata.

Meeting on April 14 with Mike Masaoka, 80 Nisei signed a petition for a JACL group in Spokane and appointed a Nisei organizing committee: Spady Koyama, George Numata, Tom Iwata, Joe Okamoto, Jean Sameshima, Harry Honda, Sumi Haji, Robert Yamauchi, Torao Sao, Kimi Nishibue, Mrs. Alice Goto and Michi Hirata.

Joe Okamoto was chairman of the meeting.

Eiji Tanabe addressed a meeting of Issei on April 14, at which time 40 persons present passed a resolution urging the JACL organization a chapter and voted to form a supporting group. A committee of five was elected to organize the supporters' group. Committee men will be H. Kitamoto, H. Nishibue, H. Kasai, K. Hirata and the Rev. T. Goto. Hugh Kasai was chairman of the meeting.

## Fort Snelling Nisei Team Sweeps Cage Tourney in Chicago

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—The Battalion All-Stars from the Military Intelligence language school at Fort Snelling came home from Chicago last week after scoring a complete sweep in the All Nisei Midwestern basketball tournament.

The Fort Snelling team, which has participated in recent tournaments and games at Camp Crowder and Fort Warren, defeated the Chicago All-Stars, 40 to 39, in the final game of the tournament.

## District WRA Offices to Be Closed in Week

SAN FRANCISCO—District offices of the War Relocation Authority in Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose and San Francisco will discontinue all services to returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry on April 26.

Charles F. Miller, Northern California Supervisor of the War Relocation Authority, said that the offices actually will close May 3 but the final week will be devoted to administrative functions made necessary by the liquidation of the wartime agency.

## Charlie Oda Stars In Hawaii Swim Meet

HONOLULU, T. H. — Charlie Oda, Nisei swimmer from Hawaii who led the 442nd Combat Team to victory in Fifth Army swimming competition in Rome and who later made a sweep of European GI swimming honors as a representative of the Fifth Army in Italy, came back to Hawaiian competition recently and proved himself the outstanding star of the Hawaiian AAU championships.

Oda won the 100 and 220 yard free-style races and the 440-yard junior championship and turned in the winning anchor lap.

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