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442nd Combat Team to Return Home Soon

Winona Camp---Temporary Home of 800 Returned Evacuees



The above photo by a Los Angeles Daily News cameraman shows a general view of the Winona FPHA trailer camp at Burbank, Calif., where nearly 800 returned evacuees were transferred during the past week from emergency housing shelters which

were closed by the WRA which terminated operations on May 15. According to the Daily News report, only one quarter of the trailers had electricity when the Japanese Americans were moved in. Hot water ran in only one shower. Gas stoves were not connected and the county was called on to supply emergency food.

Nisei Regiment Scheduled to Leave Italy

9000 Casualties Sustained by Unit In France, Italy

The 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team, one of the most decorated units in American military history, is expected to leave Italy for the United States "within a few weeks," according to information received by the Pacific Citizen.

Although no definite announcement has been made as to the date of the Combat Team's departure for the United States, it is believed that the unit will be home by the end of June.

The Japanese American unit, which sustained more than 9000 casualties during its participation in the Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Po Valley and Apennine campaigns, will be inactivated after its return to the United States.

At the time of the announcement of the Army's redeployment program after V-J Day, it was announced that the 442nd would return to the United States in March, 1946. Later developments, however, resulted in the extension of the period of the unit's presence in Italy where it has been active in the work of guarding Army supplies and in the repatriation of German war prisoners. Headquarters of the 442nd have been at Leghorn, Italy, the seaport city which was liberated by elements of the Japanese American unit in 1944.

The 442nd Combat Team was activated in February, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Miss. Original members of the unit consisted of volunteers from Hawaii and the United States mainland. The Combat Team first went into action in Italy in June, 1944. Elements of the 442nd have received seven Distinguished Unit Citations.

Returnees Hit State License Requirement

SAN FRANCISCO — Protesting license regulations which they charge are discriminatory toward returned evacuees who are interested in reestablishing themselves in the dry cleaning industry in California, a group of former dry cleaners of Japanese ancestry may be formed here to fight discriminatory measures, it was reported here last week.

It was stated that before the evacuation in 1942 there were approximately 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the dry cleaning industry. The majority were non-citizens and operated individual agencies.

It is charged that license regulations for dry cleaners have been changed since the evacuation and that the new rulings make it difficult to obtain a State license. Persons who were in the dry cleaning industry on Sept. 16 last are not required to get new licenses and it is pointed out that the provision is discriminatory to the evacuees who were forced to abandon their businesses as a result of the evacuation and now are unable to re-enter the industry unless they are able to obtain licenses under the new regulations.

800 Moved to Winona Camp Find Facilities Incomplete

Los Angeles County Sets Up Emergency Kitchens to Feed Distressed Evacuee Group

LOS ANGELES—County officials charged this week that the War Relocation Authority, forced to close its office on May 15, had "dumped" nearly 800 returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry on the Winona trailer camp in Burbank where sanitary and feeding facilities had not been completed to accommodate the group.

The Winona camp, a Federal Public Housing Authority project, was being prepared as a distressed persons camp to meet emergencies caused by the unavailability of private housing in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Daily News reported on May 13 that the WRA had "dumped hundreds of Japanese into Winona trailer camp before feeding or other facilities were completed."

Arthur J. Will, Los Angeles county superintendent of charities, declared:

"We were prepared to open up the trailer camp at Burbank Monday (May 13) for a large number of families. But without notifying anyone the WRA trucked several hundred Japanese to the Burbank camp late Saturday afternoon (May 11) and evening and just dumped them there."

"Stores were closed so they couldn't buy food," Will added. "There were no lights, no public utilities, no transportation. I was notified Saturday midnight and got busy with the chaotic conditions out there."

The Winona camp, situated at the corner of Winona Ave. and Hollywood way, across from Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank, was being prepared to receive returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have been unable to find permanent housing since they were returned to their former home areas last fall when the WRA relocation camps were closed. These evacuees were being housed in special emergency projects arranged through the WRA in

cooperation with FPHA at Lomita, Hawthorne, Santa Ana, El Segundo, Santa Monica and in Burbank. The shutting down of WRA activities (the agency must complete its business by June 30 when its appropriation expires) necessitated their transfer to Winona.

William B. LeHane, FPHA official who will manage the new Winona camp, explained that through no fault of their own these returned evacuees have been unable to find housing and that Winona was set up to house these persons until they can get back on their feet.

"Before the war," LeHane pointed out, "Japanese charity cases were just unknown. Now many of these families must live on the county until they can find jobs or go into business for themselves."

Miss Beryl Cox, assistant director of Los Angeles county's department of charities, told the Daily News:

"The emergency started Saturday night when WRA trucked these people in and dumped them after they had promised to make no move until this place was all set up."

"Outside of emergency food, the next most important thing is to see that these people get their relief checks without delay."

Paul Spencer, contractor in charge of construction at Winona, said that according to his contract

Small Unit Will Carry on WRA Work After June 31

SAN FRANCISCO — Under present plans the WRA will be liquidated on July 1, but a small unit will function in the Interior Department to complete records, finish paying off obligations and will continue for one year a study of the readjustment problems of the Japanese and Japanese Americans throughout the country.

An appropriation of under \$200,000 is being sought for this purpose. Last year the WRA budget was nearly \$30,000,000.

NISEI VETERAN PARTICIPATES IN CINCINNATI PANEL

CINCINNATI, O.—Frank Hashimoto, Purple Hearted veteran of the "tough and brilliant 100th Infantry Battalion" appeared on a veterans panel Saturday, May 11, broadcast over Station WKRC at 9:45 a. m.

Also on the panel, which discussed the subject, "The Veterans Talk About Unity," were Marshall Bragdon, executive secretary of the Mayor's Friendly Relations committee; James Maxwell, writer and chairman of the Cincinnati chapter of the AVC; Richard Gordon, formerly with the 372nd (Negro) regiment and presently athletic director at Douglas school, Cincinnati; and Hashimoto. Dr. Judson McKim, director of special events programs for WKRC, was moderator.

The veterans agreed that the important objective of former servicemen of all minorities was equal opportunity to make a living.

The AVC chairman asked for a fair - employment act banning creed-or-race discrimination and "more rigorous education of employers."

Army Assigns Nisei to War Crimes Trial

Six Veterans Help Prepare Defense for Accused Japanese

TOKYO — Six Japanese Americans, all former technical or master sergeants in the U. S. Army, are now helping to prepare the defense of Japanese war criminal suspects who are being tried by 8th Army commissions at Yokohama, General MacArthur's headquarters announced last week.

The Japanese Americans are being employed by the 8th Army's War Crimes Defense Office of the Judge Advocate's section in Yokohama.

The U. S. Army announcement said that the Nisei had been assigned to the task because of their understanding of Japanese and their ability to converse fluently in the language.

One of the six, George Koshi of Denver, Colo., was in law practice before entering the Army and will serve as a defense counsel for the accused Japanese, while the others will prepare cases for the defense to the point where a trained lawyer will take it over to put the final touches on them before the trials.

The Headquarters report said that in the short time these Nisei have been with the War Crimes Defense Section of the Army, they have gained the admiration of both Major Burton Phillips, head of the section, and Lieut. Richard Igl, chief of investigation. The Nisei have been together for quite some time, it was reported. All worked for the Washington Document Center at Tokyo after coming to Japan with U. S. Army units in November and all were discharged early last month.

The six Nisei, James Matsumura, Masaru Jinbo, Kiyoshi Kido, Ken Aiba and Hiroshi Yamada, all of Los Angeles, Calif., and George Koshi received their training at Camp Savage, Minn., and served in the Pacific campaign.

One of the Nisei said he had accepted his present position because he believed "in the American principles of democracy and justice."

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Los Angeles Supervisors Ask Interior Department to Keep WRA Offices Open in County

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles county board of supervisors on May 14 asked the United States Department of Interior to keep the War Relocation Authority staff in Southern California functioning until the final relocation of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry is completed satisfactorily.

The board unanimously adopted a resolution submitted by Supervisor John Anson Ford which was aimed at the WRA's dumping of hundreds of Japanese American families into the Winona trailer camp at Burbank last weekend before feeding and sanitary facilities had been completed.

The WRA office in Los Angeles, as well as those in other major West Coast areas, closed on May 15. The staff of the Los Angeles WRA already has been reduced to skeleton status.

Supervisor Ford's resolution declared that Los Angeles county, especially through the bureau of public assistance, "has cooperated in every possible manner with the WRA in relocation of Japanese Americans in the county."

"In the final arrangements for the closing of the WRA responsibilities in this county there have been delays on the part of WRA officials as to cause unnecessary suffering on the part of several hundred Japanese and wide publicity reflecting upon the good name of this county," Ford added.

The board ordered copies of the resolution telegraphed to the Department of Interior at Washington.

Sgt. Nomura Awarded Bronze Star for Heroism in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—For twice exposing himself to deadly enemy fire in order to eliminate several gun positions that were holding up the advance of his Battalion in the vicinity of Seravezza, Italy on the 6th of April, 1945, Staff Sergeant Paul H. Nomura of Farmington, Michigan, was recently presented the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action.

Staff Sergeant Nomura is a veteran combat infantryman of three major campaigns in both Italy and France. The action for which he was cited occurred when the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team was participating in the bitter and final offensive in northern Italy.

In the vicinity of Seravezza, Italy, Staff Sergeant, then Private First Class Nomura, was called from Battalion reserve together with other members of his rifle platoon to neutralize an enemy stronghold on a hill overlooking the whole battalion sector. On advancing toward the stronghold comprised of six enemy machine guns and supporting machine pistols and rifles from the left flank the platoon was fired upon and pinned down by the terrific fire power of the enemy weapons. To remedy the situation, Sergeant Nomura and his squad crawled forward in the face of the grazing enemy fire to a shellhole approximately forty yards from the enemy and laid continuous fire on the enemy position. The effectiveness of the covering fire enabled the remaining members of the platoon to advance comparatively free from enemy fire. In the skirmish an enemy machine gunner attempted to dislodge Sergeant Nomura but turning his automatic rifle on the weapon, Sergeant Nomura destroyed it and killed the gunner.

That same afternoon the platoon attacked a similar enemy position 200 yards forward from the first. When the platoon was subjected to fire from four machine guns with supporting machine pistol and rifle fire, Sergeant Nomura advanced to within fifty yards of the enemy position and fired upon the enemy position which provided covering fire for his advancing platoon.

In the two engagements six Germans were killed and 32 captured while a host of enemy equipment was rendered useless.

"Bussei Review" Appears May 15

FRESNO—The Bussei Review, official publication of the CCYBA, made its first appearance May 15 under editorship of Alma Kurisu.

The paper will be sent to approximately 600 members, ministers and organizations.

Pvt. Ben Masaoka Memorialized in Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund honoring the memory of Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka, who was killed in action on Oct. 30 in France, has been established by his mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, 453 East 4th South, Salt Lake City.

A member of Co. E., 442nd Regimental Combat Team Pvt. Masaoka met his death near Bruyeres, France, during the rescue of the "lost battalion."

The scholarship fund, amounting to \$200 annually, will be awarded to a deserving Nisei veteran or a family member or child of a Nisei war veteran.

The fund will be administered by the Japanese American Citizens League. Applications will be taken until July 27, the anniversary of Pvt. Masaoka's birth, and the winner of the award will be notified in August.

Five of Mrs. Masaoka's sons served in World War II. Besides Pvt. Ben Masaoka, Hank, Mike, Ike and Tad Masaoka served overseas, all in the European theater.

Mrs. Masaoka expressed the hope that other parents of Nisei servicemen would establish like scholarships in the names of their veteran sons.

Hospital Asks For Nisei Girls

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The St. Joseph's Hospital School for Nursing in Lewiston, Montana, has sent a special invitation to Nisei girls to enroll in its school, according to the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council.

Nisei-Issei Group Formed in Dayton

DAYTON, O.—Nisei and Issei of Dayton, Ohio, and the surrounding area, joined on April 6 to form the Miami Valley Nisei, a social organization devoted to the welfare of Japanese Americans of Miami Valley.

Masaru Yamasaki was chosen president, to be assisted by the following cabinet: George Ishii and Lily Yamasaki, vice presidents; Mrs. George Mori, secretary; Mrs. Shoji Okino, treasurer; and Mrs. O. Shimoda and James Yoshida, advisors.

Ceramist Holds Demonstration

CINCINNATI, O.—K. "Sherry" Shirayamadani, colorist and ceramist, gave a demonstration of his decorative technique on May 13 at the Mt. Adams galleries of Rockwood Pottery.

He is the creator of Rockwoods prize-winning \$10,000 vase and has been associated with the pottery for 60 years.

800 Unrelocated Evacuees Transferred to Burbank Camp

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with FPHA he had until May 28 to complete the work of supplying the underground utilities, moving in the trailers and connecting up the utilities. He said that by May 12 he was supposed to have 170 trailer units ready, and that actually 233 were ready.

"I have nothing to do with renovation, cleanup and repairing, however," Spencer added. "That part of the contract is let out to another firm. I haven't connected the electricity yet, because the city can't supply the transformers until Tuesday (May 14)."

Food was provided to the 513 persons who were in Winona by May 12 by the kitchen crew from the Olive View sanitarium. A. L. Thomas, assistant director of the county department of charities, was on hand to supervise the serving of more than 500 meals three times a day. The food was cooked at Olive View and brought to Winona where it was reheated and served.

Work was being rushed this week on facilities at Winona. Meanwhile, several hundred other returned evacuees were moved into the camp from other projects, bringing the trailer city's population to nearly 800.

Emergency crews were working at the camp and it was expected that the chaotic conditions precipitated last weekend would be largely alleviated by the end of the week.

Manager LeHane of the FPHA camp said that the situation "goes back a long way."

"It goes back to the time Congress refused additional appropriations for WRA. The relocation camps were closed and the WRA had to move the people to seven 'stop-gap' camps in this area," he said.

"Now that WRA is expiring on the 15th, the organization has to get these people out of the stop-gap camps by that date, so they are screening them out into here."

The Daily News reported that Arthur J. Will, county superintendent of public assistance, had officially notified the WRA that the county "will accept no responsibility for more of these people, nor will we enter another cooperative agreement with WRA."

"They told us they would not put any of these people in until the camp was ready," Will added.

Mrs. Beulah Lewis of the county's department of charities, inspected the camp on May 13 and said it contained 513 persons, two thirds of them children. The population of the camp was increased by later arrivals.

The county, Mrs. Lewis said, will have to feed the people until fuel tanks are connected to stoves.

"These people are splendid about the whole situation," she said. "I noticed outside one trailer that already petunias and tomato vines had been planted."

It was reported that the first group of returned evacuees arrived at Winona on May 9 from the Santa Monica and Hawthorne projects. Four of the trailers were equipped with faulty pressure gas stoves which caught on fire. Although little damage was done, the incidents reportedly made the people "afraid and skeptical" of the old stoves and those who found stoves in their trailers hesitated to use them.

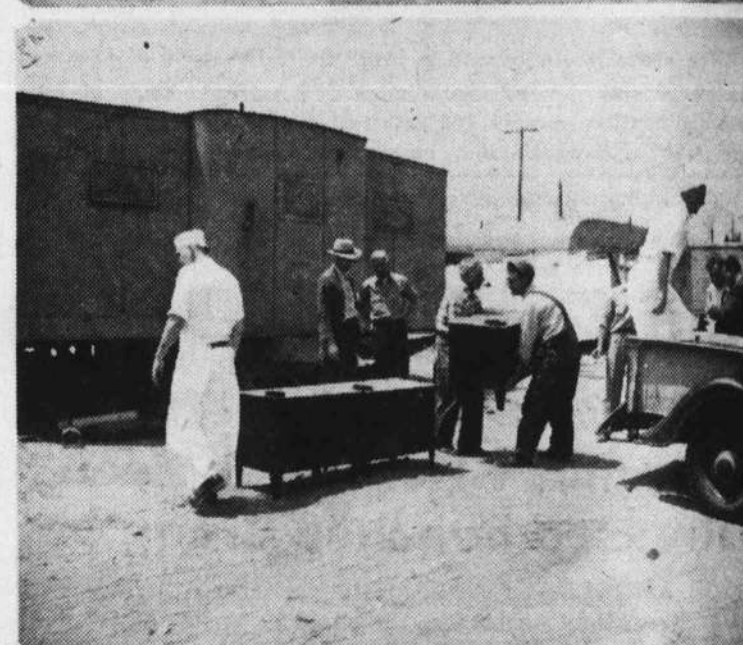
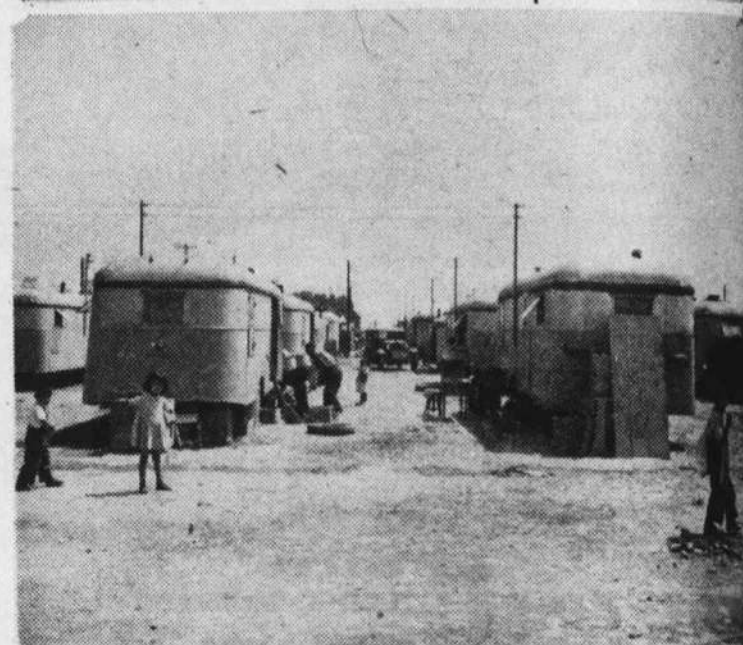
Scotty Tsuchiya, southern California regional representative of the JACL, visited the camp on May 11, noting the chaotic conditions occasioned by the fact that facilities were not ready for the more than 300 persons who had arrived that day from the Lomita camp. Tsuchiya contacted Clarence Gillett and Raymond Booth, members of the Steering Committee on Japanese Americans. Rev. Arthur W. Selkey of the Congregational church in Burbank and Art Jackson of the Burbank YMCA inspected the camp and reportedly "found conditions worse than reported." When the Red Cross was unable to offer immediate help, the Burbank bureau of public assistance was contacted. The delegation was referred to Arthur J. Wills, county superintendent. Mr. Wills promised immediate aid for the people at Winona, many of whom had been unable to obtain food.

The Olive View Sanitarium kitchen crew arrived at 7 a. m. on Sunday morning and set up a canteen and served breakfast to the residents. Later that morning four field stoves were borrowed from the California Forestry Division by the county and were set up at Winona.

On May 14 officials of the bureau of public assistance examined 107 of the trailers and found only 21 stoves in workable condition. Meanwhile, county officials assured that the residents of Winona would be fed until proper cooking facilities were installed in the trailers, Paul Spencer, contractor, said that he was unable to obtain parts to fix stoves in Los Angeles and that he had placed an order in San Francisco for parts to fix the stoves.

The trailers at Winona had been moved there from war housing projects and the majority were in need of repairs.

Typical Scenes at Winona



The top photo shows a typical scene at the Winona FPHA camp in Burbank, Calif., last Sunday when more than 500 persons of Japanese ancestry who have been residing in emergency housing projects since their return from war relocation centers were transferred to Winona and found that the FPHA trailer camp was not ready to receive them. Most families had more baggage than room. The second photo shows a typical scene at the camp Sunday afternoon. Los Angeles county public assistance authorities borrowed four stoves (third photo) to aid in feeding the people at Winona. Food was cooked at Olive View sanitarium and then brought to Winona where it was reheated. At the extreme right Scotty Tsuchiya, Southern California regional official of the JACL, who called the situation at Winona to the attention of public authorities, can be seen discussing the Sunday supper menu with the kitchen supervisor from Olive View. The Winona residents had beef stew, rice, corn bread, milk or tea and an orange for their first supper at the camp. The bottom photo shows food being served to the Winona residents.—Photos courtesy Los Angeles Daily News.

War Relocation Authority Ends Resettlement Work; All Offices Closed in West Coast States

More Than Half of Those Evacuated in 1942 Have Returned to Pacific States; Thousands Remain in Emergency Housing in California

SAN FRANCISCO—The War Relocation Authority went out of business on the West Coast this week, more than four years after the agency was created by Executive Order and given the responsibility of relocating the 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were scheduled for evacuation from the West Coast area in 1942.

Of the 115,000 who were evacuated from West Coast homes, approximately one thousand returned evacuees were still in emergency housing projects awaiting individual relocation this week.

Lawrence Davies, West Coast correspondent of the New York Times, reported that Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director who was in California on a final inspection trip, confirmed an earlier statement by Robert B. Cozzens, assistant director in charge of the West Coast area, that all evacuees in temporary housing would be cared for in regular housing facilities of the Federal Public Housing Authority after the closing of WRA operations.

The Northern California office of the WRA in San Francisco was officially closed on May 15 when area Supervisor Charles Miller turned the key in the lock of the San Francisco office. Only the national WRA offices in Washington remain open to complete administrative details. The national office is expected to close on or before June 30.

It was reported that the pre-war population of persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast has been cut a little more than half, chiefly by the settlement of many of the evacuees elsewhere in the country and by the departure of 4,700 aliens who were voluntary repatriates.

Mr. Davies reported that on the basis of interviews covering 31,000 returned evacuees in Northern California, the area office of the WRA asserts that the evacuees have more friends now than before the war. This change in attitude was attributed largely to the war record of the Nisei, which inspired speeches, newspaper editorials and community movements teaching tolerance.

It was reported that within the last two weeks all previously unclaimed personal property of the evacuees in the Los Angeles district held by the WRA has been turned either to them or to church groups which will try to locate the owners. There are about 100 lots of substantial size, according to the report.

The unclaimed property in Northern California, 20 lots, consisting chiefly of items listed as contraband under military regulations such as swords, guns, flashlights and spotlights were sold at public auction for \$4,200. Without knowing what was in the packages, bidders paid as high as \$10 for beat knives worth 75 cents. The Northern California area office of the WRA headed by Charles Miller, reported that housing or transient labor among the returned evacuees is better in most cases than before the evacuation. Miller noted that farmers have

taken over war housing, some of it in family units, and prepared it for migratory labor.

Davies reported that an estimated 50 per cent of the former residents of Los Angeles' "Little Tokyo," taken over largely in wartime by Negro workers, have returned, but have been scrupulously careful not to arouse criticism by trying to push their successors out.

Stories are told by the WRA of cases in which evacuees have paid premiums of \$4,000 to \$6,000 for leases on restaurants, hotels, grocery and shoe stores, employment offices, doctors' offices and other establishments, Davies reported.

He noted that few of the returnees have returned to the wholesale and retail produce business in the Los Angeles area but the evacuees are starting off again in the producing end.

Institute on Race Relations Will Be Held at Fisk U

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The third annual Institute of Race Relations of the American Missionary Association will convene at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, for a three-week period from July 1 to July 20.

A distinguished group of top national figures from the fields of government, religion, social service, education, the press and radio, and industry and labor will constitute the Institute's leadership.

The institute is designed for educators, social and religious workers, labor and civic group leaders, governmental employees, journalists, members and staff workers of interracial committees, youth leaders, advanced students and other interested persons.

Application for membership may be addressed to Charles S. Johnson, Director, Institute of Race Relations, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee.

Matsuda Gives Only One Hit as Snelling Beats Macalester

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—The Fort Snelling All-Stars, made up wholly of Nisei GIs, defeated Macalester college, 9 to 0, on May 8 behind the one-hit pitching of Matsuda. A single by Jorgenson of Macalester in the fifth spoiled the Nisei twirler's bid for a no-hit game.

House Group Considers Bill To End Bias in Deportation

Japanese Christian Arrives in States For Church Conference

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Mrs. Tamaki Miura, first Japanese citizen to enter the United States since the start of war, was in Grand Rapids, Mich., this week as a delegate to the National Council of Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian church.

A great religious leader and head of the Japanese YWCA, Mrs. Miura brought to the United States a plea for Christian forgiveness and a message of good will from Emperor Hirohito.

Her present trip is her second to the United States, which she calls her "second home." She attended Wellesley, graduating from there in 1915.

Paul Robeson Will Speak at Chicago Dinner

Noted Singer Accepts Invitation to Attend Affair for Nisei GIs

CHICAGO — Paul Robeson, internationally known singer and actor, will be a guest speaker on the program of the Testimonial Banquet honoring World War II veterans on Memorial Day, May 30, in the grand ballroom of Hotel Stevens.

Robeson's acceptance of the invitation extended by the 14 Chicago Japanese American groups sponsoring the banquet was announced recently by Harry Mayeda, chairman of the program committee. Robeson will also present several numbers.

A former All-American football player at Rutgers and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Robeson is one of the most distinguished American artists of the concert stage and theatre.

He will be in Chicago to serve as co-chairman of a "Win the Peace" rally. His appearance at the Testimonial Banquet will precede his attendance at the rally.

Principal speaker for the evening at the Testimonial Banquet will be Major General Frank Merrill, of the famed Merrill's Marauders, under whose command the first units of Japanese American combat intelligence troops fought in the Pacific war. Gen. Merrill is flying to Chicago from headquarters of the Western Defense Command for the event.

Guests of honor will include men and women veterans, gold star parents and widows, and relocation workers as well as state and local civic leaders. Letters of invitation to nearly 500 veterans in Chicago area have been mailed during the past weeks, with acceptances being reported by return mail.

Advance sales of reservations for the Banquet indicate that the expected attendance of 800 persons at the affair may be increased. Tickets are available to the general public and may be obtained at the C.Y.O. Nisei Center, 1110 North LaSalle, DELaware 4481.

Young Buddhists Plan Conference Soon in Chicago

CHICAGO — Young Buddhist leaders from eight Eastern cities will gather in Chicago for a three-day conference May 31 to June 2 to discuss the future of their religion in the United States, with special emphasis on the drafting of a Nisei minister plan and organizing of the Eastern Young Buddhists League into a stronger functioning body.

The conference will meet at the Olivet Institute, 1441 North Cleveland. Stanley Okada, president of the EYBL, will preside at the meetings.

The conference will open at 4 p. m., May 31, with a cabinet meeting. A welcome dance will be held at 8 p. m. at the Astor ballroom.

A conference banquet will be held at Delaware Gardens at 6:30 p. m., Saturday, June 1.

Legislation Will Strike Out Discriminatory Section in Present Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Herman P. Eberharter of Pennsylvania, testifying before an executive session of the House Immigration and Naturalization committee on Wednesday, asked support for his bill, H. R. 5454, which would permit the U. S. attorney general to extend his clemency power in deportation cases to persons of Japanese descent who face involuntary return to Japan.

Eberharter stated that about 400 illegal entrants, treaty

Wirin, Kido Ask Delay on Deportation

Hardship Cases Cited By Attorneys Before Immigration Board

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Immigration Board of Appeals on May 15 heard oral argument on approximately 100 deportation cases involving persons of Japanese descent, by their counsel, A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

He was followed by Saburo Kido, Salt Lake City attorney.

Wirin asked for deferment of deportation for his clients on the grounds of hardship. He declared that precedent for such action had been set in an earlier case when 3,000 refugees were permitted to remain in this country, despite the fact that they were subject to deportation.

Stating that it would be cruel and inhumane to deport persons to Japan at this time, Wirin cited numerous hardship cases.

He noted the case of one Issei, father of a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, who has lived in this country for many years. The Issei changed his status to that of treaty trader, Wirin said, but lost this status when the war began. Because of this, he said, the man faced deportation.

In another instance, Wirin declared, an Issei woman, 70 years of age, faces deportation. She is without relatives in Japan and has no home there, since she came from Hiroshima, site of the atomic bombing mission.

In other cases Wirin described further instances of hardship.

Saburo Kido supplemented Wirin's testimony by stating that the Federal government set a precedent by not deporting them immediately after Jan. 26, 1940. Kido asked that persons who are subject to deportation because they have lost treaty-trader status by the disruption of treaties between the United States and Japan should be permitted to remain until treaties restoring their status are signed.

The traders entered this country legally, Kido said, and have lost their legal status through no fault of their own.

Wirin raised the point of the constitutionality of the particular portion of the immigration act which restricts certain rights in the case of Oriental persons. This provision, he stated, is unconstitutional because of the discriminatory features based on race, he said.

Both attorneys protested that sudden arrests of deportable persons earlier in the month had caused great hardship, particularly in cases when the arrests were made and persons separated from their families upon a few minutes notice.

American Legion May Sponsor Nisei Post in Palo Alto

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Possible formation of an American Legion post of Japanese American veterans was discussed on May 12 at the quarterly convention of the 13th California District of the American Legion in the Veterans building.

It was reported that all veterans of Japanese descent interested would be asked to contact Sydney Brannaman, present commander of the 13th District.

merchants whose status has been changed, and students of Japanese ancestry face deportation. Almost all of them, he said, have dependent citizen wives and children, some of whom have served in the armed forces.

Under present law, Eberharter said, the Attorney General has power to suspend deportation for six months, except in cases involving persons of Oriental stock.

H. R. 5454, which was introduced by the Pennsylvania representative on Feb. 12, would enable the Attorney General to exercise his clemency power to stay such deportation in hardship cases, regardless of race or national origin. The bill would strike out the phrase "if not racially inadmissible or ineligible to naturalization in the United States" from section 19 (c) of the present immigration act.

In his statement to the executive session Eberharter stressed that under his bill "all aliens would be treated alike."

"Hardship for personal or family reasons recognizes no ethnic boundaries," he declared. "After a war fought for democratic aims and where the highest courts of this land have spoken against racial prejudice, there seems little reason for the racial provision in the statute now prohibiting the Attorney General from exercising discretion in cases involving persons ineligible to citizenship."

The congressman from Pennsylvania pointed out that his bill "received in principle" the favorable recommendation of the Select Committee of the House Immigration and Naturalization committee.

Congressman Eberharter's testimony was supported by Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota.

Saburo Kido of Salt Lake City and A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, both attorneys, also testified before the executive session.

Wirin stated that the bill would eliminate the un-American feature of the present law, which discriminates against persons of Oriental descent.

Kido appeared in behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League and declared that it is interested in alleviating hardship cases among the citizen wives and children of the deportees.

He declared that most of the persons scheduled for deportation had resided in this country for a long period of time and had raised families. He also declared that many of them had contributed to the war effort and deserved consideration not alone because of the obvious "hardship" involved but because of their loyalty.

Representative George Miller of Alameda, California, sitting on the executive council, praised the Japanese American servicemen's war services and stated that the parents of these soldiers deserved consideration.

Placer County Reactivates JACL Chapter

LOOMIS, Calif.—Electing former sergeant Jeff K. Asazawa as its first postwar president, the Placer County JACL recently voted to reactivate the organization, which was inactivated at the time of the evacuation.

Other cabinet members will be Hiroshi Takemoto, vice president; Seichi Otow, secretary; Paul Makabe, treasurer; and Cosma Sakamoto, social chairman. All the officers, except the president are from Loomis. Asazawa resides in Lincoln.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held May 21.

New York JACL to Sponsor Testimonial to Dillon Myer

Prominent Americans Will Pay Tribute At Hotel Roosevelt Dinner to Resettlement Of Evacuees by War Relocation Authority

NEW YORK CITY—Prominent Americans representing many sections of the American scene will pay tribute to Director Dillon S. Myer of the War Relocation Authority at a testimonial dinner to be given by the Japanese American Citizens League on May 22 at the Hotel Roosevelt.

John J. McCloy, who until his recent resignation was the assistant secretary of war, will be among the guest speakers who will honor Dillon Myer's four years of outstanding service in the relocation and resettlement of the Japanese Americans of the West Coast. As the assistant to the secretary of war, McCloy was a large part responsible for the formation of the Japanese American Civil Liberties Union.

Other speakers will be Edward Ennis, head of the Alien Enemy Control unit of the Department of Justice; Bishop James E. Walsh of New York; Joseph P. Chamberlain, law professor at Columbia University and chairman of the

National Refugee Service; Isaac Asossky, chairman of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; and Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Masao Satow and Yurino Takayoshi of the New York JACL office will be in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

Hank Goshko, one time member of Merrill's Marauders, will be toastmaster.

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EDITORIALS:

Pulitzer Prize Editorial

Go For Broke

The editorial below was written by Hodding Carter, publisher of the Greenville, Miss., Delta Democrat Times, who was awarded the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished editorial writing. The editorial, "Go for Broke," appeared in the Aug. 27, 1945 issue of the Democrat-Times and was cited by the Pulitzer Prize committee as exemplifying Mr. Carter's editorials on racial, religious and economic tolerance for which he was given American journalism's highest honors for editorial writing. Mr. Carter served overseas during World War II, attaining the rank of major. He is the author of "The Winds of Fear," a novel on race relations in the Deep South, and of "Lower Mississippi."

Company D of the 168th Regiment which is stationed in Leghorn, Italy, is composed altogether of white troops, some from the East, some from the South, some from Midwest and the West Coast.

Company D made an unusual promise earlier this month. The promise was in the form of a communication to their fellow Americans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion, whose motto is "Go for Broke," and it was subscribed to unanimously by the officers and men of Company D.

In brief, the communication pledged the help of Company D in convincing "the folks back home that you are fully deserving all the privileges with which we ourselves are bestowed."

The soldiers to whom that promise was made are Japanese Americans. In all of the United States Army, no troops have chalked up a better combat record. Their record is so good that these Nisei were selected by General Francis H. Oxx, commander of the military area in which they are stationed, to lead the final victory parade. So they marched, 3,000 strong, at the head of thousands of other Americans, their battle flag with three Presidential unit citation streamers floating above them, their commander, a Wisconsin white colonel, leading them.

Some of these Nisei must have been thinking of those soul-shaking days of last October, when they spearheaded the attacks that opened the Vosges Mountain doorway to Strasbourg. Some of them were probably remembering how they, on another bloody day, had snatched the Thirty-Six Division's lost battalion of Texans from encircling Germans. And many of them were bearing scars from those two engagements which alone had cost the Nisei boys from Hawaii and the West Coast 2,300 casualties.

Perhaps these yellow-skinned Americans, to whose Japanese kinsmen we have administered a terrific and long overdue defeat, were holding their heads a little higher because of the pledge of their white fellow-soldiers and fellow-Americans of Company D. Perhaps when they gazed at their combat flag, the motto "Go for Broke" emblazoned thereon took on a different meaning. "Go for Broke" is the Hawaiian Japanese slang expression for shooting the works in a dice game.

The loyal Nisei have shot the works. From the beginning of the war, they have been on trial, in and out of uniform, in army camps and relocation centers, as combat troops in Europe and as frontline interroga-

tors, propagandists and combat intelligence personnel in the Pacific where their capture meant prolonged and hideous torture. And even yet they have not satisfied their critics.

It is so easy for a dominant race to explain good or evil, patriotism or treachery, courage or cowardice in terms of skin color. So easy and so tragically wrong. Too many have committed that wrong against the loyal Nisei, who by the thousands have proved themselves good Americans, even while others of us, by our actions against them, have shown ourselves to be bad Americans. Nor is the end of this misconception in sight. Those Japanese American soldiers, who paraded at Leghorn in commemoration of the defeat of the nation from which their fathers came, will meet other enemies, other obstacles as forbidding as those of war. A lot of people will begin saying, as soon as these boys take off their uniforms, that "a Jap is a Jap" and that the Nisei deserve no consideration. A majority won't say or believe this, but an active minority can have its way against an apathetic majority.

It seems to us that the Nisei slogan of "Go for Broke" could be adopted by all Americans of good will in the days ahead. We've got to shoot the works in a fight for tolerance. Those boys of Company D point the way.

Issei Naturalization

The question of citizenship rights for persons of Japanese birth, which was once considered "permanently settled" in California, has again been raised, this time against quite a different background, says Rodney L. Brink, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, in a dispatch to that newspaper dated May 7.

Laws excluding from further immigration persons not eligible to citizenship and also prohibiting their ownership of land in California were based on the same theme, says Brink.

But the situation has been changed considerably, and by the following facts, he states:

1. There was almost no sabotage of the war effort by Japanese, either here or in Hawaii (where they were not interned.)
2. Second generation Japanese, or Nisei gave gallant military service in Europe and the Pacific, winning some of the nation's highest awards for brave and loyal actions.
3. Chinese in this country . . . were regarded by a grateful Congress with lifting the ban against their citizenship . . . This change leaves the Japanese in a class almost by themselves and adds the charge of special discrimination to their plea of unconstitutionality.
4. The "yellow peril" doctrine which had many adherents on the Pacific coast in the several decades preceding Pearl Harbor no longer has any basis. Japan has virtually a zero rating among the "powers" of the world; is now the "underdog," albeit a recently most vicious one.

Most of the evacuated persons who planned to return have come back to the coast and to approximately their same former hometowns, says Brink.

"These were likeable individuals and still are," Brink declares. "In many instances their sons have come home from the wars overseas, many of them wearing military decorations signifying exceptional service. Some posthumous decorations have been brought to bereaved families by high-ranking officers of the United States Army."

"So, all in all, it is quite a different background against which three Issei (Japan-born) fathers of well-liked Nisei (American-born) are appealing to the United States Courts to give them the right to be naturalized," says Brink. "The plea will be carried, it is planned, to the United States Supreme Court if necessary."

The Issei are Gonsuke Masuda, all of whose sons served in the Army, one of whom died in Italy; Shosuke Nitta, whose youngest son served for four years in the Army; and Choyei Kondo, father of a Purple Heart veteran of the Italian campaign and a former teacher of Japanese in the Army school at the University of Chicago.

"The American Civil Liberties Union is bringing the suit for the Japanese, and it has chosen its litigants well," says Brink. "It will be difficult for a court to rule that these loyal fathers of loyal sons are not entitled to American citizenship. And if the law is interpreted in their favor, it will apply alike to all Japanese now in this nation."

Nisei USA

Ghettos in Our Cities

The State Supreme Court of California will convene in June to consider two questions which are of paramount interest to minority race groups. One is the legality of restrictive residential covenants and the other is the constitutionality of the Alien Land Law which is now being used by the State to confiscate the properties of American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Both the restrictive covenants and the anti-alien property ownership law impose, in effect, a status of second class citizenship for non-Caucasian Americans. Both are examples of the sort of legalized racial distinctions which are inimical to democracy.

The restrictive covenant is a device with which a group of property owners can deny to an American the right to live in a home and a district of his own choosing. In practice, the covenants are used by white property owners to keep non-whites out of residential districts. There is a common denominator of discrimination in these covenants. In the East and Midwest the covenants are usually aimed against Negroes because of race or against Jews because of religion but because the covenants limit occupancy to "Caucasians" or to "Christians," when religious discrimination is the goal, these restrictions also affect Oriental Americans who are non-Caucasian and who may be Buddhists. On the West Coast the covenants have been imposed against persons of Oriental ancestry but they affect all other non-Caucasians as well.

In recent months organized property owners have sought to oust Filipino and Chinese American families from homes in San Francisco and Oakland on grounds that restrictive covenants prohibited these non-Caucasians, all of whom happened to be war veterans, from residing in these districts. The Los Angeles interracial newspaper, NOW, recently exposed a campaign which is being quietly carried on to purge all non-Caucasian residents from a square mile in the heart of the city of Los Angeles. And last week in Los Angeles a cross was burned on the lawn of a Negro family who are the central figures in a test case on restrictive covenants, just as the Ku Klux Klan burned crosses in the resort community of Big Bear Lake near Los Angeles as a warning to Jews, Negroes and other minority group Americans. Attorney General Kenny of California has pointed to the fiery crosses to show the relationship of restrictive covenants to the fascist racism of the Ku Klux Klan.

The standard real estate contract in most western cities contains a clause in which the purchaser of a home agrees not to sell the property to a person not of the Caucasian race and restrictive covenants are becoming more and more a matter of standard practice in the development of new

residential communities by real estate operators. The final objective of the proponents of restrictive covenants can only be the complete segregation of non-Caucasian Americans. Restrictive covenants are a violation of a fundamental right of citizenship and are contrary to public policy.

Catholic Bishop Sheil of Chicago last week bitterly denounced the defenders of racial segregation in housing at a conference on restrictive covenants. Bishop Sheil declared that churches have shown "too much respect for the banker, industrialist, realty operator, or politician" in dodging the issue of restrictive covenants which, he said, create "legalized concentration camps" in American cities.

"To attempt to justify and rationalize such 'ghetto' tactics on the loose and shifting grounds of economic realism and expediency," Bishop Sheil said, "is to stand condemned of the very crimes which we accused Nazi Germany. I have said before, and I repeat that the churches of all denominations cannot be absolved from blame for the fact that social justice, racial and economic equality still remain entrenched obstacles to the complete development of the American creed."

The Catholic bishop added that poor health, improper housing, disease and crime are "inevitable products of racial segregation."

The question of restrictive covenants is one which is particularly acute at the present time on the West Coast. The war and the power needs on the Pacific coast resulted in the migration to the area of a large number of Negro workers and their families and is against this group that the present campaign for restrictive covenants is aimed. But restrictive covenants, in restricting occupancy solely to Caucasians, affect other non-Caucasian groups and the issue itself points up the interrelated nature of the problems of all minorities.

The fascist ideology which permeates the restrictive covenants has been dramatized by the emergence of the Ku Klux Klan as its foremost champion. The champions of racial segregation, however, are not confined to the hooded, night shirt fringe but can be found in far more polite circles. Indicative of the white supremacy thinking of the restrictive covenants is the clause which is included in all such agreements that the restrictions will not be imposed against non-Caucasians who reside on restricted property within the capacity of servants or caretakers.

Restrictive covenants are responsible, in great measure, for the racial islands which dot American cities. Judicial validation of these covenants would condemn minority race groups to further segregation in employment and recreation as well as in housing.

Ickes Cites Nisei War Record In Support of Hawaii Statehood

Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of the interior, asked for Hawaiian statehood in his nationally-syndicated column of May 14 and stated that the "valor and distinguished courage" displayed by Hawaii's servicemen of Japanese ancestry during the war "surely must have dispelled the doubt that existed before the war of the availability of Hawaii for statehood."

Of thirty-three thousand Hawaiian citizens in the armed forces, fifty-two per cent were of Japanese ancestry, Ickes said.

The former interior secretary also stated that it is a "remarkable fact" that not a single instance of sabotage was discovered in Hawaii during or following the Japanese attack, "despite its large number of people of Japanese blood."

The population of Hawaii, now over a half a million, is greater than that of any other state at the time of its admission into the union, with the exception of Oklahoma, Ickes declared.

He said also that Hawaii ranked sixth among the continental

United States' best customers between 1935 and 1940.

In labor relations, Ickes declared, Hawaii is far ahead of most of our southern states. In addition to maintaining a standard 8-hour day, Hawaii is the only government unit in the United States with the exception of Wisconsin where collective bargaining is extended to agricultural labor, said.

"Aside from all else," he wrote, "and purely from the selfish point of view, the islands' strategic position as guardian of the Pacific and a bastion for the Philippines makes it important that we do not treat Hawaii as an outsider."

Meeting

TACOMA, Wash. — Young people of Tacoma and the surrounding area have been tendered a special invitation to attend a meeting to be held Wednesday, May 8, at the Tacoma YWCA. Four speakers from various organizations will be on the program. All high school students in the area are urged to attend.

Vagaries

ance Star . . .

Yuriko Amemiya, who recently completed a national tour as a member of the Martha Graham company, has one of her most important roles to date in the new work, "Serpent Heart," which received its premiere on the opening program of the Second Annual Festival of Contemporary American Music in New York. Walter Terry, dance critic of the New York Herald-Tribune, described Miss Amemiya's performance on May 11 in these words: "Yuriko was utterly lovely as daughter of the King, and danced a role which was intended to be physically attractive, but characterless, with sweetness of manner and beautiful movement." . . . The setting for "Serpent Heart," as all of Miss Graham's productions, was designed by Isamu Noguchi. . . . Miss Amemiya, incidentally, taught dancing at the Gila River relocation center before relocating to New York where, besides her dancing, she joined the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. Earlier this year she gave her first solo concert in New York in the annual series sponsored by the Young Men's Hebrew Association for young artists. She is a former resident of San Jose, Calif., and studied in Los Angeles. . . . In another of the Graham repertory, "Appalachian Spring," Miss Amemiya dances the role of an American pioneer woman.

uild Strike . . .

Among the 15 American Newspaper Guild workers now on strike against City News Service in Los Angeles is Mary Kitano, an editorial worker who is also the secretary of the CNS unit in the Los Angeles news guild. . . . Among the U. S. scientists who are going to visit Japan's former mandated islands in the South Pacific to study the natural resources and economic possibilities of the islands and groups will be Edward Y. Hosaka, assistant agronomist of the University of Hawaii agricultural experiment station. . . . Ben Kuroki participated this week in the Madison Square Garden rally staged by the Veterans Council of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Among the speakers on the program which cast the spotlight on the veterans' concern on jobs, housing, price control, race discrimination and world peace were Olivia de Havilland, Fredric March, Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Incidentally, Miss de Havilland who is of Anglo Saxon ancestry was born in Tokyo. Ben Kuroki who is of Japanese ancestry has never set foot on Japan—although he flew over Tokyo and other Japanese cities on his 28 missions as a gunner on a B-29.

eterans Post

There may be another newsbreak shortly regarding the refusal of a VFW post in a Northwest city to accept qualified Nisei applicants. . . . Stressing the loyalty of Hawaii's large Japanese American population, the CIO's Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union is a strong supporter of statehood for Hawaii. The ILWU has 25,000 members in the territory. . . . One of World War II's casualties was the little Florida railroad stop named Yamato which was the site of a colonization attempt by a group of Japanese immigrants who originally arrived in the peninsula state some 40 years ago. It wasn't war hate, however, which caused the erasure of the name from the maps but, rather, the enlargement of the Army Air Forces installation at Boca Raton which swallowed up the one-time farm colony. . . . There were once several railroad stops in Texas which were named after Japanese track foremen.

Tokyo Rose . . .

The California Personnel Board has refused reemployment in State civil service to a former Japanese American employee on the grounds that the latter was in the Tule Lake camp because her parents were interned. A protest is being lodged by the San Francisco JACL against such discrimination in State service. . . . The recent Colorado conference of Minority

Washington News-Letter

Lorne Bell Sees Need for Nisei "Y" Leaders in Hawaii

By JOHN KITASAKO

Years ago, an 11-year-old Caucasian boy got his first job delivering fruit for a Japanese merchant in Southern California. That boy was Lorne Bell, who is today associate general secretary of the YMCA in the Hawaiian Islands, and who visited Washington last week en route to the National Conference of Social Workers in Rochester, New York.

That merchant's hiring of young Lorne was a most fortunate stroke, for Lorne developed an intense interest in and liking for Nisei, and ever since he has maintained a close relationship with Nisei, a relationship which has been highly beneficial to his Japanese American friends.

When Lorne was director of the Southwest Y in Los Angeles, he worked with many Nisei boys, and numbered among his proteges such outstanding leaders as Mas Satow, a JACL vice president and a member of the National YMCA Board, and Jimmy Yamanaka, now with the Brooklyn YMCA.

The evacuation order was a terrific blow to Lorne. The whole proposition was to him so grossly wrong, and he was bewildered and hurt as much as the Nisei.

Visiting friends at the Santa Anita assembly center in the summer of 1942 was an ordeal. He couldn't even shake hands with them. He had to stand outside a barbed-wire gate, while his Nisei friends stood behind a wooden barrier eight or nine feet away. And between them, a 200-pound corporal with two pistols at his sides strutted up and down. Lorne always left with a badly broken heart.

Later, when he was returning from one of his trips to the Northwest as director of the Pacific area USO, he swung over to visit the Tule Lake center, which had just been set up. He was appalled at what he saw.

He did a great deal of thinking en route from Tule to San Francisco. His wife was able to read his thoughts. "You've been wanting to help these people," she said. "Why don't you?"

Lorne immediately sent a 100-word telegram to the War Relocation Authority in San Francisco applying for a post in a relocation center. Ten days later he was told he was accepted.

That's how Lorne Bell gave up a good job and moved out to the improvised life in the swirling dust and oppressive heat of Topaz relocation center.

Topaz was a spiritual as well as a geographical hellhole. He was determined to fight the vicious inroads of stagnating influences, and do all he could to restore some measure of self-respect among its demoralized inmates.

He endeavored to bring maximum self-rule to Topaz residents, within the limits set by the WRA, and he fared well. Persons familiar with the set-ups at various centers say that Topaz had the first successful community government and that other centers more or less patterned theirs after the Utah project's.

It was under his leadership also that Topaz established the first coordinated relocation office in the whole WRA set-up. From the very outset, Lorne advocated the concept of relocation which at first was contrary to the government's policy of making the centers self-sufficient, long-time institutions.

In late 1943 Lorne pulled out of Topaz and went to the Hawaiian Islands to become associate general secretary of the Y. It was an ideal spot for him, for, with his

Groups in Agriculture passed a resolution opposing the effort by U. S. District Attorney Charles Carr of Los Angeles to bring "Tokyo Rose" to California for a public trial. The Colorado group contended that the newspaper sensationalism which would accompany such a trial would impede the relocation program. . . . Latest advices from Tokyo are that "Tokyo Rose" (Iva Toguri) probably will never be brought to trial. It's reported that "Tokyo Rose" (who may not be an American citizen after all) would not even have been arrested if she had not signed an exclusive contract with an agent of Hearst publications. The Hearst agent, according to the reports, prevailed on military authorities to arrest Miss Toguri in order to keep her from giving her story to other publications.

previous association with Nisei he felt he would be in his element in the preponderantly-Japanese islands. Contrary to the usually accepted process of integration, he has become a member of a Japanese church, he and two others being the only non-Nisei.

Because of his high respect for Nisei leadership, he has pioneered to get Nisei into the professional levels of Y work in the islands. He hired Fred Hoshiyama, former leader in San Francisco, to head up the boys' activities program in one of the Honolulu branches, and he was instrumental in securing Maki Ichiyasu, prewar YMCA secretary in Los Angeles.

He is anxious to see more good Nisei leaders take up Y work. There is a great need for them, especially in Hawaii, where, he says, racial and class tensions are strong, much stronger than meets the eye.

In Washington Lorne visited with some of his cronies from Topaz days, Charles Ernst, project director; Ralph Barnhart, project attorney; and Bob Iki, head of community government.

POSTSCRIPTS: Dillon S. Myer was the recipient of a meritorious award last week for his services as chief of the War Relocation Authority. Mr. Myer, together with Rex Lee and Malcom Pitts, was on the west coast for a final check-up before the closing of all local offices.

Kazumae Ichiuji became the first Nisei to be employed in the new Board of Economic Stabilization, headed by Chester Bowles. She was formerly with U. S. Employment Service.

Haruko Imamura, formerly of Seattle and recently of the Japanese American center in Pasadena, is in Washington making final arrangements for her journey to Tokyo as an employee of the War Department.

Three Problems Left to People Of Orange County by WRA

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The War Relocation Authority's Santa Ana office closed officially on May 1 with an announcement from WRA officials that the agency was leaving a legacy of three problems for the people of Orange county to solve.

Noting that the WRA had assisted in the resettlement of 600 returned evacuees in Orange county, Newton Taylor, WRA office head, thanked the people of Orange county "for their help and cooperation in the relocation of the Japanese Americans."

"We leave three problems for you to solve," Mr. Taylor said.

"The first of these is a 6-year old boy who fell in a fire while he was at the Poston, Ariz., center. One side of his face is horribly scarred, but plastic surgery could remedy that. Any person interested in helping this youngster so that he can face the world again, should contact the (Orange county) welfare department," Mr. Taylor said.

"The second thing that we leave to the residents of the county to do is to encourage the local veterans organizations to invite the Nisei heroes to join. Many of the Nisei men have made brilliant records in the services, but feel they are not welcome in the veterans' organizations. They should be invited to attend these meetings."

"The third problem left unanswered by our office is that of housing and care for Soto Nishikawa, 75, well-known in Balboa Island as the owner of Soto's curio shop, which he operated for 20 years before being evacuated. The old man has been in Orange county hospital and is ready to be released, but he needs a place where he can receive some care as he is unable to cook for himself."

Taylor also publicly expressed

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Des Moines, Ia.

This is the time of year to be grubbing in the garden. But the plot is muddy from intermittent rains, so today we shall examine the 18-inch shelf of books that adorns the old dresser which stands in the corner.

Minus the mirror, the dresser passes for a desk and telephone stand, and atop it are these books, from left to right:

In the No. 1 slot is a cookbook entitled "Recipes of All Nations" edited by one Countess Morphy. It is a heavy book, fully two inches thick, and was purchased for the equivalent of five shillings at an Indian bookstore in Singapore.

Why we bought it, we don't remember. Perhaps because the possibilities of Singapore cuisine had begun to pall.

Next is Webster's Collegiate dictionary, fifth edition, which we have to refer to embarrassingly often, and which we wish we

would get around to looking into more frequently.

Third is a collection of war cartoons by Bill Mauldin reprinted from the Mediterranean Stars and Stripes. The gift of a GI from the 442nd. We have thumbed through it often.

"Pupent Poets" follows, a collection of verse by GIs. The poems somehow do not stand up in comparison with Mauldin's poetry in pictures.

Then comes "How to Make Good Movies," which advertises itself as a complete handbook for the amateur movie maker. We stopped taking home movies soon after Pearl Harbor when it became virtually treasonous for a Nisei to have so much as a Brownie Kodak. The interest in movies hasn't been revived yet, and there is a doubt whether it ever will be revived, prices being what they are.

Carey McWilliams' "Prejudice" follows. A mine of information as well as excellent reading.

Almost hidden next to McWilliams is the October, 1945, issue of Coronet. How it got on the desk and why it's still there is a mystery.

Then follows a prospectus on the new Chevrolets, a glittering gem of desire in the never-never land of unattainable things. At least this summer.

The next three are a government bulletin on child care, a Red Cross textbook on home hygiene and care of the sick (vintage of 1933) and a book on mother and baby care. Susan was born going on 2½ years ago, and we've had little occasion lately to study these volumes.

Comes now a date book, an anniversary present from the good wife back in 1940. We were in Shanghai then; she in the States. Perhaps it was a subtle reminder that time was a wast-in' and we ought to be getting home.

In order: a pamphlet on party games (we haven't had a party for years); a September, 1944, Reader's Digest! another party book (perhaps it's her subconscious wishing for a party); a Red Cross first aid textbook (remember the rash of first aid classes that popped into being after Pearl Harbor?); a March, 1945, Reader's Digest; a Sears wallpaper book; a bulletin from WRA; a pamphlet on Japanese Canadians written by Dr. Forrest LaViolette (did we ever thank him for sending it?).

Then comes a department of interior bulletin on how to cook fish; two pamphlets on home canning; a home budget book purchased for a dime (we kept it religiously for eight months after we left Heart Mountain, but it seems we got back to the knack of over-spending after that period); Elmer Smith's pamphlet "Race and Democracy," Wards wallpaper book (we don't have a single wall that's papered; painted walls preferred); and on the end where it's in a position to hold up the stack is the Boston Cooking School cookbook which the jacket says has sold 1,786,000 copies.

Someday, perhaps, we'll get someone to analyze us on the basis of this collection of printed matter.

Mayhap there's some significance to the seeming preponderance of literature on cooking and hygiene. And then again perhaps it's just accidental that those books happened to be placed on the desk and eventually found a permanent niche there.

There are a couple of boxfuls of books in the attic, mostly volumes that we figured we ought to keep and re-read sometime. There are several more stacks of books elsewhere around the house, newer books that we hope to get around to reading one of these days.

Perhaps tomorrow we'll get started. But the onions and peas are badly in need of a weeding, and the books probably will continue to remain neglected as they have been for lo these many months.

Regarding Burbank

HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN NEWS

The U. S. government, which so "very efficiently" moved 93,000 Japanese Americans from their homes during the evacuation—owes it to them to restore them to their homes as efficiently as they were removed," says the Hollywood Citizen News in regard to the "dumping" of several hundred Japanese Americans into an incomplete trailer camp at Burbank this week.

"Over the weekend," the paper says, "several hundred Japanese Americans were dumped into trailer camps in Burbank. City officials claim the War Relocation Authority did not advise them that the camp was not ready to receive so many."

"Japanese Americans—93,000 of them—were removed from their homes very efficiently. It was amazing the way they disappeared behind barbed wire or off to other states."

"They committed no crimes," says the News. "Many of them are American citizens by birth. Others have some sons who fought bravely for this, their country."

"The government owes it to them to restore them to their homes as efficiently as they were removed. Dumping hundreds of them on a city like Burbank is unfair to these people and to Burbank."

the thanks of his staff, Kimiko Tanaka and Mrs. Etsuko Kuki-shima, his secretaries, and Martin Morocco, his assistant.

The Santa Ana office of the WRA was opened in April, 1945, under Frank S. Gumble.

Mr. Taylor announced that the WRA had been able to find employment for all the returnees physically capable of working. Housing, a difficult problem in Orange county, was provided for all of them, although in many cases it is inadequate, he noted. A group of age and infirm returned evacuees are housed in trailers at Costa Mesa.

Before the evacuation Orange county had a population of 1800 persons of Japanese ancestry. Approximately one-third of the evacuees have returned to date.

From Dillon Myer

Editor,
Pacific Citizen

Within the next few weeks the War Relocation Authority program will have been completed, except for a small liquidation unit. On May 15 the last of our field offices will be closed.

The Pacific Citizen has done an excellent job throughout the period of the war and since, both in the handling of the news and its editorials. I know that it has not always been smooth sledding. Nevertheless, you have carried on the fight even when emotional tensions were highest. I want to express my appreciation both to you and to the staff of the Pacific Citizen for a good job well done.

Sincerely,

Dillon S. Myer,
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The Salt Lake and Mount Olympus chapters of the JACL will co-sponsor the annual Graduation Promenade at the Union ballroom on the University of Utah campus on June 8 to honor Nisei graduates from colleges, high schools and nursing and business schools in Utah.

Toshi Odow is chairman of the joint dance committee of the two JACL chapters.

Nisei graduates will be the guests of honor at the affair. Dress will be semi-formal. Gus Liebelt and his orchestra have been engaged for the dance which will begin at 8:30 p. m.

Wedding

MINNEAPOLIS Minn. — The Fort Snelling chapel was the scene of the wedding of Miss Joanne Nagata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Nagata of Minneapolis, to Lt. Benjamin Obata, son of Mrs. Retsu Obata of Cleveland, on May 4. Attendees included Miss Grace Obata, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and Lt. Terry Takahashi as best man. Ushers were Lt. Rusty Kimura, Lt. Harry Sekiya, Pvt. Bob Nagata and Pvt. Min Koide.

Cotton Hop

FRESNO, Calif. — Proceeds from the "Cotton Hop," to be held May 29 at 8:30 p. m. at the B Street USO by the ELLE organization will go toward a \$10,000 Community Center fund now being raised for the West Fresno district.

Other benefit affairs in the offing are an amateur boxing match to be held in June and a concert to be given by the Community Chorus on June 3 at the Fresno High school auditorium. Nisei singers in the chorus are Mary Fujimoto, June Ohara, Chizuko Take-da, Fumi Asakawa, Melva Asakawa, Tokoko Kono, Lillian Goto, Fumiko Matsumoto, Fumi Kawata, Etsu Mikami and Kazue Sekiya.

Skating Party

SAN FRANCISCO—The JYNX club, a girls' organization recently formed under sponsorship of the Booker T. Washington Community Center, will hold the first postwar Nisei skating party in San Francisco on May 30 from 10:30 p. m. to 1 a. m. at the Ambassador rink on Geary and Fillmore. Tickets may be obtained from club members and from the following out-of-town individuals: Seiko Akahoshi and Alice Nomura, Oakland; Ami Tamaki, Berkeley; Yoe Ikeda, Richmond; Amy Hiro-naka, San Leandro; Etsuko Maru-bayashi, Alameda; and Bubbles Keikoan, Sacramento.

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Album Will Lift War Secrecy
On Work of Nisei GIs in Pacific

FORT SNELLING, Minn.—The multi-faceted overseas record of Presidio, Camp Savage and Fort Snelling Nisei graduates of the Military Intelligence Service Language School, as caught by the camera, will be the big feature in the forthcoming MISLS Historical Album, now in progress, the School's Public Relations Office announced on May 13.

Conceived at the specific behest of the School's Commandant, Colonel Kai E. Rasmussen, the publication will publish formal and informal action shots of the salient work of graduates who have often been cited as indispensable in the Pacific victory, according to Capt. Hjalmar A. Lind, public relations officer.

Needless to say, the publication, which promises to be the Nisei's all-Pacific record of the late global war, will reveal much of what has been curtailed by War Department secrecy, Capt. Lind said. The inclusion of pictures of graduates at work in the Aleutians, Honolulu, the CBI front, on Iwo Jima, Okin-

aw, in Tokyo and way points tell the complete MISLS chronology of the school's function in its various geographical settings in the mainland.

The publication will relate School's history from its beginning in an old airplane hanger at Camp Field in San Francisco, its expansion in the log cabin resort at Camp Savage, Minnesota, and then to its present home at beautiful Fort Snelling.

The publication will be sold at cost, to present and former personnel of the Language School and will be completed in a few months.

Dance

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Miss Lillian Ishii of this city was honored at a farewell dance on May 11 at the home of Miss Mary Miyasaka. Miss Ishii, a junior at Howe high school, is leaving for New York City shortly.

OGDEN, Utah—The Ogden Chapter of the JACL will honor local graduates with a semi-formal "Graduation Promenade" to be held in the Crystal ballroom of the Hotel Ben Lomax on Saturday, June 15, at 8:30 p. m.

Dave Minoch and his 14-piece orchestra, famous throughout the intermountain region, will provide the music.

Toddy Samashima, general chairman, will be assisted by Mitsuo Watanabe and Sayo Kurosaki, invitations; Dr. Mike Horii, Michi Mayemura and Haruki Kato, program and tickets; Mas Koga, finances; Dean Hoshida, refreshments; and Yoshio Sato, Frank Yamashita, publicity.

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Restrictive Covenants Tested New Suit in Los Angeles

**Chinese American
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LOS ANGELES—A petition for writ of Prohibition was filed on May 17 in behalf of Tom D. Amer in the California Supreme Court, asking to prohibit the Los Angeles Superior Court from hearing a petition for injunction to remove him from his home in Los Angeles, on the ground that his living there violates a restrictive agreement with bars non-Caucasians from occupying the premises.

According to the petition, Amer is of Chinese descent and "he was born in Los Angeles; he entered the Armed Services in June, 1942, and was honorably discharged in November, 1945. He served overseas in the Infantry Signal Corps as a combat photographer, in the special Chinese Infantry Unit of the United States Army. During such time he received the Purple Heart, having been wounded in action; also an Oak Leaf Cluster and special commendation, with commendation recites that he placed himself in the "front lines" during periods of heavy fighting in order to obtain accurate and realistic photographs of the conditions and that his "attitude reflects great credit" to himself and to his unit.

Upon his discharge from the United States Army, the petitioner returned to his home town, Los Angeles, and there sought to find a place to live in. Unable to secure a place of habitation, the petitioner finally succeeded in purchasing, through Robert W. Kong and Emma Kong, his wife, a home at the 1111 Main Street Boulevard Tract, Los Angeles, January 23, 1946, since Robert Kong is also honorably discharged veteran and of Chinese descent.

The petitioner and said Kongs, now occupying said premises as their home.

The suit in the Supreme Court asks that the Superior Court be enjoined from exercising jurisdiction in the case because an order directing him to leave out of his home would violate constitutional rights under the Federal and State Constitutions, and is free from discrimination because of his race.

The Supreme Court is asked to

issue an alternative Writ of Prohibition; and to set the case down for hearing on June 13, when that Court will hear eleven cases, involving restrictive house agreements as to Negroes.

Attorneys for Amer are Wirin, Maeno, and Tietz; the case is being sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Boise Valley Veterans Feted By JACL Unit

By MARY BAN

NAMPA, Ida.—Twenty-five Boise Valley Nisei veterans and servicemen were honored at a semi-formal banquet and dance in the IO-OF Hall ballroom in Caldwell, Idaho, on Thursday, May 9. Dean John Anderson of the College of Idaho and Mike Masaoka, national JACL secretary, were guest speakers. Manabu Yamada of Nampa was toastmaster.

Included in the program which stressed "For Better Americans in a Greater America" were greetings by Tom Takatori, president of the Boise Valley chapter; the Japanese American Creed, read by Mary Ban; piano solo "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2," Liszt, by Robert Hayakawa; vocal selections by Misses Yuki and Masako Takahashi and by George Mukai.

Twenty prominent business men and civic leaders were honored guests at the gala affair which was the first banquet and dance held in Boise Valley since the beginning of the war. Over 250 people were present.

Teo Kiyokawa of Caldwell was general chairman. Assisting him were Bette Arima and Yoshie Miyasako, program; Kimi Nakanishi, food; Lilly Fujikawa, Rose Kurihara, S. Okazaki, decorations; Chie Hamada and Harumi Tamura placecards; George Hara, finance, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nishioka, refreshments.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Morita, 640 East Eighth South, Salt Lake City, a girl on May 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Kanemoto, Route 1, Box 490, Midvale, Utah, a girl, Karen Hanako, on May 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Nakatsuka, 1470 Steele St., Denver, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Kawakami, 3426 Gilpin St., Denver, a girl.

DEATHS

Taizo Kitahara on May 11 in Los Angeles.

Misao Takahama (Mrs. Juntaro Takahama) on May 11 in Denver, Colo.

George Hayase, 16, on April 21 in Philadelphia.

Kisoi Kamada, Hawthorne, Calif., on May 8.

Tomojiro Yanaga, 66, Visalia, Calif., on May 6.

Isaku Shigemoto, 70, San Jose, Calif., on May 2.

Kanetaro Nakamura, Los Angeles, on May 4.

Hitoshi Yuki, Fresno, Calif., on May 3.

Mrs. Yai Nemoto, Los Angeles, no May 6.

Matsuko Kaname, 10 months old, on May 10 in Los Angeles.

Yoshitsugu Inagaki, 50, on May 15 in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGES

Asano Nakamura to Tadashi Ogawa on May 5 in San Jose.

Yoshiko Tonaka to Frank Yamasaki on May 21 in Ogden, Utah.

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Kenji Kurosaki, Henderson, Colorado, and Jane Tanabe, Rocky Ford, Colorado, in Denver.

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Davis County JACL To Honor Graduates

LAYTON, Utah — The Davis County JACL's third annual graduation dance has been scheduled for Saturday, June 1, at the North Davis Junior High school gymnasium.

Invitations have been extended to college and high school graduates. Earl Mountford and his Revelers have been slated to provide the music for this dance, which will be semi-formal.

The event will begin at 9 p. m. Tickets can be obtained from chapter members at \$1.75 per couple or for single tickets.

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Nisei Veterans Group Will Oppose Proposal for Separate American Legion, VFW Posts

Walter Nakashima Condemns Race Segregation Policies in Open Letter to VFW Official; Will Support Groups Which Do Not Discriminate

LOS ANGELES—Condemning the segregation of Nisei and other minority group veterans into separate posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Walter Y. Nakashima, temporary chairman of the Nisei Veterans Association of Los Angeles, declared in an open letter to James A. P. Watson, assistant deputy chief of staff of the VFW in Los Angeles, on May 10 that his organization "will oppose at every turn" any attempt by the VFW or any other veterans organizations to form a segregated post of Japanese American veterans.

Nakashima's open letter was made public after a statement by the VFW official that the organization was interested in the welfare of Nisei veterans and was considering the formation of a Nisei post.

(Ed. note: Formation of Nisei posts or other segregated units is not a part of the VFW's national policy. However, the VFW and the American Legion in the West Coast states recently have chartered a number of Chinese, Mexican and Negro posts. The VFW in Spokane, which has refused to permit Nisei veterans to join, has suggested the formation of a separate Japanese American post. In Palo Alto, Calif., the Legion has announced the formation of a Japanese American unit. It is also reported that Japanese American posts are being considered in other West Coast cities by Legion officials.)

In his letter Nakashima indicated that his Nisei Veterans group opposed any form of racial segregation on the part of national veterans organization but

would support organizations which would accept Nisei members without discrimination.

"If you feel as we feel that the Nisei should join established posts of your organization and mingle with all Americans and the VFW is willing to throw the doors of established posts to Nisei veterans who have served overseas and in practically all cases as combat men or combat intelligence men, then we will throw the whole weight of our organization into a campaign to stimulate membership into the VFW," Nakashima said in his communication to Watson.

He said that it was a part of the policy of the Nisei Veterans Association "to urge our members and all veterans to join national organizations as individuals."

Denver JACL Plans Tribute To Ex-Governor

DENVER—Honoring Colorado's former governor, Hon. Ralph L. Carr, the Denver chapter of the JACL is holding a small informal banquet at the Tiffin Dining Room, 1600 Ogden Street, on Friday evening, May 24, at 6:30 p. m.

Yutaka Terasaki will be the toastmaster for the occasion. Dr. K. K. Miyamoto will represent the Issei of Colorado, and Dr. Takashi Mayeda, president of the Denver JACL will represent the Nisei of Colorado. Miss Bessie Matsuda is general chairman for this affair, and Mrs. Yutaka Terasaki is in charge of arrangements.

This private banquet is being tendered by the JACL and the Japanese of Colorado in appreciation for the courageous and statesmanlike stand taken by the then-Governor Carr at the time of the evacuation.

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Report Hawaii Transportation Companies Balk at U. S. Order To End Anti-Oriental Practices

SAN FRANCISCO—Hawaiian transportation companies are balking at obeying an order of the Immigration Service to cease requiring American citizens of Japanese ancestry to get "certificates of citizenship" before leaving the Hawaiian Islands for the U. S. mainland, the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California declared this week.

The Northern California ACLU announced that "further representations" will be made to the Immigration Service to end the discrimination practiced against citizens of Oriental ancestry on travel between Hawaii and the mainland.

Deputy Commissioner T. B. Shoemaker of the Immigration Service recently directed the San Francisco office of the government bureau to advise transportation companies in Hawaii that there is no requirement in the law or regulations on the part of the Immigration Service that any citizen is required to obtain a certificate of citizenship in order to proceed to the mainland or elsewhere.

The ACLU reported that one transportation company has announced that while it is no longer requiring certificates of citizenship, it is inspecting birth certificates "as a point of service" and will recommend certificates of citizenship where the birth certificate may not be considered adequate proof on the mainland. The ACLU said "it appears that the Immigration Service in San

Francisco will not recognize Hawaiian birth certificates that were not issued at time of birth, but many years after birth on the basis of affidavits" and said that "the carrier defends its action on the ground that the law imposes a \$1,000 fine on him for transporting illegal entrants."

The ACLU noted, however, that the Immigration Service has reported it cannot recall a case in which the carrier has been fined.

The ACLU noted that it had approached the Immigration Service on the question following reports that Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, including war veterans, had been prevented from leaving for the mainland until they had obtained certificates of citizenship.

Vesper Services End Successfully

DES MOINES, Ia.—The Nisei Vesper Fellowship closed its recent evangelistic series after five successful Sunday meetings. An average of 38 persons attended the services, with 69 at Easter.

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