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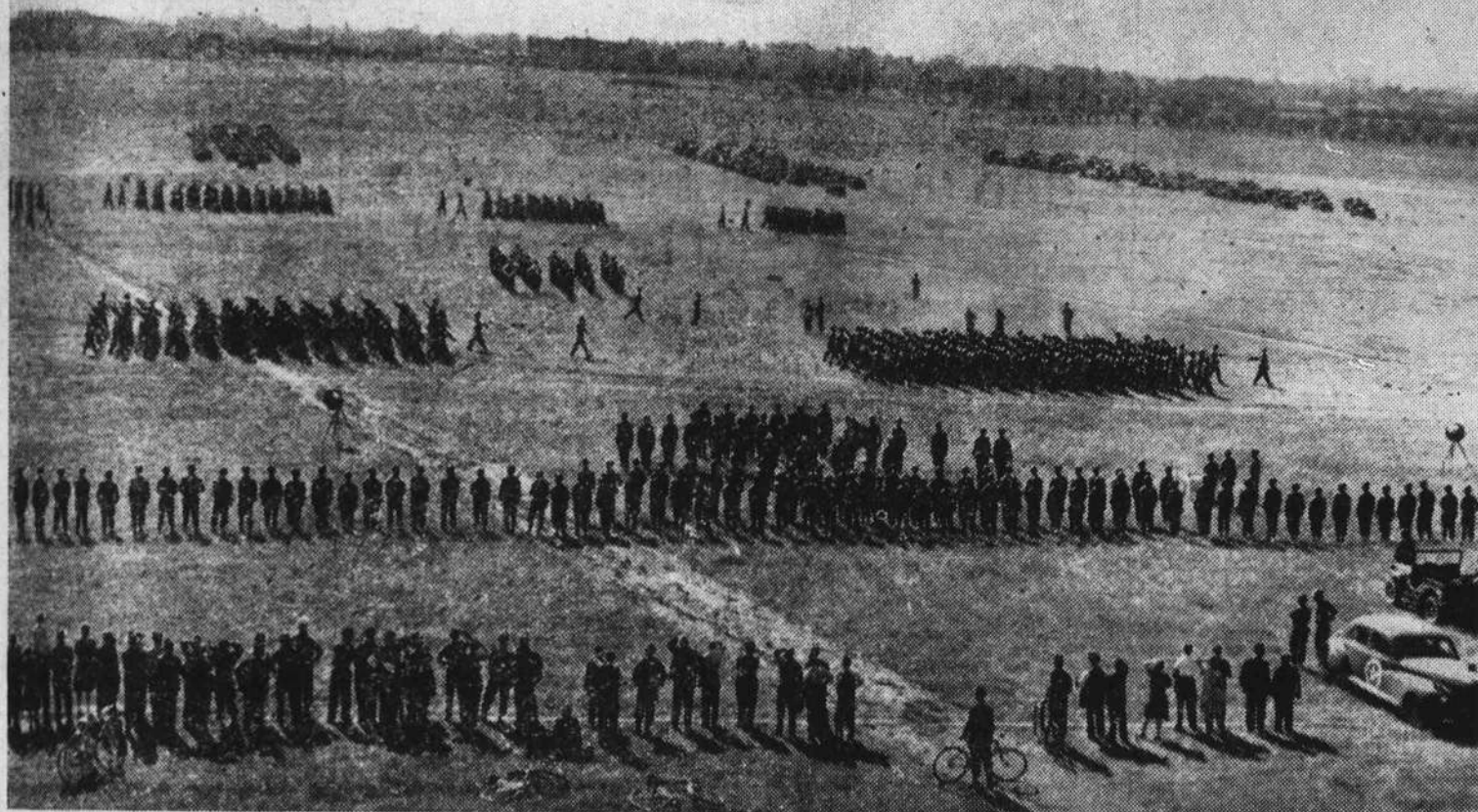
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## Heroes' Welcome Given 442nd on Return

### WELCOME HOME

### 442<sup>ND</sup> COMBAT TEAM



## New York Goes All Out for Nisei Vets

Spectators Jam  
New York Dock  
To Greet Soldiers

By LARRY TAJIRI

NEW YORK CITY—Japanese Americans of World War II represented by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team came home from the wars on July 2 to receive a tumultuous welcome from the world's largest city.

Against the background of the Statue of Liberty and the towers of Lower Manhattan, New York harbor staged a spectacular show for 481 men and 17 officers of the 442nd and 800 other returning veterans aboard the troopship Wilson Victory.

Army bombers swept across the bow as the ship passed Sandy Hook. In the lower harbor the Wilson Victory was met by a welcoming tug which proudly bore huge replicas of the Liberty Torch shoulder patch of the 442nd. Aboard the tug a Fort Hamilton band played "Aloha," "Hawaiian War Chant," "Song of the Islands" and other songs. Also aboard the tug were the Terry twins, Eileen and Ann, America's most famous greeters of returning veterans. The Terry twins have met 1200 ships and welcomed three million soldiers back home.

New York harbor fireboats put on a fancy display as the ship entered the lower harbor. Tugs screeched and larger ships blasted their horns. Planes buzzed the troopship, which was jammed to the rails with the khaki of the returning GIs.

As the ship passed lower Manhattan confetti scattered from some office windows while anonymous arms waved the city's welcome.

More than 500 friends of the 442nd were waiting at the pier at the foot of Manhattan's Forty-fourth street as the ship made fast. Among them were many parents, wives and relatives of the men come home from Europe.

Earl Finch, who knew hundreds of the boys in their training days at Camp Shelby, Miss., was at the dock. Also present were Joseph Farrington, Hawaiian delegate to Congress, and Lyn Crost, girl war correspondent of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, who reported the story of the 442nd overseas.

Many discharged veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd were also on hand to greet their returning buddies.

The 442nd returnees stepped off the gangplank into a battery of newsreel cameras while hula girls danced nearby. Leis were placed around the necks of the first group off the boat. A thousand fresh flower leis made in Hawaii last week especially for this event did not arrive in time because of the advanced date of return.

Once the 442nd returnees were off the boat they were marched smartly before the reviewing stand by Colonel Alfred Pursall, former regimental executive officer, who came from Missouri to take part in the ceremony, and Major Sterling Moore of Arkansas, who commanded the returning unit.

When interviewed the men of the Japanese American unit expressed heartfelt appreciation for the unexpected welcome adding that they knew it was meant for "all men who served with the 442nd overseas."

The Nisei were officially welcomed home by Colonel A. M. Sheets, representing General Jacob Devers, commander, Army Ground Forces, who said he was "most proud."

"Your country is proud of you, the Army is proud of you, and I am proud," Gen. Dever's message stated.

The record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will serve as

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## Army Officers Praise 442nd in Welcoming Ceremony

### John McCloy Tells of Formation of Nisei Unit Against Opposition

Camp Kilmer is Scene  
Of Big Reception  
For Nisei Troops

CAMP KILMER, N. J. — The triumphal return of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on July 3 was re-emphasized on July 3 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, where the War Department held a "Welcome Home" ceremony for the Japanese American veterans.

John J. McCloy, former assistant secretary of war, and Major General Alfred M. Guenther, former chief of staff to General Clark in Italy, gave the major welcoming addresses.

Joseph Farrington, delegate from Hawaii, Brigadier-General Robert H. Wylie, chief of the office of transportation of the War Department, and Major General Stuart Plank, commander of the New York port of embarkation, also addressed the returning veterans, as did Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Ioji Sekine.

Speaking to the men for whom he fought while he was in the War Department, McCloy told how he first came to know of the Japanese Americans who wanted to serve their country.

McCloy said he was in Hawaii shortly after Pearl Harbor when he first met the Nisei. Coming across some Nisei who were at work clearing debris, he was introduced to them. They immediately told him that as Americans they wanted to join the U. S. Army.

They demanded, McCloy said, "privileges and the obligations" of their American citizenship and asked that he help them in the United States Army.

Returning to the mainland, McCloy was sent to many of the reception centers on tour of duty.

There, over and over, he was asked by the Nisei to use his offices in seeing that they be allowed to don uniforms. He returned to Washington and pressed their case.

With the aid of General Marshall, chief of staff, the combat unit was formed.

"It is a great organization," McCloy told the veterans of the 442nd. "You never let us down. You don't have to dip your colors to any unit in the U. S. Army. You deserve well of your country."

"Go For Broke" you were in war. "Go For Broke" you are in peace," he said.

McCloy assured the veterans that he would at any time do anything he could to help them.

General Guenther told for the first time of behind-the-scenes activity in Italy during the time the 442nd was stationed there.

He declared that both General Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Army Ground Forces, and General Mark W. Clark wanted to have the 442nd with their own units.

Guenther revealed that when the 100th Infantry Battalion landed at Salerno on September 26, 1943, there was a good deal of doubt as to the loyalty and fighting ability of the unit.

By the time the 442nd reached Europe, Guenther said, the fame of Japanese American fighting men was so well entrenched that every unit in Italy asked that the new Nisei group be attached to it. At the specific request of General Charles Ryder, said Guenther, the 442nd was finally attached to the 34th Division, one of the proudest military units in the Army. The 34th Division had pointed out that

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### Nisei Combat Team To Parade Before President Truman

NEW YORK CITY — The proud 442nd Regimental Combat Team will parade in Washington before President Harry Truman on or about July 13, after which it will return to Fort Belvoir in Virginia for deactivation ceremonies about July 15.

The 442nd, now stationed at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, will leave for Fort Belvoir on July 8.

A number of individual members of the 442nd have been presented to President Truman at the White House in the past.

### JACL Headquarters Requests Hearings On Indemnity Bills

With the announcement that a companion bill to S. 2127, the so-called evacuation claims measure, had been introduced in the House of Representatives last week, National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League revealed that it has requested opportunities to be heard on the subject before both the House and Senate groups interested in these bills.

JACL Headquarters has sent identical letters to Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Representative Sumners, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, requesting opportunities to present its reactions to the bill as prepared originally by the War Relocation Authority and the Interior Department to indemnify in part the evacuees for losses caused through the exclusion orders of 1942.

NOVI LIGURI AIRPORT, Italy — The 442nd Regimental Combat Team is shown here parading after victory in the gigantic V-E Day celebration at Novi Liguri airport before 300 visiting officers, including General Lucian Truscott, who flew to this area to present presidential distinguished unit awards to the regiment. The entire regiment, including motorized units (seen in background) marched in the parade. Visiting officers are shown in single row of men. Marching are the 442nd troops.

## House Receives Indemnity Bill For Evacuees

Representative Sumners  
Introduces Measure  
At Krug's Request

WASHINGTON—An evacuation claims measure to indemnify persons of Japanese ancestry who suffered financial loss through the 1942 mass evacuation was introduced in the House of Representatives last week by Rep. Hatton W. Sumners of Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary committee.

The bill, now designated as H. R. 6780, has been assigned to the judiciary committee for study.

The bill, which is a companion measure to Senate bill 2127, was introduced at the request of Interior Secretary J. A. Krug and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

Senate Bill 2127, which was introduced by Allen J. Ellender, chairman of the Senate Claims committee, has been referred to the Judiciary committee. The House bill is identical with the Senate bill.

### Pictorial Section

The Pacific Citizen will present a special pictorial section on the return of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to the United States in its July 13 issue.

Included will be photos showing various phases of the triumphant return of the Nisei unit.



# Japanese Americans Fought In Major Campaigns in War For France, Germany and Italy

**442nd Regimental Combat Team Played Major Role in Capture of Leghorn, Suffered Heavy Casualties in Rescue of "Lost Battalion"**

NEW YORK—The 442nd Combat Team has returned to the United States, two years after the unit was sent overseas to participate in the battle for Italy.

The original 442nd Infantry, minus one battalion which had been sent overseas earlier as replacements for the 100th Infantry Battalion, left Hampton Roads, Virginia, on May 1, 1944. The unit landed in Naples 28 days later.

Two weeks later at Civitavecchia, the 100th Infantry Battalion, veterans of Salerno and the siege of Cassino, joined the 442nd to become the first battalion of the Combat Team.

For operational purposes the 442nd Combat Team was attached to the famous 34th (Red Bull) Division, the first American division to leave the State for overseas action after Pearl Harbor. The troops trained at Civitavecchia until June 21 and five days later the 442nd was committed to action for the first time as a unit at Suvereto. The regimental objective was a key road junction beyond the town of Sasseta. The operation was a success and one SS battalion was completely destroyed.

All three battalions crossed the Cecina river on July 1, continuing the drive up the Ligurian coast. The following day the regiment pushed on to cut the east-west road from Castellina to the sea. Here the enemy elected to put up his most determined stand since his defenses before Rome and the attacking men of the 442nd ran into a storm of fire of all types. The troops were limited to small gains for the next two days. On the Fourth of July the 3rd Battalion moved in to relieve the 100th and the 2nd and 3rd Battalions went on to grind a costly yard by yard advance against Hill 140 and the ridge line running west from it to the coastal plain. By the afternoon of the 5th, the 3rd Battalion had overrun strong enemy defenses dug into caves, and the 2nd Battalion stormed and seized their part of Hill 140 in a vicious night attack before the dawn of July 6. Meanwhile, the 100th Battalion swung around to the right flank of the 2nd, and driving abreast of the 3rd Battalion, cut the Castellina road and cleared the city by the evening of the 7th of July. The battle was on for the important port city of Leghorn and it became apparent, as the enemy gave ground grudgingly, that it was here that the battle for Leghorn would be fought.

The hilltop towns of Pieve di San Luce and Pastina fell before elements of the 442nd and Luciano, which controlled the roads leading to Leghorn, also fell on July 17 after bitter fighting. The 522nd Field Artillery had poured thousands of rounds into the enemy positions, while the 232nd Engineers worked under small arms fire to clear mines so ammunition and supplies could be brought up.

The 100th Battalion was driving northwest on the Orciano-Leghorn road, establishing a series of roadblocks to protect the left flank of the 442nd. After Luciano fell to the 3rd Battalion, the unit swept on, liberating Colle Salvetti and occupied the last high ground south of the Arno River. Observation posts of the 442nd could see the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in the distance.

The same day Leghorn was entered by elements of the 91st Di-

vision and by the 100th Battalion.

The Anti-Tank company was detached from the Combat Team on July 15 and joined the First Airborne Provisional Division, later the First Airborne Task Force, south of Rome. One month later on August 15 men of the 442nd Anti-Tank company were among the invasion troops which landed from gliders on the soil of southern France. Men of the company participated in the drive toward the Franco-Italian frontier. The company rejoined the Combat Team in time to take part in the battle in the Vosges Mountains of France to relieve the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division.

After a rest following the successful battle for Leghorn the 442nd was sent to southern France to join the Seventh Army in the developing battle for approaches to the German Rhineland.

In October, 1944 the Combat Team was attached to the 36th (Texas) Division and went into action in the Vosges Mountains of France, a natural barrier to the key city of Strasbourg, the gateway to southeastern Germany.

Along with other elements of the Seventh Army, the 442nd ran into fanatical German opposition in the mountain fastnesses of the Vosges.

On Oct. 15 the 442nd attacked the key road and rail center of Bruyeres. By noon of the 17th the 100th Battalion had advanced as far as the first of four conical hills overlooking Bruyeres. The 2nd Battalion, fighting on the right of the 100th kept pace, driving back two enemy counterattacks. Meanwhile the 3rd Battalion swung quietly into position on the right of the 2nd Battalion on the night of the 17th. The next morning all three battalions mounted a battering-ram attack behind a screen of fire from the 522nd Artillery. The hills which guarded Bruyeres fell before the combined attack.

Col. Charles W. Pence, commanding officer of the 442nd from the time of its activation, formed a task force comprised of Companies F and L of the 442nd and this group, under the command of Major Emmet O'Connor, moved without detection during the night of October 20 into the enemy's rear. At dawn the next morning the task force attacked from the rear, while 2nd and 3rd Battalions attacked the enemy's main line of resistance. Caught in a deadly pincers, the enemy forces were reduced. Members of the O'Connor task force were awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation by the War Department.

The attack continued in force and the 100th Infantry took Bifontaine on Oct. 23. Three days later the 442nd Combat Team was directed to relieve the First Battalion, 141st Infantry of the Texas

## Nisei Liberators Hailed



GENOA, Italy—Celebrating Italian Partisans shown above with banners and flags greeted incoming Nisei troops as they entered Genoa late in April, 1945. The 442nd moved into the city, liberating it shortly before the end of the war. Three figures to right are Nisei combatmen on trucks riding into the port city.

## 5,000 Individual Awards Won By Men of 442nd Infantry in Italian, French Campaigns

**Medal of Honor, 47 Distinguished Service Crosses, Three Thousand Purple Hearts Given Personnel of Nisei Group; Seven Presidential Citations Listed**

NEW YORK—The 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team, which spent 240 days in the front-lines of Italy and southeastern France, won more major decorations for the time spent in combat than any other comparable unit in the United States Army.

Men of the 442nd Combat Team won every major combat award and the unit itself received seven Distinguished Unit Citations, two Meritorious Service Plaques and a Unit Army Commendation.

Individual awards to personnel of the 442nd Infantry totaled 5,056, including 3,600 Purple Hearts.

Other individual awards to members of the 442nd included one Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to Pfc. Sada Munemori of Los Angeles, Calif.; 47 Distinguished Service Crosses, one Distinguished Service Medal, 12 Oak Leaf Clusters to

Division which had been cut off by strong enemy forces.

After four days of heavy fighting, during which the 442nd suffered more casualties than the number of men they sought to rescue, the relief of the "Lost Battalion" was effected.

The month of October which the 442nd had spent as part of the Texas Division had been a month of great heroism and great tragedy. At the time they had gone into the line the 442nd had been the only fresh troops the Seventh Army had possessed. A month later, the Combat Team was so badly battered that it could not go on without replacements and these were not forthcoming.

The 442nd spent the next four months on the "Champagne Front," guarding the Franco-Italian frontier in the Maritime Alps. The 522nd Field Artillery was separated from the Combat Team and rejoined the Seventh Army, taking part in the dash of U. S. forces through southern Germany to the gates of Berchtesgaden. The 522nd stayed on in Germany until after V-E day.

Col. C. W. Pence, still suffering from an injury received in the Vosges, was ordered to other duties and the command of the 442nd was given to Col. V. R. Miller, regimental executive officer.

The 442nd returned to Italy under cover of top secrecy in March, 1945. It drew new equipment and was attached to the 92nd Division. Under cover of darkness the 100th moved into a forward area in the vicinity of Vallecchia. The 3rd Battalion detrucked at Prietrasenta and marched eight miles over mountain trails to Azzano. The unit remained hidden until the next night when it moved out, led by a Partisan guide and gained the ridge line between Mount Folgorito and Mount Carchio, high points which guarded the Ligurian cities of Massa, Carrara and the great Nazi naval base at La Spezia. These positions had resisted Allied attacks for six months but the surprise maneuver of the 442nd, launched on April 5, reduced the enemy defenses in two days. The 442nd's attack was the spear-

the Silver Star, 350 Silver Star Medals, 18 Legions of Merit, 16 Soldier's Medals, 41 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star, 823 Bronze Star Medals, one Air Medal, two Army Commendation Ribbons, 40 Army Commendations, 87 Division Commendations, one Brigade Commendation, 12 Croix de Guerre (French government), one Palm to the Croix de Guerre, two Italian War Crosses for Valor and one Italian Bronze Star for Valor.

The total of 5,056 include awards to individuals of the 442nd Infantry as of June 19, 1946 but do not include awards to members of the 522nd Field Artillery of the 442nd after the assignment of the latter unit to the Seventh Army in March, 1944.

## Continuing Agency for Evacuee Problems Asked by JACL

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League this week asked the Department of Interior to establish a continuing agency to handle all unresolved problems resulting from the evacuation and the close of the War Relocation Authority.

The JACL's request was sent to Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of the Interior department.

The WRA, which handled the resettlement of over 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during 1942-46, was officially closed on June 30 of this year.

In a special order to Interior Secretary Krug, President Truman on June 26 ordered termination of the authority by June 30 and asked that the agency wind up its affairs by that date.

head which launched the final great Allied offensive which ended the war in Italy.

Massa, Carrara and La Spezia fell before the 442nd and other elements attached to the 92nd Division.

On April 30 elements of the 442nd had reached the great industrial center of Turin, while other elements entered Genoa.

After V-E day the 442nd remained on duty in Italy, processing enemy POWs and guarding supplies from Naples to Bologna.

On June 19, 1946 the 442nd Regimental Combat Team ceased to exist as a unit in Italy. 500 of its men returned to the United States while 1300 others were assigned to serve with other Army units until they are eligible for discharge.

## Famous Stars Join in Fete To Honor Nisei

**Calloway, Falkenberg, And Ella Logan Among Special Entertainers**

NEW YORK CITY—The tumultuous welcome accorded the 442nd Regimental Combat Team when it docked in New York City July 2 continued unabated through the Fourth of July weekend with entertainment, dances and special honors for the heroes returning from Europe.

Cab Calloway and his orchestra, Jinx Falkenberg, Ella Logan and Peter Lind Hayes were among the bright names of the entertainment world who joined in honoring the Nisei fighting men.

They appeared at a dance sponsored by the 442nd Reception Committee of New York on the evening of July 3 at the 9th Infantry Armory.

Jinx Falkenberg, who appeared before the men of the 442nd while they were in Italy, was enthusiastically greeted. Miss Falkenberg was at one time voted the favorite pin-up girl of the 442nd. A color movie of Earl Finch's trip to Hawaii was shown to the audience.

The dance was arranged through the special cooperation of Pfc. Everett J. Starr and Col. L. A. Keyes of the 9th Infantry New York Guard. Clara Clayman of the New York JACL was chairman for the event.

A special television broadcast featuring two men of the 442nd was scheduled for the evening of July 4.

Earlier on the day of the fourth the men were to be the guests of Earl Finch, their old-time friend, at a "watermelon bust," reminiscent of his famous parties during the unit's training days at Camp Shelby.

## 1,300 Members Of 442nd Unit Still in Italy

**Those Not Eligible For Discharge Being Assigned to New Duties**

LEGHORN, Italy—With the return of 500 officers and men and the colors of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to the United States, 1,300 enlisted personnel of the 442nd who were not eligible for discharge are remaining on occupation duty in Italy and have been reassigned to other units of the Peninsular Base Section.

The 1,300 Japanese Americans still in Italy will serve with the 10th Port of Embarkation, 345th Engineers, Quartermaster Salvage Depot, 61st Station Hospital, PBS Headquarters and Special Service, Signal Service companies, 31st Finance section of PBS, with ordinance and with the Graves Registration Unit.

## Half of Returning Group Will Be Discharged in Hawaii

CAMP KILMER, N. J.—Half of the men of the 442nd (Go For Broke) Regimental Combat Team who returned to the United States this week are now on their way to Hawaii, while the other half are going back to homes in the mainland United States.

Out of the 483 enlisted men and 19 officers who returned on the Wilson Victory, 234 will be transhipped to the Territory of Hawaii for discharge, while 249 will be released in 20 states in the United States. Three of the officers will return to Hawaii while the other 16 will receive their discharge documents from separation centers in the United States.

## Nisei Vocalist Presented in Chicago Concert

CHICAGO—Alexander Nakutin presented his youthful and talented protege Suzanne Tora, 21, in a vocal recital Sunday, June 23, at Chicago's Kimball hall. For the past several months Miss Tora has been filling many engagements in this city under his management. Professor Nakutin was the teacher of the late and famous singer Tamaki Miura.



NAPLES, Italy—Troops of the 442nd shown entering Naples shortly after debarking on May 30, 1944, from the United States.



## Oakland Woman Regains Right To Citizenship

Evacuation Delays  
Naturalization For  
Tama Kuritsubo

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Tama Kuritsubo of Oakland finally regained her U. S. citizenship last week after a four-year delay occasioned by the evacuation of 1942. Although born in the United States, Mrs. Kuritsubo lost her citizenship when she married her Issei husband prior to 1931, year in which the Cable act was passed. The Cable act permitted Japanese American women to regain their citizenship through naturalization when such citizenship was lost by marriage.

Mrs. Kuritsubo had made her application and completed all preliminary examinations for the regaining of her citizenship, but she couldn't appear in court in San Francisco for her final papers.

The reason was that on that day in 1942 she was scheduled to register for evacuation from Oakland to leave for Tanforan assembly center the following morning.

Returning to the state last year Mrs. Kuritsubo renewed her application and was last week granted her certificate of naturalization.

## New York Roars Welcome To 442nd Team

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it had had the service of the 100th and wanted the 442nd also.

When General Devers was in Southeastern France, he asked that the 442nd be sent there from Italy, where it had been engaged in some of the toughest fighting of the war. This was done over the objections, Guenther said, of General Mark Clark. Later during the final offensive in Italy, General Clark asked that the 442nd be returned, and the Japanese American unit returned to Italy.

"If you wanted to boast," General Guenther said, "you could say you won the war in Italy. While you were with us, we were winning. While you were gone, we didn't do much. And when you returned, we won the war."

"Your outstanding record for individual and unit awards is unsurpassed by men in units of comparable size in the Army," Guenther declared. "The War Department is proud and welcomes you back. The War Department is reaffirmed in its conviction that you are good and loyal Americans."

Gen Wylie told of an instance in Hawaii when he, a general, was not allowed to get into a dock area because the driver of his car was a Private Okamoto.

"Since then," Gen. Wylie said, "Private Okamoto and all other Japanese Americans have proven their loyalty."

Sekine spoke as the representative of older generation of Japanese Americans. The Issei, he said, are glad of the war record of their sons. "Your parents are proud of you," he told the 442nd.

Deactivation on July 15

The Nisei unit will remain at Camp Kilmer until July 8, when they will be sent to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. On July 13 they are scheduled to parade before President Truman in Washington, following which they will return to Fort Belvoir for deactivation ceremonies on July 15.

## Rosenberg Foundation Gives Fund to JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—A grant of \$3600 has been voted by the Rosenberg Foundation to carry on the work of the Northern California office of the National JACL in San Francisco.

Last year the group gave \$6000 to the JACL for its work in Northern California.

## Rev. Brooks Moore Is Honored by Idaho Falls YPC

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Rev. and Mrs. Brooks Moore were honored at a reception June 25 at the Trinity Methodist church by the Idaho Falls YPC.

The Rev. Brooks was reappointed pastor of the church for another year.

Shig Nii acted as master of ceremonies.

## Conference Called to Consider Problems of Minority Veterans

NEW YORK — Report from Washington agencies responsible for the administration of the G. I. Bill will have priority on the agenda of the National Action Conference on Minority Veterans Problems when it convenes in New York City, July 12. Called by the American Council on Race Relations, the conference is a follow-up on the national emergency conference which met in April.

Participation by more than 100 veterans' groups and civic organizations is expected at the conference, to be held at the Willkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street, to hear officials of federal agencies discuss their progress in the elimination of discrimination and inadequacies in the veterans program. Representatives from national veterans' groups will discuss how their respective organizations are meeting the special problems of Negro, Japanese American and other minority group veterans.

A luncheon meeting at the 400 Restaurant, 521 Fifth Avenue, will have as its principal speaker, Brigadier General Charles T. Lanham, War Department General Staff and Director of the Bureau of Information and Education. General Lanham served in Normandy as the assistant divisional commander of the 104th Infantry Division. Under his command was

one of the Army's experimental mixed combat teams.

Women in the Armed Forces will be represented by former WAC Major Charity E. Adams, commanding officer of the only Negro WAC unit assigned for overseas duty; Lt. Harriet Pickens, one of the first three Negro women inducted into the WAVES, and Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Charles H. Houston, vice president of the American Council, will act as chairman of the conference. He will also make a report on the action of the special committee appointed at the April conference to discuss problems of minority group veterans with officials administering the veterans' program.

"In addition to deciding the continuing action necessary, this conference will accomplish two important objectives," said A. A. Liveright, executive director of the American Council.

"First, it will show the degree to which government agencies have acted upon recommendations made to them by the special committee appointed at the last conference; and secondly, it will indicate clearly what position the various veterans' organizations will take with respect to the very urgent problems confronting minority group veterans," he concluded.

## Men of 442nd Won Many Championships in Athletics

### 650 of 442nd's Men Died in Action Overseas

NEW YORK — Six hundred and fifty men of the 442nd Combat Team were killed in action overseas.

In its campaigns in Italy and southeastern France elements of the 442nd suffered losses of 4,349 men wounded in action. In addition, 4,881 men were listed as casualties for combat-induced illnesses, including frostbite, trench foot and battle fatigue.

## Returnees on Wilson Hold Valor Awards

Three Silver Star  
Winners Arrive with  
442nd Combat Team

NEW YORK—Three winners of the 350 Silver Stars awarded to men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team for gallantry in action are among the 481 enlisted men of the 442nd who arrived in New York this week from Italy.

The men who hold the Silver Star are Staff Sgt. Takashi Uyeno, Fort Lupton, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Kiyomi K. Kobashi, Rt. 1, Parlier, Calif.; and Staff Sgt. George Nishimura, Nyssa, Ore.

Seven winners of Bronze Star medals were also in the 442nd Contingent who arrived on the Wilson Victory. They are Staff Sgt. Ken Matsuda, 270 Park Ave., New York City; Sgt. Harry J. Kiyomura, 6440 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Staff Sgt. Don H. Shigaki, 6138 University Ave., Chicago; First Sgt. Yeiki Matsui, Elko, Nev.; Staff Sgt. Takeo Fudenna, Garland, Utah; Sgt. Tom Niida, Greeley, Colo.; and Pfc. Paul W. Nishimura, Okmulgee, Okla.

In all, men of the 442nd Combat Team won 823 Bronze Stars and 41 clusters to the Bronze Star.

## NAACP Resolution Declares Minority Problems Identical

CINCINNATI, O. — Problems faced by all American minority groups were labeled "identical" by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People at the opening of the national convention on June 26 in Cincinnati.

"The rising tide of anti-Catholicism and anti-Jewish feeling, discrimination against Japanese Americans, Mexicans and American Indians must be viewed with alarm by this association," the resolution declared.

NEW YORK—Men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team established an excellent record in GI competition overseas.

Swimmers of the 442nd, featuring such Hawaiian stars as Charlie Oda and Takashi Hirose, won the Fifth Army championships for 1944 and 1945. As representatives of the Fifth Army, the 442nd's natators went on to win the Mediterranean area championship in 1944.

The 442nd Infantry's baseball team was leading the Peninsular Base Section's Arno League with nine straight wins at the time the Combat Team was deactivated. The team was coached by Lieut. Bill Santschi of Alliance, Ohio.

The 442nd Infantry won the 1945 PBS Zone championship in volleyball and later the Mediterranean theater championship.

Although outweighed by all their opponents, the 442nd's football team came in second to the 92nd Division in the 10-team PBS league in 1945.

The 442nd won the PBS basketball championship in 1945 and toured northern Italy and Germany with a strong team in 1946.

## Ten Members Of Original 442nd Return

Eight Officers, Two  
Enlisted Men Among  
Returnees on Wilson

NEW YORK—Eight officers and two enlisted men of the nearly 500 members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who returned home to the United States this week from Italy were members of the original 442nd Infantry which landed in Naples, Italy on May 29, 1944.

The following returning officers are members of the "original" 442nd:

Captain Norman F. Kurlan, regimental supply officer; Captain Walter A. Mackey, regimental communications officer; Captain California S. Ushiro, regimental surgeon; First Lieut. Thomas M. Kobayashi, regimental adjutant; First Lieut. Kenneth T. Masamitsu, executive officer of Company M; First Lieut. Kiyoshi D. Teraoka, dental surgeon; First Lieut. Robert I. Wakuya, Hq. and Hq. Company commander; Second Lieut. Unkei Uchima, platoon leader, Company M.

Lieutenants Masamitsu, Teraoka and Wakuya won combat promotions on the battlefield.

The two enlisted men who were members of the "original Combat Team are:

T/5 Edward S. Murakami, Honolulu, T. H., and Tech. Sgt. Mitsugi J. Tagawa, 2222 N. Sedgwick St., Chicago, Ill.

## Deportation Relief Bills Returned to Committee

### Colors of Famed 100th Infantry May Return to Hawaii

NEW YORK—It was reported here that the colors of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion, first all-Japanese American unit to see combat overseas, may be returned to Hawaii for unofficial inactivation ceremonies by veterans of the 100th Infantry.

The colors of the "One Puka Puka" Battalion were returned to the United States this week as part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which the 100th joined in June, 1944 in Italy.

The original 100th Battalion was formed out of the Japanese American members of the Hawaiian National Guard. The 100th landed at Salerno as part of the 34th (Red Bull) Division and distinguished itself in heavy combat in the crossings of the Volturno and the Rapido and the siege of Cassino and the defense of the Anzio beachhead.

## County Files In Kariya Escheat Case

Orange County Moves  
To Gain Control of  
27-Acre Ranch

SANTA ANA, Calif. — County Counsel Joel E. Ogle filed escheat proceedings on June 27 against Hiroshi Kariya, Hide Kariya, Kenneth Tanaka and Masashi Kariya on the grounds of evasion of the state's anti-alien land act.

The land was formerly owned by G. F. Sloan and Josephine Hegenbart, who transferred title in 1931. Harry and Hide Kariya, aliens, are charged with being the real owners of the land. Tanaka and Masashi Kariya, listed as owners of the property, are claimed to be the "apparent" owners. The county counsel charges that they are listed as the owners to cover the true ownership.

The escheat proceedings were filed by Ogle and Atty Gen. Robert W. Kenny.

## Application to New York State Bar Granted Tom Hayashi

NEW YORK CITY—Tom Hayashi was one of 100 men sworn in as an attorney and counselor-at-law on June 25 when his application to the New York State Bar was formally accepted.

Since passing his bar examination in March of this year, Hayashi has been connected with the New York law firm of Whitman, Ranson, Coulson and Goetz.

Hayashi is a graduate of the Sacramento junior college and Bard college. His law training was received at the New York University School of Law.

## Immigration Group Asks Further Study On Deportation

House bills for the relief of Japanese nationals now subject for deportation have been referred back to the special sub-committee for further study, Mike Masaoka, national JACL secretary has been informed by Walt M. Besterman, clerk of the House Immigration and Naturalization Committee.

Besterman wrote that the full House committee heard the report of its sub-committee appointed to consider these special relief measures for Japanese nationals on June 26 and decided to send the bills back to the sub-committee for further study.

The sub-committee chairman is Representative George Miller of Alameda, California. Other members are Representatives E. H. Hedrick of West Virginia, O. C. Fisher of Texas, and Edward H. Rees of Kansas.

The particular bills under consideration are H. R. 5454, H. R. 5927, and H. R. 6505. H. R. 5454 is the Eberharter bill which strikes out the "inadmissible to citizenship" clause in the deportation laws, thereby providing the Attorney General with the discretionary powers to suspend deportation in hardship cases. H. R. 5927 is a Justice department sponsored bill which grants the attorney general a five year period in which to cancel stays of deportation based upon hardship, should he discover subsequently that actual hardships do not exist. H. R. 6505 is the Judd bill, which provides that the Attorney General may suspend deportation if he finds that such deportation would result in serious economic detriment to a citizen or a legally resident alien who is spouse, parent, or minor child of such deportable alien or if such alien has made valuable contributions to the war effort of the United States between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

A JACL source reports that the sub-committee was favorable to some action affording relief to Japanese nationals who fall into either or both the hardship cases and the former treaty merchant categories. This same source reveals that the full committee also seemed to be favorably disposed toward a bill embracing the main features of the three bills mentioned above but was unanimous in the opinion that the matter required further study and a complete rewording of the original bill, H. R. 5454.

## Cincinnati Nisei Volunteer for Marines, Army

CINCINNATI, O.—Two Cincinnati Nisei, Marvin Yoshikawa and William Sugawara, recently volunteered for service in the U. S. Marines and the Army.

Yoshikawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikawa, formerly of Marysville, Calif., left June 26 for Paris Island, South Carolina, to enter the Marine Corps, while Sugawara, son of Mrs. K. Sugawara, formerly of Sebastopol, Calif., left here June 28 for Louisville, Ky., to enter the Army. Both were June high school graduates.

## Detroit News Editorial Revises Position on Status of Deportees

DETROIT, Mich. — The Detroit News, which on June 22 opposed staying of deportation proceedings for Japanese aliens, on June 29 expressed its unreserved support of the Eberharter bill, which would give the attorney general discretionary powers in hardship cases.

The editorial of June 29 was written, the News said, to clarify "our own position" and for the purpose of "righting any injustice done by our earlier editorial."

Stating that the Eberharter bill can stay the deportation of certain Japanese, who were long residents of this country and whose loyalty has been well established, the News said:

"We feel that the nation has a vital stake in this matter. It is not so much a question of the 'rights' of the persons concerned. In law, we have the right to deport them and if the law is left alone, they will go."

"But the war was a testing

ground not only for the alien resident who was denied citizenship by our statutes, but for the statutes themselves and for our institutions."

Many who were denied citizenship "gave more than a full measure of patriotic service," the News said, adding that some had avoided all responsibility and directed efforts elsewhere.

"To fail to remember these facts now and to stop short of any of the adjustments which are needed will be finally more hurtful to the nation than to the few thousand aliens involved, since the effect of any injustice to those who have proved worthy of citizenship is to deprive all citizenship of its dignity."

In stating its support of the Eberharter bill, the News said that the bill's purpose was "to protect the loyal element of a group which would otherwise be wholly subject to deportation."



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## EDITORIALS:

### A Place in History

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team which came home to the States this week will occupy an honored place in the annals of American military history.

The 442nd was unique among America's fighting units in that it was organized for more than a military purpose. Experimental in nature, its activation was approved by President Roosevelt and General George Marshall late in 1942 as a means of providing an opportunity for Japanese Americans to serve in the armed forces.

It may be recalled that the induction of Japanese Americans was suspended shortly after the outbreak of war. Only a handful of Nisei were given the opportunity to enlist and these were taken into the military intelligence program, then also operating on an experimental basis. Administration and military officials who had faith in the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry supported the suggested formation of a special combat team as a step which would provide the Nisei with an opportunity to serve and through active service to provide an answer to the suspicion with which the Japanese American group was viewed by a considerable portion of the population.

A valid objection against the formation of the 442nd was that the unit was a segregated one, but supporters of the combat team believed that the good effect which the unit would have on public attitudes concerning the Nisei outweighed the concession to the undemocratic practice of racial segregation. The military success of the 442nd has insured, however, that there will be no further segregation of Nisei in the Army.

Dillon S. Myer, whose WRA was liquidated last week, declared recently that the combat record of the 442nd Infantry was a major factor in facilitating the relocation of the evacuees by the WRA. The 442nd completely attained its objective of compiling a record which would insure the future welfare of the Japanese American group. It fought the fascist enemy in Europe, playing an integral role in the success of military operations in Italy, and it fought the fascist mind of those certain bigoted Americans who sought to use the war as an opportunity to disenfranchise and dispossess the Nisei.

The welcome accorded the 442nd in New York City is a tribute to all of the men who fought as members of the combat team. The only fact to be regretted about the heartfelt reception for the 442nd this week was that all of the men who performed their designated duties so capably as members of the unit overseas could not have been on hand to hear America's tumultuous welcome for its Japanese American infantrymen.

### Death of the FEPC

In the clamor and confusion that surrounded the demise of the OPA this week, another agency created by war but still vitally necessary to the United States died almost unmourned.

On June 30, along with the WRA and the OPA, the FEPC came to an end. The president's Fair Employment Practices Committee, created on June 25, 1941, filled one of the most vital of our wartime needs. It was created by executive order of President Roosevelt and the committee was charged with the duty of seeing that no federal agency or

company doing business with government discriminated against any person because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Bills calling for continuance of the agency and broadening of its scope were pending in both houses, but for weeks before its death it was generally conceded that during this session, at least, there was little hope for passage of legislation to make it permanent or even to extend it temporarily.

As the six members of the committee handed in their resignations this week to President Truman, they declared that there was an "unchecked revival" of racial discrimination which is wiping out all gains won during its lifetime.

One argument against the FEPC as raised by the racist opposers and oftentimes by sincere opponents ran to the effect that racial equality cannot be legislated. The argument will rise again when the FEPC becomes an issue in Congress.

But in the state of New York, there has been for a year proof that job equality at least can be exacted by law. And certainly during the FEPC it was proved again and again that the same is true.

New York state a year ago passed its own fair employment practices act.

This week, reporting on the progress of the law during its year's operation, Robert M. Hallett of the Christian Science Monitor declared that civic organizations fighting racial and religious discrimination are "unanimous" in praising the first year of the Ives-Quinn act, under which the state carries on its program for fair employment practices.

The work of the commission created by the Ives-Quinn act was related by one of its members, Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, to Robert Hallett.

"There were those who said nothing could be done," Mrs. Simon told the reporter. "There were those who said discrimination thrived in the dark recesses of the human heart and no law could root it out.

"With our first year drawing to a close, I want to say that while we have not changed human hearts, we very definitely have changed employment patterns in this state, and they are continuing to change."

Employers of the state, even some of those who opposed enactment of the law, now recognize on the whole that their fears of it were unjustified because the law does not force unqualified people upon them, Mrs. Simon reported. Neither does the law put a quota of employment into effect or give unwarranted publicity to unjustified charges against employers, she said.

The law was not written specifically to protect Negroes or Jews, Mrs. Simon said. (These two groups, as the largest minority groups in New York, feel the blunt of job discrimination.)

"We work through conciliation and persuasion to gain acceptance of the law," Mrs. Simon said, "not just the employment of the person discriminated against, though often such employment is part of the agreement."

The New York plan for equality in employment has been copied in New Jersey and Massachusetts, while similar legislation is pending in 21 other state legislatures.

California will vote this November on its own FEPC on a referendum measure brought by the act of the people. Such initiative measures indicate the state's awareness of this problem.

The FEPC throughout the country did not always work perfectly, but it did foster in most communities and in most industries a respect for the job and the employee, regardless of race and color. The strides gained in particular by the Negro group were tremendous. Thousands of Negro Americans who would normally have been delegated to only menial jobs were able at least to take on technical and industrial work for which they were trained.

The FEPC aided in the all-out production program of the United States, and the bogey fears of the employers who feared their "other employees" would not work alongside persons of different color were put to rest.

This week the country faces the enormous problem of preventing inflation. The OPA is necessary to prevent ruinous high prices that will put premium prices upon food and rent and other necessities.

But there is also the danger of inflation in racial discrimination. To prevent that, too, the FEPC must be resurrected and be made a permanent part of our legislation.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## No Nisei Bloc Voting

There was once a character in one of the large West Coast cities who used to make periodic calls on political candidates during election campaigns, carrying a big black book in which he claimed were the names of several thousand Nisei voters whom he claimed he could "deliver" at the polls. Of course, there weren't that many Nisei votes in the community and the only one this would-be ward heeler could influence was his own but he did manage to wangle himself a minor patronage job in the municipal administration.

One of the political cliches of our time is the one about racial bloc voting. Around election time there is always talk about the Negro vote or the Italian vote or the Jewish vote. In Hawaii where people of Japanese ancestry constitute about 35 per cent of the population, there is talk of the Japanese American vote. A recent survey by the Star-Bulletin in Honolulu disclosed no evidence that voters of Japanese ancestry in the territory ever had voted as a racial unit. A similar survey on the mainland probably would reveal a similar situation concerning other minorities.

With the exception of elections involving candidates who definitely are known or established to be racist-minded (Negroes in Mississippi undoubtedly would vote against Senator Bilbo—if they were permitted to vote), the factors which influence the vote of minority group citizens are the same as those which determine the voting tendencies of any other citizen. The economic status of the voter is probably the most influential consideration and it is only when the great majority of the members of a racial group are within a certain economic classification that the vote of that race group becomes predictable. The Negro vote in the urban North, a determining factor in many elections, has been Democratic because the New Deal's social legislation offered hope in their economic dilemma and this vote of a racial group coincided with the ballot-box tendencies of other millions who similarly were "ill-housed and ill-fed."

Despite the scare stories of the Hearst papers and the Native Sons, the Japanese American vote in the mainland United States never will be numerically important. When Hearst's Herald-American instituted its short-lived evacuee-baiting campaign in 1944, it viewed with considerable alarm the possibility that the relocating evacuees, all of whom were regarded by Hearst to be New Deal Democrats, might swing a close election in 1944 to FDR. The evacuees, of course, never numbered more than 18,000 in Illinois, of whom possibly half were citizens of voting age, and these evacuees did not have the residence requirements at the time to go to the polls.

Probably the only time a weighted poll has been taken of the political sympathies of a large group of mainland Nisei was in the 1936 elections when the Japanese American News of San Francisco conducted a survey which disclosed that Nisei workers generally were for FDR while Nisei businessmen supported Landon. An interesting development of this poll was the discovery that the percentage of the Nisei who were for Franklin D. Roosevelt approximated the percentage of FDR voters in the total California electorate.

In the 1942 elections, held after the evacuation, all Nisei who participated in the California balloting were forced to do so by means of absentee ballots from inside the war relocation centers. Hundreds of Nisei did vote in this election and, although no poll was taken, it was generally accepted that the majority who voted cast their ballots did so for Earl Warren for governor, although Mr. Warren, then attorney general, had been bitterly anti-Nisei in his statements before the Tolan Congressional committee earlier that same year. From a liberal standpoint the observation might be made that such a performance showed a woeful lack of awareness of the issues involved, although the action in this election again emphasized the lack of a bloc vote predicated on racial interest.

Unlike the votes of some other

racial or religious minorities, the ballots of the Nisei probably never will be a factor in the elections of the 48 states. Only a handful of Nisei ever have entered West Coast political contests. Kari Hama, supported by a left-wing party, once received 2500 votes in a San Francisco race for the State Assembly. Clarence T. Arai has campaigned as a Republican candidate for a Seattle municipal post, while Tom Yego has run for a county committee in Placer county. It is reported that a Japanese American once was elected mayor of a small town in Maryland but that was some years ago.

In Hawaii, however, the votes of the Japanese American population are an important factor. Yet in the political history of the territory there is no record that voters of Japanese ancestry ever have combined to vote for racial advantage. In pre-war times a number of Japanese Americans were elected to the Legislature and several held county supervisorial posts. Because they felt that their continued participation in politics might be misunderstood and exploited by mainland race-baiters and because of influence from the military then in control of Hawaii, Japanese Americans in the territory withdrew from political contests. Several prominent Nisei politicians volunteered for military duty and wound up with the 442nd Infantry in Italy.

A natural consequence of the end of the war is the reentry of citizens of Japanese ancestry into Hawaii's political contests. A number of Nisei candidates are expected to file for territorial and county offices. The number of Hawaiian Nisei in public office always has been far below the ratio of the group to the total population. The news that Japanese Americans are reentering political life in Hawaii is an indication that they are prepared to bear their share of the obligation which is incumbent upon every citizen to participate in the government of his community.

The Japanese American voter in Hawaii, however, is finding his medium of political expression in the Democratic and Republican parties, in the CIO-PAC which carries considerable weight because of the strength of the ILWU in Hawaii, in other labor groups and through veterans organizations, particularly the American Veterans Committee which has done much to clarify the political issues facing the community.

The Nisei issue is dormant in West Coast politics for this election at least. The race-baiters are silent and the only issue in California which directly affects the returned evacuees is Senator Tenney's referendum on amendments to the Alien Land law. This coming election, if there is any possible way to take a test, may demonstrate whether the wartime experiences of displacement and exclusion, a product of economic and political as well as military factors, have taught any lesson to Nisei on the West Coast.

### "Simple Justice" CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Setting up of the Evacuation Claims Commission, as provided in Senator Ellender's Senate Bill 2127 is urged by the Christian Advocate in an editorial in its issue of July 4.

The proposal, says the Advocate, authorizes the adjudication of claims of persons of Japanese ancestry against the United States for losses out of the evacuation or exclusion from the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii. "It is the belief of The Christian Advocate that every fair-minded Christian will support such an action," says the Advocate.

"The measure has the support in principle of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches," the Advocate continues, "and a considerable list of other organizations. We fervently hope that some such provision may be speedily enacted into law. The Japanese have been very patient and extremely loyal. They are entitled to simple justice, and the United States Government will demonstrate its great strength and power by proceeding forthrightly in the case."



# Vagaries

the 442nd . . .

Notes on the 442nd RCT: The Japanese American Combat Team had fewer courts-martial and lower rate of VD cases than any other comparable unit in Army history. . . . 146 men of the 442nd were reenlisted to date in the Regiment, with approximately 50 being the three-year hitch. . . . Fifteen men of the 442nd Infantry married Italian and French women overseas as of June, 1946. . . . During their combat service overseas the 442nd was attached to the Red Bull and 36th Texas divisions, two infantry units which were among the heaviest casualties overseas, and with the 92nd Central Postal Directory during the offensive in Italy.

AWOLS . . .

Throughout the history of the Japanese American Combat Team there never was a case of straggling or desertion. The only AWOLS that the team had in combat were those injured soldiers who left hospital without permission to rejoin their comrades on the fighting line. . . .

Friend Finch . . .

Earl Finch, who adopted the 442nd Infantry, postponed his West Coast trip, during which he was scheduled to meet with returned veterans on business and readjustment problems, to go on hand in New York for the arm of the 442nd. . . . The official book on the 442nd Infantry will be published by the Infantry Center this fall and will include names of all men who served in the unit overseas. Meanwhile several other books may be written by individual members of the combat team. . . . The 442nd Infantry, which trained for combat in the red clay hills of Mississippi, did its share and more to defeat the Aryan superiority nonsense of Mississippi's Senators and Eastland and Representative Rankin.

Under-Borne . . .

The Anti-tank company of the 442nd RCT landed in southern France on D-Day, August 14, 1944, and is the only element of the 442nd which sports the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. . . . Col. Charles W. Cole, who commanded the 442nd Infantry at the time of its activation in Italy and the fighting in the Apennine Mountains of France, was killed in combat during the fighting in the Maritime Alps and transferred to U. S. Army headquarters in Germany. . . . Command was assumed by Col. R. Miller who led the 442nd through the final offensive in Italy. . . . Miller, a Regular Army officer, is remaining in Italy and has been reassigned as commanding officer of the 149th Replacement Battalion in Leghorn.

Our Bonds . . .

Like other combat units the 442nd helped finance the war through the purchase of war bonds. To date, the men of the 442nd have purchased \$3,850,000 in war and victory bonds through payroll deduction plan. Incidentally, more than \$100,000 in war bonds were purchased by the personnel in one day, the day of the announcement of the capture of the Doolittle fliers in Japan, as the Nisei GI's answer to the Tokyo warlords.

Evacuation Study

Our Citizen: Following your editorial of June 2 on Evacuation and Resettlement Study of the Univ. of Cal., it does not seem to you a mistake to publish the unfavorable side of the matter first? "The Spoilage," may give fuel to the race-baiting at this time when we want all favorable sentiment we can get.

Yours, interestedly,  
Clarence H. Lee  
Palos Verdes Estates,  
Calif.

Letter for Mr. Henry Uaizumi, addressed in care of the Pacific Citizen, is now at this office awaiting the addressee. The letter was sent from T/4 G. Kataoka, APO 809, San Francisco. It will be forwarded upon application.

## Washington News-Letter Columnist Views Earl Finch, Godfather of the 442nd

By JOHN KITASAKO

Earl Finch is variously known as the patron saint of the 442nd, the godfather of the 442nd, the one-man USO, and the man who astonished Hattiesburg. But he would prefer to be known just as a plain friend of the "buddaheads."

People who know Earl will avow that there has been nothing plain about his friendship for the Nisei GI. His love for the Nisei men in uniform constitutes one of the greatest human interest stories to come out of a war that was chock full of almost incredible incidents of sacrifice, bravery, and devotion.

There is nothing plain when a man drops all business upon the receipt of a wire or a phone call or a letter and hops a plane for Washington, New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles, to look after the welfare of his Nisei friends. Last year Earl traveled over 50,000 miles by air. So far this year he has already flown 34,000 and expects to hit over 60,000 miles. Air travel is fast, he says, but it sure makes it tough to get life insurance.

There is nothing plain either about a man who will spend thousands of dollars to make his Nisei friends happy. He has thrown parties for from 5 up to 500 GIs at a moment's notice. He has put on rodeos with imported broncos and mustangs; he has bought out blocks of 200 seats on the 50-yard line at football games; he has had mangoes and pineapples flown in from Cuba to Mississippi to satiate the appetite of Hawaiian GIs. He has taken as many as two dozen Nisei into a Broadway night club at one crack.

Many persons have asked him why he has spent so much of his time and money for the Nisei. His only answer is that it gives him a great deal of downright pleasure making the boys happy. That may sound trite, and perhaps for many people who are not accustomed to seeing brotherly love in such forceful action, it may be a bit difficult to understand. But Earl can give no other reason.

The other night Earl was discussing matters such as the legislation before Congress and problems some of the Nisei were facing. He was dead serious.

Later, he slipped into a reminiscent mood, and started recalling the swell times he had had with Nisei GIs ever since the day he had befriended a lonely Japanese American soldier in front of a drugstore in Hattiesburg way back in 1943. His face relaxed and brightened. There's nothing he'd like to do better than talk about his boys.

New York, it appears, is his favorite big city, partly because it has so many places of entertainment and partly because he has never encountered any unpleasant reaction there.

On one of his first trips to New York he was riding in the subway with a group of Nisei. A passenger kept eyeing the group for some time, "These boys are Japanese Americans," explained Earl. "So what?" said the man. "I'm

a Jew." And he forthwith invited the whole group over to the Hotel New Yorker for a party. He gave Earl his phone number and told him to have the Nisei GIs give him a ring whenever they were in town. Earl couldn't help liking New York after that.

In the early days he used to stop over at the Waldorf-Astoria, but he found that his boys were a bit hesitant about visiting him at that swanky hotel. They would walk back and forth in front of the hotel, unable to work up enough nerve to go inside. So Earl moved over to the Astor, which he has made his New York headquarters ever since.

His favorite night club is the Zanzibar. He has entertained hundreds of Nisei at the Zanzibar and other night spots. His propensity for night-clubbing proved a mite embarrassing when he visited Hawaii last spring. At every welcome party, the Nisei in giving testimonials to Earl's hospitality got up and started off: "The first time I met Mr. Finch was in a night club." Earl was afraid the Hawaiian people got the impression that he was nothing but a pub crawler who dragged the Nisei boys with him through a succession of night clubs.

When the full story of the Nisei soldier is written, the plain friend of the "buddaheads" will deserve full mention. No story would be complete without a narration of his unequalled hospitality. To a group of boys beset by war-fostered hatreds, Earl Finch brought the greatest message there is — the message of love. Its impact is clearly revealed in the splendid record which his boys established overseas.

POSTSCRIPTS: Sgt. Sammy Oi is back at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, after a 7-month tour of duty in Japan investigating engineering equipment. . . . Tets Takayanagi, who is back in Washington after serving almost a year in Japan, received his discharge last week. . . . Bob Ota, former lieutenant at Camp Lee, Virginia, is now also a dischargee. . . . Sgt. Bob Oikawa, of Hamilton, Ontario, is now with the Allied military intelligence research section in Washington. . . . Sgt. Kathleen Iseri left this week for Toronto, Canada, where she will speak on Japanese American affairs at a meeting of the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy. She is one of 30 Nisei WACs assigned to the Allied military research section in Washington.

## Intelligence Captain Reveals Aid of Nisei G-2s in Capture Of Enemy Officers and Guards

CHICAGO — A story of how Japanese Americans in the Pacific theater aided in the capture of 23 Japanese army officers and prison guards was recounted this week in Chicago by Captain Edward J. O'Leary in a report in the Chicago Sun.

The twenty-three officers and guards, who were sought for beating and killing American soldiers, were rounded up by Captain O'Leary and placed on trial.

"I didn't do it all by myself," he said, "I had the help of Tech. Sgt. Harry Suzukawa, a Chicago Nisei. He lives at 4943 Sheridan rd., and is at present serving as court interpreter in Rangoon.

"Without his aid and that of other Nisei soldiers," O'Leary said, "I might still be looking for most of the men we wanted."

The intelligence men worked from aliases, nicknames and descriptions of the men who were sought. In one instance a guard who was identified as "Tarzan," "Wano" and "Limpy" was finally found in Burma area. He was identified from his description as conveyed by the name, "Tarzan,"

from a limp and from his name, "Ueno," which had been correctly interpreted from "Wano."

## Spokane JACL Plans to Hold Community Picnic

SPOKANE, Wash. — The first community-wide picnic since the war will be held Sunday afternoon, July 7, by the local JACL at Audubon park.

Baseball, races, and a "hole-in-one" contest have been scheduled for the day.

Tom Iwata and Paul Kadoguchi will be general chairman, assisted by Jack F. Koyama, refreshments; Taka Nozaki and Judd Saruwatari, transportation; Joe Okamoto and George Numata, games and prizes; Toraiichi Sao, finance; and Ed Tsutakawa and Kimi Nishibue, publicity.

The public is invited to attend. Pop and ice cream will be provided. Transportation will be provided from M & M Cafe, it was announced.

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Aneist Problems of Housing, OPA and Used Cars

What a vast nation this is! In the morning we left the outskirts of Omaha, on the eastern edge of Nebraska, and at dusk we had barely reached the Colorado border.

Mile after mile the highway was flanked with fields green with young corn or golden with wheat almost ready for the harvest. And the road stretches straight to the horizon.

Nebraska is but one state. Back to the east we had left Iowa where the corn now is hip high, corn to fatten beef cattle and round out the hogs. And ahead was Colorado, another great agricultural state, to the north the Dakotas, to the south Kansas.

## Rev. Susu-Mago Accepts Post in Hawaiian Church

LOS ANGELES—The Rev. Royden T. Susu-Mago, Hawaiian-born minister, was scheduled to leave for Hawaii on July 4 to take over a new pastorate, according to the Los Angeles Tribune.

One of the founders of an interracial church in Los Angeles, the young minister preached his last sermon June 30 at the Los Angeles Church Federation building.

After finishing high school in Hawaii, Susu-Mago came to the mainland and attended Indiana university to study bacteriology. He received his bachelor degree in music from the University of Michigan and won a scholarship to the Juilliard graduate school of music. When his studies were completed he did concert work and taught for two years in Japan. He returned to the United States as director of music at the Japanese Union church in Los Angeles. During the war he served in Gila and Denver. He returned to Los Angeles two years ago to help found the inter-racial church.

## Army Officials Praise Record Of Nisei Regiment

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an inspiration to all American soldiers, wherever and whenever they may be called to serve their country, Gen. Devers said.

Major General Ewart Plank, commander of the New York port of embarkation, said that the 442nd had won more individual and unit citations than any unit of similar size in the Army. Major General Plank recalled that the 100th Infantry Battalion left overseas for combat duty from New York City in August, 1943, and said that it was "most appropriate" that New York was able to welcome the Japanese Americans home.

Major General Plank concluded his speech with "Welcome home, well done."

The New York Daily News on July 3rd reported what hitherto has only been rumored that the 442nd will march for President Truman in Washington and that the unit will proceed after the Camp Kilmer ceremonies for final deactivation at Fort Belvoir, Va., on July 15.

The day of welcome started dramatically with severe rain and electrical storms in the morning but the weather cleared and the sun was shining as the Wilson Victory came in sight.

As the 442nd paraded before the reviewing stand on the dock the greatest cheers came from 800 soldiers not of Japanese ancestry but American veterans of the Italian campaign who were forced to remain on board the Wilson Victory. Instead of begrudging the luck of the 442nd members who were able to debark before the others who arrived with them on the troopship, these American veterans who served also in the Italian fighting cheered their Nisei comrades.

## Correction

The Young People's Christian Fellowship of Livingston, Calif., elected Frank Shoji as its president at a cabinet meeting held Sunday, June 16. The Pacific Citizen of June 22 incorrectly reported the organization as the Livingston YBA, and wishes to correct the error at this time.

## Address Sought

DENVER—The Japanese American Citizens League office in Denver has been asked to locate the present whereabouts of Naoto Uyeno, formerly of Hollywood and later of the Poston relocation center. Information should be sent to the JACL, Tri-State office, 615 E & C building, Denver, Colo.

## Butter . . .

In the days of near-famine preceding the demise of OPA, meat and butter and a good many other goods virtually were non-existent.

One of the reasons we'll remember the trip west will be the roast beef we found in the hamlet of Elkhorn, Neb. And it was in McCook, Neb., that we overheard a waitress asking a patron if he cared for another pat of butter.

We knew definitely that we were back west when we passed through Holyoke, Colo., on a Saturday evening. The town was crowded with ranchers, and the leading theater was featuring a Gene Autry horse opera.

## And OPA . . .

The first morning in Denver we had breakfast at a restaurant where the food was not excessively bad nor the prices starting high.

That midnight OPA lapsed. The next morning the restaurant had upped its prices, brazenly striking out the old and writing in the new tariff rates with a pen.

Sample changes: A glass of tomato juice was 5 cents under OPA, a dime after OPA; bacon and eggs 35 cents before, 50 cents after.

## Housing . . .

Someone once told us that the housing situation was easing a bit in Denver because of the large amount of new construction. Come to think of it, it was the real estate agent who wanted to sell our home in Des Moines.

Actually, we've discovered that the congestion here is several degrees worse than in Des Moines where we had thought it was about as bad as it ever could get.

A home selling for \$6,000 in Des Moines would be listed at \$10,000 in Denver, we've found after a bit of scouting around.

In these times the dollar means little, possession of goods almost everything.

We made our trip in a 1937 Hudson which we picked up four days earlier in a used car lot. This step was one of desperation after we discovered that rail reservations were practically non-existent.

The night before we were to start out the car developed a devastating shimmy at anything higher than 30 m.p.h. We got by cheap on that one—\$4.25 to get the wheels balanced.

Then in Arapahoe, Neb., the fuel pump went out and we discovered one of the radiator hose connections was shot. That was \$5.50.

During the last few hundred miles we noticed a clinking and clunking in the drive shaft and differential region, and today that little job is going to cost us something around \$25.

How much more this 10-year-old number is going to cost us before we get to Seattle is one of those things we dread thinking about. We're knocking on wood about the tires — four retread jobs, one of them with cracks in the casing.

## Singapore Letter

133 Stevens Road  
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Editor,  
Pacific Citizen

The Pacific Citizens are coming through fine—but about five months late. . . .

I don't want to lose contact with my Nisei friends and would like you to pass on my address to anyone passing through Singapore at any time—I would be only too happy to see them.

Incidentally, why not suggest to Hollywood that a film be made about the Nisei boys at war. I think it would be an excellent idea and I am sure there must be very many fine stories, and true ones, which could be utilized.

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## Role of Nisei In Propaganda War Detailed

CINCINNATI, O. — The important role played by Nisei intelligence men in psychological warfare in the China-Burma-India theater was revealed by Dr. Gustave Carlson, professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Cincinnati, at a meeting of the local JACL chapter Monday, June 24, at the YWCA.

Dr. Carlson, who was psychological warfare intelligence chief in the CBI, described the activities of the Nisei in broadcasting to the enemy on the front lines and in preparing pamphlets which were dropped upon the enemy at strategic points.

The former intelligence chief declared that in prisoner-of-war interrogations it was brought out that these pamphlets were prepared so well that the enemy memorized the forms and colors as well as the words printed and could tell the pamphlets apart.

Dr. Carlson also said that the enemy soldiers came to rely wholly upon these pamphlets for information as to the progress of the war. Actual propaganda pamphlets printed in Burmese, Chinese and Japanese were displayed by Dr. Carlson.

Also speaking at the first educational meeting of the local JACL was Eiji Tanabe, national staff member, who spoke of bills now

## Woman Doctor Reopens Practice In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Megumi Y. Shinoda, physician, has resumed her practice in Los Angeles after an absence of five years.

During the war she was awarded the Commonwealth Fellowship in Psychiatry at the Colorado General hospital in Denver, where she specialized in the psychiatric problems of women.

Dr. Shinoda graduated from Columbia University Medical school in New York City in 1933 with acceptance in the highest medical honorary society, Alpha Omega Alpha. She interned at the Los Angeles General hospital and entered private practice in that city in 1935.

Her office is situated at 244½ East First street.

in Congress concerning persons of Japanese descent.

Tanabe also spoke to an Issei group on Tuesday, discussing the naturalization and immigration laws.

## Jiro Yamaguchi Opens Law Office

CHICAGO—Jiro Yamaguchi, attorney, announced the opening of his law office this week.

A graduate of Washington University School of Law, Yamaguchi is a member of both the Missouri and Illinois Bar Associations.

Yamaguchi was a resident in Seattle prior to the evacuation and was in the Minidoka relocation center before leaving for St. Louis, Mo., where he continued study.

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## Rescued Japanese Return Japan as Missionaries

ATTLE, Wash. — Five Japanese fishermen who were rescued from an American troop ship a thousand miles off the coast of Japan months ago left Seattle for their native land this week equipped with 100 Bibles, with which they will carry on their new work as missionaries of Christianity, according to Eleanor Bell in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The five are Sasaki Sutetaro,

Suzo Sutetaro, Toshio Endo, Fumio Miruia and Okia Kangetsu. They were accompanied by Koki Osugi, who converted them to Christianity. Osugi himself was converted during a prison term spent at McNeil Island penitentiary.

The new converts met Osugi in the Seattle immigration office, where Osugi waited deportation.

The fishermen were on the ship Nishin Maru, which broke her moorings in a storm, and were adrift for 36 days. Sasaki Sutetaro, chief engineer, lost the sight of one eye when an engine in the craft exploded. The men were without water or food for fifteen days until found by the American troop ship.

They were hospitalized, fed and clothed.

Converted to the Pentecostal denomination, they were baptized in the immigration office before they left for Japan. They carried with them, along with their Bibles, gifts of cigarettes, shaving lotion, toothpaste, chocolate bars and aspirin tablets, given by Seattle friends.

### Take First Place In Chicago Bowling

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To Mr. and Mrs. Jim S. Taniguchi, Sacramento, a son on June 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob K. Kawakami, Littleton, Colo., a girl.

### DEATHS

Shintaro Onishi, 82, on June 20 in Lodi, Calif.

Mrs. Sugi Murakami, 58, 728 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, on June 27.

Masaichi Yakura, 47, on June 23 in Los Angeles.

Kaichi Ohara, 61, on June 12 in Watsonville.

### MARRIAGES

Mary Matsuzawa to Herbert M. Kimoto on June 1 in Honolulu.

Atusko Chuman to Kenneth Y. Ogawa on June 21 in Los Angeles.

Misako Watanabe to Kazuo Okayama on June 21 in San Jose.

Akiko Shibata to Takumi Hatori on June 11 in Chicago.

Matsuko Matsushita to Roy Teshima on June 15 in Chicago.

Tomiko Isuna to George Matsuda on June 23 in West Los Angeles.

Haruye Kodama to Frank Hideyasu Fukuda in Los Angeles on June 23.

Michiko Doreen Sakamoto to Hitoshi Michael Kawamoto in Los Angeles on June 23.

Kimiye Okuno of Parlier to Masayuki Fujimoto on June 22 in Los Angeles.

Michiko Date to Bunkichi Eguchi in Los Angeles on June 23.

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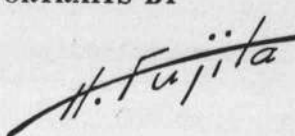


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Sgt. Sagamori was fatally wounded in action with the 442nd on April

5, 1945 in Italy at Mount Folgoriti. He led his platoon to secure a ridge and killed four of the enemy. He then exposed himself further in an attack on a machine-gun nest, throwing a grenade which killed another enemy soldier and wounded one other.

Sgt. Sagamori, a native of Berkeley, graduated from the University of California in 1941 and was inducted in July of the same year.

He had received two Purple Hearts for wounds prior to his death in action.

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SACRAMENTO — An initiative petition asking for a fair employment practices commission won a place on California's November ballot with a total of 181,297 signatures last week.

The measure is similar to an FEPC act backed by Assemblyman August Hawkins of Los Angeles which was defeated last winter. The bill would prohibit any racial or religious discrimination in industrial hiring.

About a dozen initiative measures were circulated.

The initiative petition was the first to qualify for the November elections and carried several thousand more names than required.

### Cincinnati Nisei

CINCINNATI, O. — Taking advantage of the ideal summer weather, approximately fifty Cincinnati Nisei enjoyed an outing at Handle Bar ranch on Sunday, June 23, under sponsorship of the Young People's Activities committee.

The program for the day included bicycling, dancing, a weenie roast and a moonlight hayride.

Co-chairman for the event were Lillian Yoshikawa and Joe Hori-moto.

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Serving with the new president for a six-month term will be Mas Kuwana, Martha Yamasaki, Aki Sato, Violet Hirai, Jessie Kuwana, Emmy Yamasaki, Asako Haga, Ted Kuwana, Hary Kato, Todd Kuwana and Fred Ochi.

Installation of officers was held on June 30 with the Rev. Brooks Moore leading the ceremony.

## Note Important Role of Nisei In Occupation

**Army Intelligence Began Use of Nisei During Bataan Battle**

TOKYO—No other U. S. Army unit in Japan has a more important role in the occupation and democratization of Japan than the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section, most of whose personnel are Americans of Japanese ancestry, Lieut. Col. Thomas F. Wall, new commander of ATIS, declared here recently.

Col. Wall recalled that ATIS was born in combat during the defense of Bataan in 1942 where four Nisei, selected by Gen. Willoughby, were the Translator-Interpreter section of GHQ.

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## Court Allows Nisei Interest In Corporation

**Judge Orders Shares Owned by Aliens to Be Forfeited to State**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Superior Judge Dean Sherry, former Army colonel who survived the Bataan Death March and who is now San Diego Superior court judge, on June 25 ordered 1950 shares of the Nippon Company, a local corporation owned by persons of Japanese ancestry, to be forfeited to the State of California.

District Attorney Thomas W. Len had brought action under California Alien Land law, charging that the majority of shares of the corporation were owned by Japanese aliens who are ineligible to citizenship and had asked for confiscation of the holdings.

Nine hundred and fifty shares, owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry, were allowed to remain in the custody of the present owners.

The District Attorney's office reported that the corporation, organized 20 years ago and an owner of downtown property, was liquidated after the outbreak of war. Assets totaling \$14,000 were to be distributed, and the sum the State will receive is a rata share of 1950 units of stock.

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