



People of Carrara Hail 442nd Infantry



CARRARA, Italy—Men of the famous 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team ride in half-tracks through the streets of Carrara, Italy in the parade which marked the first anniversary of the famous marble city's liberation

by men of the Japanese American unit on April 13, 1945. After the parade the Nisei soldiers were honored at a dance given by Carrara civic organizations. The Nisei GI on the right in the photo is Sgt. Terry Shimabukuro of the 442nd. —Army Pictorial Service photo by Kobashi.

Army Credits Palo Alto Nisei With Bringing in Japan Army Stragglers on Lubang Island

Japanese American Accomplished What Regiment Of Infantry Was Unable to Do, Says Headquarters; "Convincing Oratory, Subtle Psychology" Used

MANILA, P. I.—The "convincing oratory and subtle psychology" of Pfc. Tatsue Fred Fujikawa of Palo Alto, Calif., a Japanese American interpreter with the U. S. Army, has finally cleaned up Japanese stragglers on Lubang Island at the mouth of Manila Bay.

Army headquarters announced the feat on April 23, noting that the California Nisei had accomplished what a regiment of infantry had been unable to do.

When the stragglers finally gave up in the face of Fujikawa's persuasion there were but forty-one survivors left of the strong band which started the year of guerrilla war on the island, the announcement said.

Thousands of surrender pamphlets had been dropped, but only when Fujikawa and twelve prisoners of war went in personally to talk, did the holdouts surrender.

At his direction a Japanese naval prisoner broadcast into the jungle that "the war is over. We have come to take you to Japan. Don't you want to see the cherry trees again?"

Then the talkers tuned in Radio Tokyo with General MacArthur's latest directives to the government.

A frightened survivor who had come out to listen went back and brought his companions back from the jungle.

They surrendered a formidable arsenal of weapons and ammunition, the announcement added. But to the last, the Japanese Army and Navy personnel quarreled as to the distribution of their limited food supply.

Tule Lake Center Will Be Transferred To Reclamation Use

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—The Tule Lake center, last of the war relocation camps to close, may be turned over to other government agencies by May 6, it was reported here.

WRA officials now are winding up business at the camp which saw its last evacuee leave on March 21.

Most of the buildings at the camp are expected to be taken over by the Bureau of Reclamation of the Interior Department.

A pending bill in Congress would turn over farm lands at the camp to veterans of World War II.

It is expected that some of the buildings at the camp, one-time home of more than 18,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, will be used for reclamation purposes while other barracks will be converted

Nisei Soldiers Vindicated Faith, Says McCloy

Official Had Important Part in Decision to Form Nisei Unit

NEW YORK—John J. McCloy, wartime assistant secretary of war, declared here on April 18 that American soldiers of Japanese ancestry had vindicated the faith placed in them by leading government officials by their combat records overseas.

Mr. McCloy, who played an important part in the decision to organize a Japanese American combat team, praised the records of the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy and France.

The former War Department official was the main speaker at the election meeting of the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans at Community church. He assured the group of his continued interest in the problems of Japanese Americans and offered his cooperation to the committee.

Ruby Yoshino sang three folk songs as part of the program while Sumi Ashizawa performed a dance.

Mr. McCloy condemned "the excesses practiced against persons of Japanese ancestry" and deplored the early closing of the War Relocation Authority.

"I would have thought the duty of the government had not yet been completed," he declared.

Robert Benjamin and George Yamaoka, present co-chairmen of the New York Committee for Japanese Americans, were elected to serve another year. Peter Aoki will be the executive director, while the new vice-chairman will be Philip W. Barber and Mrs. Marian Wynn Perry will continue as secretary. Tom Hayashi will be assistant secretary.

into temporary homes to meet a housing shortage in the Tule Lake area.

Coast Sociologists Consider Nisei Readjustment Problems

Effects of Evacuation Experience Discussed At San Jose Meeting

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Problems presented by the evacuation and resettlement of Americans of Japanese ancestry were presented to delegates at the Pacific Sociological Society in the final session on April 20 of their two-day annual meeting which was held in San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

"Our handling of minority problems is eagerly watched by the entire civilized world to see if we really believe in our own doctrine of political equality," T. H. Kennedy of Washington State College told the delegates. "Years," he said, "will pass before the errors of evacuation and resettlement of Nisei can be rectified, if ever."

Many relocatees, according to Kennedy, do not appear to be the same personalities they were be-

fore the evacuation. He attributed this to the psychic shock of discrimination and the resulting feeling of insecurity in citizenship rights for the Nisei, and to the effect of mingling all types of persons of Japanese ancestry in the relocation camps.

Citizens of Japanese ancestry along the California coast, according to Kennedy, were formerly highly homogeneous in character. Mingling with Japanese Americans from other areas, he said, has created tensions among them through new differences of opinions on attitudes and rights.

The speaker appealed to each citizen to demand fair and democratic treatment for every other citizen.

A comparison of Canadian and United States methods of wartime policies for persons of Japanese ancestry was made to the advantage of the United States by Robert O'Brien of the University of Washington.

Three Issei, Fathers of GIs, File Suit for Citizenship

Federal Court Action Taken By Japanese Aliens to Test Rights to Naturalization

LOS ANGELES—Three alien Japanese, all fathers of U. S. servicemen, this week filed suit in the Federal court in Los Angeles to test their right to citizenship in the country for which their sons fought. One, Gensuke Masuda, is the father of Kazuo Masuda, who was killed in action at Cassino and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in posthumous ceremonies.

The other Issei are Shosuke Nitta and C. Kondo.

Nitta is the father of Mitsuo Nitta, who served in the U. S. army for four years and attained the rank of second lieutenant.

Kondo's son, Milton, served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action. Kondo himself has taught Japanese in Army and Navy schools.

The suits seeks to get a ruling from the Federal courts that the section of the Federal Nationality Act, which limits naturalization only to "white persons" is unconstitutional, because it discriminates against Japanese solely because of race. This, it is claimed, violates the fifteenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Also claimed in the suit is that even if not entitled to naturalization, these Issei are "nationals" of the United States and not aliens. Under a recent amendment to the Nationality Act, persons who owe their allegiance to the United States are nationals and not aliens.

Should the Federal courts decide that loyal Issei are nationals, the California Alien Land Law and other California laws directed against aliens would not apply to them, and they would be permitted to own and operate land in California and engage in all occupations on the same basis as citizens of the United States.

The suit is sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Japanese American Citizens League. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are A. L. Wirin, John Maeno and J. B. Tietz.

Kubota farm armed with the beet knife and was taken into custody after he tried to use it on the Nisei veteran.

Nisei Soldiers Act as Observers In Japan Elections

TOKYO—American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, now serving with U. S. occupation forces in Japan as language specialists, were among the troops assigned to serve as observers in last week's general election in Japan.

Among the Nisei on duty at the polls was Lieut. Sueko Oji of Denver, Colo.

Alien Land Act Case Tried in Visalia Court

State's Contention On Farm Ownership Disputed by Nisei

VISALIA, Calif.—The first of a series of escheat cases in which the State is seeking to confiscate farm property owned by citizens of Japanese ancestry on charges of violation of the State anti-alien land law was tried in Visalia on April 18 before Superior Judge Dan Conway of Fresno and taken under advisement by him.

The case was the State's action against the Nagata family of Dinuba. The defendants in the case are Soichi Nagata, Tamaji Nagata and their son, Ed Nagata. Deputy Attorney General Everett W. Mattoon and Deputy District Attorney L. M. Ginsburg comprise the attorneys for the prosecution and Attorneys J. E. Greene of Dinuba and Arch H. Vernon of Los Angeles are appearing for the defendants.

The State charged that the Nagatas, who are nationals of Japan and ineligible for ownership of land according to the California law, purchased farm property in March, 1940, in the name of their son, Ed.

Ed Nagata, an American citizen, testified that the ranch was his and had been purchased with his money.

Court Leniency To Assailant Hit by Nisei

SALINAS, Calif.—The charge of battery preferred by District Attorney Anthony Brazil of Monterey county against Larry Madalora, Salinas farmer, for attacking a returned war veteran of Japanese ancestry was declared this week as "too lenient" by Dr. Harry Kita, spokesman for returned evacuees in the Salinas valley.

Dr. Kita declared that Madalora had attacked Yukio Kubota, 23, with a beet-topping knife and said that the former should have been charged with assault with a deadly weapon rather than the battery charge which "might encourage further attacks on Japanese Americans."

Meanwhile, it was reported that shots had been fired into the Japanese Presbyterian church in Salinas on April 12. It was stated that the shots were fired at the church from some distance away and that there were no clues as to the identity of the gunman.

Madalora was fined \$25 last week in Judge Sorenson's court.

It was reported that Kubota had left a tank with Madalora at the time of the evacuation in 1942. Recently, upon his return to Salinas, Kubota had gone to the Madalora farm to ask for the return of the tank. Madalora refused and a fight ensued. Kubota was detained by officers and taken to court where he was fined \$25 for battery.

Last week Madalora came to the

Validity of U. S. Citizenship Renunciations in WRA Camps Will Be Challenged by ACLU

Civil Liberties Union Will Hold Cancellations Of Rights Invalid Because of Conditions of Duress to Which Evacuees Were Subjected

NEW YORK—Renunciations of U. S. citizenship by some 3,000 Japanese Americans during the war will be challenged as unconstitutional by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in briefs supporting selected appeals in the U. S. Supreme Court, according to a statement sent by director Roger N. Baldwin to attorneys and interested agencies on April 23.

The statement adopted by the Board of Directors said the ACLU has not so far intervened in suits brought by some 1,500

of the renunciations through private counsel in the San Francisco Federal District Court, "though supporting them in principle."

The ACLU says that while it "has no legal responsibility whatever for the arrangements made between private counsel and clients, it is properly concerned with the conduct of those cases referred by the ACLU to private counsel, and will use its best efforts to insure that they are adequately handled." The ACLU also offers to see that any Japanese Americans unable to hire private counsel will get the benefit of any court action free of charge.

In supporting appeals to the U. S. Supreme Court selected from among the 1,500 now in the San Francisco court or others to be brought, the ACLU will maintain that the renunciations of U. S. citizenship are invalid because obtained under duress of pro-Japanese fanatics in the relocation centers, and motivated by resentment at the evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans by the government.

Of 5,500 Japanese Americans who originally renounced their U. S. citizenship during the war a large number were voluntarily repatriated to Japan. These were mostly so-called "Kibei," American-born citizens educated in Japan, or minor children of alien parents. Deportation of the remaining 3,000 was held up last year when 1,500 filed mass suits for habeas corpus through private counsel in the San Francisco court. Subsequently all but 450 now held at the Crystal City, Texas, internment camp, were released from detention and the threat of deportation after hearings before the Immigration Service. In no case, however, has citizenship been restored.

During March the national office of the ACLU directed the filing of three additional suits in the San Francisco federal court as a basis for test cases it would control. These suits were abandoned after the petitioners joined the other 1,500 represented by private counsel.

Text of the statement adopted by the ACLU follows:

The American Civil Liberties Union supports in principle the cases now brought or to be brought in the federal courts challenging the renunciation of American citizenship during the war by American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry. It does so on the ground that these renunciations were the product of war-time hysteria aroused either by the evacuation itself or by the pressure of pro-Japanese elements in the relocation centers, or by both. The Union also challenges the govern-

Gen. Merrill Will Attend JACL Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO—Major General Frank Merrill, who commanded the famous "Marauders" in the Burma theater, will be a special guest at a JACL banquet to be held Tuesday, May 7, in honor of war veterans at the Whitcomb Hotel, it was announced this week by Joe Grant Masaoka, San Francisco representative of the JACL. General Joseph W. Stilwell, recently named commander of the Western Defense area, will be the main speaker.

Many Nisei veterans in northern California who served under these two great war commanders have indicated that they will be at the dinner, Masaoka said. Among them will be Sgt. Cosmo Sakamoto of Loomis, California, who served in Okinawa under General Stilwell.

ment's resort to the 1798 statute to effect deportations to Japan of American-born citizens who renounced their citizenship in wartime.

The Union is not equipped to handle mass cases, and has always raised constitutional issues through comparatively few well-selected test cases. It will select from among the pending cases those which seem most suitable for raising the issues on appeal, and will file briefs as a friend of the court in those cases.

The Union has no legal responsibility whatever for the arrangements made between private counsel and clients. It is properly concerned with the conduct of those cases referred by the Union to private counsel, and will use its best efforts to insure that they are adequately handled.

The Union notes with regret that there have been some disagreements and conflict between private counsel over the handling of cases. These disagreements do not, however, affect the basic issues. The test cases on appeal will presumably govern the disposition of all cases brought. The Union will make every effort to see that all renunciations desiring to be included get adequate protection. In the case of those who cannot afford to retain private counsel, the Union will arrange for the protection of their interests at its own expense. Where their claims are identical with those already made, it will be sufficient to add their names to the present petitions.

A Dodger Fan Comes Home



SAN FRANCISCO — Masuo Koike, 11, a Nisei boy from Brooklyn who sweated out the war years in Yokohama and was found among the city's ruins by Pfc. Frank Donato of The Bronx, New York, showed Pfc. Donato and Col. Melvin Craig at Fort Mason last week that he had not forgotten the delights of ice cream. The Nisei boy was brought home from Japan through the efforts of Pfc. Donato who also notified the boy's mother in Brooklyn. Mrs. Iku Koike was on hand when the GI and the Nisei boy arrived on the Army transport.—This photograph by courtesy of the San Francisco News.

Shelter Assured All Evacuees Now in Temporary Housing Installations in Los Angeles

Social Agencies Seek Definite Guarantee of Housing for Returnees

LOS ANGELES — Adequate housing will be supplied all evacuees now in temporary installations in Los Angeles who cannot find other permanent housing, James L. Shelly of the War Relocation Authority reiterated this week in a letter to Allan A. Heist, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Southern California branch.

Heist, writing as secretary to a special welfare committee comprised of representatives of social agencies, had directed a letter to Shelly on April 19 asking for specific information in regard to housing facilities for evacuees who are now in installation centers under the WRA.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of taking such action as may be needed to insure a "humane handling of the problems incident to the more permanent settlement of the people," Heist said.

In his reply Shelly indicated that the five existing installations will be operated until the Winona project is available for occupancy and that residents of the installations will have first consideration in making assignments to Winona. (The Winona project, which originally housed a large number of Japanese Americans returning to the Los Angeles area, was later cleared to make way for a new project, which is scheduled to open by May 15.)

Service-connected families are being offered other housing, Shelly said, and will therefore not be

considered in the first assignments to Winona.

Other families will be provided for in trailer homes, for which sites are now being sought. The persons remaining in installations will fit comfortably into Winona, Shelly said.

Asked if the WRA could recommend that barracks or trailers now occupied by the evacuees could be held from the War Surplus Corporation until provision is made for their adequate housing, Shelly replied that the WRA does not expect to declare such barracks surplus "until the present occupants have other adequate housing," or "until they refuse to accept other adequate housing."

Meanwhile, other sources indicated that housing arrangements were not progressing satisfactorily.

A letter issued by a five-man committee from the Lomita Air Strip FPMA protested that the WRA has ordered couples living at Lomita be moved into 18' and 12' barracks, each of which is to house two couples. In addition, bathroom facilities are a distance from the barracks, a situation which is especially difficult for older persons. All of the couples given notices to move are past their sixties, the letter stated, and are afflicted with illnesses attributable to age.

"...we firmly believe that such standards of living should not be forced upon these people," the letter said. "Such examples should not be set by this country, the United States, which is considered as the world leader in the democratic ways of life."

A specific "hardship case" was cited by a social agency relating

Nisei Soldier Gave Own Life To Aid Friend

Posthumous Citation For T/5 Sugiyama Discussed in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—Sacrificing his own life to administer first aid to a wounded comrade lying on exposed ground, Technician Fifth Grade Hiroshi Sugiyama, San Francisco, California, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (posthumously) at an informal award presentation ceremony at the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's headquarters recently in Leghorn, Italy.

The decoration was presented to his brother, Technical Sergeant Shinobu Sugiyama, by Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, 442nd Regimental Combat Team Commander. First Lieutenant Thomas M. Kobayashi, Phoenix, Arizona, Regimental Adjutant, read the official citation.

Colonel Miller told Sergeant Sugiyama and later to the whole group: "It is an honor to pin these medals on you... it is men like you that made this Combat Team so famous and outstanding as it is... I hereby congratulate you."

The performance for which Corporal Sugiyama was cited occurred a year ago this month in the vicinity of the marble city of Carrara when the advance troops were fired upon by enemy machinegun, machine pistol, and sniper fire which forced them to withdraw 100 yards.

Disregarding his personal safety, Corporal Sugiyama dashed to the aid of the wounded man. While in the act of efficiently administering first aid to his buddy under the heated firelight, an enemy sniper ignoring Corporal Sugiyama's Red Cross brassard and helmet insignia, pointed his fire upon the unarmed medical aid man and killed him instantly.

to a family of seven persons who were moved to three trailers on a ranch in Bouquet canyon.

According to the report, the family had no lights, except candles, and water was obtained from an irrigation pipe. A gasoline stove furnished by the owner of the ranch would not burn; so the family was without cooked food for two days.

"They were induced to move onto the L--- ranch by the promise of housing (i.e. the three trailers) and the promise of land to lease," the report states.

"Now they are told that there is no land available to lease and when they moved they were told by the WRA that the rent would be \$10 per month for all three trailers.

"When they talked to Mr. H. of the WRA about moving to a farm near Bellflower on which there are to be trailers he made it plain that they would have to pay \$10 per month for the first trailer and \$5 each for the other trailers.

"During the eight days the M-family has been on the ranch they have received no offer of work, share cropping or leasing of farm land.

"They are planning to move back to Lomita on Friday the 25th."

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Nisei Veterans Attend Amvets Meet in Utah

Will Initiate New Chapter Soon in Brigham City Area

The adoption of a vigorous resolution against practices of race prejudice was a feature of the first annual State convention of the American Veterans of World War II (Amvets) on April 19 and 20 at the Hotel Utah.

The resolution was introduced by Dr. M. J. Seidner of Ogden, interim commander of the Utah department of Amvets.

Two Nisei veterans from Brigham City, Charles Yamamoto and Sam Kuwata, were guests of the convention as honorary delegates from the Logan post.

Yamamoto, a veteran of the 442nd Infantry, and Kuwata are among a group of Box Elder county veterans who will meet this week to form a chapter of Amvets in Brigham City.

The two Nisei urged all Japanese American veterans in Utah to participate in veterans activities and praised the interest shown by the Amvets in the problems of World War II veterans.

Delegates from Salt Lake City, Ogden, Draper, Moab and Logan were present at the first convention of the Amvets.

Mike Masaoka Will Address Civil Rights Congress in Detroit

National Secretary Mike Masaoka of the Japanese American Citizens League left Salt Lake City Thursday for Detroit, where he will address the Congress of Civil Rights, to be held in that city on April 27 and 28.

Masaoka will speak to the congress on naturalization rights for the Issei, indemnification for evacuation losses and the problem of excheat cases against Japanese Americans by the state of California.

The congress will be attended by civil rights, labor, religious and inter-racial organizations interested in uniting to protect American minority groups and to combat undemocratic forces within the country.

From Detroit Masaoka will go to Chicago to attend a testimonial banquet in honor of Dr. T. T. Yatake, former head of the Chicago JACL office.

Masaoka will return to Salt Lake City on May 1.

Soldier Hurt in Singapore Crash

TORONTO, Ont. — Hideo Fred Nogami, a Japanese Canadian from Fort William, Ont., was injured in the plane crash at the Seletar naval base in Singapore which also injured Sgt. George D. Suzuki on March 27.

Sgt. Nogami is acting as an interpreter for British empire forces in Singapore.

Los Angeles Nisei Private Awarded Silver Star in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy — For silencing an enemy machine gun of an attacking force though twice wounded, Private First Class Tokuo Fukuchi received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Private Fukuchi of Los Angeles, Calif., stopped firing only when wounded a third time in the right arm rendering it useless. The action for which he was cited took place in the vicinity of Castelpoggio, Italy, on the 14th of April when the famous 442nd Japanese American Combat Team spearheaded the final offensive that resulted in the capitulation of the enemy forces in Italy.

Private Fukuchi is a veteran combat infantryman of three major campaigns in both Italy and France. He was a member of the 100th Battalion of the Nisei Unit.

His citation reads in part: "When his platoon was attacked by a superior enemy force, Private First Class Fukuchi engaged an enemy machine gun that was supporting the attack. He was seriously wounded in the thigh, but, hesitating only

L. A. Nisei Weds Film Star



TOKYO, Japan—In one of the first marriages of a U.S. Army officer and a Japanese girl, Lieut. George H. Goda, 27, a Los Angeles Nisei, was wed to Mitsuko Miura, one of the best-known movie actresses in Japan. Ceremonies were held at the 42nd General hospital in Tokyo. In the wedding party are, left to right, Lieut. Ernest Molin, Detroit, Mich., best man; Lieut. Goda; Miss Miura; and Marie Kaneko, Detroit, bridesmaid. Capt. Freeman Parker, Orlando, Fla., is the chaplain.—Acme photo by Tom Shafer.

Indemnification for Evacuation Losses, Continued Federal Aid For Group Asked by Baptists

NEW YORK CITY—Indemnification for evacuation losses, naturalization for the Issei and continuation of Federal responsibility for resettlement of the evacuees was asked last week of the Department of the Interior in letters sent to Secretary James Krug by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

"Just indemnification" for evacuation losses would at least compensate for some of the injustices suffered by a group that "proved themselves loyal under the severest test," the Home Mission Society's letter declared.

WRA Prepares List Of Agencies for Evacuee Aid

The War Relocation Authority this week issued a directory of agencies and individuals who can be contacted by evacuees for aid in housing, employment and other problems following the close of WRA offices in this area.

The list covers Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

A copy has been filed with the JACL, 415 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, for further reference.

Singer, Violinist Will Be Presented In Joint Concert

NEW YORK CITY — Mariko Mukai, coloratura soprano, and Kazuko Tajitsu, violinist, will make a joint appearance at the Carnegie Chamber Music Hall on Tuesday, May 28, at 8:30 p. m.

The concert will be sponsored by the Japanese American Committee for Democracy.

This is the second annual appearance of the two young Nisei artists.

The Society also declared that there is a need for legislation to permit naturalization for the alien parents of the Nisei.

"That a third of the population of a minority group that furnished over 23,000 Nisei boys and girls for the U. S. Army is unable by law to become citizens of a country to which they have been loyal is unconscionable," the Society declared.

"In urging enabling legislation for the naturalization of Issei we are also very much aware that other Oriental people are also inadmissible to citizenship, solely on the basis of racial or national origin. America, as a member of the United Nations, can no longer say of a people that it is superior or inferior to another. We urge legislation that will erase this discrimination from our statutes."

The Society also urged the Interior department to continue centralized Federal responsibility in the readjustment problems of the Japanese Americans after the close of the WRA.

The department was asked to allocate a "reasonable" number of staff members and establish responsibility in the Interior department to continue handling resettlement problems for at least a year after the WRA's closing.

"In spite of the various public and private agencies that WRA is now calling on for continuing aid," the Home Mission Society said, "we and you are aware of the confusion that will overtake such a program of referral, at least for the needy evacuees. A centralized Federal responsibility for the adequate readjustment and resettlement of these people should not and cannot end on June 30 or before, when WRA closes."

JACL ASKS FOR AID TO EVACUEE POULTRY FARMERS

SAN FRANCISCO — Declaring that the War Food Administration's order limiting feed grains to eighty per cent of last year's use by poultry raisers will put Japanese American poultrymen out of business, the San Francisco JACL this week asked amendment of the order in a wire to Secretary Clinton Anderson of the Department of Agriculture.

The JACL declared that Japanese American evacuee poultrymen were not sufficiently established last year and urged that a twelve-month period ending before March, 1942, be used as a base for them.

The wire was sent to Secretary Anderson by Joe Grant Masaoka, regional JACL representative.

Johnson Sentenced to Life In Prison for Murder of Wounded Nisei War Veteran

Defendant Found Guilty on First Degree Charge In Trial Over Slaying of George Yoshioka; Death Sentence of Accomplice May Be Commuted

STOCKTON, Calif.—S. J. Johnson, 22, found guilty of the first degree murder of George Yoshioka, 34, Nisei war veteran from San Jose, was sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin on April 19 by Superior Judge Raymond M. Dunne.

Yoshioka, a wounded veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was visiting in Stockton on Nov. 16 when he was brutally beaten and robbed.

Johnson and LeRoy Bob, 21, were arrested in Dallas, Texas, and brought back for trial. At the time of their arrest in Texas the two men had on their person articles, including a watch and a wallet, which had been taken from the Nisei veteran.

Bob was tried and sentenced to death in San Quentin's gas chamber.

Johnson pleaded insanity but the use of a "truth serum" by a doctor in treating him brought out the fact that he had feigned actions in court to support his insanity plea. After injections of the drug, sodium amytal, Johnson admitted he had staged a demonstration of irresponsibility. The medical officer's testimony of Johnson's admission under the influence of sodium amytal was accepted by Judge Dunne in a judicial action which is believed to have established a precedent.

At the time the sentence was pronounced on April 19 Johnson was asked by Judge Dunne if he wasn't the man who wielded the iron pipe which had killed Yoshioka but Johnson denied the accusation. Further inquiries by the judge on implicating statements allegedly made by Johnson to local police officers returned him from Dallas, where he was arrested, brought the same denial.

That the life imprisonment recommendation made by the jury might affect the automatic appeal of the death sentence of LeRoy Bob, now before the State Supreme Court, was indicated by courthouse officials. Bob, jointly accused with Johnson, was sentenced to death as the result of an earlier trial after he was implicated in the murder by Johnson.

45-Year Old Nisei Veteran Reenlists for Duty in Japan

Sgt. Tanikawa Served As Machine-Gunner in First World War

SEATTLE, Wash. — Tech. Sgt. John M. Tanikawa, veteran of two World Wars, has reenlisted for the third time in the U. S. Army and hopes to be assigned to occupation duty in Japan.

Sgt. Tanikawa saw active service in the Pacific during World

TWO-WAR VETERAN



TECH. SGT. TANIKAWA Seeks Occupation Duty —Photo Courtesy Seattle Times.

War II and is the holder of the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

While awaiting traveling orders at Fort Lawton, the 45-year old sergeant said he wanted to see service in Japan.

"The young American soldiers stationed in Japan don't grasp the full meaning of occupation duty," Sgt. Tanikawa said. "It is a serious business, and there are many Japanese diehards who still don't understand they lost the war."

The Nisei GI speaks from a first-hand knowledge of the Japanese nation. In 1909, when he was only 9 years old, he left his native United States for a five-year visit to Japan. He attended elementary school there until 1914 when he returned to the United States and entered Broadway high school in Seattle.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, the sergeant's knowledge of Japanese prompted him to enlist in the Army. After a brush-up course in Japanese at the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Minnesota he was assigned to the 41st Division in the Pacific, as an interpreter and interrogator.

"The Jap prisoners were surprisingly willing to talk," Tanikawa said. "I can't say why; maybe they figured they'd be killed anyway, and just didn't care, or maybe they were grateful because they weren't killed — it's hard to say."

Sgt. Tanikawa had his share of front-line combat action in the first World War when he served as a machine-gunner with the Third Division. He wears the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Argonne Forest and six battle stars.

"I've enlisted in the Army for three more years," Tanikawa said, "and I'd like to spend them all in Japan, but you can bet I'll be coming back to America when I'm ready to leave the Army."

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EDITORIALS:

Issue Sidestepped

The Denver City Council this week sidestepped the issue of granting business licenses without regard to race or color, though it gave assurance there would be no further discrimination in the granting of applications from persons of Japanese ancestry.

The matter came up in the form of an ordinance introduced by the Denver Unity Council, the Japanese American Citizens League and other organizations. The ordinance would have made it illegal for the manager of safety to refuse to issue a city license for reasons of race, color, creed or national origin.

In Denver, as in certain other cities during the war, there was evidenced a large amount of prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry.

Denver's own application of prejudice was in effect a policy of segregation. Persons of Japanese ancestry were not granted licenses to operate businesses outside of the Larimer district, though permits were granted freely within this area. The reason given for this action was that this policy had been adopted "for their own safety."

In Ogden, Utah a city which practiced a barefaced policy of discrimination, one application was turned down "in the interest of public safety and welfare." At the time Mayor Kent S. Bramwell declared that out of state "Japanese" were sent to Utah "to work under the rules of the war relocation administration and not to go into business."

In Salt Lake City, on the other hand, city officials sought a harmonious adjustment of the problem by asking Japanese Americans not to apply for business licenses!

All of these subterfuges, open or hidden, indicate that there is a need—and not alone in Denver—for ordinances which would guarantee the right of persons of minority extraction to operate businesses when and where they choose.

It has been shown that the broad guarantees of the Federal Constitution have not been sufficient to give Americans of non-white ancestry the economic and social equality to which they are entitled.

For example many states have found it necessary to reinforce their constitutions with specific civil rights laws guaranteeing service to all persons in public places. In states without such laws many personal discriminations have been suffered by persons who have found that the general freedom promised by the U. S. Constitution do not necessarily protect their civil rights.

In Denver this week the city council virtually tabled the ordinance which would have given the right of business operation to all persons, regardless of ancestry, on the basis that the issue of Japanese American businesses ended with the war and that in the future there would be no further discrimination against members of the group.

But city councils and managers of safety change, and there is yet no guarantee that Americans of other ancestry will not in later years find themselves the victims of this same discrimination, based upon the same sort of "safety" policy.

Two to Go

With the War Relocation Authority only weeks away from its scheduled June 30 closing date, Director Dillon Myer this month reported on the two unsolved problems of Japanese Americans.

Mr. Myer stated in an article written for

the Home Missions Council Resettlement Bulletin that these are compensation and the naturalization laws.

Both of these are beyond the scope of WRA, said Mr. Myer, and they demand the attention of the American public.

At the present time, he writes, the only recourse an evacuee has in the securing of compensation, is to persuade a Congressman to introduce a private claims bill.

"This is an uncertain and time-consuming procedure," says Mr. Myer. "If we admit—and I think all fairminded Americans will—that there is ample justification, then a less cumbersome claims procedure should be worked out, specifically for evacuees, which will assure them prompt compensation for substantiated claims."

"The racial discrimination in our naturalization laws," writes the director of the WRA, "is reflected in state legislation, particularly on the West Coast. Restrictions in the Alien Land Laws are aimed at 'aliens ineligible for citizenship.' Aliens in this status may not own land in some states, may not obtain some types of licenses or be eligible for certain welfare and social services.

"Yet generally speaking, these same aliens are law-abiding residents of the country and intend to reside here permanently. Our restrictive state legislation precludes the possibility of their having the equal economic opportunity which is their right as legal residents of this country. Legislation based on racial origin is inconsistent with our democratic principles as expressed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. A further broadening of our immigration laws to include the Asiatic peoples on a quota basis, as was done in the case of the Chinese, would remove the last racial restrictions from these laws, and would contribute substantially to our avowed interest in establishing better international relations."

As director of the War Relocation Authority, Dillon Myer had a broad perspective over a problem of many ramifications—of relocation and resettlement, of evacuee morale and public relations, of housing and employment and jobs and social welfare. Time and again a well-outlined program of the WRA bogged down on a question of finances or on a question of citizenship. Resettlement on the West Coast was severely hampered by the alien-land act. The intertwining of the problems of citizenship and the WRA resettlement program was obvious to the man who was responsible for the entire program of the War Relocation Authority.

Dillon Myer warns that the problems of compensation and naturalization must be met. They must be solved, and it is to the American people he brings them for solution.

Anniversary

A fourth anniversary report of the mass evacuation of 1942 is made this week by Lawrence E. Davies, San Francisco correspondent of the New York Times, who relayed many a story to his newspaper on the evacuation and relocation.

"Four years ago this week," writes Davies, "Japanese alien and Nisei residents of the West Coast were pouring into assembly centers in an orderly, forced evacuation directed by the Army. By this week-end an estimated half of the 112,000 evacuees were back on the Coast and the lack of 'incidents' since Jan. 1 testified to their general acceptance by postwar California, Oregon and Washington."

Most of those searching employment had found it, Davies said, though not always the kind they wanted. This, he said, was especially true of small business persons, many of whom could not find space in which to operate or goods to sell.

Professional men on the other hand, he reported, were doing business "with all races." "A white client applied to a Japanese American dentist for an appointment and could get none for three months," he wrote. "The dentist reported 75 per cent of his patients were Caucasians."

Davies gives the picture of welfare cases, which shows that 1,903 of the returned evacuees were receiving State aid at the end of February, including 609 in institutions. In addition there were over 1040 cases where emergency "tide-over" funds were allocated by the WRA and the Social Security System until the individuals could become settled. "State relief for persons of Japanese ancestry was virtually unknown before the evacuation," Davies noted.

This is one reporter's over-all picture of the evacuation four years after the event.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Mayor and the Musician

Fiorello LaGuardia, who gave New York City the best administration the metropolis ever had and who is now chief of UNRRA, used to say that when he made a mistake it was "beaut." One of the Little Flower's "beauts" was his inexplicable opposition, expressed at the time of the opening of the Brooklyn hostel, to the resettlement of Japanese American evacuees in the New York area. The announced closing of the hostel in Brooklyn Heights last week brought the affair to mind.

Harold Ickes commented at the time, in 1944, that LaGuardia had joined a strange fife and drum corps, his companions at the time in opposition to wide-scale resettlement of Japanese Americans being two Republican stalwarts, Governors Bricker of Ohio and Edge of New Jersey. Mr. LaGuardia, of course, changed his mind about his opposition to the evacuees, as did Governor Edge, and the New York metropolitan area and New Jersey have provided homes for nearly 5000 Japanese Americans.

Mr. LaGuardia's opposition may have been inspired by an incident which occurred shortly after the war started. The story concerns Yoichi Hiraoka, the Japanese-born xylophonist who is perhaps the world's greatest master of the instrument. There may have been considerable doubt whether the xylophone was a musical instrument in the concert sense but Hiraoka made it one. He gave concerts with the New York Philharmonic and other orchestras and appeared as a soloist at Town Hall and at Carnegie Hall. He was on the staff of NBC and was, in fact, the senior artist in length of service with the network, having been with NBC for nearly ten years at the time of the outbreak of war. Hiraoka used to be featured on a daily early morning program over NBC, the theory apparently being held by network officials that the music of the xylophone had a bracing quality well-suited for breakfast listening.

Hiraoka also was featured on sustaining programs from NBC's New York studios and filled in many times during those tense, nerve-racking hours of 1939 when the American radio kept a vigil with peace and war in Europe. The young Japanese artist, who appeared on trade union programs and anti-fascist rallies, was also featured as a guest artist on the Kate Smith hour and other sponsored shows. He recorded two albums for Decca and since there is little serious work written for the xylophone, Hiraoka made most of his own arrangements. He played for Toscanini and the maestro liked his work.

On Pearl Harbor Day Hiraoka was living in Kew Gardens with his Nisei wife and two children. He had scheduled concerts in various American cities and was considering a tour of South America. But war changed all that. Since he had come to the United States in 1930 as a student, he found that he was an enemy alien and that his position was further complicated by the fact that he was not a legal alien resident. Married to a Nisei and with two children born in the United States, he wanted to remain in America as a citizen but could not because of American laws which prohibit citizenship by naturalization to Japanese aliens.

With the outbreak of war Hiraoka was unceremoniously fired by NBC. His tour and other engagements were cancelled. Although he had played at anti-fascist meetings and had contributed his talent to China Relief programs, he found he was an object of suspicion. He tried to obtain other work and even considered taking a job as a caretaker for a country estate but found that most employment channels were closed to him because of his enemy alien status. He finally resolved his personal dilemma by asking for repatriation to Japan on the Gripsholm. He was bitter by this time and felt there was no longer a future for him in America. His application was accepted and he was placed on the list of repatriates who were to board the exchange ship.

The story of Yoichi Hiraoka's plight reached Mayor LaGuardia in May, 1942. LaGuardia called the artist and asked Hiraoka to appear on his Sunday radio program

over WNYC. When Hiraoka showed up for the broadcast, Mayor LaGuardia introduced him to the radio audience as a "loyal Japanese American." A few weeks later Hiraoka left for Japan on the Gripsholm and the mayor felt that he had been betrayed. This feeling of betrayal may have accounted for the Little Flower's display of temper when the subject of opening a hostel in Brooklyn to aid in the resettlement of Japanese Americans was brought up in 1944.

Incidentally, a letter from a Nisei GI recently carried the news that Yoichi Hiraoka had offered his services to entertain American troops in Japan and was playing before GI audiences.

South of Tehachapi

As a native son, though not eligible because of ancestry to be enrolled in the Native Sons of the Golden West, we read Carey McWilliams' latest book, "Southern California Country," (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, \$3.00), with considerable interest. Mr. McWilliams, always a superb social historian, has accomplished what so many other writers have attempted and failed. He has put the fabulous land that lies south of the Tehachapis between the covers of a book and the swamis and fakirs, the cultists and the Ham and Eggers, the Brown Derbies and the palatial gas stations have not obstructed his view (as they have refracted the perspectives of even such writers as Aldous Huxley who have tried to "explain" Southern California.)

Carey McWilliams exposes the phony Hispanic culture of the Southern California country—the fiestas and obeisance to the traditions of the Dons, the chamber of commerce exploitation of Mexican heritage in the manner that anything Mexican is picturesque except the Mexicans themselves. He punctures the Ramona legend, inspired by Helen Hunt Jackson's novel about an Indian girl who had no real-life counterpart but whose memory is now enshrined in shameless romanticism by various Southern California communities who now lure the tourist trade with proclamations that theirs is Ramona's birthplace or wedding site.

One of the most interesting chapters in the book is one about the role of the Chinese in the building of the Southern California country. The Chinese had played a dominant part in the early history of Southern California but today one can go from the Tehachapis to the Mexican border without finding a trace of the Chinese influence which once was so ubiquitous.

Mr. McWilliams' latest book is bulwarked with the same painstaking documentation which made his "Factories in the Field," "Ill Fares the Land" and "Prejudice" such effective social documents. He has caught the feeling of the land and the flavor of it. And through the pages of the book, following the padres and the Indian natives, the Dons and the early Native Sons come the motley company who make up the human quotient of the Southern California country—the chamber of commerce tub-thumpers, Hatfield the rainmaker, Aimee in her flowing white robe, the promoters and the press agents, the fauna of Hollywood, the pension-planners and the real estate men. But behind the gaudy personalities, behind the neons and the "lights of sixty cities," the author has caught the future promise and essential honesty of the land.

"This land deserves something better," he concludes, "in the way of inhabitants, than swamis and fakirs, the motion-picture tycoons, the fat widows, the bewildered nondescript clerks, the bewildered ex-farmers, the corrupt pension-plan schemers, the tight-fisted 'empire-builders,' and all the other curious migratory creatures who have flocked here from the far corners of the earth. For this strip of coast, this tiny region seems to be looking westward across the Pacific, waiting for the future that one can somehow sense, and feel, and see."

"Here America will build its great city of the Pacific, the most fantastic city in the world."

Vagaries

Offers . . .

Dillon S. Myer, WRA chief, has offered his choice of several government posts in which he will be able to apply his experience as national director of war relocation. . . . Cornelius Vanderbilt, newspaper columnist and son of the noted Vanderbilt clan, has been searching for a couple to accompany him in his trailer on an extensive vagabonding tour through the spring and summer. Among the 72 couples who applied for the job were five Japanese-Americans. "One of them," Vanderbilt reported in his New York column last week, "appeared to be just what I wanted." On closer questioning, Vanderbilt said that he discovered that the young man had spent a greater portion of the war in a "prison camp," apparently a war relocation center. "I knew then that he was not what I wanted," Vanderbilt declared.

Mail Service . . .

Persons with relatives in Japan may be interested to know that the opening of mail service on a limited scale to Japan, similar to the service recently started to Germany, is now under discussion. . . . Nisei GIs in the U. S. Army's TIS in Tokyo contributed a large share of the \$500 which was sent to the March of Dimes. . . . Glamour magazine is preparing an article on Nisei women in professional life which will be published in an early issue.

Documentary . . .

Canada's National Film Board has produced a documentary, "The Japanese Descent," the story of Japanese Canadian evacuees in the "ghost town" relocation camps of the Canadian Rockies. Filmed in Kodachrome, the picture presents the constructive side of life in the evacuee camps but Japanese Canadians declare that the camera does not catch the heart-break of the evacuation. . . . British Columbia's new attorney general, Gordon Wismer, who succeeded the late R. L. Maitland, has indicated that he will go to England this summer to argue the constitutionality of the Canadian government's forced deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry. The issue has been referred to the Privy Council.

Cho-Cho-San . . .

Hizi Koyke, who toured the country in the title role of Puccini's "Mme. Butterfly" with the San Carlo Opera company, will return to the operatic stage on May 2 when she will again sing the famous role of Cho-Cho-San with the San Carlo company. . . . Ruby Yoshino is a member of the all-professional choir group of the Riverside church in New York. . . . Conversion of dormitory units which are now providing housing for returned evacuees in San Francisco into family units is proposed in order to cope with the continued tight housing situation in the Bay area.

New Home . . .

It's reported that the Army's language school at Fort Snelling, which has trained thousands of Japanese Americans for special military service in the Pacific, will be moved to the Monterey area in California soon. . . . Although the WRA will go out of business on June 30, some of the studies now under way of the readjustment problems of Japanese American returnees to the West Coast may be continued by the Interior Department. . . . Shungo Abe, former president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles who was repatriated to Japan abroad the Gripsholm, was elected to the Japanese Diet at Nippon's recent elections.

Repatriates . . .

According to Taro Yashima, Tule Lake repatriates who have arrived in Japan have gotten little sympathy from the Japanese people. . . . Several WRA officials are now writing books on the evacuation and relocation. . . . Besides the two Nisei who won national AAU championships at Boston last week, the flyweight title was taken by David Buna of Hawaii who is of Japanese and Portuguese ancestry. Baldwin Okamoto, another Nisei, was the favorite to win the 112-pound crown but lost in the semi-finals.

Washington News-Letter Nisei GI Comes Home After Occupation Duty in Japan

By JOHN KITASAKO

This piece, the last in our series on Nisei servicemen who fought the war in various theaters of operation, deals with an ex-Army lieutenant, Tsuneo Tajima, formerly of Los Angeles, who landed in Tokyo two days before the signing of the surrender.

Taj served as an interpreter with the military government and general headquarters, interrogating financial, banking, health and agricultural officials in Tokyo. Then he was shifted down to the special military interrogation center at Yokohama.

At this center he met Gen. Kenji Doihara, the notorious "Lawrence of Manchuria." He conversed with Doihara for about twenty minutes while the Japanese general waited for MP's to cart him away after a session in the interrogation room.

Doihara, says Taj, is typical of Japanese militarists. He handed out the same "boloney" about Japan's mission to restore order to the chaos in continental Asia. Japan committed no wrong. It was all a "misunderstanding."

Doihara professed "surprise" at the outbreak of war with America, and was "quite surprised" at its outcome.

During his four months in Japan, Taj met a number of Nisei, most of whom were anxious to return to America. Only few turncoats seemed to prefer Japan's defeated way of life.

The Nisei claimed that during the war, they were forced to take out Japanese citizenship. Kempeitai blackguards made the rounds of Nisei dwelling places, and "urged" them to take out citizenship papers. It would be "much better and healthier," they said. Some Nisei who didn't think so changed their minds after a little "physical persuasion" by the Kempeitai.

Others found they had to have citizenship in order to hold down a job, and for these stranded Nisei with no means of support, there was no alternative. According to Taj, a number of Nisei came to general headquarters immediately after the arrival of U. S. forces to seek ways and means of revoking their Japanese citizenship.

What do the Japanese people think of democracy? The common folk don't seem to know what it is yet, says Taj. All they know is that it will bring a

Nisei, Nisei!

*I have no face—
This is a face,
(Nisei, Nisei!)
My face of astigmatic eyes,
Other eyes.*

*A composite of sneer and word,
The cherry blossom and the sword,
Where I hang as on gallows wood;
(Nisei, Nisei!)*

*Set in the islands centuries
Of the mixed stocks Yamato breeds.
(And this is censored:
No one reads
Of our dissimilarities,
Nisei, Nisei!)*

*Is this so yellow?
Brown and plain
White are the skins of old Japan.*

*I have no face.
My sallow cheek.
Is greenish in the subway light,
My parents' mild and patient eyes
Mocked in these narrow apertures;
Look, glasses make this low-built nose
The shadow of a caricature.
(Nisei, Nisei!)*

*Give me the eyes that form my face!
All outside eyes, all looking down,
The starry world, the street, the job, the
eating place—*

*All eyes I envy for their anonymity.
(Nisei, Nisei!)*

*This is mirage
These are my twenty years of youth—
To look the thing I hate and what I am:
(Nisei, Nisei!)*

*Where is the heart to scour this enemy
mask
Nailed on my flesh and artifact of my
veins?
Where is a judge of the infernal poll
Where they vote round eyes honest and
mine knave?*

*This is a dream.
These eyes, this face
(Nisei, Nisei!)
Clutched on my twitching plasm like a
monstrous growth,
A twinning cyst of hair, of pulp, of
teeth . . .*

*Tell me this is no face,
This face of mine—
It is a face of Angloid eyes who hate.*

By M. H. Constable.

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From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Sister of Nisei Hero Survived Atom Bombing

Des Moines, Iowa.

The province of Hiroshima in Japan probably sent more immigrants than any other to the United States. By one of those strange whims of fate it was Hiroshima city, capital of the province, that was picked as the first atomic bomb target.

Little by little word is reaching the United States about the fate of grandparents, parents, cousins and friends who happened to be in Hiroshima that day last summer when a single bomb made a shambles of an entire city.

Last week through round-about sources we learned that Joan Toshiye Omura, formerly of Seattle and San Francisco, had survived the bombing. But her husband was one of the countless dead.

She would have wanted this news to be forwarded to her brother. We record this here, but he never will know. For Staff Sgt. Ken Omura lies buried somewhere in New Guinea, the first Nisei GI to give his life in the Southwest Pacific campaign.

The Ratfish

Many years ago as a Boy Scout on the shores of Puget Sound we made our first acquaintance with the ratfish. It was an enormous

change, and they'll go for anything that is a change from their years of suppression and frustration.

Some Japanese, however, are inclined to take democracy a little too freely. This is especially true of the lower, uneducated group. For instance, if one of these new adherents to democracy sees a "no smoking" sign in a street, he'll light a cigarette and smoke it anyhow. He figures that in a democracy you do what you want; it's a free life, and to hell with regulations.

The bulk of the Japanese are aware that under a democratic form of rule, they will have a voice in the government. That's what they want, and they know they're going to get it, because General MacArthur has promised it to them. MacArthur, says Taj, is held in high respect by the people, not only because he has dealt with them fairly but because they know he's telling the Emperor what to do, and that is really something.

The most hopeful aspect in the picture of Japan today, in Taj's estimation, is the fact that many Japanese educators who had studied in America and who know democracy are emerging from their seclusion and are expressing themselves, and are exercising a strong influence in establishing policies.

Taj, with a four-year stretch in the service behind him, is in Washington at present looking over job prospects. After 22 months overseas, during which he traveled some 23,000 miles, all the way from Australia up to Hirohito's bailiwick and way points, he says he's good and ready to settle down.

POSTSCRIPTS: "Myths and Facts," the pamphlet published by the WRA to correct misconceptions about evacuees is still a WRA best-seller. As many as 25 requests a day still come into the WRA for copies of the pamphlet, mostly from libraries, schools, and individuals studying the evacuation issue, according to Charles Lynn of the Reports Office.

Tokyo bound this week were Gay Tamaki, Ray Hashitani, Jimmy Yamada, Ken Yamamoto, and Charles Yoshida.

The Japanese Embassy building on Massachusetts Avenue has been officially taken over by the Far Eastern Commission. It is likely, says a report, that the sumptuous building may never revert to Japan, but will be turned over to the Philippines as part of reparations.

Capital Wedding

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Miss Kiyo Nagai and Mr. Ronald Takio Sadayasu were married at a candlelight ceremony on April 20 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Minami in Washington. Miss Hiro Kamikawa was the maid of honor and Dr. Minami was best man. The Rev. Erskine of the National City Christian church officiated. The bride is employed in the personnel division of the War Relocation Authority in Washington, while the groom, a veteran of the 442nd Regiment, is with Dolf and Company of New York.

creature with a broad, ugly head. The ratfish has remained with us in memory because it has a pair of tiny hand-like appendages on its underside.

This was our first introduction to what science calls vestigial appendages—a small, degenerate or imperfectly developed part or organ which has been more fully developed in an earlier generation of the specimen.

This week we remembered the ratfish's vestigial hands as we moped around looking like a man with a quid of tobacco in his cheek. For some reason the extraction of an impacted wisdom tooth leaves a pronounced swelling rather than the cavity which would appear to be more logical.

After three such experiences we were somewhat down at the mouth about wisdom teeth. Perhaps in a distant age an extra set of molars were necessary to crack bones and grind up the flesh of roast mammoth and saber-tooth tiger.

But in the atomic era wisdom teeth appear to be as vestigial as the ratfish's hands—standard equipment on the chassis but good for nothing but making trouble.

We have no hope that evolutionary processes will do away with wisdom teeth in time to do us or our immediate descendants a whit of good.

But we do think it would be a challenging project for some bright young Nisei to see about exchanging these congenital troublemakers for something really practical.

Like, say, a built-in radar set which would start giving with the pips when an attractive person of the other sex pops within a 100-foot radius. This would make it easier to concentrate one's entire efforts on driving and walking, leaving it up to the radar to locate the limbs to be whistled at.

War Crimes

Dr. Ichiro Kiyose, Hideki Tojo's chief defense counsel, says his client will get a fairer trial before the Allied war crimes tribunal than under Japanese law.

Dr. Kiyose made these points: 1. Under Japanese law there are no settled rules of evidence. Self-incriminating questions are allowed to be put to defendants while they are not in American courts.

2. Under Anglo-American justice, the suspect is innocent until his guilt has been proven. Not so in Japanese courts.

3. In legal terminology, the Japanese system is inquisitorial, while Allied tribunal procedure is litigious or accusatory. Stripped of legal hocus-pocus, all this means that Dr. Kiyose thinks Tojo will be given a fair hearing by the Allies and a chance to fight for his life.

This is more than can be said for the kind of justice Tojo and his fellow-militarists meted out. Even in prewar Japanese civilian courts justice was a fragile and volatile commodity to be determined in large measure by the judges' whims. A man's best defense was to stay clear of the law.

Spokane VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has not accepted individual Nisei as members. The organization has sought, instead, to organize an all-Nisei post, in other words a Jim Crow outfit.

When this move was rejected by Nisei vets in Spokane, the VFW succeeded in organizing a post composed entirely of Chinese Americans.

We do not oppose racial organizations as such. There are, undoubtedly, many reasons to justify them.

But we believe it is wrong that Nisei, or Chinese Americans or any other minority accept an inferior status. This is exactly what happens when they are denied membership in the general organization, but agree to be accepted on a segregated basis.

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Boise Valley JACL To Honor Nisei GIs At Dinner May 9

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL will honor Nisei veterans of World War II and officials of the War Relocation Authority at a banquet and dance to be held Thursday, May 9, at 7 p. m. at the I.O.O.F. hall in Caldwell.

Ex-mayor McCluskey of Caldwell; Mr. Mainwaring, editor of the Nampa Free Press; Mr. Palmer, WRA official; and Mr. Simplot and Dean Anderson of the College of Idaho are among the many guests who are expected to attend.

Many of the guests will be veterans of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Tio Kiyokawa will be chairman for the event, aided by the following committee: Mary Inouye and Kimi Nakanishi, menu; Yoshi Miyasako and Betty Arima, banquet program; Harumi Tamura and Chie Hamada, place cards; Steve Hirai, tickets; Kay Inouye, publicity; Hiroshi Sato, poster publicity; Sike Okazaki, hall decoration; George Hara, treasurer.

The banquet is open to all interested persons and a special invitation has been sent to the Snake River chapter.

Ralph Fry's orchestra from Boise will provide music for the dance.

Triple I Moves Up Date of Show To May 11

CHICAGO—Three one-act plays, originally scheduled for performance on April 27 by the Triple I, will be held instead on May 11, it was announced this week.

The performance will be held at the Olivet Institute, 1441 North Cleveland ave., Chicago at 8 p. m.

Buddhists Meet In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A Hana Matsuri service on April 14 marked the first Buddhist gathering of residents in the Minnesota Twin City area which embraces Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The service was held at the YWCA in Minneapolis and was conducted by the Rev. G. Kono of the Midwest Buddhist church.

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MONTE CARLO, Monaco—The features of a Nisei soldier, Allan Doi of Waimea, Hawaii, have been caught permanently by Laura Franco Bedarida, Monte Carlo sculptress who befriended and mothered the men of the Japanese American Regimental Combat Team while it was stationed in Italy.

Mrs. Bedarida, whose friends called her "Mama Bedarida," housed and fed many Japanese American troops during their Italian stay.

Writing of her work in moulding the head of Allan Doi, Mrs. Bedarida said:

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"He posed only twice, really. All the rest of the time he was playing cards or talking with the children and to look at him I was like a acrobat . . . sitting on the floor, on my knees, near his divan, almost under the table. All the others laughed at me and my craziness, Allan SWORED he would NEVER more let me make his portrait again. So much he was angry against my dear clay!"

New York Chapter Ends Drive for New Membership

NEW YORK CITY—Ending its recruiting drive for new members, the New York chapter of the JACL recently awarded dinner bids and theater tickets to the prize-winning team, which was captained by Eureka Satow.

Other members of the team which recruited the most members were Mrs. Sada Murayama, Mitsuo Matsuo, Art Abe, Tom Hayaishi, Mrs. Hoshie Yamada, Mrs. Aiko Inamoto and Henry Goshio.

The theater tickets were donated as additional prizes by Ben Kuroki.



MONTE CARLO, Monaco—Head of Allan Doi of Waimea, Hawaii, as sculptured by "Mama" Bedarida in Monte Carlo, Monaco. Mrs. Bedarida was the official mother of Japanese American troops stationed near her home.

Tacoma, Puyallup Nisei Will Form New Organization

TACOMA, Wash.—Nisei of Tacoma and Puyallup valley have been invited to attend an organization meeting Friday, May 3, the Tacoma YWCA to form a Nisei activity club, it was announced this week.

The purpose of the group will be to coordinate Nisei activities with those of other Y clubs. The club plans outings, cruises, and ice-skating parties and talks by guest speakers.

Kaz Yamane will be temporary chairman with the following committee: Marjorie McCullough, Miyako Fukuyama, Miki Fukuyama, Dot Norisada, Fudge Sasaki and Aki Hayashi.

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YWCA to Back Indemnities for Evacuee Group

The National YWCA has gone on record endorsing the payment of indemnities for economic losses suffered by the evacuation of Japanese-Americans from the west in a resolution adopted at a national convention held recently in Atlantic City, N. J., it was announced here this week by the Lake City branch.

The convention also agreed to work for the restoration of full constitutional rights and privileges of Americans of Japanese ancestry and pledged support for a federal program of resettlement of Japanese Americans in areas from which they were removed and throughout the country.

Reiterating its policy of racial equality, the YWCA national convention voted to work toward the elimination of racial discrimination in immigration and naturalization, and to work toward the insurance of full educational, vocational, cultural and economic opportunities to minorities.

Engagement

CHICAGO—The engagement of Marion Tatumoto of Chicago to Mr. Kim Hatashita was announced Easter Sunday at a dinner party attended by relatives and immediate family. Mr. Hatashita is presently attending a school in Chicago.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Kato, Huntington Beach, Calif., a son on April 4.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Minamide, Santa Ana, Calif., a son on April 4.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nakamura, 2142 Welton, Denver, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. George S. Komatsu, Los Angeles, a son, Terry Taiji, on April 1.
To Pfc. and Mrs. Frank M. Hirahara a girl on April 11 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Hanada a son on April 2 in Kingsburg, Calif.

DEATHS

Kosuke Kamiya on April 21 in El Centro, Calif.
Kozo Miyamoto, 79, on April 16 in San Jose, Calif.
Rinboku Teruya on April 21 in Glendale, Ariz.
Masao Yamaguchi, 47, on April 17 in Ozona Park, L. I., New York.
Tsunejiro Tokunaga on April 16 in New York City.
Umazo Nakano on April 13 in Los Angeles.
Kuni Yamasaki, 75, on April 12 in Tacoma, Wash.
Rev. Tokujiro Horikoshi on April 16 in Los Angeles.
Hitoshi Yamasaki on April 18 in San Francisco.
Kazuo Uyeda, 51, in Van Nuys, Calif. on April 17.

MARRIAGES

Mary Yukawa to Harry Uyeda on April 20 in Stockton, Calif.
Katsuko Maruyama to Mitsutoshi Takei on April 14 in Los Angeles.
Katsumi Uchiyama to Wataru Tanaka on April 15 in Denver.
Mary Wada to Seiichi Honda on April 21 in Los Angeles.
Naomi Kashima to Masami Tokuyama on April 19 in Baltimore.
Miyoko Onishi to Henry K. Yumikura on April 14 in Chicago.
Harky Sakai to Kozo Hiramura on April 20 in New York City.
Rose Asako Serizawa to Doctor Isamu Nieda on April 13 in Detroit.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Taniguchi and Amy Nishimura in Fresno.

Teen-Agers Slate "Night of Fun"

PHILADELPHIA—The Northside Youth Organization, a newly-formed teen-age group, will sponsor "A Night of Fun" at the Armitage Methodist church gym, 834 W. Armitage avenue, on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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To Discuss Plans For Bowling League

CHICAGO—A bowling league meeting will be held April 30 at 8 p.m. at the CYO Nisei Center, 1110 No. La Salle street, to form plans for a bowling tournament on the North side.

A small percentage of the proceeds will go towards the Nisei Athletic association fund, it was announced.

The CYO control board this week announced that the organization is a non-profit organization formed solely for recreational purposes. The board reported that some misunderstanding has existed in Chicago regarding the status of the association.

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City Council of Denver Will Change Policy on Nisei Business License Requests

Admit Discriminatory Stand Maintained During War Years

DENVER—Though virtually defeating an ordinance which would have guaranteed the right to business licenses despite race, color or creed, the Denver City Council on April 24 gave assurances that Japanese Americans would no longer be discriminated against in the issuance of licenses.

The City Council on April 24 took under consideration an ordinance which would have made it illegal for the manager of safety to refuse to issue a city license for reasons of race, color, creed or national origin.

Although no vote was taken, enough councilmen indicated opposition to its passage to make tabling certain upon presentation for official action.

Safety Manager Robert J. Kirschwing admitted that Nisei Americans had been "discouraged from entering business in certain Denver areas during the war," with the result that licenses had been held up or refused "when necessary for their own safety."

"Needless to say, I did not share those prejudices," Kirschwing said. "The policy ended when the war

ended and now licenses are issued to everyone on the same basis."

The ordinance was sponsored by the Denver Unity Council, the JACL and other organizations and aimed at the elimination of discrimination on the basis of race.

The ordinance was first presented on April 15, but the case was moved up to April 29 by the council to allow for the preparation of documented cases. Instead of holding the hearing on April 29, however, the council considered the ordinance on April 24 and indicated it would act officially upon the ordinance the following week.

Dr. Clark P. Garman and Nathan Creamer spoke for the bill.

Nisei Invited To Join Summer Service Project

PHILADELPHIA — Nisei high school and college students have been issued a special invitation to join in the Cornell Summer Service Project to be held in Ithaca, N. Y., July 1 to August 26, the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council announced last week.

Projects include community rural communities and camps and farm labor camps.

Canada Official Warns Against Return of Evacuees to Coast

Nisei GI Choir Records Music For Broadcast

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—The 75-voice Japanese American choir of the Military Intelligence Service Language school at Fort Snelling recorded sacred Easter music at station KSTP in St. Paul on April 12 for rebroadcast over Hawaiian stations.

Arrangements were made by Earl M. Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., to have the program broadcast over Hawaiian stations on Easter afternoon. Many Japanese Americans from Hawaii are members of the choir.

Soloists were Cpl. Fred Chino and Pvt. Robert Nishihara. After the recording session, members of the choir were guests of Mr. Finch at a dinner at the Hotel Nicolet in Minneapolis.

The host, who had left Hawaii only a few hours before the disastrous tidal wave struck the islands, related his recent experiences in Hawaii.

442nd Basketball Team Schedules Games in Germany

LEGHORN, Italy — The 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team's basketball squad, champions of the recent Ivy League season in Italy, will play a home-and-home series with U. S. Army teams in Germany next month.

The 442nd squad will travel to Bremen, Germany for three games and will be hosts to U. S. Army teams from Germany later in the

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VANCOUVER, B. C. — Howard C. Green, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Vancouver South, said on April 22 that "all Japanese might be back again on the Coast."

Green, a bitter opponent of the return of the Japanese Canadian evacuees to the evacuated West Coast area, was home for a week during the Ottawa parliamentary Easter recess. He declared that efforts such as those put forth by B. K. Sandwell, the Winnipeg Free Press and other organizations are aiming toward the restoration of the Japanese Canadians to their pre-war status.

Green had told the House of Commons in Ottawa on April 5 he believed there "will be bloodshed" on the Pacific coast if the Japanese Canadians are allowed to re-enter the fishing industry of British Columbia.

Green announced that he and other members of the right-wing Progressive Conservative party intended to hold the government to its announced policy of deporting a large group of the evacuated Japanese Canadians.

He said that the Japanese Canadians "still worshipped the Japanese emperor" and remained a "menace" to the nation.

"If the government caves in on its policy, the Japanese problem in Canada will be just where it was in 1941, namely in British Columbia's lap," Green added.

To Attend Detroit Conference

NEW YORK CITY — Masao Satou, eastern representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, will be in Detroit April 27 and 28 to attend the Congress of Civil Rights. The JACL will also be represented by Mike Masaka, national secretary.

Games in Germany for the Nisei squad have been scheduled for May 3, 4 and 5.

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