



## President Truman Honors Nisei Troops

### As GIs Marched in Rainy Washington



WASHINGTON—Japanese Americans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team march in the rain down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D. C. to receive the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation from President Truman in ceremonies at the Ellipse near the White House. Only 10,000 rain-soaked spectators watched the parade as War Department and government

agencies recessed to allow their employees to pay tribute to the Nisei GIs. In the lower photo, President Truman, who said that the Japanese Americans had "fought not only the enemy but you fought prejudice—and you have won," affixes the Distinguished Unit banner to the regimental colors. Elements of the 442nd Combat Team won seven Presidential unit citations during their campaigns in Italy and France.

## Federal Judge Dismisses Court Action by Renunciants to Gain American Citizenship

SAN FRANCISCO—Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure on July 19 dismissed the district court action through which approximately 1,500 former residents of the Tule Lake segregation center sought restoration of the United States citizenship they received while held in relocation camps.

The court, however, gave the American Civil Liberties Union, which represented the petitioners, 20 days to file an amended complaint.

Judge St. Sure dismissed two complaints which sought restoration of citizenship and two writs of habeas corpus to prevent deportation of the petitioners to Japan.

The federal judge sustained the government's contention that the petitioners' restoration of citizenship and for injunctions to prevent deportation are improper be-

cause they charged peonage and slavery in the operation of the Tule Lake center.

Dismissal of the court actions had been asked by Thomas Cooley, special assistant to the United States attorney general. Cooley contended the issues were confused, and since the complaints in effect would constitute a test case they should be clearly drawn.

## 442nd Returnees Hold Rites for Fallen Comrades

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—Memorial services for men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who were killed in action were held on July 14 on the Fort Belvoir post by members of the returned unit. Chaplain Major John R. Strevig officiated. Lt. Col. Alfred Pursall, commanding officer, delivered the message.

After the services, a group of ten men, headed by Colonel Pursall and Earl Finch, drove to Arlington National cemetery to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A special squad from the District of Columbia military command fired the gun salute.

## 6,000 Rain-Soaked Spectators Look on as Chief Executive Reviews Famed Combat Team

President Says Japanese American Soldiers Fought Not Only Enemy But Prejudice and Won; Crowds Cheer Marching Men of 442nd Infantry

By JOHN KITASAKO

WASHINGTON—The 442nd Nisei Regimental Combat Team climaxed their triumphant homecoming on July 15 when they marched down Constitution Avenue to the Ellipse to receive from President Truman the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation.

The celebrated foot soldiers who tramped the rugged terrain of Europe experienced the rare thrill of marching on the asphalt pavement of the most famous parade thoroughfare in the Nation, and of bringing into the full view of thousands of cheering Washingtonians and the President of the United States the colors which so proudly weathered the bloody European campaigns.

Thousands lining Constitution Avenue cheered as the 500 bronzed veterans, carrying their rifles and bayonets and wearing helmets and cartridge belts, stepped along briskly under a steady drizzle which started just before the parade began. They were led by their commanding officer, Lt. Col. Alfred Pursall, and were accompanied by the United States Army band of 100 pieces. The parade was spearheaded by the famous Flying V of the District of Columbia police motorcycle squad.

Despite the inclement weather, Washingtonians, who love their parades and their returning heroes, turned out in huge numbers to pay honor to the most bemedaled regiment in the U. S. Army. The War Department and Department of Interior closed their offices for the entire afternoon to enable employees to watch the parade, and most of the other agencies excused their employees for two hours.

The parade down Constitution Avenue and the personal presentation of a Presidential Citation were a fitting tribute to this aggregation of Nisei boys whose feats have made military history. No other regiment has been singled out to receive such honors from the President. It was down Constitution Avenue that returning heroes Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, and Admiral Chester Nimitz paraded last year to receive the acclaim of their nation. But last Monday was the day for the humble foot soldiers. It was a day they had earned, for they were heroes in every sense of the word.

President Truman, wearing a trenchcoat and tan hat, arrived at the Ellipse from the White House at 2:45 p. m. and went immediately to the reviewing stand where he was welcomed by Secretary of War Robert Patterson. As 6,000 rain-drenched spectators looked on, the President, accompanied by Secretary Patterson and Colonel Pursall, inspected the troops, stopping along the way to shake hands and chat with various soldiers.

After the President returned to his position in front of the reviewing platform, the colors of the 442nd and the 100th Battalion and guidons of component units advanced to the front of the stand, followed by the ten outstanding men of the combat Team.

The President spoke as follows:

"It is a very great pleasure to me today to be able to put the Seventh Regimental Citation on your banners.

"You are to be congratulated on what you have done for this great country of ours. I think it was my predecessor who said that Americanism is not a matter of race or creed, it is a matter of the heart.

"You fought for the free nations of the world along with the rest of us. I congratulate you on that, and I can't tell you how very much I appreciate the privilege of being able to show you just how much the United States of America thinks of what you have done.

"You are now on your way home. You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice—and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win—to make this great republic stand for just what the constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all people all the time."

The President, who stood in the rain throughout, stepped forward and affixed the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation banner to the colors of the 442nd Regiment. The ten men proceeded to the stand from where they reviewed the troops as they marched by and dipped their colors.

The ten men selected by Col. Pursall and his staff on the basis of their combat and efficiency records and as representatives of the geographical areas from which the personnel of the unit enlisted for service were:

Staff Sergeant Don Shigeki, Company M, 442nd Infantry Regiment, 141 Truman Boyd Manor, Long Beach, California.

Technical Sergeant George Nishimura, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Box 23, Nyssa, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Takashi Uyeno, Company C, 100th Battalion, Fort Lupton, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Marcus Naito, Company B, 100th Battalion, 3801 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

1st Lieutenant Kiyoshi Teraoka, DC, Medical Detachment, Pauhau, Hawaii.

Technical Sergeant Hiroshi Itakura, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii.

Staff Sergeant Sakai Hiromoto, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, 2328 Lime Street, Honolulu.

Technical Sergeant Kazuto Urada, Company C, 100th Battalion, Captain Cook, Kona, Hawaii.

Sergeant Shigeki Fukuda, Company C, 100th Battalion, Kaneoka, Oahu, Hawaii.

Staff Sergeant Yeikido Asato, Company A, 100th Battalion, Haiku, Maui, Hawaii.

Four former members of the 442nd, now patients at the Walter Reed General Hospital, were special guests at the formal review.

The four patients, who occupied seats of honor directly behind the

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# Plans Changed, Combat Team To Be Deactivated in Hawaii

## Hawaiian Members of 442nd Will Take Colors of Unit To Ceremony in Territory

WASHINGTON—The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, whose enlisted personnel was comprised of volunteers from the war relocation centers and from Hawaii, will be deactivated in Hawaii, the War Department announced this week.

The announcement marked a last-minute switch in plans.

Formal inactivation of the Combat Team had been scheduled for Fort Belvoir, Virginia following the full dress parade and review by President Truman in Washington, D. C. on July 15.

In announcing the postponement, the War Department said that the men from Hawaii in the unit, comprising approximately one-half of those who returned to the United States on the Wilson Victory on July 2, would proceed to Hawaii with the colors of the 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion for the deactivation ceremonies. Approximately one-half of the 10,000 men who served in the 442nd's campaigns overseas were residents of Hawaii while the remainder came from the mainland United States.

Personnel of the 442nd Combat Team who reside in the United States will be transferred to separation centers within this country and will not accompany the remainder of the unit to Hawaii.

Carrying the colors of the 442nd and the 100th Battalion to Hawaii will be 237 enlisted men and officers. Earlier War Department plans had called for the colors of the 442nd to remain in Washington while the colors of the 100th

were to be returned to Hawaii.

Under present plans the Hawaiian group will return to New York from Fort Belvoir and will board a ship which will take them to Hawaii by way of Panama Canal.

The 250 mainland veterans who marched in the parade Monday down Constitution Avenue went to Fort Meade, Md., on Tuesday from where they will entrain for separation centers near their homes.

## Nisei Pitches No-Hit Game in Colorado League

STERLING, Colo.—Hary Mat-suura, young Nisei pitcher, pitched a no-hit game as his team, the Sterling Junior American Legion team defeated Hillrose, 2 to 1, on July 14 to win the northeastern Colorado junior baseball title.

The Sterling team will enter the district tournament in August.

## Hawaiian Nisei GIs Will Leave For Home July 23

WASHINGTON — War Department officials explained this week that the decision to send the Hawaiian contingent of the 442nd home by boat from New York harbor via the Panama Canal was formulated because of the fact that there are no troop transports available on the West Coast within 65 days.

Under the circumstances the Panama Canal route, which will require at least 16 days of sailing, is the fastest, the officials said.

Tentative date of departure from New York has been set for July 23. There will be no stopover en route, it was stated.

## Seek Congress Action to Aid Wife of Nisei

### Japanese Canadian Girl Unable to Come To U. S. With Husband

Congressional action to legalize the entry into the United States of the Japanese Canadian wife of Second Lieut. Makoto M. Kimura, now on duty with General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo, will be sought by the National Japanese American Citizens League, Mike M. Masaoka, executive secretary, reported this week.

Although foreign-born wives of GIs are permitted to enter the United States, Lieut. Kimura's wife is barred because she is a person of Japanese ancestry, although she is a native of British Columbia and a citizen of Canada, Masaoka indicated.

Lieut. Kimura asked the JACL to help in his predicament in a letter from Tokyo. He had previously interested Senator Knowland of California and Senator Magnuson of Washington in the case but had been able to receive permission only for his wife to join him in Japan. Mrs. Kimura, the former Seiko Inamoto of Vancouver, B. C., is now residing in Montreal, Que. She will join her husband in Tokyo in September of this year but will be unable to accompany her husband back to his home in California when his period of service is terminated in 1947.

Lieut. Kimura, a native of Fife, Wash., where he was born in Feb. 1924, is a veteran of 43 months of service in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. The Kimuras were married in Montreal on Feb. 21, 1946.

The JACL official said that the case of Lieut. Kimura was similar to that of Sgt. Robert Kitajima who married a Japanese Canadian girl in Winnipeg, Man. A bill is now pending in Congress, sponsored by Rep. George Miller, D., Calif., to legalize the entry of Mrs. Kitajima. Sgt. Kitajima is now living in Detroit while his wife is moving to Windsor, Ont., across the international boundary from the motor city.

## United Citizens League Forms Committee for Public Affairs

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League last week announced formation of a Public Affairs Committee which will study and report upon measures on the November ballot in the state.

Main objective of the committee will be to orient the JACL members and the Nisei voting public in general with proposed legislation.

Mrs. Diana Payne was unanimously elected historian for the league at its last meeting. Akira Shimoguchi was voted second vice-president in charge of social events.

It was reported that the league is progressing in making arrangements for the entertainment of Nisei GIs from Monterey. Housing will be available at the YMCA at Third and Santa Clara streets, it was announced.

## JACL Group Will Undertake Active Program Against Race Prejudice Faced by Nisei

The Japanese American Citizens League this week expanded and strengthened its program for the recognition of minority rights by formation of an Anti-Discrimination Committee incorporated under the laws of the state of Utah.

The committee has outlined a five-point program to ban discriminatory practices from economic and social life.

Hito Okada, national JACL president, was elected chairman of the new committee at an organizing meeting held July 10.

Shigeki Ushio of Murray, Utah, was chosen vice-chairman. Other officers will be Kay Terashima, treasurer; Mike Masaoka, executive secretary; and Alice Kasai, board secretary.

The five executive officers were chosen to make up the committee's first board of governors.

Under the articles of incorporation the purposes of the organization are stated to be as follows:

1. To advocate the enactment of legislation favorable to the interests of all Americans in general and of persons of Japanese ancestry in particular on national, state, and municipal levels.
2. To encourage the repeal of national, state and municipal legislation which are of a discriminatory nature, particularly insofar as they concern persons of Japanese ancestry.
3. To educate and inform the public at large as to discriminatory policies and practices, and as to the problems and aspirations of persons of Japanese ancestry.
4. To participate in litigation involving the rights, privileges and immunities of persons of Japanese ancestry.
5. To strive for the elimination of discriminatory practices and policies based upon race and national origin wherever found.

Members of the Anti-Discrimination Committee will be limited to members of the Japanese American Citizens League, it was announced. Application for membership may

be made with the executive secretary.

Formation of the committee was the result of a direct and aggressive investigation and cases affecting discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry, Hito Okada, chairman, stated this week.

"Under its present incorporation regulations and because of its present status, the JACL cannot except on a broad and general basis," Okada said.

"The JACL cannot actively sponsor or lobby for specific bills, but is confined to being an informational and educational organization. Under the Anti-Discrimination Committee, however, the JACL can extend its services to active and direct fighting for legislation, court cases and court cases that affect Americans of Japanese and other minority ancestries."

## Halo Hirose Helps Ohio State Team Set New Record

HONOLULU—Halo Hirose, member of the 442nd Combat Team, helped his Ohio State University team set a new American record in the 300-meter medley relay the Keo Nakama invitational meet on July 12.

The Buckeyes were timed 3:12.4s.

## Court Asks State of California To Explain License Refusal

LOS ANGELES—The California State Fish and Game Commission appeared before Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis on July 19 to report on its refusal to issue commercial fishing licenses to more than 400 Japanese alien fishermen despite a court order which ruled that restrictions adopted in 1943 and 1945 which bar Japanese aliens were unconstitutional and discriminatory.

In a decision in a test suit brought by a Japanese alien parent of two servicemen, Torao Takahashi, Judge Willis ruled in favor of the petitioner and last week issued an order that the commission must issue a license although it has appealed the court's decision.

The judge asserted in his initial decision that the law, originally passed by the legislature in 1943 following the evacuation of per-

sons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, discriminated racially against the Japanese alien.

Originally the law specifically barred "Japanese aliens" from commercial fishing in California. In 1945 the law was amended to bar "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

According to Judge Willis, legislature's action in revising phraseology to eliminate the word "Japanese" was "but a thin veil which did not conceal the real purpose of the law."

Following the refusal of the State Fish and Game Commission to issue commercial licenses to Japanese aliens, despite the court's ruling, Judge Willis ordered the commission appear in court.

Before the evacuation more than 400 aliens of Japanese ancestry were engaged in commercial fishing in Los Angeles harbor.

## Washington Notes:

### Dillon Myer Proudest of All As Nisei Soldiers Parade

By JOHN KITASAKO

Washington, D. C.

It was a proud day for the hundreds of Issei and Nisei who witnessed the review of the 442nd. Many of them had sons, husbands, and brothers in the honored ranks. But perhaps the proudest person among the on-lookers was Dillon Myer, former WRA director, who stood on the reviewing platform behind the President.

It was Mr. Myer who pleaded and argued with high government officials back in 1942 to allow Nisei boys to don uniforms. It was he who had absolute faith in the loyalty and integrity of the Nisei, and was dead sure the boys would make good. Mr. Myer got dripping wet as he stood in the rain, watching the boys who vindicated his judgment. But he didn't mind. It was his day as much as it was the boys'...

Washington newspapers gave the parade a good play. The early evening editions carried front-page pictures and write-ups. Even the Times-Herald, which showed little enthusiasm before the review took place,

went all-out pictorially, and referred to the Nisei as the "famous 442nd infantry regiment."

The boys really put on a good performance. From Constitution Avenue they swung up to Street, and as they entered the Ellipse from the west end, spectators strained to get a good view of the precise marching of the crack unit. As one stander remarked, "These boys march as well as they fought."

The soldiers didn't mind rain. The day started out hot and muggy, the way it has been ever since their arrival at Fort Belvoir, so the rain was a drop in temperature much to their liking. It was a case of getting wet either by perspiration or from the rain and the fellows preferred rain...

The fellows were quite amused at the sizable turnout despite the rain. Lt. Tom Bayashi said that when it started to rain, the boys figured they would be feeling pretty good parading before only a handful of faithful. Press estimates of the crowd at the Ellipse ran from 5,000 to 10,000.

## No Americans Will Forget Heroism of Nisei Americans, Says War Secretary Patterson

### Battle Skill, Bravery, Individual Fortitude Of Japanese American Soldiers Became Legend To Friend, Foe Alike, Declares U. S. Official

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Robert Patterson said on July 13 members of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team are "heroes" whose war exploits "no American will forget."

In a letter to Lieut. Col. Alfred A. Pursall, the commanding officer of the returned 442nd Combat Team, the Secretary of War said the unit will "march into history" after President Truman's review of the 500 remaining officers and men returned on July 2 from Italy.

"Through the bitter fighting in Italy and, later, as a part of the forces which struck at the German armies through southern France, the battle skill, cool bravery and individual fortitude of these men became legendary to comrades and enemy alike," Patterson said.

In their homes in Hawaii, the western United States and elsewhere, Patterson said their friends and neighbors share the pride in their heroic achievements.

Patterson added:

"These men are heroes. No American will forget it. I hope their service to the country in peace will be marked by the same devotion to duty that characterized their military service."

Secretary Patterson's letter to Col. Pursall declared:

"Dear Colonel Pursall:

"On the eve of the deactivation of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, I wish to express to the members of this organization the gratitude and appreciation of the War Department for their memorable services to their country."

"In Washington, after a final parade and review by the President, this organization marches into history. Its long fighting days are over. Its members lay down their arms and return to their homes. I cannot let this occasion pass without expressing my personal admiration for the outstanding accomplishments of this famous unit, composed almost entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry."

"Through the bitter fighting in Italy and, later, as a part of the forces which struck at the German armies through southern France, the battle skill, cool bravery and individual fortitude of these men became legendary to comrades and enemy alike. On seven occasions, components of the 442nd won the President's Distinguished Unit Citation. Now the President himself is conferring this citation on the entire combat team. In addition hundreds of awards for individual bravery, more than 3,600 Purple Hearts, given for wounds in action bear witness that these soldiers were always found at the hottest points of fire."

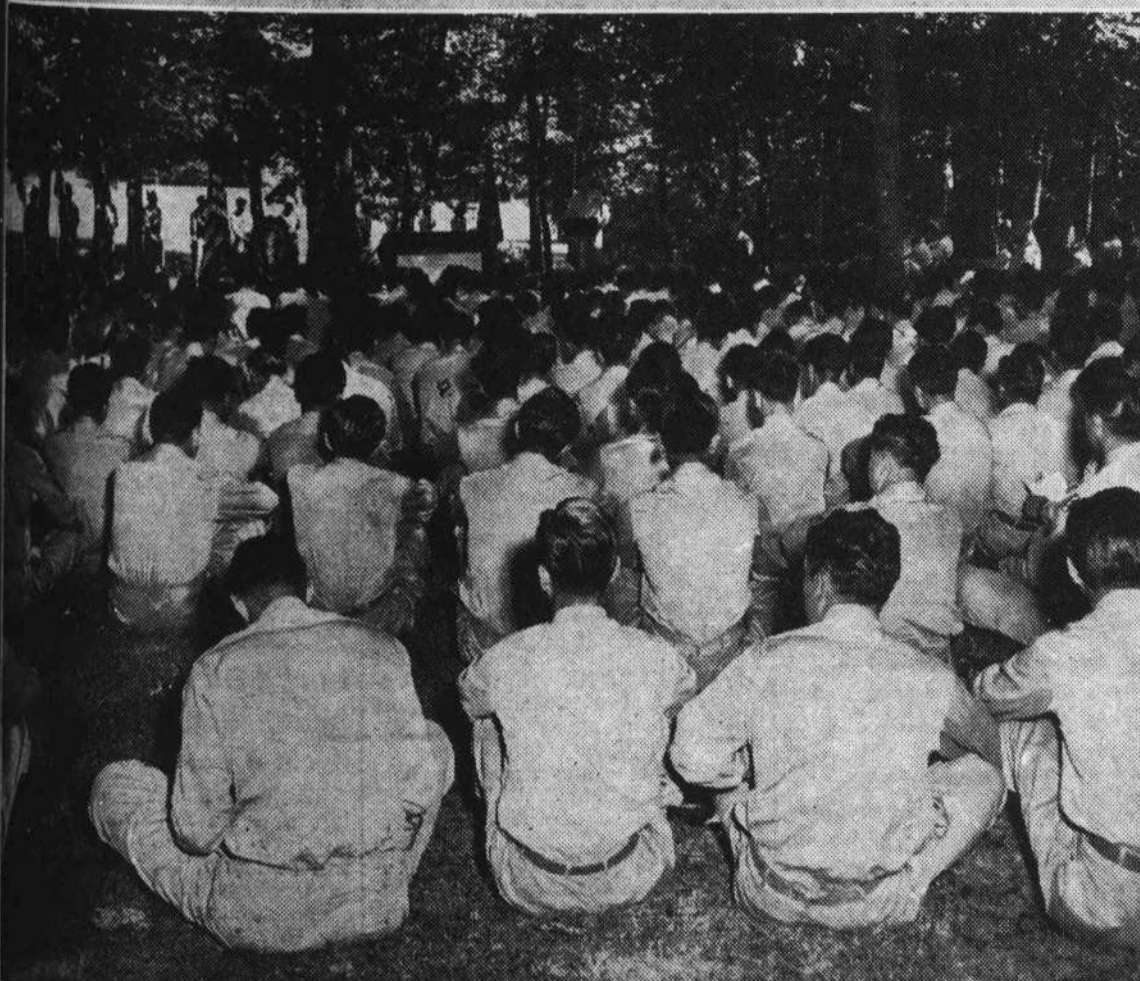
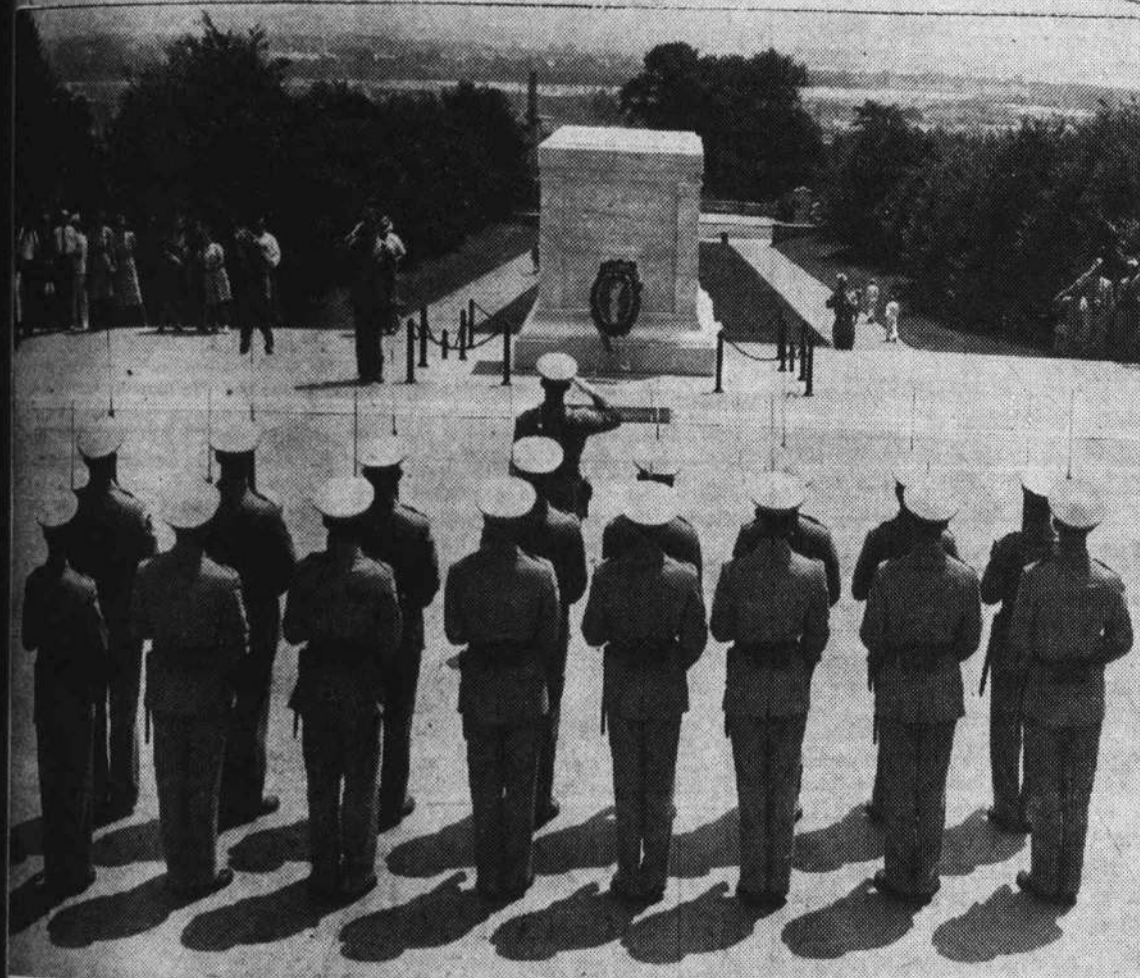
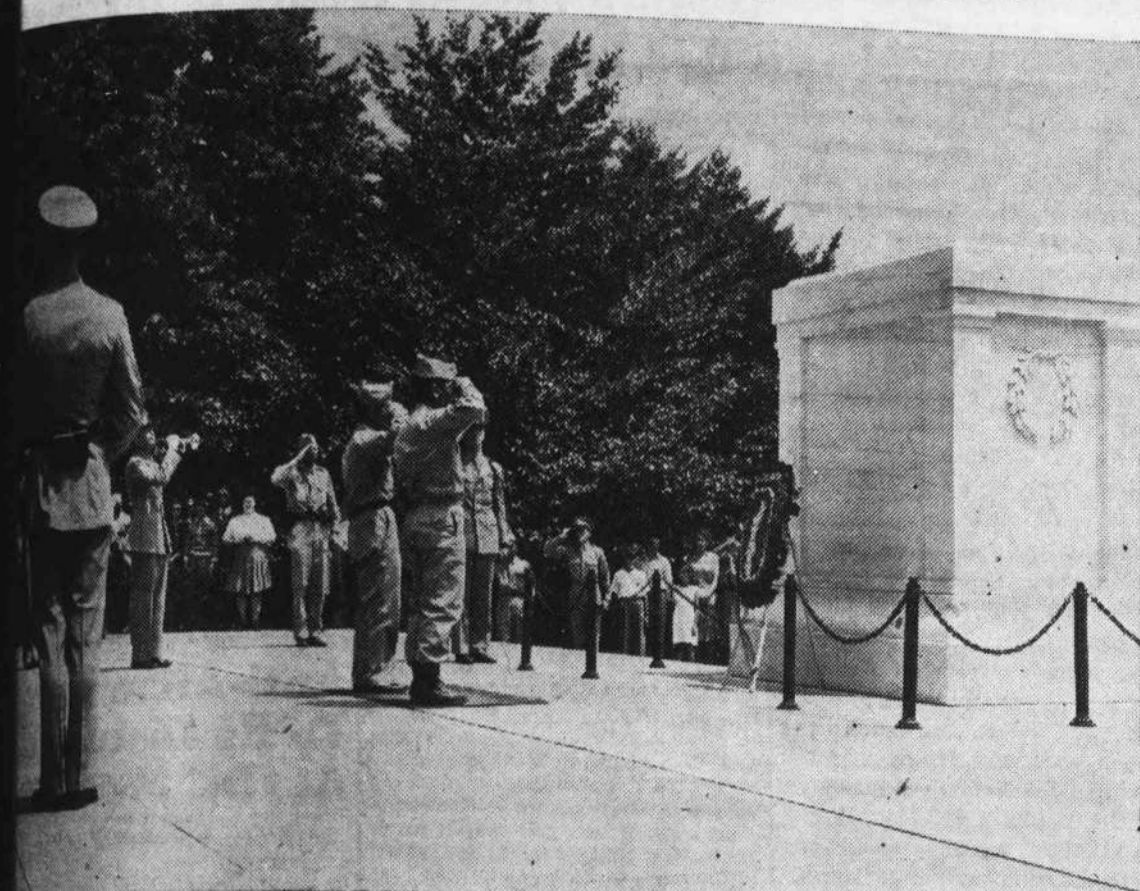
"These deeds are history. Soon the men who performed them—the survivors of this gallant unit—will return to their homes after receiving the honor and acclaim of their Commander in Chief and other leaders of their country. They go back as honored veterans to Hawaii, to the Western States and other communities which sent them to battle. Their friends and neighbors and all the citizens of the communities they represent share the pride in their heroic achievements. These men are heroes. No American will forget it. I hope their service to their country in peace will be marked by the same devotion to duty that characterized their military service."

Sincerely,

/S/ Robert P. Patterson,  
Secretary of War"



## Tribute Paid Nisei Missing in Action



FORT BELVOIR, Va.—(Top) Cpl. Kiyoshi Hotta, Wailuku, Maui, T. H. and Pfc. Raizo Okazaki, 542 West 112 street, New York City, whose brothers are missing in action with the 442nd Combat Team, are shown as they placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington cemetery in ceremonies on July 12. (Center) The ceremonial detachment from Fort Myer, Va., served as honor guard in the

ceremony in which the 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team paid tribute to the Unknown Soldier at Arlington cemetery. The floral wreath from the 442nd is shown in front of the tomb.

(Lower) Members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team gathered together in the wooded area near the Post headquarters to memorialize their fallen comrades. — All photos by Pvt. K. Ozaki, Hospital Reconditioning, Fort Belvoir, Va.

## "Lost Battalion" of 442nd Left in Italy; Sweats Out Time Until Return to U. S.

1300 Japanese Americans Transferred to Other Units; GI Newspaper Reveals Conditions Faced By Nisei Combat Veterans at New Posts

FOGGIA, Italy—(Exclusive)—While men of the 442nd Combat Team marched down Constitution Avenue in Washington and were reviewed by President Truman, a "lost battalion" of the 442nd has been sweating it out in Foggia.

The 442nd veterans still in Italy are the 1300 men of the unit who did not have the necessary 40 points for discharge at the time of the deactivation decision. The majority are veterans of combat, having joined the Combat Team as replacements and participating in the final offensive in Italy. Many lacked only a point or two of the 40 which the Mediterranean theater command set up as the basis for eligibility to return.

In mid-June part of the 1300 men of the 442nd who remained in Italy were moved into Foggia to give the 1898th Engineers a hand.

Most of the Nisei GIs had believed that the entire 442nd Combat Team would return to the United States but the point system was applied and only a token force of the 500 men sailed home from LeLghorn on the Wilson Victory.

The Nisei troops who have been transferred to Foggia have been set up in tents in the "Dust Bowl" in the midst of the old airfields area at Foggia.

On June 23 a GI newspaper in Italy had the following comment to make regarding the conditions faced by the 442nd's "lost battalion" in Italy:

"In all fairness to living in tents in that sandy desert wasteland we have to say that is no worse than conditions combat troops endured out there during the war. But the war is over, and while the 442nd never shied away from combat, they can see little reason for living like that now.

"They look at the sweet condition of troops living in town; clean and comfortable rooms, good plumbing, clean messhalls, plenty of night clubs and theaters, and good access to the ARK. Then they see their own quarters: tents, hot and barely furnished with five men sharing one tent. Drinking and washing water comes from the messhall or the latrine. Their supply room, where they are to draw clean sheets, is a weak-looking shack with plenty of holes for ventilation or dirt, and the floor is a dusty mass of white chalk that makes it impossible to keep fresh sheets clean."

One of the officers of the 442nd is quoted as criticizing the condition of the small messhall:

"The place is too little for feeding over 150 men, and the PWs eat there too. It is impossible to keep clean and I'm worried about dysentery starting. I tried to build a new messhall but I was refused materials and laborers. One reason is they don't want any permanent building."

A sergeant pointed out another

incongruity regarding the presence of the 442nd veterans at Foggia.

"All our boys," he said, "are in the 18 to 24 month category. Now they're taking riflemen and training them to be desk clerks and motor-pool attendants. By the time they are trained in these jobs they'll go home and we'll have to start all over again."

The GI paper said that the discontent felt by some of the men of the 442nd left in Italy explains some of the flareups which have occurred in town, "surprising in view of their spotless conduct record in Italy."

A few civilians, surprised to see boys of Oriental descent, have passed some pretty nasty remarks on the spur of the moment. The boys, who take a fierce pride in their Americanism, have tried whipping a few of the hecklers," the newspaper added.

## Soldier Killed At Trieste May Be Nisei GI

WASHINGTON — An American soldier, reportedly of Japanese ancestry, was killed in ambush at Trieste on the night of July 16, according to information received here.

The United Press report identified the soldier as Walter L. Kugawa of the 351st battalion of the 88th division.

(A few Japanese Americans reportedly are attached to the 88th division in northern Italy.)

The U. P. said that 600 angry American soldiers, with rifles and machine guns cocked, searched the countryside on July 17 for the ambushers who killed Kugawa and wounded two others.

The assailant fired from behind a bush and hit Kugawa, a jeep driver, in the head, killing him instantly.

## Salinas Center Resumes Activities

SALINAS, Calif. — The Salinas chapter of the JACL resumed activation on the 17th of May with President James Abe presiding over the meeting.

The chapter will hold its first community gathering at Gilroy Hot Springs on July 21.

## President Truman Reviews Japanese American Troops

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President's reviewing party and in front of the distinguished guests were:

Ist Lieutenant Howard Miyake, 1886 Lusitana Avenue, Honolulu, who was wounded in the back and suffered shattered nerves of the left leg while serving with Company A, 100th Battalion near Rome in January, 1944.

Pfc. Tadao Ono, 2029 North King St., Honolulu, who lost his left leg when a land mine exploded in Italy in April, 1945. Pfc. Ono was also with Company A, 100th Battalion.

Pfc. Wilson Makabe, Loomis, California, who while in combat with Company I, 3rd Battalion in Italy in August, 1944, suffered the loss of his right leg and multiple fractures of the left leg.

Pfc. Terry T. Kato, 1241 Elm Street, Honolulu, who suffered the loss of his right leg while serving with Company I, 3rd Battalion near Carrara, Italy, in April, 1945.

Nurses from the staff at Walter Reed General hospital accompanied the patients to the review.

If the "Go for Broke" boys, those who marched on Monday and those who at one time wore the red-white-and-blue Liberty Torch shoulder patch, had any doubts on how America feels about them, they were dispelled dramatically. The esteem with which they are held by the American public was all too evident on Monday. The thousands of persons who lined Constitution Avenue and who stood for over an hour around the Ellipse in the rain and got soaking wet presented the best proof of the high regard with which they are held by appreciative Americans.

Monday's parade and review were President Truman's way of commending the boys for a hard job well done. And it was the War Department's final recognition and gratitude to its regiment which was born amid doubt but which grew up into the most distinguished outfit in the U. S. Army.



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## EDITORIALS: Honors for GIs

According to the Associated Press this week, "no other unit has been singled out for such honors upon its return home from overseas battle grounds" as those accorded the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the parade and ceremonies in Washington in which President Truman affixed the seventh Distinguished Unit Citation to the colors of the Nisei Infantry unit.

The homecoming reception in New York and at Camp Kilmer and the honors accorded the 442nd Combat Team in Washington this week express a measure of the nation's appreciation of the magnificent combat record of the American soldiers of Japanese ancestry.

President Truman noted the difficult war-time situation faced by the Japanese Americans in his speech to the 442nd when he said that "you fought not only the enemy but prejudice, and you won." The President also recalled the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the time of the formation of the 442nd Combat Team. "Americanism," FDR had said in endorsing the formation of a Nisei combat unit, "is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

There is no better proof of the late President Roosevelt's words than the record of the Japanese American Combat Team which inspired them.

## Home is the Soldier

The case of Jon Matsuo of Minneapolis, shows today the awakening regard of Americans to the affairs of their fellow men.

Jon Matsuo, a war veteran, applied for a home in a newly-proposed veterans housing project. He was rejected, and strictly and only on the grounds of race.

Over a dozen civic organizations, including veterans groups, have come to his aid. Many Minneapolis citizens, aroused by the injustice done to this war veteran, sent their protests to the newspapers. The veterans of the University of Minnesota's AVC post, Minneapolis Post No. 331 of the Jewish War Veterans, the YWCA and the Congress of Racial Equality came out strongly in Matsuo's support. A dozen civic groups met to discuss this single problem and unanimously voted their support of the Nisei war veteran.

Since that time a compromise has been worked out, as reported in a letter to the Minneapolis Morning Tribune. Under this compromise Matsuo was to be given one of the original lots on the Oak Hill development, though this lot was to be "excluded" from the development on paper. It would, however, be "adjoining to and intermingling with" other lots. In addition Jon Matsuo would remain in the project and have all the privileges of other Oak Hill residents.

The compromise was worked out to enable the other veterans to proceed with their plans when it became apparent that it would otherwise be impossible to conclude the project.

The agreement was of course a compromise, but it was a workable one, whereas the outlawing of restrictive covenants might have taken years.

In the long run, of course, it will be necessary to have the courts declare the restrictive covenant unconstitutional.

Jon Matsuo was fortunate in living in a community which could grasp so quickly the injustice of the covenant which denied him

a home. Minnesotans can be proud of their strict regard for the democracy for which its veterans, including Matsuo, fought.

But other states and other cities have not upheld the right of some of their veterans to the equal rights to which they are entitled by citizenship and by the fact they served in uniform.

In Los Angeles a Nisei war veteran was not allowed to move into the home he had purchased for his family. By court decree the restrictive covenant covering his home and lot was upheld.

Thus, even as the men of the 442nd return to their homes in the states and in Hawaii, racial discrimination rises again to strike against their equal opportunity in housing, employment and education.

The American Council on Race Relations recently reported that "discrimination as usual" by government agencies is depriving more than a million minority veterans of the benefits and privileges guaranteed them under the GI Bill of Rights.

"That the minority group veteran was being discriminated against in his reconversion to civilian life was well known and much lip-service was being given on behalf of the problems he was having. The effort to make a national issue of the plight of Negro, Japanese American and other minority veterans deserves the commendation and the active support of all who are interested in seeing democratic treatment given to those who gave so much that others might enjoy it," said the Council.

"If ever democracy is to come to America," said the ACR, "it could make no better start with the veterans—black, white, brown, yellow—who gave so much that the democratic way of life might survive for the basis of a better world for all mankind."

## Canadian Camps

Out in the desert stretches of the west and the south are ten deserted camp cities, once the homes of 100,000 Americans who were herded into these relocation centers in 1942. They are empty today, and many of them are being rapidly dismantled. The Japanese Americans who once lived in these camps remember the cold, thin shacks that served as "homes," the community baths and messhalls. But they remember it from a distance now and from a new-won security.

But in Canada, meanwhile, the government is now—at this moment when the war is over—creating new relocation centers to move her Japanese Canadian citizens out of British Columbia in preparation for resettlement in other parts of Canada or repatriation and expatriation.

One of the camps, as described in a report to the *New Canadian*, is set up as follows:

"The buildings are 'H' shaped—two wings connected by a center section which is also extended slightly like a small center wing. These buildings were formerly huge dormitories (the camp was formerly a prisoner-of-war camp) without partitions, but now the two large wings have been partitioned off into 32 family quarters—16 to a wing. The center section served as a washroom, laundry, showers, etc., and has a boiler room with a hot water tank.

"The ceiling is 10 ft. high, and the partitions (intended to give privacy to evacuee families) is 7 ft. 3 inches high, leaving an open space above the partition of over 2 feet.

"Each family's quarters is approximately 9 ft. by 14 ft., although some of the rooms are smaller than others. These rooms are equipped with two double-decker beds and a table in each.

"The building is heated by large coal stoves, three in each of the two wings and three in the center section.

"At present, three of the buildings have been made ready for occupancy."

Our own relocation program is not so far away that this picture of one of Canada's relocation centers does not bring back the stark horror of life in the center. But whereas we closed the last of these un-democratic institutions before the end of the war, Canada is still preparing them for her citizens.

It is obvious that the Canadian government is cooperating with the racists of British Columbia who decreed that the Japanese Canadians would not resettle in that area permanently. Canada is playing ball with the hatemongering element in her population that would disregard the rights of her citizens, because of race and color.

## Legality of State Land Law Questioned in Reply Brief Filed in Oyama Test Case

Improper Delegation  
Of Authority Cited  
By Attorney Wirin

LOS ANGELES—Two new points of law are raised in the reply brief filed in the California Supreme Court on July 12 by Attorney A. L. Wirin in the Oyama test case involving the constitutionality of the California Alien Land Law.

The brief, in addition to claiming that the law violates constitutional rights under the Federal and State constitutions because it discriminates against persons of Japanese ancestry because of their race, also raises the following points:

"That the title to property conveyed by an alien Japanese to his American-born son cannot be questioned by the State, on the ground that complete title passes to the son at the time of the transfer of the property.

"The California law is vague and unconstitutional because the California legislature, in barring 'aliens ineligible to citizenship' from owning and cultivating land, improperly delegates its authority to the United States Congress."

The brief also points out that alien Japanese no longer are ineligible to citizenship since Japanese aliens who have served in the United States Army may be naturalized.

The reply brief is signed by A. L. Wirin, John Maeno and J. B. Tietz, attorneys for Oyama, and by Saburo Kido, former national president of the JACL. Attached to the brief is a law memorandum prepared by Morris E. Cohn, chairman of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and Max Radin, professor at the University of California Law school.

The Attorney General of California now has thirty days to submit a final brief. A decision from the Supreme Court is expected by next fall.

Mr. Wirin stated this week an appeal is being planned to the United States Supreme Court if the California Supreme Court does not declare the Alien Land law unconstitutional.

Organizations cooperating in the case include the Japanese American Citizens League, the Southern and Northern California Civil Rights Defense Unions, the Amer-

## Kido Urges Issei Citizenship in Talk At Fisk Meeting

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Saburo Kido, former national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, urged naturalization rights for loyal aliens of Japanese ancestry in his talk on July 13 before the race relations institute of the American Missionary Association at Fisk University.

"There should be no specification of race, religion or national origin as qualifications for citizenship in a democracy," Mr. Kido said.

## Anti-Alien Laws To Be Discussed At IDC Meeting

The summer meeting of the Intermountain District Council will be held Sunday, July 28, at the Washington hotel in Weiser, Idaho, according to the National JACL office.

The Snake River chapter will be host, headed by Joe Saito, president.

The IDC's agenda for the day will feature a discussion on the advisability of sponsoring legislation to repeal anti-alien land laws in Utah, Idaho and Oregon.

Ogden chapter delegates will offer a tentative plan for the IDC convention to be held this fall.

Tom Hoshiyama will present plans for oratorical and essay contests to be sponsored by the IDC. A preliminary discussion on the national JACL convention to be held in Salt Lake City in 1948 will be held.

Delegates to the summer meeting of the IDC may make reservations for hotel rooms and transportation from the airport at Boise to Weiser by contacting Joe Saito, Route 1, Ontario, Oregon.

ican Civil Liberties Union, the National Lawyers Guild, Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles, Council for Civic Unity and other civic organizations.

## Minority Veterans Conference Considers Problems of Ex-GIs

NEW YORK—Eighty delegates from fifty national organizations, at the National Action Conference on Minority Veterans Problems on July 12 unanimously endorsed the joint proposal of five veterans' groups that a veterans' delegation lay before President Truman charges of discrimination under the G. I. Bill of Rights, and to demand the protection of the Department of Justice for Negro and other minority G. I.'s.

The veterans' groups who comprise the delegation are: Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, American Veterans Committee, Veterans League of America, and United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

The nomination of the veterans' delegation at the Conference, which was called by the American Council on Race Relations, came after reports were heard from representatives of the Veterans' Administration, the U. S. Employment Service, and the National Housing Agency. These reports were in the form of progress reports on the recommendations made to these agencies by the National Emergency Conference on Minority Veterans Problems held here April 5 last.

A resolution of the five veterans' groups, which was adopted unanimously by the Conference today, declared that the reports "indicate little progress in eliminating unequal treatment of minority veterans."

Charles H. Houston, Conference Chairman, prominent Washington attorney and Vice President of the American Council on Race Relations, declared in a special address at the luncheon meeting of the Conference: "Reports we have heard this morning convince me that in the main the federal agencies responsible for the administration of the G. I. Bill of Rights are not facing up to the task of

aggressively combating discrimination against Negro, Japanese American, Mexican, Jewish and other minority group veterans. The federal agencies appear to be concerned chiefly with telling us why they cannot effectively fight discrimination, rather than going out and fighting it. What is needed obviously is popular pressure on government. The national organizations here represented should urge their local branches to put the same kind of pressure on local offices of the federal agencies that the Conference is applying at the national level."

Dissatisfied with the reports of the Washington agencies, the Conference took steps to set up a continuing joint council on minority veterans' problems with the participation of the 50 national organizations attending the Conference. The American Council on Race Relations was asked by the Conference to act as a clearing house for the Joint Council.

## Earl Finch Will Leave Soon for West Coast Tour

WASHINGTON — Earl Finch left for Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on July 15 following the parade and review of the 442nd, to attend to business matters. As soon as circumstances permit, he will fly out to Los Angeles to discuss adjustment problems with Nisei veterans. Later he will visit Monterey to confer with USO officials on setting up recreational facilities for the Nisei at the Military Intelligence Language School at the Presidio.

Mr. Finch, who had been requested by Col. Alfred Pursall to serve as liaison and adviser for the 442nd, has been with the unit since its arrival in New York on July 2.



## Vagaries

It's understood the War Department had planned for the return of the full 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy. However, theater commanders in the Mediterranean balked and the point system was applied. Seventy per cent of the men who served in the 442nd already had returned between V-E day and June, 1946.

The PC reportedly was the means through which an Issei father in San Francisco has located whereabouts of his daughter who was stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war. The Issei published his New Year's greetings in the Pacific Citizen's holiday issue. The girl happened to see a copy of the PC sent to a Nisei GI in Tokyo. She saw her father's name and address in the paper. Last week the father received a letter from his daughter who said she was now working for a U. S. Army hospital unit and hoped to return to her home in San Francisco.

The only Nisei in the National AAU track and field championships at San Antonio, Tex., on June 29 was Takeo Takushi of Hawaii who placed third in the junior 10,000 meter run behind two American marathon stars, Ventura and Fregario Baez. Takushi placed fifth in the senior 10,000 meter event.

Yoroku Fukuda is one of two full-time paid executive directors of the CIO-PAC on Oahu in Hawaii. All of the major newsreel companies featured the homecoming reception for the 442nd Infantry in their releases last week. Paramount, Universal, News of the Day, Movietone and RKO-Pathé gave extensive coverage on the arrival of the Nisei GIs in New York. Pfc. Ted Teruo Hozaki, who died recently at a California army hospital, is the first Japanese American to be buried in the Veterans cemetery at Sawtelle, Calif.

Mayor Roger Lapham, who was given a vote of confidence by the citizens of San Francisco Tuesday when a recall campaign failed, had the outspoken support of the Nichi-Bei Times, San Francisco's new Japanese American paper. The Nichi-Bei Times recalled that Lapham had taken forthright action last year to back the right of a Nisei, Takeo Miyama, to work on the Municipal Railway system. Lapham's action and the support of such labor leaders as State Senator John Shelley, now Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, insured Miyama's right to stay on the job.

Hawaiian members of the 442nd Combat Team were disappointed in the decision which will send them from New York to Honolulu by boat, a distance one-third of the way around the world. Col. Fred Pursall, commander of the 442nd, wired the Pacific Citizen last week that, despite many requests, the unit would not be able to stop on the West Coast en route to Hawaii.

## Public Links

At least one Nisei golfer has entered the National Public Links tournament which will start in Denver, Colo., on July 22. He is Murata, a member of the Hawaii entry in the tourney and a member of the 442nd Combat Team. Murata arrived in Denver last week from Hawaii. There have been no Japanese American entries in national tournament since the days of Art Sato in the early 1930s. Sato once won the finals of the California amateur championships. Another 442nd veteran, Tsuneishi, a member of Hawaii who won the National AAU bantamweight championship in Boston last April, won professional recently. In his pro fight he knocked out his opponent, Flashy Datto, in 65 seconds of the first round. One of the best-known Nisei fighters before the war was Hank Nakamura of Hawaii, a lightweight who was well known on the mainland and who appeared in Madison Square Garden. Nakamura went overseas with the 100th Infantry Division and was decorated for bravery in Italy. He was killed in action at Cassino.

## Washington News-Letter Spirit of Unit Made 442nd Outstanding, Says Sergeant

By JOHN KITASAKO

First Sergeant Yeiki Matsui, of the homecoming 442nd, was sitting across the table from us at a service club in Fort Belvoir trying to explain what made the Nisei Combat Team such an outstanding outfit. It was hard to describe, he said. It was due to many things but chiefly to the marvelous spirit of unity.

The fellows realized all too well that they were always on the spot—on the battlefield and at home. They knew they had to make good. The persecution suffered back home welded them into a strong unified outfit. They knew that unless they stuck together and worked together, they would not be able to answer the insults of the doubters and bigots on the home front.

Yeiki said that in the 442nd it was always a case of one fellow taking care of another—the old-timer looking after the newcomer, the older hands looking after the youngsters. He spoke highly of the squad leaders and their assistants. They really looked after their men well. All throughout the war, the 442nd was blessed with capable leaders; they kept calm and cool when the going was the hottest. No group ever went to pieces.

The officers didn't try to pull rank on the enlisted men; it was done occasionally, but only in fun. Rank didn't mean much in the 442nd; it just meant extra pay and additional responsibility.

Yet the outfit had a high discipline record. The fellows respected their officers, but they let it be known that they weren't going to stand any nonsense about rank, and that they could be hardheaded and contrary if they wanted to be. It didn't take newly assigned lieutenants long to get the hang of the situation.

"No buddahead wants to be a coward in the eyes of his friends," said Yeiki. "No buddahead wants to give up. He'll fight till he drops." It was this bold determination, this intense pride the boys had in their unit and in themselves that molded them into a fierce fighting unit.

The fellows did a great deal of talking about their folks, post-war jobs, and studies, and about discrimination at home, but they didn't talk much about death, observed Yeiki. Not that it wasn't on their minds. It was, constantly. They kept wondering when they would get hit. When they saw dead Jerries around them, it made them wonder how and why they got killed. It made them shudder when they thought that had circumstances been different, it might have been they themselves lying in the blood-caked soil.

With death so ever-present, the boys spent a good deal of the time discussing religion. They expressed their views not so much to influence others but more to reassure themselves that they were at peace with God.

Fellows who never prayed before in their lives prayed before they went to bed, said Yeiki. In combat anything that might help their morale and give them a boost, anything to which they could hang onto in times of stress, the boys clung to avidly. And that explained why so many of them carried pocket testaments, and read the most popular passage of all, the 23rd Psalm.

Yeiki, who hails from Elko, Nevada, is a pharmacist graduate of the University of Southern California. After he got overseas, he had a chance to go into the medical corps, but he stuck it out with the infantry unit.

"The life of an infantryman is a dirty life," observed Yeiki. "He gets the dirty fighting dumped on him. But infantrymen are the backbone of any army. That's where a fellow really feels the war. That's where a fellow comes into the fullest appreciation of what the spirit of unity is and does."

## Washington Notes

POSTSCRIPTS: Hank Gosh, former member of Merrill's famed Marauders in Burma, has transferred from the Bureau of Internal Revenue in New York to the Washington Army Documents Section, where he is a research analyst.

Lundgren "Peanuts" Main, former supply officer at Heart Mountain and later with the WRA national headquarters in Washington, is leaving next week for Anchorage, Alaska, to work with the surplus property section of the Territories and Islands Division of the Department of Interior. He

and his family will be gone a year. Out at Heart Mountain, the Mains' son, Tommy, was among the first of the Caucasian personnel children to attend the center school. When Heart Mountain closed in November last year, Tommy transferred to nearby Powell High, where in short time he became an honor student, thereby helping to disprove the belief held by some persons that relocation center schools were of low scholastic standards.

Bob Ota, recently discharged from Camp Lee, Virginia, leaves

## Editorial Digest

### "Go For Broke" THE DENVER POST

The Denver Post, which once sniped the WRA program of relocation in its news and editorial columns, last week reflected the paper's change of management and policy in its editorial commending the Japanese American Regimental Combat Team.

Commenting on the spectacular welcome given the Nisei heroes in New York City, the Post declared:

"That welcome bespoke much that is good in America, the melting pot, haven of the oppressed, land of the free. Here were men from a racial group widely under suspicion early in the war but who, as they had proclaimed at the outset, were entirely loyal to their American land—and proved it with blood and bullets. No semblance in that welcome of the hysterical antipathy accorded even loyal German-Americans in the first World war. Just plain, unrepresed admiration for a well-knit body of great fighting men, who had been unsurpassed under any and all tests.

"And why not? Its slogan was 'Go for Broke,' which is Nisei slang for 'Shoot the works.' Shoot the works they did, too. First in action at Oran, they spent 240 days in combat, fighting up thru Africa and Italy. In that period they lost 650 men killed in action, won 3,600 Purple Hearts and 2,000 other decorations, including the Congressional Medal of Honor. In a day or two they will pass in review before President Truman in Washington, and then go to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for deactivation July 15.

"They have won their place in America," said the Denver Post.

### Cheers Not Enough BATTLE CREEK ENQUIRER & NEWS

Though the famed Japanese American Regimental Combat Team richly merits the heroes' welcome received in New York City upon arrival, cheers are not enough, says the Battle Creek, Mich., Enquirer and News.

"Their record entitles them and all loyal fellow-Nisei to equal treatment and respect for their rights as American citizens," says that newspaper. "It calls for a speedy righting of any wrongs which have been inflicted upon these people either under the necessities of war or as a result of war-inspired suspicions and prejudices.

"There are several specific steps which need to be taken with this object in view," says the Battle Creek paper. "It goes without saying that these returning veterans should be assured equal opportunity for schooling and employment. Interior Secretary Krug has urged congress to approve legislation creating an evacuation claims commission to consider claims of Japanese American citizens who suffered property losses as a result of the wartime relocation and internment program. Bills have also been introduced in congress to prevent deportation against their will of some 2,000 Japanese non-citizens who entered the United States as 'treaty merchants' or students prior to Pearl Harbor. Many of these immigrants actively aided the war effort and do not wish to return to Japan for

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Which Way Is North In Denver, Colorado

Denver, Colo.

Thirty-six hours in Denver and we are still confused as to which way is north. Thanks to Boy Scout training, we can puzzle out the other directions once we get north established.

But north is an elusive object, especially after the trolley coach (called curbliner in Des Moines, trackless trolley in Seattle, trolley bus in Singapore) makes a few twists and turns.

We've acquired a map of the city for 15 cents and tomorrow we'll make another effort at orientation.

Meanwhile we've solved the mystery of at least one stretch of one trolley coach line. The No. 13 coach passes just outside the home of Gard and Merijane Yokoe where we've found temporary shelter. We climb aboard, relax for 20 minutes, and that gets us to within a half block of the office. The process of getting to the office is painless and effortless.

soon for Frankfurt, Germany, where he will serve for six months as a terrain analyst in the Topographical Division of the War Department.

If we are with the Yokoes long enough we'll develop the technique of taking an 18-minute nap on the way to work every morning.

Several passengers—obviously oldtimers hereabouts—were napping this morning. We observed them with a certain admiration understandable only to perennial commuters.

### Hood River Passage

Some days ago we drove through the city of Hood River, Ore. A week later we passed through again, this time by train.

This is to report that there were no desperate looking characters in Legionnaire caps, armed or otherwise, standing at the city limits to check our birth certificate.

In fact no one seemed to give a single whoop whether we were in town. And that was okay by us.

### Date in Nampa

Without looking at his timetable the ticket agent said the train would be in Nampa, Idaho, at 10:30 a. m. So we wired George Ishihara that we'd be there just long enough for the train to change engines, load up on water and ice and get ready for the long ride through southern Idaho.

The train arrived at 9:35, on the dot. Someone beat us to the phone and appeared to be calling half the numbers in the book. Finally the station agent contacted George's wife on his official phone when we explained our plight.

"But your telegram said 10:35," Kimi protested.

"Sure, but here I am."

So she phoned George and in a couple of minutes he came speeding up to the station, dashing on to the platform like a teenager rather than a bloke crowding his fifties.

We had a nice chat in the time that remained. George, one of the best-known Nisei baseball figures in the Pacific Northwest, admitted he was coaching again.

And then with a smile he said: "They say some of the farmers come out to watch me instead of the ball game."

### Fishing

Our five-year-old got his first taste of trout-fishing from his Seattle granddad who makes it something of a fine art. Granddad hooked three trout within 15 minutes in the Green, a half hour out of town.

Each time he would let his grandson play and reel in the fish. After the first one the 5-year-old was sold on fishing, hook line and sinker. We could tell it in his eyes. We could tell it in his knees which were trembling with excitement.

But as the afternoon wore on the boy in him overcame the newly-acquired Izaak Walton complex. When the trout quit biting he became restive and pretty soon he was tossing pebbles into the river just to watch the splash.

But he wants to go fishing again, and his granddad is willing.

### Fascinated

The way our youngsters were fascinated by the water in Seattle was something of a revelation. They were attracted and almost hypnotized by any large body of water such as Elliot bay of Lake Washington.

The 5-year-old has spent almost half his life in land-locked Iowa. The 2-year-old is Iowa-born. Never so long as they could remember had they seen anything bigger back home than the murky Des Moines river.

Perhaps it was the same fascination that leads so many Midwest boys to naval careers. The smell of salt and the sight of the blue water is bewitching to one who has seen only the endless oceans of wheat and corn fields.

fear of possible reprisals. These legislative proposals should receive prompt approval by congress.

"The Japanese-American soldiers now back from the battlefield, and those who will not be returning, have paid in advance for just and generous treatment of their racial group by their fellow-Americans."

### Valor Acclaimed STOCKTON RECORD

The Stockton Post on July 13 had high editorial praise for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which came home from Europe on July 8.

"These fighting Nisei-infantrymen, veterans of tough, sanguinary battle in Italy and France, are back in the states after two years' service in the European theater," said the Record.

"Following the review by the Commander-in-Chief, the boys will return to Fort Belvoir, Va., where their outfit will be deactivated. Yet in a sense the regiment will go on forever. Its bold deeds and sacrifices in some of the roughest going of the war have immortalized it.

"The white crosses left behind, the 3600 purple heart awards and more than 2000 other decorations are a partial measure of the great and loyal service rendered by these Nisei troopers. The acclaim of other outfits which saw all they went through, often as an assault spearhead, is the truest gauge of their performance.

"In the hysteria and uncertainties following Pearl Harbor, these boys of Japanese blood were looked upon with a measure of doubt by some people. Given their chance to fight the youths of the 442nd soon proved their loyal citizenship and heroic qualities in the heat of battle."

### BEN KUROKI WILL RECEIVE PAGEANT MAGAZINE AWARD

Ben Kuroki, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and veteran of 58 bombing missions in both the European and Pacific theaters, will be awarded the Pageant magazine award, "Citizen of Good Will" during a future broadcast of "We, the People," from New York City.

The former Air Force sergeant was featured in the August issue of Pageant in "Ben Kuroki's 59th Mission" by Arnold Perl.

Kuroki left Salt Lake City July 16 for New York City to receive the Pageant award.

### Illinois Hospital Offers Scholarships To Nisei Students

QUINCEY, Ill.—The St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing at Quincy, Ill., this week offered three scholarships to properly qualified Japanese American students through Mary Anderson, director of nursing.

Eight Nisei students are now in training at the school, according to Miss Anderson.

Interested persons may write to the director at the Saint Mary's Hospital, Broadway at Fourteenth, Quincy, Ill., for further information.



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## Compromise Solution Indicated In Minneapolis Housing Case

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — A unique "compromise" under which Jon Matsuo, war veteran, will live in the Oak Hill housing project from which he was originally excluded has been worked out, it was indicated here July 14 in a letter to the Minneapolis Tribune.

The letter was sent to the Tribune by H. D. Fleisher of Minneapolis.

Under the compromise, according to the letter, Matsuo will "remain in the project and enjoy the privileges afforded others."

He will build on the same land the others will build on, though his lot will be excluded from the plat, though it was once on it and is "adjoining it and intermingling with the houses of the rest of the group." The lot will be segregated "on paper only," it was reported.

The compromise was worked out after it became evident that it would be impossible to continue the project and still include the Matsuos because of real estate rulings.

"The university veterans of the

Oak Hill housing group did not even question the right of Jon Matsuo, Nisei, to be in the project," Fleisher wrote. "This was not merely a bunch of high-sounding phrases and words about incorporeal rights by some one unassociated with the project. This was actual democracy in practice."

Matsuo's right to live in the housing project was supported by many local organizations, including the University of Minnesota AVC, Post No. 331, Jewish War Veterans, the YWCA, the Congress of Racial Equality and a dozen other civic groups who unanimously supported the Matsuos after a meeting held to discuss the Nisei's problem.

## Former Seattleite Married in Hawaii

SEATTLE, Wash. — Word has been received here of the marriage of Miyoko Shinoda to Yukio Taniguchi in Hilo, Hawaii, on June 20.

The bride is a former Seattleite. Hilo is the bridegroom's home. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop R. Aoki, formerly of the Seattle Buddhist church.

Mrs. Taniguchi was employed by the war production board in Salt Lake City until September 1945.

Taniguchi was a classmate of his wife's brother, Michio Shinoda, at the Camp Savage military intelligence language school. Shinoda, recently discharged after serving in the Philippines and Japan, has opened a cleaning establishment here.

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To Mr. and Mrs. K. Kitahara, W. Los Angeles, a son on June 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Furukawa, Lodi, a son on June 29.  
To Mr. and Mrs. John Tamura, Lodi, a son on June 29.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Komai, New York City, a boy on July 11.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Kuroda, Chicago, a girl on June 23.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sakura, Milwaukee, a son, Norman Bruce, on June 21.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nakano, St. Louis, Mo., a girl, Nikki Lynne, on June 8.

### DEATHS

Ken Iwasaki, 11 months, on July 5 in Los Angeles.  
Kuichi Kai on July 1, in Los Angeles.  
Shizue Kuwaki on July 7 in Los Angeles.  
Jukichi Taniguchi, 67, of Fowler, Calif., on July 8.  
William Saka Okimoto, Jr., 9, Longmont, Colo.  
Tamenosuke Ide of Wilmington, Calif., on July 10.  
Shigeki Ito, 78, of Walnut Grove, Calif., on July 7.  
Heichiro Tonoki, 79, in El Centro, Calif.  
Mrs. H. Uryu, 71, in San Jose, Calif., on July 2.  
Sumi Sayama (Mrs. Kenji Sayama), 46, on July 10 at Brigham City, Utah.  
Ronald Irie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Irie, Henderson, Colorado.

### MARRIAGES

Sumie Yamasaki to Satoshi Muraki on July 7 in Los Angeles.  
Tsugie Kajioka to Masami Manabe on June 22 in Watsonville.  
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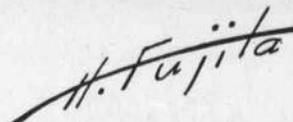


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## Nisei, Negro Girls Among Counselors At Youth Camp

HARTFORD, Conn. — A Nisei girl, a Negro girl and a girl from Mississippi will have the three top counselor positions at Camp Woodstock, Conn., beginning July 27, according to the Hartford Times.

The combination of inter-cultural backgrounds is expected to bring a cosmopolitan air to the camp, which is going into its 25th season, says the Times.

The Nisei girl is Tomoko Ikeda, sociology major at the University of Connecticut. Miss Ikeda will be in charge of the Cadet Camp, consisting of 8, 9 and 10 year olds.

## Return Home with Mainland Brides

HONOLULU — Two Hawaiian Nisei soldiers, veterans of overseas combat, returned to their homes with mainland brides recently.

Pfc. Harold S. Nakasone, veteran of four major campaigns with the 442nd Combat Team, came home with his bride, the former Beverly Jane Reetze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Reetze of Strum, Wis. The Nakasones have a daughter, Sharon Ann, 18 months of age.

Staff Sgt. Hidami Naito came home on the Pan-American's Constellation with his bride, the former Jean Masuye Inokuchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tane Inokuchi of Evanston, Ill.

## Two Nisei Veterans Elected to Posts In Spokane AVC

SPOKANE Wash. — Two Nisei veterans were elected to posts in the Spokane chapter of the American Veterans Committee in elections held this week.

Kazuo Maruyama, former Army lieutenant, was unanimously elected secretary of the Spokane AVC, while Spady Koyama, who acted as chairman of the AVC unit earlier this year, was elected to the executive board.

Ten Nisei ex-GIs are members of the Spokane chapter.

Koyama recently attended the state convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart as official delegate from the Spokane chapter. He will be a delegate to the national convention of the Purple Heart group in Portland, Ore., in August.

Koyama indicated that nine Spokane Nisei were members of the Purple Heart organization and that six others were eligible.

## Protest Forced Sale of Home Of Canadian Nisei Soldier

CFF Leader Says "Ridiculously Low" Price Obtained

OTTAWA, Canada—The forced sale of property belonging to a Canadian soldier of Japanese ancestry who served "with distinction" in the Malaya command was protested by M. J. Coldwell, national leader of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, in the House of Commons on June 25.

Coldwell said that property belonging to Sgt. T. Buck Suzuki, now serving overseas with the Canadian Intelligence Corps, was sold for a "ridiculously low price." (Much of the property of Japanese Canadians evacuated from

British Columbia was sold by the government under forced sale conditions.)

Coldwell said that Sgt. Suzuki's holdings were sold by the government custodian for \$1,963.33. "I am told that this is considerably below its actual value," Coldwell charged.

"There is an insurance policy of \$3,000 covering the house, and furniture to the value of \$500. There were over seven acres of land which was never assessed below \$100 an acre," the CCF leader added.

Coldwell said that Sgt. Suzuki has stated that he can obtain from a builder a statement that a house similar to his would cost between \$4000 and \$5000.

The Veterans Affairs Minister, Ian Mackenzie, stated that the case would be investigated by the veterans' affairs committee.

(Ian Mackenzie has been a leader of agitation against persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada and campaigned last year for reelection with the slogan "No Japs from the Rockies to the Sea.")

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