



Family of Nisei Serviceman Denied Right to Occupy Home in Restricted L. A. District

California State Supreme Court Upholds Lower Tribunal's Injunction Against Saitos; Racial Covenant Bars Non-White Residents in Area

LOS ANGELES—Use of their Los Angeles home pending an appeal of a Superior Court decision was denied a family of Japanese ancestry on June 20 when the State Supreme Court refused their request for a writ of prohibition preventing further jurisdiction by the Superior Court.

A preliminary injunction issued May 17 by the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the family must leave their home because of a restricted racial covenant excluding from the district persons of non-caucasian races.

The family consists of Takeshi Saito, 62; his wife, Sakuyo, 47; two sons, Shinobu, 23, and Jiro, 17, and a daughter-in-law, Emiye, 19. Shinobu served with the U. S. Army in Italy.

According to their petition, which claimed they were denied due process of law guaranteed by the Constitution, the Saito family purchased a home at 2947 Dalton-av, Los Angeles, for \$8500, of which they paid \$3500 in cash.

On last April 18 two other residents of the tract, Bertha R. Kenyon and Clara McCormick, filed a complaint for an injunction to prevent the Saito family from occupying their home.

The preliminary injunction prohibiting the Saitos from occupying the house was issued by Los Angeles Superior Judge Henry M. Willis.

Nisei Soldier Missing Two Years, Declared Dead

LOS ANGELES—The death of Sgt. Hiroshi Tokushima, 28, who has been reported missing in action since Oct. 29, 1944, in France, was confirmed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tsurukichi Tokushima were notified that Sgt. Tokushima, their only son, had been killed in action, in a letter from his regimental captain.

The parents were presented with the posthumous Purple Heart awarded to Sgt. Tokushima.

Sociologist Says Coast Evacuation "Criminal, Stupid"

PORTLAND, Ore.—"There was neither a legal nor moral right for the removal of Japanese Americans from their West Coast homes to the desert and such action was both criminal and stupid," Dr. Daniel Bell, sociologist of the University of Chicago, declared in his lecture June 21 before the final night session of the Northwest Institute of International Relations sponsored by Reed college.

Dr. Bell said the county's handling of conscientious objectors was better in World War II than it was in World War I but the army's treatment of Japanese Americans was "one of the most shameful acts of the war."

nese community, Mr. Onishi thanked the Civic Unity group for their cooperation and support during the resettlement period.

California Asks Rehearing On Takahashi Case

Anti-Alien Fishing Ban Invalidated In Superior Court

LOS ANGELES—Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, acting for the State of California, has requested a rehearing on the Torao Takahashi case in which the court declared in its ruling on June 13 that California's anti-alien fishing law was unconstitutional.

Judge Henry Willis declared in a decision that the 1945 amendment to the California Fish and Game Code, prohibiting the issuance of commercial fishing licenses to aliens of Japanese ancestry, was invalid.

The rehearing, tentatively scheduled for July 26, later was reported cancelled although Attorney General Kenny's appeal to Judge Willis to "reconsider and make a new decision" is still in suspense.

It was reported that Attorney General Kenny was prepared to take his appeal to the State Supreme Court.

A. L. Wirin, attorney for Takahashi, indicated that the Southern California office of the American Civil Liberties Union would ask the court to cancel the motion for rehearing.

Profits of Hostel Donated to JACL, Two Church Groups

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Operating profits from the Civic Unity Hostel, which accommodated hundreds of evacuees returning to Santa Clara valley, were turned over to the United Citizens League, the Japanese Buddhist church and the Japanese Methodist church on June 21 by Mrs. Evelyn Settles of the hostel committee.

Henry Kiyomura, president, accepted a check for \$1,419.72 in behalf of the citizens league, while Shio Ishikawa and Esau Shimizu accepted checks for \$1,419.72 and \$98.86 respectively for the Buddhist and Christian churches.

The checks turned over to these organizations represented profits from the hostel during a period from the spring of 1945 to March, 1946.

Speaking in behalf of the Japa-

Students in Japan Ask Return Of Refugee Teacher in U. S.

CHICAGO—A 65-year old Japanese educator who has been living self-imposed exile in the United States for the last 14 years learned this week that his work was unfettered and democratic education in his native country was remembered, the Chicago Sun reported.

Word has been received by Ikuro Yama, research associate at Northwestern University, that several thousand students of Waseda University in Tokyo at a rally last week had urged his return to Japan. The students wanted him back to resume his liberal teachings.

Oyama, former head of the political science department of Waseda and a leader in the Diet of the

Ronoto, farm-labor party, left Japan in 1932, a few months after the Manchurian incident convinced him the militarists had embarked inevitably for war, the Sun said.

In his Evanston home, Oyama said he was "deeply grateful" that he and the educational principles for which he had fought with the militarists had been remembered.

However, one unfinished task will keep him in the United States, he said. He is nearing the completion of an English translation of Japanese constitutional law codes.

"When the work is completed I may go to Japan for a visit," Oyama said. "I cannot make up my mind to return for good until I take this visit."

"Welcome Home" Fete Set For 442nd Combat Team

Tugboat Whistles May Welcome 442nd Veterans

NEW YORK — Ed Sullivan, New York Daily News columnist, suggested on June 26 that all New York harbor craft join in the welcome for the returning men of the 442nd (Go for Broke) Combat Team on July 3.

"May this reporter suggest that all harbor craft tie down their whistles when they spot the Wilson Victory, and let these kids know what their countrymen think of 'em," Sullivan declared.

The News columnist said the Army was making elaborate welcome home plans for the Japanese Americans and noted that the men of the 442nd had won 6,100 Purple Hearts, DSCs, Silver Stars and one posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Nisei Veteran Establishes Title To Farm Land

State of California Files Disclaimer to Escheat Action

FRESNO, Calif.—Takumi Sunada, 23, an honorably discharged war veteran, this week won the right to hold his 40-acre vineyard free of any confiscation proceedings when the State of California filed a disclaimer to escheat action.

The document, signed by Attorney General Robert W. Kenny and Deputy Attorney General Everett W. Mattoon and approved by State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel is probably the first of its kind in the State.

Last January Tom Okawara, attorney for Sunada, filed action for declaratory relief to lift any possible doubt of legality of ownership on the title of the property.

Sunada was inducted into the Army in March, 1941, and served 18 months.

Schmoes Will Leave For Japan Relief Work

SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Schmoes of the American Friends Service Committee will leave shortly for Japan, where they plan to make their home.

During the past four years the Schmoes have directed all their efforts to aiding persons of Japanese descent in the relocation centers and later in the resettlement of the evacuees.

A testimonial banquet in their honor will be held Saturday, June 29, at the St. Peter's church under sponsorship of the Seattle Girls' Club.

34 Nisei Veterans Of 522nd Artillery Land in New York

NEW YORK — Thirty-four men who served in France and Germany with the 522nd Field Artillery battalion of the 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team arrived in New York on June 25 from Europe.

Among the members of the group were Toki Narita of Kent, Wash., and Hisashi Higashi of Denver.

Nisei Girl to Teach In Kansas School

DENVER, Colo.—Kate Kyono of Denver has been appointed to the teaching staff at Stark high school in Stark, Kansas.

Miss Kyono is a recent graduate of Baker college.

Men of Nisei Unit Expected To Arrive in New York July 3 On Board Wilson Victory

NEW YORK—Whistles will blow, bands will play and the harbor of New York will go all out to welcome home the returning men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who are now scheduled to arrive on July 3 or 4 aboard the S. S. Wilson Victory from Leghorn, Italy.

New York Port of Embarkation authorities have arranged a reception program to greet the Japanese American infantry veterans whose now-famous Combat Team has seen action from the invasion beaches of Italy to the mountains of southeastern France.

Upon arrival the Wilson Victory will be greeted by two ocean-going welcome home boats. Two fireboats will put on a display in the harbor and all ships secured in the harbor will salute the 442nd Combat Team by their whistles.

A Navy blimp will escort the ship from Ambrose lightship and Army fighter planes will act as escort.

Bands will be playing at the pier as the Nisei GIs come down the gangplank.

The commanding general of the New York Port of Embarkation will give the main speech of welcome. Col. Sheets, AGF liaison officer at the port, will read a message from Gen. Jacob Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces.

All pier ceremonies will be open to the general public and special arrangements are being made for friends of the 442nd Infantry.

On the day following the arrival the inactivation ceremonies of the 442nd Combat Team are scheduled with Major General Alfred M. Gruenther, representing the Secretary of War, as the principal speaker.

The Camp Kilmer ceremony will be opened with an hour's entertainment program featuring stage stars from New York City.

Col. Duffie, commanding officer at Camp Kilmer, will give a speech of welcome and tribute to the 442nd and will introduce high-ranking Army officials who will attend the ceremony.

Gen. Gruenther's speech will be followed by a ceremonial retreat with two regiments from Camp Kilmer passing in review for the 442nd Combat Team.

The men of the 442nd will be guests at a party to be given by the Japanese American community of New York and sponsored by the JACL, JACD and church organizations.

The men will depart for their separation centers on the day following the ceremony.

Nineteen officers and 481 enlisted men of the 442nd are aboard the Wilson Victory. All but 31 have had combat experience.

Stress Ceremonies Will Honor All Men Who Fought in Italy, France, Germany With 442nd

By JOHN KITASAKO

WASHINGTON—The United States Army is planning an elaborate reception for the returning combat veterans of the 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team who are now scheduled to arrive in New York harbor on July 3 aboard the Wilson Victory from Italy.

A War Department representative is now in New York to work out plans for the welcome reception for the 442nd and for the inactivation ceremony which is scheduled for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

It was stressed that the reception would be given to honor the colors of the 442nd Combat Team and for the 100th Infantry Battalion and was intended as a representative tribute to all of the men who fought with the Japanese American units in Italy and France and with the 522nd Field Artillery in Germany.

Because the 442nd group which is on board the Wilson Victory is comparatively small, with 481 enlisted men and 19 officers, no parade is being planned.

Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., conferred with Pentagon officials on June 26 regarding reception plans for the arrival of the 442nd.

Mr. Finch was informed that War Department officials are making every effort so that the returning veterans of the 442nd will be able to leave for their homes as soon as possible after the inactivation ceremony.

Men of the Combat Team group from Hawaii will be sent to Camp Beale from Camp Kilmer and will leave San Francisco by boat on July 25, according to present plans.

Mr. Finch will leave Washington later this week to confer with army and port authorities regarding reception plans.

Peruvian Residents File Suit To Prevent Deportation to Japan; "Kidnapping" Charged

SAN FRANCISCO—Charging that they were kidnapped in Peru by U. S. military police, brought to the United States against their will and imprisoned here in various internment camps by the U. S. Immigration Service, two long-time Japanese residents of Peru filed suits on June 25 in the United States District Court in San Francisco to prevent their deportation to Japan, and to secure their return to Peru.

The deportations, scheduled for July 1, are based on charges that the Japanese entered the United States illegally, because they are racially inadmissible, and because they did not present the required passports and immigration visas.

The petitioners in the suits are Iwamori Sakasegawa, 53, a mechanic, who has resided in Peru since 1910, and Chika Yamasaki, 58, a tailor, who has resided in Peru since 1916. The latter is single, while Sakasegawa has a Spanish-American wife and seven children, ranging in age from 23 years to 3 years, all living in Peru. The wife and children are citizens of Peru, and a twenty-year-old son is presently serving in the Peruvian army.

Defendant in the suits is Irving F. Wixon, district director of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco. The Japanese, while awaiting shipment to Japan, are being held in the Immigration Service detention quarters at the Appraisers Building in San Francisco.

The legal proceedings are in the nature of test suits filed by Attorney Wayne M. Collins of San Francisco with the full support of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

The Union disclosed that 78 more Peruvian Japanese brought here against their will are being held by the Immigration Service at Terminal Island, Calif., for deportation to Japan. The majority have Peruvian wives and children, who are residing in Peru. Forty-nine more Peruvian Japanese are being held at the Crystal City Internment Camp, Texas, together with some 41 wives and 260 children. Twenty of the children were born in the United States and, hence, are United States citizens. The Peruvian Japanese have been detained in this country from two to three and one-half years. One of the Japanese has lived in Peru since Christmas Day 1901, while, on an average, they have resided in Peru for 22 years. Seven of their children are presently serving in the Peruvian army.

The petitioners allege that they were brought to the United States without any charge or accusation of any kind and without any hearing being accorded them, "by reason of secret letters de cachet, verbal or written, issued against them by the governments of the United States and Peru because of their Japanese lineage and pursuant to a secret agreement existing between said governments, the exact nature and contents of which said letters de cachet and agreement never have been revealed."

Sakasegawa charges that he "was seized at his place of employment in Lima, Peru, on April 24, 1944, by agents of the Peruvian Secret Police and was taken by them to the Sixth Street Police Station in Lima, where he was held incommunicado in jail from April 25, 1944, to May 21, 1944, from which he, along with four other persons of like ancestry there detained, was taken in the custody of Peruvian Police agents to an aerodrome and delivered into the custody of United States military police and was forced aboard a United States airplane manned by United States military personnel; said airplane landed at the Panama Canal Zone, C. A., where the petitioner and said other four persons were taken therefrom, under like guard, and interned in the Panama Canal Zone Headquarters Internment Camp, Panama Canal Zone, C. A., an internment camp maintained, operated and controlled by the United States Government; he was interned in said camp from May 21, 1944 to June 20, 1944, on which date he, along with 400 similarly seized and treated men, women and children, was compelled to board a United States transport, the 'Cuba,' at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, the while and where they were kept under like guard; the said vessel sailed therefrom and docked at New Orleans, La., on or about July 1, 1944, where said four hundred persons were taken therefrom under armed guard and were interned at the Alien Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. . . ; the petitioner, along with the aforesaid four oth-

er persons, was taken from said vessel and was transported to the Kenedy Internment Camp, Kenedy, Texas," after which he was held successively at the Santa Fe Internment Camp, Terminal Island and the detention quarters in the Appraisers Bldg., San Francisco.

Yamasaki was seized under similar circumstances on Feb. 23, 1943. He was brought to San Francisco by U. S. military police on June 15, 1943, together with other Peruvian Japanese. For almost two months he was detained at Sharps Park, after which he was transferred successively to four other detention camps before being brought to the Immigration Service detention quarters in San Francisco on June 9, 1946.

All of the Peruvian Japanese were originally detained in this country as enemy aliens, pursuant to the Enemy Alien Act of 1798. On April 9, 1946, however, Jonathan B. Bingham, Chief Alien Enemy Control Section, Department of State, declared that none of the Japanese could be regarded as dangerous enemy aliens, but the Peruvian government was "opposed to the return to Peru of any of the internees who are Japanese citizens." In the meantime, the Peruvian government had confiscated their property.

A month later, May 9, 1946, Spruille Braden, Assistant Secretary of State, advised the Civil Liberties Union that the Peruvian government "has taken the position that only those Japanese who are considered to be Peruvian citizens may be permitted to reenter Peru. There remains the possibility, however, that Peru will reconsider on a case-to-case basis the applications of those Japanese who have particularly strong family ties to Peruvians. The Department is now awaiting the views of the Peruvian Government on this point.

"All the Peruvian Japanese have been released from their status as enemy aliens," said Mr. Braden, "and they are now free to go to any country that will admit them." After the Justice Department released the Peruvian Japanese from detention as enemy aliens, deportation proceedings were filed against them under the immigration laws looking toward their deportation to Japan as illegal entrants into the United States.

Snake River JACL To Probe Bias In Beauty Shops

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Snake River JACL chapter will investigate reports of discriminatory actions against Japanese Americans in beauty shops in Ontario, it was decided at the last meeting of the group.

Masako Sugai was appointed chairman of a committee to contact beauty operators to investigate the situation.

The next meeting of the Intermountain District Council was announced for July 28 in Weiser at the Washington hotel.

New York Group Attends Meeting Of New Council

NEW YORK CITY—Nine members of the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, including Executive Director Peter S. Aoki, attending a planning meeting for the Greater New York Council Against Discrimination at the Parkhurst hotel on Thursday, June 19.

Forty persons representing business, labor, church, civic, fraternal and racial groups were present at the meeting.

The Committee for Japanese Americans was represented by Roger Baldwin, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Dr. Dan H. Dodson, Florence M. Kelly, Dr. Edward C. Lindenman, Saul Mills, Judge Francis Rivers, Roderick Stevens and Aoki.

Two Colorado Nisei Will Take Citizen Leadership Training

Ex-Sgt. Ben Kuroki Will Be Honored by Pageant Magazine

NEW YORK—Pageant Magazine's next "Citizen of Good Will" award will go to Ben Kuroki, Air Forces veteran, for his work in fighting discrimination against minority groups in America.

The presentation honoring the Nisei veteran is expected to be made sometime early in July.

Evacuee Aid Continued by Chicago Group

CHICAGO—More than a thousand persons have benefitted from the information-referral service of the Chicago Resettlers' committee, 734 North La Salle Street, during the five months since the office's opening, reported Corky T. Kawasaki, executive director, at the committee's last monthly board meeting.

"It is one of the basic purposes of the Resettlers' committee to have Japanese Americans make fuller use of community resources in aiding their sound adjustment in Chicago, and during the month of May alone 185 persons were helped through this office," he stated. A hundred of these persons, approximately three-fourths of whom have difficulty with the English language, were found jobs.

Nisei who could not find suitable employment through the United States Employment Service were also placed.

The director reported that housing continued to be a major problem and that more than 300 letters had already been sent to apartment and rooming-house managers who had formerly cooperated with the War Relocation Authority with on appeal to list their vacancies

DENVER — Elsie Agari, senior in social work at Denver university, and Tsuneko Okuyasu, graduate in education at the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, have been assisted by partial scholarships from the Denver JACL chapter to participate in the Encampment for Citizenship to be held at Fieldston school in Riverdale, New York, next month.

Elsie Agari was given a \$100 scholarship by the American Ethical Union and a \$100 scholarship from the JACL. She intends to continue her studies in social work at Denver university.

Miss Tokuyasu of Greeley is the past president of the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference. She holds a teacher's certificate and plans to return to California, her former home, in the fall.

The Encampment for Citizenship is a six-week course in citizenship and leadership training with approximately 200 individuals from all parts of the country and from all walks of life participating in its program.

John Dewey, Albert Einstein, Bruno Lasker, Carey McWilliams, Eleanor Roosevelt, Clarence Picket and other national figures are among the sponsors of the encampment.

Chicago JACL Dance

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL will hold a dance on July 6 at the International House. Wally Hermes and his orchestra have been scheduled for the night.

with the committee's central housing file.

The information-referral service is one aspect of the Chicago Resettlers' committee's program, which also includes the sponsorship of English classes attended by approximately sixty people twice a week, cooperating with other agencies and organizations in encouraging more participation in educational and recreational activities, and joining with other groups in eliminating discrimination.

Lomita Camp For Evacuees Finally Closed

163 Persons Moved To Trailer Quarters At Cal Sea, King's

LOS ANGELES — The Lomita installation, temporary home for 163 persons of Japanese ancestry who were moved here upon close of the WRA center, closed this week with the move of 31 families to the Cal Sea trailer camp and 8 families to King's Farm trailer camp. Other families moved to the dena hostel.

Closing of the Lomita installation was necessitated by the closing of army engineers on June 1.

The installation was slated to be returned to the U. S. Army engineers, owners of the property on May 18, 1946, date of the closing of the War Relocation Authority, but in view of the fact the Cal Sea Food and King's Farm camps were not ready for occupancy, negotiations were held to allow use of the Lomita property until the trailer camps were ready. Lomita formerly housed nearly 1,000 returnees.

Arrangements for the use of Lomita past the scheduled date were made by Ross Lopez, chief of the Long Beach Bureau of Public Assistance.

Utility facilities at the trailer camps are not complete, it was reported, but hot and cold running water and electricity are available. Stoves in all the trailers have been checked and are reported in working condition.

Detroit Nisei Will Honor GIs At Dinner Dance

DETROIT, Mich. — Nisei veterans in Detroit will be honored at a dinner-dance to be held by the Nisei Coordinating Council at Wardell-Sheraton hotel on July 1, according to Kenneth Izumi, council member.

The program will be highlighted by speeches from many civic leaders.

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BRIDGETON, N. J.

Court Asked to Postpone Action on Land Case

Delay Sought to Wait Judgment on Oyama Test Case

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Superior court of San Luis Obispo county was urged on June 27 to postpone action in the escheat proceedings filed by the county against James Sakamoto and other, Kikue Sakamoto, pending the California Supreme Court's decision on the Oyama case which challenges the legality of the Alien Land Law.

A demurrer was filed by the Sakamotos through their attorneys, Wirin, Tietz and Maeno of Los Angeles.

Attorneys for the Sakamotos declared in their brief that the Alien Land law has been enacted unfairly against persons of Japanese ancestry in that such enactment has resulted and followed the wake of race-baiting and anti-Japanese agitation in California.

The brief pointed out that during the period from 1930 to 1940 race prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry was at its height "there were practically no prosecutions under the Alien Land Law."

The defense contended that the prosecution against the Sakamotos, one of more than 100 similar cases, was the result of activities of organizations and legislative committees in the state of California which "exploited racial emotions and stirred up intolerance and anti-Japanese bigotry."

Officials at Dinner at Seabrook Farms

SEABROOK, N. J. — With President C. F. Seabrook serving as host, a group of Nisei and Issei leaders met with representatives of the National JACL at a dinner on June 18 at the Village Inn. The stopover was made by speakers following their trip in Philadelphia on the same day.

Speaking in detail on current activities of the Citizens League, he brought to attention the issues affecting the Japanese in this country and now being deliberated by Congress. His remarks were further extended from Tanabe.

Although the need was felt immediately for the formation of a Seabrook Chapter was left until a more opportune time, preferably the completion of the present production season.

W. Letts, assistant to the president, extended words of welcome in behalf of the host. Vernon Kato was toastmaster for the occasion while arrangements for the gathering were made by Mrs. Ayako Nakamura.

Present were Max Frankel and Grace Kaneda of the Philadelphia International Institute, Harold Fistere, formerly of JACL and now personnel director, Seabrook, and Mrs. Fistere, Wirth, Allan Palmer, Mrs. Rutledge, Gene Laning, all Seabrook administrative personnel, and Fukuji Sasaki, Fred Sam Seno, George Sakai, Dick Kunishima, Mr. and Mrs. Toru Ikeda, Mrs. Josie Ikegami, June Yoshioka, and Mrs. Fujita, representing the residents.

Four through the plant was arranged for the visitors prior to their departure.

Minneapolis Service Offers Aid to Evacuees

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — To facilitate the work and the membership of the Japanese American Community Committee to the Nisei and Issei community of Minneapolis, the service committee will sponsor a reception on June 30 at the Y from 3:30 to 6 p. m.

The chairmanship of Mr. Patsey, the Service Committee, on a voluntary membership will continue indefinitely the service and aid offered under its name, the Resettlement Committee. Advice and aid for persons or problems confronting resettlers will be given and those seeking such advice may call on Ruth Marshall at MA 4-1234, was stated.

Favorable Trend in Coast Public Opinion on Evacuees Indicated by Recent Survey

By JOE GRANT MASAOKA

SAN FRANCISCO—Results of the Institute of the Analyses of Public Opinion Polls as conducted by James C. Purcell, general counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California, on the question of "Do you favor permitting loyal American Japanese to return to California?" indicate conclusively in San Francisco how the trend has swung toward favorable acceptance of Japanese Americans from the low point noted in May, 1944.

The phrasing of the question directed at the registered voters of the assembly districts in the city and county of San Francisco follows the identical wording set forth in the May, 1944 questionnaire. Minor divergencies of 2 per cent are noted between various parts of the city and between party adherents but the average on the question was:

YES 25 per cent
NO 74 per cent

In relation to the above results it will be recalled that the 100th Infantry Battalion of Japanese Americans went into action in Italy on Sept. 1943 and the 442nd Infantry Regiment of Nisei engaged in combat in Italy in June, 1944.

In November, 1944 another poll which included the above question was circulated by Purcell with these conclusions:

YES 37 per cent
NO 63 per cent

In May, 1945 on his periodical poll, the tabulation of returned questionnaires revealed that the yeas and nays were about equally divided. In May, 1946 the figures of two years ago were just about reversed in the same proportion as:

YES 72 per cent
NO 28 per cent

James C. Purcell conducts these polls on a number of outstanding issues of the day by means of secret, non-counterfeitable ballots distributed on the basis of up-to-date registered voters of both parties in the Assembly districts of the city and county of San Francisco. The accuracy of the results of his latest poll on the Nisei is shown by the forecast of election results in San Francisco.

It will be remembered that Purcell as an attorney sponsored the Mitsuye Endo case to the United States Supreme Court which resulted in the decision whereby confinement of American citizens in the relocation centers was declared unconstitutional, which action ultimately led to the revocation of the Western Defense Command exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.

Two 442nd Veterans Help Hawaii Team Set New Swim Mark

HONOLULU — Hawaii's four-man 400-yard free-style relay established a new territorial record at Duke Kahanamoku's invitational swim meet on June 20 by negotiating the distance in 3:33.4s.

The team was composed of two veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Charlie Oda and Johnny Tsukano, together with Bill Smith Jr. and Harry Holiday.

In one of the feature women's events Hawaii's Chic Miyamoto was defeated in the 220-yard free-style by Brenda Helser, Pacific Coast star and national title holder. Miss Helser's time of 2:31s for the distance was a new Hawaiian mark.

Tsukano was nosed out by Stanford University's Bob Anderson in the 50-yard freestyle event.

Resettlers Urged to Take Part in Civic, Labor Activity

CHICAGO—Japanese Americans should make it their community responsibility to take greater part in city-wide civic groups and the labor movement, Michael Mann, executive secretary of the Chicago Industrial Union Council, told the executive board of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee at its monthly meeting on June 17.

Nisei Americans, Mann said, should request and get representation in more groups working for the common interest of the people of Chicago.

Mann asked for the cooperation of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee in interpreting to Japanese Americans the efforts of the CIO to eliminate discrimination and to

Nisei GI Winner Of DSC Sought For Convention

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Nisei GI winner of the Distinguished Service Cross will attend the national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart as the guest of the Portland chapter of the JACL if present plans materialize.

Juneus Oba of the Portland chapter heads the JACL committee which is raising funds to pay the expenses of the Nisei veteran.

Any Nisei DSC veteran who is interested in attending the convention in Portland from August 5 to 10 is being asked to contact Juneus Oba, 1014 S. W. Front Ave., Portland, Ore.

Privy Council Will Rule on Canada Orders

Japanese Canadians Carry Appeal to Highest Tribunal

LONDON, Eng. — Andrew Brewin, Toronto attorney, is now in London to represent the Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians and the provincial government of Saskatchewan in the forthcoming appeals on the Canadian orders of deportation for approximately 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry now in Canada.

The hearings before the Privy Council, the highest tribunal for justice in the British commonwealth, is expected to take place in July.

Mr. Brewin will argue on behalf of the Japanese Canadians against the decision of the Canadian Supreme Court which upheld the legality of the deportation orders.

JACL President Speaks to Weiser Chamber of Commerce

WEISER, Ida. — Joe Saito, president of the Snake River chapter, JACL, and war veteran, spoke to members of the Weiser Chamber of Commerce on June 17 at Hotel Washington.

Saito pointed out that many of the returned Japanese American soldiers are beset with problems which they are making every effort to solve in an amicable manner and that the same is true of many Japanese Americans who were in the war relocation centers.

The JACL president said that members of his organization are strongly opposed to the establishment of "Little Tokyos." He complimented the people of Weiser on their fairness in dealing with persons of Japanese ancestry.

Harold Ickes Cites Loyalty Of Issei to U. S., Supports Revision of Unjust Statutes

Former Interior Secretary Urges Action to Allow Naturalization Rights for Parents of Nisei Soldiers, Halting of Deportation Program

NEW YORK CITY—Harold S. Ickes, former secretary of the interior, asked on June 17 for revision of immigration and naturalization laws to permit entry of Japanese on the same basis as persons of other countries and immediate halting of the "brutal deportation" of Japanese aliens now facing return to Japan.

Praising the record of Japanese aliens in the United States during the war, Ickes in his newspaper column published in the New York Post declared that the record of these aliens as "loyal Americans" is "unblemished."

The former cabinet member stated that their services "contributed substantially to the defeat of Japan."

He also stated that revision of immigration laws, which would not discriminate against persons from Japan, would serve to offset "certain unjust state property laws."

Ickes stated that the elimination of racial restrictions "which now clutter up our naturalization statutes" is "long overdue."

"To the best of my knowledge," he wrote, "we are the only nation on the planet today which has the unmitigated gall to tell a man that he is not fit to become a citizen merely on account of the color of his skin or the slant of his eyes and for no other reasons."

The former cabinet member stated that persons of Japanese ancestry who were admitted to this country as "treaty traders" or students now faced deportation.

Many of them, Ickes said, are the parents of American citizens.

"The sons of some of them were soldiers who fought in our uniform and died in combat," he wrote. "Some of them volunteered for service as war-time propagandists, combat intelligence personnel and interrogators."

"No service was too dangerous for them," Ickes said. "Because of their knowledge of the Japanese language and terrain and of the habits and customs of the Japanese people, these aliens were able to render important services that it was not possible for the average citizen to give."

"They did this voluntarily. They did it because they loved America and hated Japanese militarism. Much of the psychological warfare material used against the Japanese prepared by them. They prepared valuable reports to the stra-

tegical services. Their suggestions for the guidance of our troops in the successful occupation of the conquered Japanese islands were invaluable. The services of these aliens, patriotic, unselfish and completely voluntary, contributed substantially to the defeat of Japan."

Revision of the immigration statutes would permit the entrance of "about one hundred" Japanese every year, Ickes said.

"Such a revision would be both reasonable and equitable," his column said. "But the immediate problem is one of halting the brutal deportation of alien Japanese who have suffered so much at the hands of 'free and democratic' America while spending themselves so generously in its behalf."

Ickes spoke of the Eberharter bill which would permit the Department of Justice to halt deportation in certain hardship cases.

"Unfortunately," he wrote, "it seems to be more important to certain Congressmen to be reelected than to be just. The result is that this bill is being held incommunicado in a committee detention camp while Congressmen are mending their fences back home."

The former secretary of the interior was a strong supporter of the War Relocation Authority and its resettlement program during the time that agency was under his department.

Sacramento Plans Holiday Dance

SACRAMENTO — Sacramento's Nisei population will celebrate this year's Independence Day with a gala Fourth-of-July dance at the Young Buddhists' hall, according to Toko Fujii of the YBA.

Nisei War Veterans Honored At Dinner by Monterey JACL

MONTEREY, Calif. — "We hope our nation and the people of Japan, through the ties that have been formed and through the Japanese American soldiers serving in the East, will become great friends." So concluded Col. Allen Griffin, publisher of the Monterey Peninsula Herald and guest speaker, at an appreciation banquet sponsored by the recently re-activated Monterey Peninsula JACL chapter on Saturday, June 22nd, at the La Ribera Hotel Cloister Room in Carmel.

The banquet, which was attended by approximately 90 persons, was given by the local chapter to honor the Nisei ex-GIs of the peninsula and to express its appreciation to the many residents of this area who upheld the democratic principles of fair play on behalf of the Japanese Americans.

The banquet, which was conducted under the chairmanship of Kiyoshi Nobusada, was highlighted with the installation of the Monterey peninsula JACL chapter officers. Following the introduction of the guests of honor, president James Tabata delivered a welcome address. The Rev. H. P. Lockwood then officiated in a moment of silent tribute to those Nisei G. I.s who gave "their last full measure of devotion" to their nation.

Following a message, in which he requested the assistance of all those present in carrying on the fight for the democratic principles so that "they shall not have died in vain," regional JACL representative Joe Grant Masaoka installed the new chapter officers. Ex-Sgt. Ky Miyamoto responded on behalf of the Nisei veterans. He was followed by Col. Thorpe, commandant of the Military Intelli-

gence Language school of the Presidio of Monterey, who requested the cooperation of peninsula residents in welcoming the Nisei GIs to their new environment and thus "assisting the student body to attain a high degree of efficiency . . . inasmuch as these Nisei are going out as missionaries for democracy."

Col. Thorpe, who was chief of military intelligence for Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Pacific theater of operations, was followed by Col. Griffin.

Among the others who were guests of honor were Mayor Fred Godwin of Carmel, Mayor J. R. Perry of Monterey, Allan Sonin of the Monterey Interracial Council, William O'Donnell and Irene Alexander of the Monterey Peninsula Herald, Col. Hollingstead of the Presidio of Monterey, and Fritz Wurtzmann, prominent local businessman who has taken an active interest in the Nisei of the peninsula. Among the veterans were Capt. Yaeko Suyama (U. S. Army Nurse Corps), Peter Anistratenko, Haruo Esaki, Yoneo Hachiya, Satoru Hayase, Noboru Kato, Tad Kawabata, Louie Manaka, Ky Miyamoto, Bob Mizokami, Ken Nishi, Henry Ono, Isamu Sakai, Mits Sakaniwa, Mike Sanda, Takeshi Sasaki, Yukio Sumida, Eiichi Sulukawa, Tom Taneshita, Kiyoshi Uchida, and Shig Eddow.

Assisting Nobusada with the preparations for the banquet, which was adjudged an outstanding success by all present, were Takayo Kobayashi, Yoshi Kodani, Sally Kawamoto, Sanae Okumura, Mickey Ichiuji, Ken Sato and James Tabata. The reception committee consisted of Mesdames Shigeru Honda, John Gota, Archy Miyamoto, Jimmy Tabata and Ken Sato.

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EDITORIALS:

Farewell to the WRA

The War Relocation Authority which formally goes out of existence this week, can close its books with the assurance that it has carried out successfully the great and challenging task with which it was confronted when it was created by executive order in March, 1942.

The job of wartime relocation which faced the WRA at the outset was one which was unprecedented for any government agency. It is obvious today that the Army and the administration had no defined policy regarding the treatment of the more than 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were uprooted as a result of the mass evacuation decision of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, then chief of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army. Gen. DeWitt's policy did not extend beyond the evacuation of all West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry and their confinement in Army-operated assembly centers, pending a more permanent plan of relocation in the interior.

It is difficult to appreciate at this date, when public attitudes on the situation have changed so much for the better, the force of the pressures exerted by economic interests and the agents of prejudice to achieve the complete wartime isolation and segregation of both Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry. That the WRA did resist these pressures and was able to put into operation a plan of individual relocation are facts which stand as a tribute to the democratic integrity of Dillon S. Myer, Milton Eisenhower, John Provine, the late Elmer Rowalt, Philip Glick and the scores of others who helped make WRA policy. Men of less courage might have succeeded in making the relocation centers the counterparts of Buchenwald and Dachau on the American land. Mass evacuation without trial or due process of law will remain a dark page in the annals of our nation but the record could have been blacker still if the WRA's leadership had not stood firm against the racists on the West Coast and their representatives in Congress.

In 1942 and 1943 the general public, which today upholds the WRA's policy and record, was ridden with hysteria fomented by the yellow press and by professional hate-mongers. There was no mass support for the WRA and only the courage of the convictions of the men entrusted with the relocation program maintained the continued integrity of that program in the face of such actions as the shameful inquisition conducted by the Dies Committee and its legislative counterparts in California and the Roman holiday of yellow journalism inspired by the so-called "Tule Lake riot."

Perhaps the major reason for the success of the WRA in its relocation program was the faith of its officials in the loyalty of the Japanese American group. That faith was vindicated and its substantiation, in the records of Nisei soldiers and the good citizenship of relocated evacuees, was the key to the successful conclusion of the war relocation program.

With the liquidation of the WRA on June 30, the evacuees and the Japanese American group in general now lose the crutch on which they have leaned during the long years of war. The facts of prejudice and the terrible reality of mass evacuation made that assistance a necessary one. All of the problems which have beset the group as a result of evacuation and wartime discrimination are not yet solved but the WRA has aided in the activation of local organizations which will continue at the community level some of the services which the WRA has offered to the

relocated evacuees. These local committees also will be able to assist other minority group victims of the social disease of racial and religious prejudice.

America has had its displaced persons problem in its more than 110,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry. That the great majority of these persons are now relocated in normal communities is the best of all possible tributes to the work of the War Relocation Authority.

The WRA leaves behind a proposal to indemnify the evacuees for accountable property losses as a result of the evacuation and a program of remedial legislation to correct injustices in our national statutes which affect the many thousands of loyal resident aliens of Japanese ancestry whose cooperation was of considerable help to the agency and the nation as a whole.

The WRA stands this week, on the eve of its liquidation, a government agency whose courage and faith in democratic processes has enabled it to accomplish its major objectives.

Return of the 442nd

It is to be regretted that all of the men who constituted the 442nd Combat Team on June 5 when the unit was assembled at Leghorn, Italy for ceremonies attending the presentation of the Distinguished Unit Citation to the entire regiment are not able to return home. All of the members of the 442nd Combat Team remaining in Italy, proud of the 442nd's history and morale, had looked forward to the time when they would be able to return as a unit to American soil.

The 500 officers and enlisted men who are aboard the Wilson Victory, now scheduled to dock in New York harbor on July 3, represent those of the 442nd's personnel who are eligible for discharge under the Army's present regulations. Undoubtedly the Army's overseas personnel problem, which has been complicated by the rapid demobilization program and congressional confusion on draft extension, was a major factor in the decision which has transferred 1500 other members of the 442nd to continued duty with American military units in Italy.

The members of the 442nd aboard the Wilson Victory, returning with the regimental colors of a now-famous military organization, will receive the welcome and the honors which long have awaited this group which was organized as an answer to suspicion and prejudice and which accomplished this objective and more, becoming an important factor in the triumph of Allied arms in the Mediterranean theater.

It has been stressed by the War Department that the honors which will be accorded the returning men of the 442nd next week are intended for all of the men who have fought in the 442nd Infantry and the original veterans of the 100th Battalion before it became a part of the "Go for Broke" regiment. The 600 men of the 442nd who were killed in action, the hundreds more who are in army hospitals for combat wounds and the thousands of others who are returned to civilian life or who have been transferred to other military duty will be among those remembered at the forthcoming ceremonies at Camp Kilmer when the 442nd officially will be inactivated.

Blue Discharges

During the days shortly after Pearl Harbor the War Department instituted a policy which permitted commanding officers of military units, at certain levels, to determine whether they wished to retain or discharge Japanese American personnel.

As a result of this policy several hundred Nisei soldiers were discharged in 1942 because of their racial ancestry by the direction of their commanders although thousands of others were retained. In the confusion which attended the execution of this policy, many of these men received "blue discharges," or discharges without honor, although they were entitled to an honorable discharge. Since men receiving "blue discharges" are not entitled to any benefits under the GI Bill of Rights, these men whose army record entitled them to an honorable discharge have been denied rights and privileges rightfully theirs.

The War Department recently initiated a procedure for the review of "blue discharges," and the newly-created Discharge Review Board affords an opportunity to rectify an injustice which was perpetrated at a time of confusion regarding the acceptability of Americans of Japanese ancestry to military service.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Organized Veterans

The American Veterans Committee (AVC), largest and most progressive of the new veterans organizations which have come out of World War II, took a firm and forthright attitude at its recent national convention in Des Moines on the problems of social and economic discrimination faced by minority racial groups in the United States. One of the first resolutions passed by the AVC's 800 delegates who represented 60,000 members was one which called for corrective legislation to rectify injustices now faced by Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as the indemnification for the losses suffered by victims of the 1942 West Coast evacuation.

The AVC's attitude toward minorities was given dramatic emphasis by an incident which occurred on the last night of the convention. On that night the delegates were informed that a Des Moines cafe had refused to serve two Negro veterans. Within a few minutes the cafe was being picketed by more than 150 of the delegates and the action was approved by Charles Bolte, first national chairman of AVC, who declared that the demonstration reflected the AVC's views on "Jim Crow and anti-Nisei prejudice."

The seriousness and sobriety of the young war veterans at the AVC conclave made a profound impression on the citizens of Des Moines. The extra-curricular shenanigans generally associated with veterans conventions were missing and, as nearly every newspaperman remarked, there were no drunken brawls and no paper bags filled with water were dropped on unsuspecting pedestrians from high hotel windows. The delegates had gathered to meet to map a program of action to help make the peace for which they had fought. Among the 800 were six Nisei veterans, three of whom were from Hawaii.

It has been reported that the AVC convention was not without controversy or conflict, for the sessions were long and arduous and filled with argument and political maneuvering, but the delegates hammered out a progressive program of action out of the cigarette smoke and the heated meetings and this program bears out the motto which is the guide-word of the AVC, "citizens first, veterans second." The convention adopted resolutions on international and domestic issues which are thoroughly consistent with the AVC's stand on minorities and called for international control of atomic energy, the extension of OPA and other anti-inflationary measures, a guaranteed annual wage and the expansion of the government's utilities program patterned on the successful TVA.

The AVC has opposed the organization of segregated racial chapters, similar to those which now exist in the Legion and the VFW. This policy was reflected in the fact that the six Nisei delegates participated in the convention as veterans and not as members of a minority race group. The three Nisei from Hawaii represented AVC chapters in the territory, Mike Masaoka was a delegate for a large San Francisco chapter, none of whose other members are of Japanese ancestry, and also acted as an observer for the new Salt Lake City AVC. Spady Koyama was the representative of the Spokane AVC, of which he was acting chairman for a time. Ben Kuroki, another AVC member, was on the convention's nominating committee.

The AVC's refusal to segregate its members on the basis of race, ancestry or religion may be contrasted to the prevailing practices in many veterans organizations, particularly those of World War I origin. It shows that the veterans of World War II have not forgotten that men of all races fought the enemy as part of the army of the United States and in the Allied forces.

The awareness displayed by this young, vigorous organization at its first national meeting to the problems of the Nisei and other minority group veterans is a wholesome and important fact. The men who were the GIs of World War II have not forgotten that the names of some of their buddies were erased from the honor rolls in several West Coast communities and some veterans organizations have refused to accept some veter-

ans as members because they were black, yellow or tan.

On the other hand, although more than half of the 24,000 Nisei who served in World War II are back in civilian life, there has been no pell-mell rush on the part of these Nisei veterans to join the AVC or other veterans organizations. It is understandable, perhaps, that Nisei GIs in particular are wary of veterans organizations for the Legion, VFW and the Disabled American Veterans have discriminated, in the past, against members of the group on the basis of race and ancestry. Some discrimination still exists in old-line groups at the local level, although national officers of the Legion and the VFW have condemned such discrimination. The sorriest contemporary example of veteran bigotry is the continued refusal of the Spokane VFW to accept Nisei members, although only a few of its members countenance the restrictive policy.

In many West Coast areas the Legion and the VFW have urged Nisei veterans to form their own chapters on a racial basis, similar to existing groups of Negro, Mexican, Filipino and Chinese American veterans, but have not refused membership to Nisei on an individual basis. At the present time there are no Nisei chapters of these national veterans organizations with the exception of the Legion's Cathay post in Denver whose membership consists of Nisei and Chinese Americans. The California department of the Legion has reinstated the charters of its two World War I posts of Japanese American veterans after their charters were summarily revoked without explanation shortly after Pearl Harbor but these units, the Commodore Perry and Townsend Harris posts in Los Angeles and San Francisco, have not been reactivated.

There have been tentative efforts toward organization on the part of the Nisei veterans themselves and at least two already active in Los Angeles and Seattle. These groups are unaffiliated with any national body and reportedly have urged its members to join the national veterans groups on a non-segregated basis.

In Hawaii there are several Nisei groups in the form of organized veterans of specific military organizations. The veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion have their Club 100 which recently purchased a clubhouse in Honolulu. The men of the Combat Team have the 442nd Veterans Club, which military intelligence personnel have their own organization. At the same time, however, the leaders of these special groups are active in the Hawaiian branches of the national veterans organizations like the AVC, the Legion and the VFW.

The Nisei issue would never have been a major issue in veterans organizations had it not been for the fact that the Legion, the VFW and some chapters of the DAV have been deeply involved in the racist, anti-Japanese American politics of the West Coast for many years preceding World War II. Anti-Japanese resolutions, aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast, were at one time a standard fixture at Legion and VFW conventions. Such activity as exemplified by the wartime behavior of the Hood River, Ore. post of the Legion and the Gardena, Calif., VFW toward Nisei uniforms were almost subconscious reflex actions which were conditioned by the previous anti-Japanese attitudes of these groups.

The new organizations of World War II veterans, which include the Amvets, Veterans League of America, Veterans for Equality, American Veterans and others, in addition to the AVC, have welcomed Nisei veteran members. There are, of course, other World War II groups, such as those organized by Gerald L. K. Smith, which have fostered prejudice and which are not likely to welcome any non-Aryan but these latter groups have made little headway except on paper, to date.

Of the groups whose activities have spanned both great wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, an organization of men wounded in combat, has recognized that bullets do not discriminate and blood is of the same color. The Order of the Purple Heart was (Continued on page 5)

Vagaries

Distance Runner . . .

Takeo Takushi, Hawaii Nisei distance runner, was scheduled to compete in the National AAU track championships in San Antonio, Tex., this week, entering the 10,000 meter run. Takushi may also appear in New York and Buffalo track meets before returning to Hawaii. . . . Tsuneshi Maruo, National AAU bantamweight champion who won his title in April in Boston, is the latest Hawaii Nisei champion to enter fighting's ranks.

Overseas Jobs . . .

The War Department is offering jobs in specialized types of civilian work with occupation forces in Japan to Japanese Americans. Several hundred Nisei already have taken such jobs. . . . Superior Judge Henry Willis of Los Angeles who recently declared the California anti-alien fishing law unconstitutional has turned down the appeal of Masako Kinoshita for a liquor sale license. William Bonelli of Los Angeles, recently rejected to the State Board of Equalization, is credited with the board's policy of restricting the issuance of liquor sales licenses to businessmen of Japanese ancestry.

Coach . . .

Bill Kajikawa, varsity baseball coach at Arizona State, recently helped Brooklyn Dodgers officials in conducting a baseball tryout school in Arizona. Kajikawa, who recently returned to his post at Tempe after two years overseas with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team, will be on the football coaching staff at Arizona State this fall. While in college, Kajikawa starred for the Arizona State eleven and was rated as one of the best passers on a small college team.

Receptionist . . .

Susan Tamaki of Philadelphia is receptionist for TWA and not an air hostess as reported in this column recently. . . . The Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, of which Peter Aoki is executive director, has been helping Italian wives of Nisei GIs who have arrived in New York recently en route to new homes in Hawaii. . . . Among the speakers offered the U. S. public by the East and West Association in New York are Ben Kuroki, Toru Matsumoto and Maru Matsui. Miss Matsui is the wife of Eitaro Ishigaki, New York artist. During the war she served as chief of the Japanese desk in OWI. Her autobiography, "The Restless Wave," was published by Modern Age in 1940.

Pictorial . . .

A pictorial book portraying the contributions of Hawaii's residents of Japanese ancestry is being prepared by Dr. John Rademaker of the University of Hawaii. Dr. Rademaker was the WRA's community analyst at the Granada relocation center in 1943. . . . Sgt. Terry Shimabukuro who edited the 442nd's news bulletin after Mike Masaoka's return to the States is one of the 442nd veterans aboard the Wilson Victory which arrives in New York on July 3. The 442nd's paper was discontinued this month after more than a year of daily publication. Two other members of the staff were Cpl. Ryo Uchida of Plain City, Utah and Johnny Ito of Los Angeles.

NISEI U S A:

Organized Veterans

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First veterans group to pass a resolution favoring the return of the evacuees to the West Coast and its chapter in Spokane invited the Nisei veterans rejected by the VFW to join its ranks.

The organizational problems of the Nisei GI are yet to be resolved, however. Many are joining the AVC because of its liberal program and because it is the one big organization of World War II veterans. The future of the tentative all-Nisei groups like the Nisei veterans Association of Los Angeles and the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle will be clarified in months to come as will the attitude of the Legion and the VFW toward the Nisei and other minority group veterans.

Washington News-Letter

Dillon Myer Looks Back on Four Years of the WRA

By JOHN KITASAKO

Last week, Dillon S. Myer granted a final interview in his capacity as director of the War Relocation Authority. With the WRA scheduled to be officially dissolved on June 30, Mr. Myer was checking over reports getting ready to clear the decks.

Mr. Myer has been asked many times what he considers the most nerve-wrecking experience in his four years as director. He says it was not a single incident, but a period in which everything seemed to explode at one time. That was the month of December 1942, and it almost drove him out of his mind.

That was the month when the riots broke out in Manzanar and Poston. And then the racebaiters, who had been lying in the weeds—the Hearsts, the Dies, the Costellos, the American Legion, the Native Sons, and others—turned on the heat to discredit the WRA and its hapless charges in the 10 centers.

Mr. Myer felt utterly helpless. Just six months in office, he was still not familiar with the complex pattern of his vast domain. Communications between the centers and to Washington were extremely disorganized; he was unable to get facts; he didn't know what was going on in the camps; he didn't know what the people were thinking about. He had no precedents to go by, or no one to turn to for advice.

"Night after night I went home feeling completely frustrated and impotent," he said. "I didn't know what to do, I didn't know what would blow up next. It was the only time in WRA's history that I felt helpless and hopeless."

Mr. Myer finally decided it might help to talk it over thoroughly, so he called in Elmer Rowalt, deputy director, and he talked, going over every development from beginning to end, groping around, conjecturing. After two hours, things began to clear up, and out of that memorable session came a complete realignment of WRA techniques, policies, and philosophy.

"That month was far worse than the incidents which happened at registration, segregation, and the Tule Lake disturbances," observed Mr. Myer. "In those, while they were serious too, I felt I had a grip on things, and knew why they were happening, and which way things were heading. But during that black December of 1942, I was a total loss."

Looking at the brighter side, the WRA director said nothing in the past four years gave him a greater thrill and a deeper satisfaction than the activation of the 442nd and the subsequent record of the Nisei GIs.

A month after he took office in June 1942, Mr. Myer urged the reopening of selective service to the Nisei. Some people thought he was off his top for advocating the drafting of Nisei boys from behind barbed wire fences. But he felt it was vital to the welfare of the evacuees that Nisei boys get into uniform on the same basis as other Americans.

During a visit to the Gila relocation center, he overheard two boys talking in a washroom. It was still during that time when only Nisei with high language proficiency were being taken into military intelligence. "Are you going to join the Army?" asked one. "Hell no," said the other. "The only guys who can get into the Army are Kibeiis."

Mr. Myer remembered that brief conversation. It carried a powerful argument which he used effectively in eventually getting Nisei into the service on a general basis.

Here, he argued, were Nisei, fellows who had lived in America all their life, who had never studied in Japan, who were entirely American, and yet they couldn't get into the Army, while Kibeiis could. What kind of sense was that?

But there was still strong opposition from military heads, with Lt. Gen. John De Witt, then chief of the Western Defense Command, the most violent. Army thinking had not advanced to the point where Nisei could be drafted across the board, but the Army was willing to form a volunteer unit.

As it turned out then, the 442nd was a compromise, but Mr. Myer considered it a forward step toward ultimate re-institution of selective service. It took a great deal of foresight

and gumption to come out strong for the drafting of Nisei back in 1942. Mr. Myer felt that if Nisei were going to ask for their rights as Americans, they should also be willing to bear responsibilities as citizens.

But more than that, the Nisei needed something definite and constructive to give the lie to those myths about Nisei disloyalty. They needed something with which they could fight their way back to citizenship rights. And that was a war record.

No one followed the achievements of the 442nd closer than Mr. Myer. No one tried harder than he to convert the 442nd's feats into good will.

"It was the most important thing in the whole program. It had to be," said Mr. Myer. "It will affect the life of the Nisei long after this period is over."

Up in Hood River, Oregon, before the program to return evacuees to the West Coast was set in motion, Mr. Myer was to address a meeting of 20 townspeople. When the anti-Japanese crowd, mostly legionnaires, heard about the meeting, they asked if they could attend, too. When told they could, about 30 of them showed up.

After Mr. Myer spoke, a legionnaire stood up and introduced 16 service fathers, and told something about each one, how he had lost a son or had a son wounded. Mr. Myer wondered what the legionnaire was up to. He soon found out. The legionnaire said he wanted to take a vote of the 16 fathers to see whether they wanted the Japanese to come back to Hood River.

Mr. Myer halted the proceedings. Before they took the vote, he said, he wanted to address the fathers, too. He congratulated them for their sacrifices. He told them he knew how they felt when they got the telegrams from the War Department telling of the supreme sacrifices their sons had made.

But, he said, please remember that others have made sacrifices too. The Japanese who willingly left their homes and businesses during evacuation and suffered indignities behind barbed wire fences also made sacrifices. Their sons volunteered and went off to war. And these parents got telegrams too, and it hurt them just as deep.

When he was through, everything was quiet. The vote of the 16 fathers was never taken. They quietly left the meeting.

That incident marked the clincher for the WRA in Hood River. Sentiment in the coastal area was changing at the time, and Mr. Myer's maneuver put on the screws. That incident was the best proof he had that a Nisei war record would be the most effective weapon to beat down the home front enemy.

No one will deny that Dillon Myer has done one of the most outstanding jobs in government service during the war. And he did it the hard way—sitting in the hottest seat of authority for four long years and coming out unscorched.

Mr. Myer is truly a great American with a stout heart. A lesser man would have wilted under the withering fire of attacks.

The greatness of Mr. Myer is compounded not only of courage, but of something else which is just as important: vision. He was always looking for the end-result. He always looked at events and formulated policies from a long-range viewpoint. His insistence on the activation of the 442nd in the face of strong opposition is only one case in point.

Mike Masaoka, who worked closer with Dillon Myer than any other Nisei, says that besides his farsightedness another characteristic makes Mr. Myer great, and that is his willingness to learn. He had no preconceived ideas about the Japanese. He was eager to learn from scratch, and as a result the whole WRA policy was

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Goodbye Des Moines, Hello Denver

Des Moines, Ia.

And so once again it is time to pack up our things and move on. This is our last week in Des Moines. When we settle down after several weeks of traveling about, our address will be Denver.

Moving no longer is a novelty. This is our tenth jump in nine years and we're getting more than somewhat tired of it. A few of the moves were at the urgent request of Uncle Sam when it was popularly believed that ridding the Pacific Coast of Japanese Americans was essential to winning the war.

But the rest were the result of the search for greener pastures, and we have no regrets for making those decisions.

In many ways we are reluctant to leave Des Moines. It has been home for more than two and a half years. It welcomed us at a time when many communities were openly hostile to the evacuees.

When we first arrived we were amazed at the friendliness of the people. And as time went on our amazement grew, and increasingly we realized that we were being accepted—without our making any extraordinary efforts—as part and parcel of the community's life-stream.

There is much that is solid and reassuring and basic about life in the midwest. We have had a chance to sample it, and we feel we are better Americans for having had the opportunity.

All this is aside from the fine personal friends we have found. But making friends and leaving them is an inevitable part of moving about, and we are reconciled to the hope that in the coming bright new world transportation will be so easy that our paths will cross frequently.

In the process of packing we've rediscovered and gotten rid of an astonishing assortment of junk. The things that one can accumulate over the years is hardly short of terrifying.

We must have thrown away several bushels of souvenirs that have become meaningless with time, plus assorted books, pamphlets, circulars and newspapers which in the distant past we treasured for some now obscure reason.

One large factor in the size of the junk pile was the evacuation itself. As E-day approached we put away all our things, firm in the belief that we soon would come back to them.

At is turned out we headed east. And the WRA faithfully packed and crated everything we had left and forward them to us. We are being more discriminating about the things we take along on this move. For one thing, every pound of weight is going to cost money.

It's funny how values change. Among the more treasured items this time are a jar of shortening and a bottle of salad oil which the clerk at the chain store slipped to us from under the counter. They've been packed carefully, for we hear they're rare items anywhere.

Among the adjustments to be made in Denver will be finding a butcher and a grocer with whom we can become friendly. For obvious reasons, of course.

We cultivated relationships with the butcher here so that if he had a package of bacon or a steak we'd be sure of getting it. It gave one a certain satisfying (and smug) feeling to be a favored customer, especially when transient shoppers were being turned back with a doleful: "Sorry, we haven't got a thing."

Oh, yes, before we forget it. We're going to work on the Denver Post.

The publishing plant is the same, and so are many of the employees, but the Post is not the

flexible, easily adjustable to the growing changes in the whole setup.

"Nothing that I have ever done has given me greater satisfaction or made me more happy in the end-result than my service with the WRA," said Mr. Myer. "It has been a tough grind, to be sure, but I've enjoyed working with my staff and with the evacuees in such a challenging undertaking."

We are not at liberty at this writing to reveal Mr. Myer's future plans but suffice it to say that it will be a job that is challenging and exciting in its social impact. It is impossible to picture Dillon Myer in any other kind of a job.

same newspaper which gave Heart Mountain in particular and Japanese Americans in general such a rough time during the war.

We feel that in joining the Post we are not compromising one whit the principles we upheld in more vigorous days in the Pacific Citizen and the Heart Mountain Sentinel.

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Perhaps there is a moral here. Something about the triumph of right. But today we are too tired to be moralizing.

Ruby Yoshino Gives Recital in Denver

DENVER — Ruby Yoshino of New York City, famed Nisei lyric soprano, won the enthusiastic acclaim of her audience as she appeared in a benefit recital on June 22 at the Phipps auditorium in Denver.

Also appearing in the all-Nisei concert were Masa Kitagawa, pianist, and Helen Nakamura, violinist.

Among Miss Yoshino's numbers were "Vissi D'Orte" from "Tosca" by Puccini and a group of Japanese songs by K. Yamada.

Miss Kitagawa, a senior in the School of Music at the University of Colorado who presented her first recital in Boulder last year, played two Chopin etudes, Opus 10, No. 3 and 12. Miss Kitagawa is a student protegee of Dr. Mark Wessell and has given several recitals with members of the music school.

Miss Nakamura, gifted young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Genta Nakamura of Denver, played Chopin's "Nocturne," Opus 9, No. 2, and "Tambourin Chinois" by Kreisler.

Miss Nakamura is a member of the Denver Junior Symphony and the student of Howard Reynolds of Denver. She is a sophomore at the University of Denver.

Miss Eleanor Leffingwell of Denver was the accompanist for the program.

The recital was sponsored by the Denver JACL, the California Street Methodist church and the Tri-State Young Buddhist League.

Saburo Kido Slated On Race Institute In Tennessee

Saburo Kido, former national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, will participate in the Fisk University Institute of Race Relations in Nashville, Tenn., July 1-20.

Kido will speak on a panel devoted to discussion of minorities other than the Negro on July 12 and will also take part in a cross-topical panel on management, labor and minorities on July 13.

Eiji Tanabe Gives Talks in Chicago Area

CHICAGO—A number of speaking engagements in the Chicago area have been scheduled for the last weekend in June for Eiji Tanabe, national JACL representative, according to the Chicago JACL office.

Engagements include a meeting at the Chicago Buddhist church on Sunday, June 20, at 7:30, and a meeting on Monday, July 1, at the Midwest Buddhist church, at the same hour.

R. Fujii, editor of the Chicago Shimpo, will be chairman at the meeting at the Midwest Buddhist

Both engagements are being sponsored by the Chicago JACL supporters group, of which Teruo Mukuoyama is chairman.

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**Monterey JACL
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MONTEREY, Calif.—The Monterey peninsula chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will participate in the U. S. Flag Centennial to be celebrated in Monterey, Calif., July 4-7, according to a decision reached by the chapter at a recent meeting. Plans have been drawn to take part in one of the two parades slated during that gala week and a pre-Centennial dance has been slated for the evening of July 3.

The pre-Centennial dance will feature the music of Sid Artellan and his popular orchestra. The locale of the dance has been set for the JACL hall, located on Adams street, directly across from the city ball park. The ball is slated to be informal and will start at 9 p. m.

The chapter's contribution to the 4th of July "military" parade will be its huge flag, measuring approximately 60 by 90 feet. An effort is being made to obtain the cooperation of the Nisei soldiers from the Military Intelligence Language school at the Presidio of Monterey to parade the flag.

James Tabata and Seizo Kodani are in charge of arrangements for the participation in the parade, while Mickey Ichijui will be dance chairman. Assisting the committee are Harry Menda and K. Oka.

Engagement

The engagement of Miss Sumi Oki, daughter of Mrs. K. Oki of Salt Lake City, to Cpl. Seiko Arakaki of Hawaii was announced on Thursday, June 27 in Salt Lake City.

Cpl. Arakaki is presently at McCormack General hospital in Pasadena. He was a member of the original 100th Infantry Battalion.

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**Seattle Girls' Club
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SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle Nisei Girls' Club will sponsor an informal party for Nisei veterans in and around Seattle on July 6 at Educational Center, 304 18th South, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

All veterans planning to attend are asked to get in touch with Harry Takagi at MA 5539 or Dave Hirahara at EL 7760, before noon, June 29.

Co-chairmen for the affair are Margaret Minato and Minnie Nakashima; Yoshiko Nakatsu, Kay Yokoyama and Rose Yatagi, refreshments; and Terry Oka, Sachi Yoshida and Kimi Watanabe, decorations; and May Funai, games.

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**Fellowship Group
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COLUMBUS, Ohio.—The World Fellowship committee of the YW-CA headed by Mrs. Ralph Powell, chairman, was host to "resettlers in the Columbus area at a picnic held May 30 at Camp Wildwood."

Mrs. Wallace Nunotani was chairman of the event, with the following committeemen: Hisaye and Alice Kozaki, invitations; Tony Takashima, and Mr. Smucker, transportation; Mrs. Kessler Ray Kitayama, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart, entertainment; and Mrs. Ralph Powell and Mrs. Marjorie Ota, refreshments.

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Four Candidates Named in Bussei Queen Contest

FRESNO, Calif.—Four candidates for "Miss Bussei of Central Cal." were introduced at the CCYBA graduation dance held recently in the Rainbow ballroom in Fresno.

The girl chosen to queen will reign over CCYBA carnival to be held on August 10 at the Fresno Betsuin.

The contestants presented by Willy Suda, chairman of the Carnival, were Kazue Yamasaki, Bowles; Ayako Hosaka, Reedley; Elaine Uyemura, Del Ray; and Michiko Ego, Fresno.

Any organization or individual wishing to submit an entry to the contest is urged to send the name and address of its entry to Kazue Sekiya, 715 D St., Fresno.

July Fourth Carnival Expected to Draw Large Attendance

CHICAGO—The Chicago Buddhist church's second annual Fourth of July carnival is expected to draw even larger crowds this year than last, when over a thousand persons attended the all-day celebration, according to the carnival committee.

A dance will be held in conjunction with the day-long carnival and will begin at 8 p. m. at Shotwell hall. Admission for the dance will be \$1.50 per couple and \$1 per person.

Chicago Bussei Slate Anniversary Dance

CHICAGO — In observance of the second anniversary of the Chicago YBA and the Midwest Buddhist church, an anniversary dance will be held on Saturday, July 13, at the International House. Jimmy Day and his orchestra will provide the music for the affair which will begin from 9 p. m. Bids are now on sale at \$2.50 per couple and \$2 for stags. The public is cordially invited, announced General Chairman Bob Mitsueda.

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Seek Reactivation Of Portland JACL

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland chapter of the JACL, formerly one of the most active of JACL groups, was on the road to reactivation this month with the election of a temporary cabinet and tentative adoption of a constitution.

A public meeting held May 31 resulted in the election of Kenzo Nakagawa as temporary president. His cabinet members, elected on June 14, will serve with him until December. They are Mary Minamoto, secretary; Milton Maeda, treasurer; and Shizuka Ikeda, publicity.

A constitution was tentatively adopted on June 21, with a final vote to be taken in two months. Members of the constitution committee were Ted Hachiya, Ted Takaya, Lily Kobayashi, Pollie Minamoto, Mary Minamoto, Charles Uyeda, Shig Hongo, Shig Sakamoto, Tosh Kuge, Abe Oyamada and Milton Maeda.

Standing committees have been appointed as follows: membership: Frances Moriyasu, Pollie Minamoto, Florence Anazawa; program and activities: Tosh Kuge, Marian Hara, Mary Furusho; political action: Kimi Tambara and Ted Takaya. Lily Kobayashi was appointed historian.

Okada Insurance Team Takes Lead in Salt Lake League

SALT LAKE CITY — Upsets marked the sixth round of play in the Salt Lake JACL Bowling league this week as the Okada Insurance team took the lead in the standings by shutting out Dawn Cafe, 4 to 0, with a scratch series of 2523.

The chief upsets were registered by the OK Cafe squad which defeated the Ogden Vets, 3 to 1, and by Murray which trounced Wally's Flowers, 3 to 1.

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To Mr. and Mrs. William Fujita a boy, Allan Shigeo, on June 14 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kujoji Kanehara a girl on June 25 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Kondo a girl on June 17 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio J. Kobayashi of Dinuba, Calif., a boy on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Junkichi Kagawa a boy on June 10 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Ariaku a boy on June 12 in Fowler, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Makino a girl on June 19 in Anaheim, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takumi Kashitoni, 3855 Eleventh East, Salt Lake City, a boy on June 20.

DEATHS

Tozaburo Oshiyama, 59, of 427 24th St., Ogden, Utah, on June 22. Kiyoharu Mayeda, 12, at Bacon Island, Calif.

Hifumi Teranishi, 20, on June 19 in Stockton, Calif.

Kaichiro Sakai on June 19 at Porterville, Calif.

Kotaro Yamaguchi on June 16 in Los Angeles.

Hidekichi Shiroishi in Compton, Calif.

Kimiko Sakuda (Mrs. Satoru Sakuda) on June 18 in Los Angeles.

Shinjiro Kaihara on June 16 in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Grace Kieko Fujii to Chihiro Kikuchi in Detroit, on June 8.

Katsumi Shimono of Gardena to George Hiromu Tomisaka in Los Angeles on June 22.

Misaye Watanabe to George Yamaoka in San Jose, Calif.

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Japanese American Reenters Political Contest in Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii—The first American of Japanese ancestry to announce his candidacy for a political office in Hawaii since 1942, Juichi Doi, former supervisor and representative on the Island of Hawaii, is now campaigning for election to the board of supervisors.

It is believed that several other Japanese Americans, formerly prominent in territorial political life, will resume their activities this year.

In 1942 five Japanese Americans were nominated in the territorial primaries in October. All withdrew, however, from the November finals on the advice of military officials.

Many other Japanese Americans in Hawaiian politics retired voluntarily after the outbreak of the war and did not enter the 1942 elections.

The five successful candidates in

1942 who later withdrew from the finals were Noboru Miyake and George K. Watase, renominated as supervisors on Kauai; Wallace Otsuka, nominated to the territorial legislature from Kauai; Sakuichi Sakai, re-elected to his post as supervisor on the Island of Hawaii; and Yutaka Hamamoto, Republican nominee for supervisor on Kauai.

Miyake said in a press statement at the time of his withdrawal in 1942 that he was taking the lead in the withdrawal of Japanese American candidates as he was the eldest elected public official of Japanese ancestry on Kauai.

San Francisco JACL Office Moves to Uptown Location

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California regional office of the JACL will return to its pre-evacuation location this week, moving from its present location in the Woolbridge building.

The new office of the JACL will be in the former Kinmon school building, now known as the Booker T. Washington Community center at 2031 Bush Street.

International Institute Seeks Interpreters

SAN FRANCISCO—The International Institute this week asked for the services of volunteer translators to aid the institute in its program of counselling Japanese-Americans needing assistance and services.

The volunteers are urgently needed to interpret for Issei who cannot speak or understand English adequately at clinics and welfare agencies, the institute reported.

Volunteers will be contacted whenever their services are needed and arrangements will be worked out to suit the convenience of the volunteers, the institute said.

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The Secretary of War has authorized two Discharge Review Boards (at the Munitions Building in Washington and at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.)

Appellants have the right to appear personally before the boards and may be represented by legal counsel. They may also submit their cases in writing to the board.

(Ed. Note: A number of Japanese American soldiers were discharged from the army at the outset of the war and some received "blue discharges" as a result of a misunderstanding of the status of these discharges on the part of local authorities.)

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Boise Valley JACL To Sponsor Bazaar

CALDWELL, Ida. — The third annual Fourth of July bazaar of the Boise Valley JACL will be the largest affair ever held, according to the organization.

The all-day celebration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Caldwell Labor Center and will feature sports, concessions and refreshments. Both Japanese and American dishes will be served in style in the recreation hall.

Canadian Legion Favors Deportation Of Japanese Group

QUEBEC, Canada — The principle behind a British Columbia resolution that all persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada, including Canadian-born citizens, but excluding war veterans, be deported was approved by the 11th biennial Canadian Legion convention in a standing vote, it was reported recently.

The resolution was moved by a British Columbia delegate to the convention, William Stone of Victoria, who said it was only "fairness" to the Japanese and Japanese Canadians themselves when they could not be "assimilated" by Canada.

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