United Way help sought for Asians in L.A.

By RON WAKARAYASHI
Los Angeles

A coalition of Asian Pacific human service agencies met with representatives from United Way of Los Angeles on March 5, seeking funding for an Asian Pacific Regional Resource Center. The center has been working with United Way since last fall in an attempt to solicit additional funds for a large fund-raising charity to the needs of Asian-Pacific communities.

United Way of Los Angeles on one time at three Japanese social service agencies prior to World War II. Currently, United Way of Los Angeles funds only one Asian agency, the Tsuwabuko, which funds the Asian Center of Santa Monica for $16,000. United Way actually funded the American Community Service Centers, for $16,000 in 1970. The merger-agreement is especially small compared to the $150,000 that United Way raised during its recent fund-raising campaign.

United Ways throughout the country are coming under more public scrutiny. The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy has recently criticized the agency for its policies. Minority groups appear to feel the exclusion from participation in United Way in large proportions.

The development of the Brotherhood Crusade was triggered by Black community displeasure with United Way. In Santa Monica, a coalition of minority groups is currently boycotting United Way in that area.

In comparison to other areas such as Seattle and San Francisco, the Los Angeles United Way is more effective. In even closer scrutiny, these cities have significantly smaller revenues than the giant Los Angeles city, but fund more Asian agencies in larger amounts.

JACL is working with United Way along with the Asian American Voluntary Action Center, the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, the Asian Pacific Planning Council, a coalition of Asian-Pacific social service agencies, the group and the Japanese American Civil Liberties Union, the American Civil Liberties Union, an elderly advocacy group, and volunteers regarding Asian-Pacific community concerns.

The Tokyo office of the Center for Regional Planning, an extensive study of funding patterns, the ethnic composition of its Board of Directors, was under the subject of concern.

Wakabayashi, former JACL youth worker, is chairman of the JACL Ethic Concerns Committee.

Committee calls for ’80 chapter re-entry plans

San Francisco, Ca.

With the JACL travel program now underway, the National JACL travel committee, under the chairmanship of Henry Sakai, met here March 5 to get an early start on the policy-making role as well as clarify the program and issues.

District councils and Chapters interested in sponsoring flights in 1980 are expected to notify JACL Headquarters, attention Travel Committee the following information:

1. Dates for first half of 1980 must be reported by May 15, 1979.
2. Dates for second half of 1980 must be reported by July 15, 1979.
3. The earlier the dates are submitted, the greater the preference for those dates.
4. The carrier and the dates will confirm the dates we (JACL) desire.

Sakai said, Optional dates were also urgent to be submitted.

Approximately half of the JACL Chapters have responded to the travel agencies.

Community college
Honolulu

Kansai University of Foreign Studies. Osaka, Japan, an elder Asian student, came here at Aina Haina Aprl, 1980, to work at the university in order to do business in both U.S. and Japan. Degree in associate arts will be offered.

Japanese America Societies form nat Lassn.

Los Angeles

Most significant achievement of the seventh National Conference of the Japanese America Societies of the United States, which convened here Feb. 22-23, was the largest membership "loose association" of all societies, the Pacific Citizen learned this past week.

To be known as the Japanese America Societies of the United States (JASUS), Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson of Washington, D.C., was elected acting president of the organization's transition executive committee, which is acting secretary-treasurer. One representative from each of the 21 societies will comprise the board of directors that will meet at the biennial meetings of the societies.

A representative committee to incorporate by July 1 is comprised of:
Mike Nakayama, chairman, JACL Ethic Concerns Committee.
Masa Kawasaki, chairman, JACL West Coast District.
William DeWeese, Portland; Dr. Masashi Takeshi, Los Angeles; Y. Nokami, JACL Executive Director, Los Angeles.

"WINDOW DRESSING ON THE SET"

Asian job situation on TV faint

Washington

Asian and Pacific Island Americans are "absentee" personalities both on the screen and in actual television drama and news programming, a new U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report shows.


"The virtual absence from the television screen of minority Americans is even more pronounced when viewed in the context of increasing numbers of minority viewers of the new networks," the report states.

"The reports adds that minorities constitute an insignificant presence in this nation."

Among the study's findings:

• With few exceptions, Asian and Pacific Island Americans are overrepresented in black-oriented characters in dramatic roles.
• In the Commissions' 40-station employment sample, male Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were hired more frequently than females and current minorities.
• Of the 242 persons employed in network sales (a traditional "top job") at ABC, CBS, and NBC headquarters, only one—a male—was Asian American.
• Of 249 "newsmakers" appearing on the broad casts not one was Asian American.
• The report criticizes television's employment and portrayal of other minorities—including Hispanics and blacks—also, and of women.
• In the fall, the Federal Communications Commission conduct a public inquiry into industry practices relating to minorities and women.
• The commission also asks the FCC to seek Congress authorization to regulate equal employment opportunity at the networks and to explore "the effects on both major-" and minority viewers of underrepresentation and stereotyping."

Minority characters on TV are typically seen in jobs with lower status than majority characters, it points out. While majority characters are depicted as more mature and in more prestigious occupations, minorities are often cast stereotypically as immature, demeaning and comical roles or types. The problem is that there are no identifiable occupations.

Minority females, the study notes, make up 3.9 percent of the U.S. population, but constitute only 3.6 percent of all characters portrayed in dramatic programs.

For the employment sample, four stations in each of the four sets of cities were reviewed.

New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.

The Commission used a numerical rating of 1.0 to indicate local labor force parity. In San Francisco, for example, male Asian and Pacific Americans represent only one-fourth of the four sampled stations at between 0.24 and 0.72 parity with females; the figures ranged from 0.22 to 0.65.

The study also measured the workforce at network headquarters locations. It found that Asian and Pacific Americans were 2.6 percent of all headquarters employees. The Commission noted by network sex, the figures showed:

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Findings in the study were compared with data which the Commission had previously collected and published for the period 1969-74. It found no substantial improvement. The Commission, which submitted its report to the President and Congress, makes a total of ten recommendations in the new study. They are directed to the FCC and the industry itself.

In addition to calling for a new ad hoc task force to examine the FCC to exercise greater leadership by informing the industry that it expects women and minorities to be portrayed with greater accuracy, diversity and fairness.
Philadelphia

Students of Japanese ancestry, and other qualified students, who are seeking to enter accredited law schools for the first time this fall may apply for a similar "need" scholarship in succeeding years.

Previous winners are:

"MERIT" SCHOLARSHIP

1976—Derrick Takeuchi, Stockton; George Watanabe, Washington, D.C.
1977—Bruce Hironaka, Sacramento, Calif.; University Law School (He has received the first and second law school years, respectively. The other, based on "need" as well as scholarship, is a single $500 award. Although it is for one year only, the same application may apply for a similar "need" scholarship in succeeding years.

Preceding winners are:

Wiley Higuchi

assumes PSW post in Los Angeles

Wiley Higuchi, longtime JACLer from Chicago and now practicing law here, succeeds Paul Tsumashe as Pacific Southwest District Governor for District No. 1, which he represents.

The PSWD executive board held its first meeting under Higuchi's chairmanship on March 13 at the Elk's. Local JACLer John Yanagisawa, who is resigning March 31, was also honored at a farewell party.

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**HARRY P. CAIN: 1906-79**

**Only West Coast public official to condemn evacuation proposal**

**Miami, Fla.**

Harry P. Cain was the last West Coast public official to publicly condemn the evacuation proposal. In 1942 while he was mayor of Tacoma, Wash., died in his sleep at his home in Miami, Fla. He was 73 years old.

On a recent visit to the Pacific Northwest last year, he was guest of honor at a Puyallup Valley JACL function. It was a reunion to an earlier reunion of pre-war Nikkei Tacomans who wondered where their children were. Cain, who was recalled to his papers, was a 1906 graduate of the University of Washington and a lawyer who practiced in Seattle.

**Getting to Know You**: Charlie and Yuriko

**Yuriko Amemiya**

By JOE OYAMA

*Berkley, Ca.*

**JASUS** *(Continued From Front Page)*

**During our almost 30-year residency in Manhattan, two well-known Nisei added a touch of glamour and charm to our otherwise very busy and often prosaic lives.**

They are Yuriko Amemiya—dancer, teacher, choreographer, and director—and Charlie, a retired clinical therapist, writer of books, and Yuriko's business coordinator and production assistant. They have been known as a dance team for over sixty years.

With respect to U.S.-Japana relations, Mr. and Mrs. Amemiya have been deeply involved in the Japanese side of the story, stressing that in recent years Japan was “all it can” to reduce its trade imbalance to an internationally bearable level. They noted the trends in bilateral trade agreements and acknowledged Japan’s adjustment into the bigger economic world.

The ambassador encouraged the U.S. to continue its “leadership in the frontier of innovation and technology” and its assistance in energy-saving programs and export promotion so that America can be competitive in the world.

Looking toward the future, the ambassador was optimistic that Japan “can work together... in the development of the third world or in development for new sources of energy.”

**A sense of togetherness and unity**

Mr. and Mrs. Amemiya have been contributing to the Japanese community in the United States. They have also been active in the arts, sponsoring various cultural events.

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The MacArthur Era

Editor:

I enjoyed Mas Manbo's reminiscence (Jan. 5-12 PC) of the MacArthur era that shaped the destinies of many Japanese Americans. His account of what it was like to be a teenager in the U.S. during this period is a real treasure for anyone studying the effect of MacArthur's policies on the lives of the Nisei. Murata was a former Southern California law student who graduated from UC Berkeley before Larry Tajiri. Unfortunately, he died during his junior year. Assistant editor T. Koita­yashi was a former Seattle University Nisei. Dr. Kazuo Kawai (not in photo) and former Stanford professor Dr. Paul Inouye published the chief editorial writer at Japan Times. When he was cleared by MacArthur's headquarters of having been a Japanese spy, he returned to teach at Stanford. Tajiri and Kawai, along with former San Francisco Tanaka, eldest of the Japanese Americans to be released from Japanese camps during this period. Kimpei Shiba, co-editor with Murata, from Hawaii, was pre-WW2 correspondent here for the Chicago Tribune. We both considered what became the Asian Evening News. After the Occupation authorities took over, I had handled the editorial page and chummed out columns for the Manbo mentions. Mas Ogi­wa, who was to serve as editor, was still in the Philippine­pines and had just been repatriated home. In Manila and recuperating in Okayama, his hometown. Also, in the States, the former Times were a Chicago Nisei, name was Doe, and a couple of Nisei from London. Former San Francisco Nisei Diet member, also, was my classmate from MacArthur's era. He was good copy. He came to Japan in the mid-30s as an exchange student, lived in the United States. It bas had a long and varied career, was re­lected JACL member for a number of years. He was a most viable approach. The JACL wouldn't have been possible to be a job with Domei news agency as a copy­ reader. It was in the States that he and I met a brilliant fire hydrant that he hung on for 50 seconds.
Parents Never Listen

MOSHI MOSHI: Gene Konomi

The Best-Dined ‘Arbiter’

Here’s another remembrance by Jin Korwmi of his paper Japanese friend identified in the previous column as “Mr. Y.” These tales were occasionally a recent turn of events. Mr. Y. had come back again to America—Editor.

In 1913 the apocalyptic shadow of the impending holocaust had yet not fallen on the world’s horizon, and America was in the first two decades of the 20th century. New York was the exciting, haunting city imprinted on the hearts of two generations by that appealing poet, Charles Hanson Towne. For young Mr. Y., being in New York at this time and going to the university of New York could have been a heady experience.

Except that he was constantly haunted, not by the magic of the city, but by the realities of his existence. The scholarship he had obtained in Japan was barely enough to cover the tuition and textbooks. He was expected to save from his earnings as a part-time editor at Yomiuri Shimbun. His parents, and his older brother, had left Japan, and he was the only one left to support his family. Mr. Y. had a lot on his mind.

One such job was that of the porter at Clancy’s on 11th Street and Third Avenue.

It is a strange anomaly of these times when vulgarity is an unanimously cultivated quality of language, both spoken and written, that the word saloon seems to be out of disrepute. Drinking places are called by any name but that. They serve more cocktails than hard liquor, and they put on floor shows. Conversation has lost much of the robust quality of old, for these are no longer exclusive domains of the male.

It was not so in those days. Saloons flourished uncensored and brazen, almost one to each downtown block (as said Mr. Y., although I know he was exaggerating). And people did not need excuses for patronizing them. Floors were usually strewn with sawdust—so as not to inherit customary of slovenly habits—and under the brass rail were, symbolizing their spirit, yet very crude era, the brass cuspids, a.k.a. spitoons. At Clancy’s, Mr. Y.’s duties included such menial tasks as cleaning the saloon by whatever means he could. It was probably the best-dined arbiter, I believe, insisted Mr. Y.

Then a wistful look came over his face. “One of the first things I did when I returned to America this time, outside the duties of his job,” he said, “was to go on a slumming expedition—a sentimental journey.” And right away, he started, many of my old haunts.

Clancy’s was still there, though its interior had been greatly altered, but under a different name. I went in, bought a beer, and looked around. I was most curious to see if they still served those wonderful, buttery sandwiches and hors d’oeuvres free. They were there, all right, but under glass. And they couldn’t be eaten. Ah, the good old days.”

35 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen

MARCH 18, 1944

Mar. 8—State Sen. Edgar Bray vigorously defends his vote against anti-Japanese bill in Colorado legislature at Montrose courthouse meeting. reminder group of Nisei hermits on Italian Coast.

Mar. 10—Petition to place anti-Japanese report in Colorado state constitution filed: promising typical of preliminary petition.

Mar. 10—Gerry McWilliams urges Nisei in New York speech to work for complete removal of Nisei West Coast reentry order.

Mar. 11—Combat-wounded Capt. John H. Prichard reported on sick leave, tells Chicago press “it’s worth the while” being in GI now in Italy as “good effect” on people.

Mar. 16—Ninth Appeal Court in San Francisco has no authority to exclude individual citizens from west coast military area in Kenneth Alexander-Case (a naturalized American who was sent to a relocation center in 1942 for “convenience of the government.”)

FROM THE FRAYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

A Young Couple Today

Vancouver, Wash.

They usually don’t call off dates on account of cold weather. This one was held right on schedule despite a drizzle with a wind that started a couple of days earlier, and continued on well into the next day, at which time we had to leave for home.

The wedding was held in a restored log cabin known here as Covington House, built more than a century ago by the randy German who had settled here across the Columbia River from Portland, Ore. It seemed to be a particularly fitting place for the ceremony. Our bride was a sturdy Sansei and a dark-haired Caucasian girl. Her grandparents on both sides were immigrants from Japan, who had left behind the family homestead and gone west.

But job opportunities had brought him out to the Gold Country, and there he met and courted the young woman who was to become his bride. It didn’t really matter how many times the story was told, or how many times the story was told by story-tellers or by people who had in their own minds grown weary of the story. Instead, the story was repeated and the story was repeated until the story had been told and the story had been told and it was a story that was a story.

For an outsider, what made this occasion memorable, in addition to all the usual reasons, was that not one of the guests seemed to be aware that the bride and groom were of different races. It is a grim-sounding word for unions that cross racial lines—miscegenation. But these laws were ruled unconstitutional in 1948, and the race that didn’t matter was the color of their skin. They were married in a quiet ceremony at the First Lutheran Church.

Today, according to the statistics, well over half the Sansei and Yonsei venturing into matrimony marry outside the race, and because this is their choice, it is no one’s business but their own.

We watched this young couple, completely happy in their own relationship, founding a new family unit with the warm good wishes of friends and relatives, and it didn’t matter at all that outdoors the rain continued its interminable drizzle.
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Bryce Shimizu/NC-WNDY CV Chairperson

Los Angeles Japanese Casualty Insurance Assn.

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• Berkeley

BENEFIT DANCE HELD FOR HEART ASSN.

Berkeley JACL's annual Spring Benefit dance was held Mar. 3 at the El Cerrito Community Center with a portion of the proceeds going to the American Heart Assn. It was announced by general chairman David Inouye. A disco group from Mooney's Irish Pub in San Francisco came to play.

• Dayton

JAPAN AMBASSADOR TO U.N. VISITOR

Dayton JACL was represented by Terusko Pace and Vicky Mikessell when the Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, S. Abe, was honored guest at the NCR Corp. luncheon attended by some 150 civic, industrial and labor leaders Jan. 29. During the reception, the Ambassador was presented Pete Hironaka's print, "The Issei," which pleased him, indicating he knew where it would be placed.

Chapter has called for volunteers to assist the Dayton Language Bank, an emergency translating/interpreting service to hospitals, universities, police, fire and travel. Effort is co-sponsored by the Council on World Affairs, Chamber of Commerce and the Univ. of Dayton.

The Feb. 4 general meeting featured Dr. Andrew Lai, professor in business administration at Wright State University, who spoke on the Organization for Chinese Americans (OCA), comparable to JACL as a national group for Chinese Americans.

A general meeting is set for Sunday, Mar. 25, at Kettering Gov't Center. Midori Scherrer, owner of "House of Imari," will discuss Japanese antique pottery, china and lacquerware. Potluck will follow.

Mas Yamazaki will open with a flight orientation meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Folk Festival chairman Frank Tanji is getting the chapter ready for the Memorial Holiday weekend fund raiser at Convention Center May 25-26.

JACL track meets slated June 3

Los Angeles

The JACL Nat'l Relays will be held on Sunday, June 3, probably at West Los Angeles College, site of the previous meets with the winner of each event being qualified to compete in the All-California JACL track and field championships being hosted this year in Northern California.

In Northern California, the San Francisco JACL Jr. Olympics meet to determine qualifiers for the all-state JACL championships is also scheduled for Sunday, June 3. Probable site was not reported.

• Diablo Valley

RETIREE HEALTH PANEL SET

Issue of health and retirement will be discussed at a Diablo Valley JACL meeting on Friday, Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Concord PG&E Bldg., it was announced by George Fujikawa, event chairman. On the panel will be more than 50 years of professional experience discussing prevention, nutrition, danger signals, mental health, community resources and self-help programs. The panelists will be: Dr. Yoshiko Togasaki, Dr. John Kikuchi, Mary Teshima.

The chapter board gathers on second Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the same PG&E Bldg. Membership coffee klatches are also scheduled at various member homes to acquaint Nikkei residents with the chapter and its programs.

• Gardena Valley

COMMUNITY-INTEREST PROGRAM ENCOURAGED

Gardena Valley JACL board of directors, chaired by Dr. Ronald Ito, met Jan. 30 at the Japanese Cultural Institute to initiate the new calendar year and expand its program policy to support worthwhile community projects, such as sponsoring school contests, developing a job placement project for youth after school and during the summer, and establishing a chapter education committee.

A number of committee appointments were made, including:

Chester Sugimoto, Nisei Relay; Wayne Sugita, Lance Inumi, scholarships; Aya Fujimoto, Mayko Tarumoto, Karen Minussaki, Helen Kawagoe, Coronation Ball.

A Meet the Candidates night will be sponsored in March to hear from candidates seeking Office No. 7 in the special L.A. Board of Education rate. Twelve have qualified, including Sam Fujimoto.

The chapter board also changed its regular meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month, 7-30 p.m., at the Japanese Cultural Institute, 162nd and Gramercy Place. Its meetings are open to all members.

A membership meeting will be held Mar. 13 to pass on expanding the board of directors from 20 to 30 members.

The Feb. 14 board session was a combination of a membership meeting with a Valentine Day theme. Family counselor Dr. Donald Bushfield spoke on "Enhancing Marriage."

Almost 100 were present for the potluck installation dinner held Jan. 13 at the JCI. Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, was guest speaker.

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Rohwer revisited, Local's wonder why

By GEORGE SAKAGUCHI
(MDC Vice-Governor)

Recently, my daughter explained this to me where we were placed during the war. We were told that the place was going to be gone but had heard that some sort of monument and cemetery remained to visit and see for ourselves what it was like.

We left St. Louis on Dec. 22, 1978, and headed south. We spent the first night in a motel near Pine Bluff, Ark., and by coincidence the receptionist at the desk told us that her father had worked at the Rohwer Relocation Center during the war. She had told us that her job and said that she remembered that the Japanese were such nice people.

She asked me why we were there back and told her that we wanted to see what remained of the Relocation Center after 34 years.

The following morning, we began our trip. Highway 65 from Pine Bluff to Kelso, Ark., along the east side of the former center location. For those local historians of 1940s, I am sure that the towns of Kelso and Rohwer will be remembered. Some may recall, the entry to the camp was located between Kelso and Rohwer.

Today, a small sign indicates the location of the campsite. We drove out and missed it. We drove to the site to look around. I had envisioned the place as being run down and perhaps the tombstones and monuments would be damaged or desecrated. But to my surprise, the place was well taken care of. There were any of the tombstones, monuments or the concrete posts standing.

There are some 26 tombstones and two large monuments dedicated to those who served in the Army from the Rohwer Relocation Center. The names are still very legible and serve as a visible reminder to visitors of the Japanese Americans who served in our country's Army.

Later, we stopped in the town of Rohwer, which consists of a general store and a service station, with homes clustered nearby.

In the general store, we met a workman. He was very hospitable and answered many of our questions. We had happened since the closing of the Relocation Center. Several local people came in and told us about the Relocation Center as they had worked there.

Today the Relocation Center consists of an administration building, used by a local high school in Kelso. Until 1991, a post office and a supermarket and a building were used. The familiar hospital, school, and even the school building on the high school grounds.

Several of the local residents gave me the names of people who worked at the Relocation Center and were still interested in what happened to the people who were detained during the war. I tried to find these people in this small town about 15 miles away. We spent several hours in the Goldwater hotel just to make contact. It would have been an experience to have talked to them about their time in administration of the Relocation Center.

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Proposition for Nisei 42 brightens in summer '43

CHAPTER 3

T he summer of 1943 found ATIS at Indocampilly a paying proposition. George Ka­
segal had taken a leave of absence. Troops detaile moved out from there to San­
none of them. MISLS guards were on the nor­
agement for the growing number of in­
ableness to arrive. By that time ATIS had in his clot­
ries name. ATIS had been unable to set­
le was taken in the Tobrui Is­
. Ogino, a more pow­
Angelo marveled at what John Shel­
drew out of the man. Shelton conti­
Kajiwa, formerly of the 100th, a Hawaii Nisei who worked up to Staff Sergeant before the war. Namba at­
Medivit University Tokyo, but hadn't finished.

He did have Japanese linguistic training in his back­
he had been qualified, was by Japanese, for a com­
mission in the Imperial Army.

A mysterious telephone call took the pair from the Wall St. area where they had started working, to the 39th building in midtown Man­
than there were no special queries. Recent in­
ments offered them, rather than give new. New York for Camp Savage, at the time, was the famous Fulton Fish Market. Hirano showed that the def­
iently, was stunned.

He had expected no such a "lame sof­
from the University of Michigan was the only per­
form in uniform," Hirano said.

While he never learned what work Namba did, he thought that Hirano was not in the military,

"My mother didn't have it easy, either. He'd left the Middle School in Ko­
other information. The man could be moved to the new unit he'd been just a day later, he could be moved to his new location as indicated by in­
formation from the field. Maintaining the Order of Battle file was a sense-dulling job with a lot of work and a lot of late hours. It could be ignored lest it prove the key to a major vic­

Kiyoshi Hirano didn't have it easy, either. He'd finished Middle School in Toki­
did with him one week to get out what Pearl Harbor was at­
tacked. Hirano made it back to San Fran­
New York by asking for a "bus ticket to stock­
stocked up on paper from the pen­
cour. He kept the shop open to any­
to the officer. Hirano couldn't bear to see his face while other Ni­
set were removed from the bus at the east end of the Bay Bridge. Hirano harvested.
begs on parole from the as­
ment, and volunteer­
from the Amache displace­
ment camp. He re­
, I had better show some signs of loyalty. Other­
language school, Hirano was in­
ment training at Camp­
be called back, alone, to Savage. He was shipped to New York City with a pen­
stant assignment to Yank magazine. He had to learn the Impe­
ployer's dictionary, two conver­
s, and a military diction­
ese dictionaries he used did not have any equivalent for

For the Record:

In 1943, 41st landed in Nasua Bay, east of Salamansa, on June 30, surprising Japanese with a large pres­
attack battered Nadmb airfield, and ambushes prepared to get away".

Gary Kadiari spent most of J u ne nearly 6,000 feet up in the Stanley Range with an Aus­
the Unit's life. PT-boats in New Nisei army, armed with knowledge of Ja­
operation, and cut off a lot of Japa­
with Japanese air strength on New Guinea. Things were really looking up.

Se on Sept. 5, an Allied air at­
A tall man with a beginning airfield, and 1,000 men dropped on it shortly thereaf­
er. New troops could be land­
threaten Lee on one direction. One day earlier, the Aus­
side of Lee. Kozo Konko, known to his friends as Hige­
( "Mr. Mustache"), lead­
ed with them. Zeroes strafed, pursued by F-55's. One or the other shot Konko in the stern. He saved an officer's life in the hangar and carried on for three more days before re­
porting his wound. Kozaki got the Purple Heart and a Silver Star, but shrugged off his al­
agery because he did not have any equivalent for.

Kazuo Komoto (left) receives Purple Heart from Gen. Beightler, commanding general of 57th Infantry Division, with other Awards. Picture was taken July 18, 1943, aboard the hospital ship USS Tryon off Guadalcanal.

be he was, "Kazoku San­
by his name, was wound­
the Hodp section. All pres­
t was the area of the inva­
also was known as the "lizard's" rump.

Interesting things were hap­
ing to other Nisei elsewhere. The 41st landed in Nasua Bay, east of Salamansa, on June 30, surprising Japanese with a large pres­
army leaders to come back from the US. and Caribbean area. The hand­
In the latter case, the Seven­
ected bravery. Pat Tsubota, Howard Furu­
Kadani spent most of

In September, 1943, Komoto brother, Suzuki, while visiting his family incarcerated in Gie­
get to show medal to his kid­

In the Pacific, two American strik­
ing arms grouped to­
the northwest, Nimitz's from Guadalcanal and Mac­
Arthur's from eastern New Guinea.

MacArthur's task was to climb the "lizard's back" of New Guinea's north­
part of Borneo. He had his 41st Divi­
ail, working toward the rump. Hiroshi Tanabe, Pat Kett, Kichi Nagata, and Kei­
with the 41st. They were with the Juguleers, a group of Nisei who volunteered for a special New Guinea and Bornea­
Mitaru's previous experience was in the 39th Composite Unit, Provisional, of which one member said, "It sounds like a street address in LA for Chrissakes!" The trouble­
Part of the unit left San Francisco for the land on September 21, 1943. It was to pick up its "seasoned

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countered by the Nisei who served in the military.

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The 43rd language team was on New Georgia nearly three weeks when the enemy overran its command post, and Yasutake was "thankful for those men. Regular sergeant of the 7th Division, who made me dig a foxhole deep!" Bullets sprayed well overhead as Yasutake crouched in his foxhole. Landcrabs kept him company.

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The typical fighting man was a campaign veteran, and one who had been father in an earlier war. Not the Cau­

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Orino was sent into the jungle by General Wright to find out what intelligence material he could from the wreckage of a downed Zero. Noji followed orders, gather­


ded what he could, and he also took the dead pil­

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1943, the Kamikaze attacks hit the Finschhafen with the 9th Australian Division. It was joined by Roy Fugami and Hiroshi Kubota a short time later. The result was that the Nisei who served with the Australians,...

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