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Japanese American Veterans Forced to Travel in Hold Of Navy Transport Haves

Investigation in Washington of Charges Started By Sen. Downey; Nisei Returning to Hawaii Declare Civilians Got Staterooms on Ship

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Declare Civilians Got Staterooms on Ship

WASHINGTON—An investigation of charges by 44 wounded American veterans of Japanese ancestry that they were "treated like prisoners" and forced to travel in the hold of the Navy transport President Hayes from San Francisco to Honoliulu has been started here by Senator Sheridan Downey, D., Calif.

Senator Downey was informed that the Nisei veterans, nine of whom were amputees, were forced to travel in the hold of the ship while civilians occupied staterooms and cabins.

It was reported that investignation also was asked of charges by the Japanese Americans, all of whom are veterans of the 442nd Infantry's campaigns in Hawaii.

HONOLULU, T. H. — Forty-four wounded American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, combat veterans of campaigns in France and Italy, said on March 19 they were forced to travel to Hawaii in the Hayes, while civilians occupied staterooms and cabins.

All of the veterans wore the Purple Heart and nine had lost arms or Jegs.

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"Ward boys were not sufficiently trained to give the aid needed," said Nakasone, who lost a leg in Italy and expects to undergo another operation this week.

"The Army treated us like troops going overseans and the Navy handled us like prisoners," said Cpl. Robert Reda, another of the Nisei veterans who returned aboard the Hayes for final medical treatment and discharge in Hawaii.

Reda said conditions at Stoneman improved gradually. Other Nisei said they were given adequate medical attention, but that the food was far below the quality customarily given patients.

Set. James Mizunaka, who lost one leg. said the 44 veterans were ordered to Hawaii as a detachment of patients, not as troops, but that no provisions were made aboard the Hayes for their care.

The majority of the 44 wounded Japanese Americans were volunteers for the infantry combat team with which they fought in Italy.

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As Mother Received Son's Medal of Honor



FORT MACARTHUR, Calif. — Mrs. Nawa Munemori is shown receiving the nation's high-est award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, which has been awarded posthumously to her son, Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori, Los Angeles,

who was killed in action with the Japanese American 442nd Combat Team in the final campaign of the war in Italy. Pfc. Munemori threw himself on a grenade to protect his buddies.—(Acms phata)

Tule Lake, Last of Centers, Closed By Relocation Agency

INELIGIBLE FOR SWIMMING MEET

HONOLULU — Keo (Kiyoshi)
Nakama, national AAU champion
swimming star, was this week declared ineligible to compete in the
Hawaiian AAU acquatic championships this weekend.
Nakama was disqualified because he is a paid physical education instructor at Farrington high
school in Honolulu.

Clark Reveals Santa Fe Camp Will Be Closed

WASHINGTON—Attorney Gen-eral Tom Clark announced on March 20 that the alien enemy in-ternment camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico, would be closed on April

Mexico, would be closed on April 19.

Closing of the Santa Fe camp, following upon the closing of other Department of Justice camps at Bismarck, N. D., and Missoula, Mont., will leave only the Crystal City, Tex. camp under the department's jurisdiction.

Before the closing of the Santa Fe camp some 700 Japanese who have been interned there will be deported to Japan. The remainder of the persons now interned at Santa Fe will be transferred to Crystal City, a camp where the internees may live with members of their families. The 700 deportees include 500 persons of Japanese ancestry from Peru.

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The veterans took their com-plaints to Honolulu newspapers upon arrival in Hawaii.

"We want our buddies who'll re-turn later to get better treatment than we did," Sgt. Nakasone stat-ed.

KEO NAKAMA RULED New Interior Secretary Notes "Substantial Completion" Of Four-Year Resettlement Job

WASHINGTON—The closing of the War Relocation Authority's Tule Lake center at Newell, Calif., this week "marks the substantial completion of that agency's four-year wartime job," Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug declared on March 20.

Mr. Krug announced that the Tule Lake camp was closed as a place of residence with the departure of a final group of detainees and their family members who are being moved to a Department of Justice internment camp pending further review of their cases and possible deportation to Japan.

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The center at Jerome, Ark., was the first to be closed, shutting down operations in 1944. The minth center was closed on Nov. 30, 1945, eleven months after the Army lifted its exclusion orders and the residents again became free to settle anywhere in the country.

It has been announced that certain of the WRA field relocation offices, particularly on the West Coast, will be maintained for another four to eight weeks to assist the more recent resettlers in making more permanent readjustments to life outside the centers. The original group was awelled to 120,000 by evacuees from Hausel.

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California Personnel Board **Expected to Drop Charges** Against Japanese Americans

Nisei Employed by State Were Dismissed Following Outbreak of War When Board Acted on Resolution Passed by Legislature Requesting Ouster

SACRAMENTO-The withdrawal of dismissal charges filed

SACRAMENTO—The withdrawal of dismissal charges filed against California State employes of Japanese ancestry in 1942 following the outbreak of war is expected within the next few weeks, except in any cases in which subversive activity can be proved, it was reported last week.

The Japanese Americans were dismissed in April, 1942, when the State Personnel Board held "the outbreak of the war has resulted in a lack of confidence as to the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry."

The action followed the adoption by the legislature of a resolution requesting such a move.

Wilmer Morse, deputy attorney general and legal representative of the State Personnel Board, said he will request the board to set a referee hearing of the dismissal charges. He explained no action was taken on the charges during the war because the defendants were in relocation centers and could not appear for hearings.

William K. Smith, executive officer of the Personnel Board, revealed that Americans of Japanese ancestry who can produce a birth certificate to prove United States citizenship again are eligible for State employment. He said several such returned Japanese Americans are at present employed by the State.

Pending before the State Personnel Board are suits for damages filed by 82 of the approximately 500 Japanese Americans who were employed by the State of California at the time of the outbreak of war. The suits ask for damages and wages, charging unlayment, The Nisei plaintiffs are represented by James C. Purcell, San Francisco attorney who was recently appointed counsel by the Legal Rights Defense Union of Northern California.

Snake River JACL

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Snake River JACL To Study Oregon Alien Land Act

ONTARIO, Ore,—Appointment of Tuggy Itow as executive committee chairman to study the Oregon anti-alien land act and its application in the state was made here at a meeting March 15 by the Snake River chapter, JACL.

Itow will be assisted by George Sugai, Manuaro Wakasugi, Harry Masto, Jim Watanabe, Tom Nishitani and Tom Watanabe,

The committee has been delegated power to make decisions for the chapter, which voted to take active part in land act cases.

The Snake River chapter will hold a spring dance on April 19, according to its social chairman, Masako Sugai.

The chapter also voted to hold a membership drive with James Watanabe as chairman, Committeemen include Barton Sasaki, Henry Kato, Mamaro Wakasugi and George Hashitani. The drive will conclude at the time of the spring dance.

Report 7100 Persons Repatriated to Japan

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SAN FRANCISCO — The War Relocation Authority reported here on March 15 that some 7100 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry have been shipped back to Japan from the United States at their own request.

NEW YORK — Alice Sera was elected chairman of the Japanese clected chairman of the Japanese for the coming year at the elections held last week. She will succeed Ernest liyama. Ken Nakano, veteran of the Pacific campaign, was named executive secretary.

Judge Louis Goodman of the Federal Court in San Francisco has ruled that Nisei detained at the Tule Lake segregation center were not subject to the draft law.

Thomas Komuro Resigns as Editor 7 Of N. Y. Paper

NEW YORK CITY — Thomas Komuro has resigned as editor of the Nisei Weekender, weekly New York publication, but will continue as a member of its editorial staff, it was announced here recently.

Alice Sera Elected To Head JACD

Evanston Group Asks Extension Of Naturalization to Issei

EVANSTON, III.—The Committee on Social Action of the First Congregational church of Evanston has asked for the extension of the right of naturalization to aliens of Japanese ancestry who endured unusual hardships," and "sacrificed their American-born sons on the field of battle," it was announced this week by Emma Rogers, chairman.

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"We urge especially the cause of our Japanese nationals who during the war have endured unusual hardships, made unique contributions to the war effort, and sacrificed their American-born sons on the field of battle," the recommendation declared. "We feel that such loyalty merits an adequate reward."

The resolutions were sent to representatives in the House and Senate and to the chairman of the Committee on Immigration and Senate and to the chairman of the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization committee in the house.

TULARE, Calif. — Miss Miyo Izumi, graduate of the Tulare Rose in the Philippines, Japan and Naturalization committee in the house.

Represented Nisei Combat Team



Nisei Veterans Will Speak at Salt Lake Fete

Appreciation Dinner Will Be Held Friday At Hotel Utah

Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary of the JACL, and ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki will be the main speakers at a dinner dance sponsored jointly by the Nisel Victory Committee and the Japanese American Citizens League on March 29 in the Lafayette ball-roof of the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.

The dinner dance is a special "welcome home" event for returned Nisel servicemen, but will serve also as a "thank you" dinner for civic officers and WRA officials.

Guests will include former mayor Ab Jenkins of Salt Lake City, Mayor Earl J. Glade, Governor Herbert Maw of Utah, and Mr. R. Haight of the WRA.

Other soldier speakers will be Jim Tazoi of Garland, Utah, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, and Harry Okubo of Salt Lake City, who served with military intelligence.

Ray Haight of the War Relocation Authority will be a speaker, and Mayor Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City and Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah will greet the returning veterans.

Invocation will be given by the Rev, Howard Torium.

Special musical numbers will be given by Margene Poulson, soprano; Mary Ann Minato, pianist; and George Sharp, baritone. Miss Minato will give her own arrangement of Japanese and Hawaiian melodies, as well as "Rigoletto Pantasie."

Toastmaster for the banquet will be Dr. Jun Kurumada, former president of the Salt Lake JACL. Mrs. Henry Y. Kasai, president, will speak on the JACL.

Others on the program are Mr. E. J. Kirkham, the Rev. Thomas Wersell and Willie Manaka.

The program is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry Kasai, president of the Salt Lake JACL, and Tom Hoshlyama, president of the Nisel Victory Committee.

Committee chairmen include Toshiko Odow, invitations; Merle Akutagawa. orchestra; Buddy Mizuno, tickets; Rev. Howard Toriumi, program; George Yoshimoto, finance; and Fusaye Odow, decorations.

Dinner will begin at 6:30, with the ball scheduled to begin at 9 p. m. Tickets for the dinner dance will be \$3.50 per person, while tickets for the dance only will be \$2.50 per couple.

LEGHORN, Italy—The 442nd (Torch of Liberty) Regimental Combat Team's basketball entry recently won the PBS League championship in Italy. In the above photo the men of the 442nd pose for a picture during a practice session at the 61st Station Hospital gym. They are (left to right) first row: Conrad Kurahara, Jim Tsuha, Tom Harimoto, Leverne Kurahara and Allan Kobata. Second row: Sadamu Nakao, Robert Maitsu, Clarence Watson, Frank Ichimoto, Harry Kodama and Tosh Mori.—(Army Pictorial Service photo by Sherman.)

Speedy But Small 442nd Cage Squad Loses in Zone Finals

towering PBS All-Stars, who captured the crown.

The tournament was held on the 15, 16 and 17 of February. Having copped the PBS Ivy league honors the week before, the rejuvenated 42nd Infantry quintet in the traditionally 442nd fashion, went down fighting.

All three nights of the tournament, the 442nd five staring Frank Ichimoto, Los Angeles, California, and Tommy Harimoto, Honolulu, T. H., forwards; Roy Suzuki, Seattle, Washington, center; Allan Kubota, El Centro, California and James Tsuha, Honolulu, guards, and the PBS All-Stars played to a packed house of 3,000 sport fans.

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All basketball sports fans in this area witnessed two of the finest teams "tangle horns" of the three consecutive nights.

From the tip-off of each game until the final whistle at the end of each game, both teams never let up on their fast-breaking and lightening passes and never for one minute did the crowd, including Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, commander of the Nisei outfit, cease rooting for their favorites. Never before had the spacious gymnasium at the 61st Station Hospital catered to so many sports enthusiasts.

No single individual of the 422nd quintet can be singled out as having played the best ball for the entire team displayed one of the smoothest working cogs and showed perfect teamwork, which was an essential factor for their fast breaking offensives throughout the tournament games in fulle attempt to "kill" the towering and lofty Goliats of the PBS All-Star cagers.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—The fast breaking diminutive squad of the 442nd Infantry Regiment dropped two out of three games in the PBS Zone finals held in Leghorn, Italy, to the towering PBS All-Stars, who captured the crown.

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Nisei Gets Discharge In Japan, Stays on As Civilian Worker

Koyama Warns Nisei Veterans Of VFW's Attempt to Organize Segregated Post in Spokane

Urges Japanese American Veterans to Resist Any Attempt to Form Separate Unit; Notes Post No. 51 Rejected Nisei as Members

SPOKANE, Wash.-Spady Koyama, Purple Heart veteran of the Philippines who is one of a number of Japanese Americans who have been refused membership by Post No. 51 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Spokane, this week appealed to Nisei Veterans in the Spokane area not to be swayed by attempts of some members of the VFW post to form a segregated of Japanese American veterans. Koyama explained that the question concerning membership

unit of Japanese American veto.

Koyama explained that the of American vetorans of Japanese ancestry is a major issue in Post No. 51. He said that a minority of the post's members, led by Commander Lean S. Helbig, who opposed the admittance of the Japanese Americans are now favoring the formation of a separate VFW post for the Nisei in Spokane thus attempting to nullify the activities of "ibberal clearthinking members" who want to reverse the post's present policy of race discrimination.

In asking Nisei veterans not to form a separate veterans organization in Spokane Koyama said:

"My answer is that if Post 51 can discriminate against us as individuals they most certainly can hold the same views against us a segregated VFW post irregardless of our membership.

"I should like to urge the Nisei in Spokane through the medium of the Pacific Citizen to stand their ground and resist any attempt for a separate post.

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"Let's not forget why we wore the American uniform and why so many of our friends are buried overseas. Let's not play into the hands of these narrowminded bigots who seem to have forgotten our public stand last year regarding the some issue. Let's stand pat."

The Spokane VFW post's refusal to admit Koyama, Pfc. Richard Naita, wounded veteran of the 42nd infantry, and other Japanese Americans attracted national attention last year. Commander Helbig indicated that the applications of the Nisei veterans had been blackbailed by a minority of the membership on racial grounds. He suggested at that time that the Nisei form a separate post. The Spokane VFW's attitude resulted in a letter from Col. V. R. Miller, commanding officer of the 442nd Infantry, asking the group to admit the Nisei. The Spokane post's stand also was sharp ly criticized by Jean Brunner, then national VFW commander, who characterized it as "stupid."

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Koyama, who was a technical sergeant in the Pacific, was severely wounded on Leyte. He is now chairman of the Spokane chapter of the American Veterans. Committee and recently was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Spokane chapter of the Military produce of the Purple Heart.

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Ans of overseas action applied for membership in Post No. 51 last month and were rejected.

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NEWELL, Calif. — The Tule
Lake relocation center, home of
thousands of evacuees of Japanese
ancestry since May, 1942, was
closed officially on March 20.

Project Director Ray R. Best
announced that the last evacuee
had been moved from the camp
and that the huge center, which
once had a peak population of
more than 19,000, was darkened
for the first time Wednesday
night.

The final group which remained
at the camp until they were moved
to a Department of Justice center
numbered 650 persons. Most of
the group will await further action by the Department of Justice
which has patrolled the perimeter
of the camp with its border guards
since the Army moved out in
October, 1945.

It was announced that the famlies of detainees were accompanying the latter who were being sent
to the Crystal City internment
center in Texas, the only Department of Justice installation with
facilities for the internment of
family groups.

Mr. Best noted that more than
30,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry were inducted through the
gate at Tule Lake during the life
of the camp. About 13,000 already
have been relocated in various
parts of the United States and a
total of 7,618 persons have been
deported to Japan. The remainder
included persons who were transferred to other camps at the time
Tule Lake became a segregation
center for those incligible for relocation.

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Department of Interior is expected to take over the land and some
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Award of First Medal of Honor To Nisei Cited by GI Paper

FORT MACARTHUR, Calif. —
"Many Americans will read with
gratification the news that a Japa-"Many Americans will read with gratification the news that a Japanese American has been awarded the nation's highest tribute to a member of our armed forces—the Congressional Medal of Honor—a tribute carrying with it a personal message of honor from the President of the United States," the Alert, official publication at Fort MacArthur, declared on March 19, following the ceremony at the post last week when Mrs. Nawa Munemori was presented with the Medal of Honor which had been posthumously awarded to her son, Sadao, killed in action in Italy.

"These same Americans," the Alert declared, "are those who have challenged the victous talk of so-called "American patriots" who have sought to destroy the rights and privileges of a large group of true Americans. Resorting to barbaric tactics, similar to those employed by our infamous enemies, recently defeated, these "patriots" have scored a blemish on our recently won victory.

"Real patriots, realizing the pain that surely must be brought to the heart of any citizen facing national ostracism have upheld these Americans who, because of racial connections, were faced with brutal confiscation and oppres-sion."

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The Alert reported that Mrs. Munemori had written a letter to Col. Evans R. Crowell, commanding officer at Fort MacArthur, in which she thanked Col. Crowell and his staff for the henor given her son and herself. The letter, signed by Mrs. Munemori and her son, Robert, declared:

"We feel it a great honor to have the Congressional Medal of Honor presented and bestowed upon us in behalf of our beloved con and brother, Pfc. Sadae S. Munemori.

"Although he is not with us in body, he is here in spirit and I am sure that he would appreciate it also. He is also the holder of the Purple Heart and several other awards. If he were here we wonder what he would say and do to achieve such honor which only a few have been able to receive."

Second Battalion of 442nd **Combat Team Deactivated**

TO COMMITTEE OF NEW EX-GI GROUP

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NEW YORK—Ex-Sergeant Ben Kuroki was named this week to the Provisional Committee for a National Veterans Organization, of which Joe Louis, world's heavy-weight boxing champion, is honorary chairman.

Organizers of the NVO announced that they intend to establish a national interracial organization which will be interested in the problems faced by Negro and other minority war veterans.

Other committee members are Walter Bernstein, former Yank staff writer; Len Zinberg, authör; Captain Hugh Mulzac, famous Negro skipper of the Booker T. Washington; Herb March, district director of the CIO Packinghouse Workers, and Mercer Ellington, composer-conductor son of Duke Ellington.

Taki Asakura Dies Instantly In Auto Crash

Eric Thomsen Also Killed in Collision Near Los Angeles

Near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Takazumi (Taki) Asakura, 40, prominent Santa Barbara Nisei, and Eric H. Thomsen, WRA officer in charge of the Santa Barbara office, were instantly killed on the night of March 18 on Ventura Blvd, just north of Calabasas when their car crashed into a milk truck in a blinding rain.

Asakura, former president of the Santa Barbara JACL, had been employed by the WRA as Thomsen's assistant in Santa Barbara.

It was reported that Thomsen, 55, a resident of Berkeley, was driving the car which collided with a milk truck on the rain-swept highway. Before warning could be given to other motorists, a heavy truck trailer crashed into the two wrecked vehicles, setting them on fire and pinning Thomsen and Asakura in the flaming wreckage.

Only prompt action by highway patrolmen in directing traffic in the heavy rain prevented further wreckage at the scene.

The milk truck was driven by Harry O. Witt, 27, Van Nuys, who escaped injuries.

Asakura was the operator of the Arcade Florist shop in Santa Barbara junior college in 1826 and received his degree at Stanford in 1928.

After being evacuated to the Gila River center, Asakura became head of the housing department. He relocated with his family to Concinnati in December, 1943, and worked there as a florist.

His family was the first among the coast evacuees to return to Santa Barbara where he owns the flower shop, a hotel and two homes. That was in March, 1945. He is survived by his widewed wife, Nao, and three children.

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San Francisco WRA

San Francisco WRA Says Property Will Be Sold at Auction

SAN FRANCISCO—Unclaimed property now stored in War Relocation Authority warehouses by persons of Japanese ancestry at time of or subsequent to evacuation from the West Coast will be sold at auction if not reclaimed immediately by the owners, it was announced this week by Charles F. Miller, Area Supervisor of WRA's Northern California Area. Sale of unclaimed property will be held April 15 or as soon after that date as arrangements can be made. All unclaimed property in the Watsonville, Fresno, Stockton and Sacramento WRA warehouses will be sent to the San Francisco warehouse at 1701 Van Ness Avenue for sale. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited with the United States Treasury where the rightful owners of the property sold may make claim for it.

BEN KUROKI NAMED Recall Feats of O'Connor Task Force During Fighting In Vosges Mountains Area

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEG-HORN, Italy—The Second Battalion was the third organization of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team to deactivate when it quietly closed its files in Leghorn, Italy, on February 10, 1946. The first to deactivate was the 206th Army Ground Forces Band and last month the 232nd Company of Combat Engineers sent their high pointers home and their low pointers were absorbed by their mother unit—the 442nd Infantry.

The 442nd Regimental Combat The 442nd Regimental Compar-Team, commanded by Colonel Vir-gil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wiscon-sin, is now composed of two In-fantry Battalions—the 100th and 3rd Battalions, plus Cannon Com-pany, Service Company, Antitank Company, and a Medical Detach-ment.

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The Second Battalion, like the rest of the elements in the Combat Team, received its training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In May of 1944 the Second Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James M. Hanley, Manan, North Dakota, winner of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre, landed his men in Oran. French Algeria while the Combat Team went direct to Naples. However, they rejoined the Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion near Civitavecchia, Central Italy, and were committed to action on June 22, 1944.

After four months of fierce fighting against the fanatical German armies in the Rome to Arno River campaign the Nisei were called upon to spearhead the seventh Army offensive in the Vosges Mountains in northeastern France, It was during this campaign that Major Emmet L. O'Connor, Honolulu, Hawali, Executive Officer of the Third Battalion, created the "O'Connor Task Force," composed of F. Company from Second Battalion and L. Co. from Third Battalion, for which they received the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. The Task Force jumped off at dawn on the 21st of October through the forest and mountain fastnesses which protected the approaches to Strasbourg and southeastern Germany. So effective was the coordinated attack that the Task Force caught the enemy by surprise as they drove in from the rear while the Regiment proper smashed straight ahead. The German defenders, trapped in this pincer movement, were annihilated or captured.

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After the spectacular rescue of

the 36th Infantry Division, 141st Regiment's Lost Battalion of World War II in France, the Reg-iment was transferred to a relatively quiet sector in the French Maritime Alps. When Colonel Han-Maritime Alps. When Colonel Hamley was made the Regimental Executive Officer in March 1945, Major Robert A. Gopel, Chillicothe, Illinois, took over command of the Second Battalion in the final Allied offensive along the Po Valley and along the Ligurian sea coast. The Second Battalion received its second Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation when it spearheaded the attack which annihilated in the unconditional surrender of German Armies in Italy. Major Gopel left for home in September, 1945, and Major William N. Colyer of Charlotte, North Carolina, assumed command until October, when he too went home to the States.

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Major Sterlin C. Moore, Salem. Arkansas, was the last of the hard fighting field strategists to combat compared to the Hard fighting field strategists to combat compared to his predecessors, did much to promote an efficient smooth-running organization of his scattered units in guarding German PW stockades, supply depots, and other vital installations of the Peninsular Base Section.

The Second Battalion has a great share in the 48 Distinguished Service Crosses, 332 Silver Stars, 825 Bronze Stars, 16 Legions of Merit, 13 Croix de Guerre, and 100 Army Commendations the 42nd Infantry Regiment has received during its twelve months of combat duty in Italy and in France.

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They also sustained a great number of the 9,230 casualties and the 650 who have been killed in action—4,350 being battle wounds and 4,881 being combat induced illnesses which include frostbite, battle fatigue, trench foot, and other illness. They boast of their record of not having a single AWOL since their activation in the Spring of 1943.

Last Christmas the Second Battalion held two parties for the 300 crphans and school children of the Leghorn area. The GIs contributed much of their post exchange rations, cash, and purchased toys from civilian shops to make these unfortunate children enjoy the first Christmas many had witnessed.

Nisei Cager Leads New Haven Team to New England Title

Nakaso Named All-State
Twice in Basketball,
Football in Connecticut

BOSTON, Mass.—Sam Nakaso, a Japanese American evacues from Alameda, Calif., who has become one of the most celebrated athletes in recent Connecticut scholastic history, led Hillhouse high school of New Haven, Ct., to the New England interscholastic basketball championship here last week in Boston Garden before a record tournament crowd of 10,000.
Hillhouse, winner in 1937 and 1945, became the first three-time winner in the 21-year history of the New England prep tournament and permanently retired the Fletcher Cup, Nakaso was a major reason for Hillhouse was a major reason for Hillhouse bigh's victory last year.

Besides making the Connecticut All-State team two years running, Sam Nakaso has twice been se-



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EDITORIALS: Segregated Veterans

The wisdom of isolating American war The wisdom of isolating American war veterans of minority race groups through the formation of separate posts of national veterans organizations like the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans is to be seriously questioned. During recent weeks the American Legion has chartered by the Separate Chicago and the Separate of the Separate Chicago and Separate and Separate Chicago and Separate and Separate Chicago and Separate Separate Chicago and Separate Separa Chinese American posts on the West Coast while Chinese American posts of the VFW and the DAV already have been formed. similarly, the organization of Mexican American units of the American Legion have been announced. As for Negro Americans who face the terrible reality of Jim Crow in the Army itself, the Legion and the VFW already have set the pattern of segregation through the chartering of separate posts.

Up to this time there has been no activity toward the formation of separate Legion or VFW posts among Japanese Americans although the subject is high on the agenda of problems which Nisei veterans must one day consider. The subject currently is being debated in Spokane where wounded Nisei veterans have been denied membership in Post No. 51 of the VFW, athough this post's attitude has been in opposition to views ex-Post No. 51 of the VFW, athough this post's attitude has been in opposition to views expressed by National VFW officers. Those in the Spokane VFW who do not wish to admit the Nisei have suggested that the Japanese Americans form a separate post in Spokane. Spady Koyama, who was seriously wounded on Leyte and who is one of the many Nisei rejected by the Spokane VFW, has described this suggestion for a separate post as an attempt by bigots in Post No. 51 to achieve the permanent segregation of to achieve the permanent segregation of Nisei veterans. "My answer is that if Post 51 can discriminate against us as individuals, they most certainly can hold the same view against us a segregated VFW post," the Nisei veteran declared.

It is a notable fact that not one of the new organizations of World War II veterans, which include the American Veterans Committee, the Amyets, the Veterans League of America and similar groups, has suggested the segregation of Nisei veterans. If the two major veterans organizations, the Legina of the VEW prove hastile to the desire of major veterans organizations, the Legion and the VFW, prove hostile to the desire of Nisei and other minority veterans to join these groups and to participate in their ac-tivities, the Nisei may be forced to turn to the new World War II groups as many al-ready have done on grounds of overall lib-eralism of the new organizations as com-pared to the Legion and VFW which often have espoused reactionary courses of politi-cal action.

posts of World War I in the American Le-gion in California at the time of Pearl Harbor illustrates the vulnerability of segregated posts. With the outbreak of war the Legion's California department inactivated the char-California department inactivated the charters of the two Japanese American posts, the Commodore Perry post in Los Angeles and the Townsend Harris post in San Francisco. These Japanese Americans who had fought in the First World War were literally kicked cut of the Legion. It was not till after V-J Day that the California Legion reactivated the charters of the two Japanese American posts. There has been no indication up to this time that membership of these posts wish to revive the former organizations.

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this time those Nisel veterans who are joining veterans organizations have been signing up with the regular Legion and VFW posts and with the American Veterans Committee and other new World War II

groups. In most instances the eligibility of the Nisel for membership in the Legion and VFW has not been questioned but the recent tivity of these largest groups in chartering separate posts for Chinese American and Mexican veterans indicate that the Nisei may soon be called on to face the question whether they, too, want to be segregated into separate posts.

The acceptance of segregation by minority groups can easily lead to futher isolation of the group and the activation of restrictive standards in fields outside of veterans af-

GI Protests

"The war's over. Nobody gives a damn about soldiers."

With this cryptic comment, a Nisei Amer lcan was home this week in Hawair where he and forty-three other wounded Aderican servicemen had returned aboard the President Hayes under what appeared to have been disgraceful conditions of neglect.

According to charges made after they arrived in Honolulu, the servicemen were given accommodations in the hold of the ship, were even kept below deck as the ship came into harbor. It was only after complaints were made that those among them who were amputee cases were put in the sick bay.

If these charges are true, and there seems

no apparent reason for doubting them, the Army is guilty of gross neglect in its care of those servicemen who have already served their country, some so well that they will never again be whole.

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The Japanese American Citizens League this week wired its protest to the U. S. Army, but not merely because these men are of Japanese ancestry. There can be no excuse now for a single case of neglect or ill-treatment of America's wounded servicemen. And whatever charges or complaints that such men make must be investigated thoroughly and not glossed over, as was apparently done and not glossed over, as was apparently done by embarkation authorities in San Francisco when the treatment of the men became an

Evacuation Reasons

Drawing its conclusions from a Federal Bureau of Investigation report for the past four years, the Sacramento Bee has declared an editorial that "relocation was nece

The report, says the Bee, "ought to si-lence completely those people still inclined to question the wartime necessity of evacuating Japanese from Pacific coast states."

One thousand persons were arrested shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, says the Bee, quoting from the FBI report, and an additional 4500 others were arrested later, "thus bringing the score to approximately one of every 20 Japanese in the area either ap-

of every 20 Japanese in the area either apprehended on the basis of actual evidence or subject to suspicion."

But two points the Sacramento Bee, and presumably the FBI also, fail to bring out are these:

No report is made on the number of the total 5500 Japanese arrested who were re-leased after hearings were held. Actually, the great majority of these persons were released after hearing boards had thoroughly investigated them.

Nor does the Sacramento Bee point out that in not one single case was any of these persons brought to trial for treason or for any acts inimical to the interests of the United States.

But the major point in the entire sorry story of the evacuation is still missed by the Sacramento Bee.

If 5500 were arrested by the FBI, if not on evidence but on suspicion, at least, then certainly the possibility of Japanese sabotage was well in hand, and there remained no reason for the wholesale evacuation that

Later evidence has shown that neither the FBI nor the Department of Justice itself favored the evacuation. It has been pointed out again and again that between the time of the December 7 attack and the evacuation there was an interval of four months, during which no acts of sabotage were attempted or

Accumulative evidence, mounting in the years after Pearl Harbor, shows conclusively that the evacuation was a costly process in men and money and that it was wholly unnecessary in view of the demonstrated loyalty of the citizens of Japanese descent.

Nisei USA_

Hollywood and the Nisei

American language specialists in the occupation of Japan.

With perhaps a single exception Hollywood's references to the Nisei in films made during World War II and after have been derogatory. The exception is the recent Pine-Thomas production, "To-kyo Rose," which shows Nisei working as American agents inside Japan. On the other hand Hollywood has produced films which have been instrumental in the circulation of false charges of sabotage and treachery by Japanese Americans through such pictures as "Air Force," "Across the Pacific," "Little Tokyo, U. S. A." and "Betrayal from the East."

Although Hollywood has pictured the activities of scores of Nisei saboteurs who have had no realific counterparts, the movies have yet to present the picture of a Nisei in uniform. (The newsreels, however, have had good coverage of the Nisei soldier in training and in combat.)

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Of all of the mediums of information the movies have presented the most distorted picture of the Nisei, just as Hollywood film-makers have constantly refused to disregard racial stereotypes in their portrayal of members of many other racial groups. The press which long ago accepted the responsibility which is theirs in the shaping of community attitudes has presented much of the material which has been used to combat anti-Japanese American hysteria on the West Coast. Even the Hearst press, which played a racebatting role during the anti-evacuee campaigns of 1943 and 1944, has published news stories of Nisei valor and the Los Angeles Examiner of the Hearst chain last week carried a big story on the award of the first Medal of Honor to a Japanese American.

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Among information media the radio has done the most consistent job of fair reporting on problems affecting the Nisei. In addition, such radio programs as Arch Oboler's "The Family Nagashi" and Millard Lampell's hard-hitting script on "The Boy from Nebraska" indicate the job which the films could do in fighting against the sort of un-American hoodlumism which is typified by the many attacks on the homes of Nisei soldiers in California in 1945.

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If some Hollywood producer were looking for a script for a production which would bear out Mr. McManus' iden of "a swell movie," the Oboler and Lampell radio plays are undoubtedly available. Arch Oboler's drama, presented last fall over the Mutual network, concerns the return of a veteran of the 442nd Infantry to his home in California. On the first night Ben Nagashi is home hoodlums attack the house. From this opening, Oboler uses the playwright's device of dramatic flashbacks to tell of the struggles of Ben's own experiences in school and his love for his girl. In the end Ben, who is embittered by the attack, learns that his friends and neighbors also condemn the hoodlumism which has made him feel unwelcome in his own home town.

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A feature film about a Nisei

John T. McManus, film critic of the New York daily, PM, suggested last week that a story of the Nisei in the war would make "a swell movie," Mr. McManus took as his text an article written by Col. Wallace Moore of Army Intelligence for the current issue of Screen Actor, monthly publication of the Screen, Actors Guild. In this article, written for motion picture players, Col. Moore told of the important part played by Nisei G-2 personnel in the Pacific war and the indispensible role of Japanese American language specialists in the occupation of Japan.

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PM's John McManus also believes that a Nisei movie would "provide honorable employment to hundreds of Oriental players in Hollywood who have rebelled all through the war at being cast as the world's villains." It has been reported previously that some of Hollywood's Chinese American actors have turned down roles, usually concerned with Japanese atrocities, which carried a racial identification with brutality.

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Melvyn Douglas, who recently returned from overseas after three
years of Army service, spoke up
for fair play at a time when few
other public figures in California
were willing to back what was
then an uupopular cause. Since
that time such motion picture
players as Joe E. Brown, Bob
Hope, Frank Sinatra, Gregory
Peck, Ronald Reagan, Louise Allbritton and many others have
spoken out for the Nisei at times
when the return of the Japanese
Americans to the West Coast was
still a controversial issue.

One of the first California
groups to speak out against the
wave of terrorism against the return of the evacuees last year was
the Hollywood unit of the National Citizens Political Action Committee (PAC), of which Mrs. Wililiam Dieterle, wife of the noted
director, is chairman.

Some of the first job offers received by Nisei in relocation
camps came from stars like Franchot Tone. A Nisei veteran who
was refused reemployment by a
studio got his old job back when
Walter Winchell mentioned the
studio's refusal on the air. In contrast, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is reported to have continued the salary of Eddie Imadzu, one of
MGM's top art directors, while
Imadzu was in the Arkansas relocation, Imadzu, who has been employed at MGM for more than
twenty years, is back on the MGM
lot, Edward Small, an independent
producer, was one of the first of
the studios to employ evacuees
back from the WRA camps and
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Unless a courageous, independent producer is found, however, the story of the Nisei in World War II, which has been told to Hollywood by Col. Moore, will remain untold on the screen. The fact that Col. Moore's article did appear in an influential film colony publication indicates that movie professionals are interested, just as Hollywood's actors, writers and directors have taken and are taking an important part in movements for social and economic justice in California and throughout the nation.

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A feature film about a Nisei seems somewhat unlikely since Hollywood usually chooses its

Vagaries

Public Relations . . .

Pat Frayne, San Francisco newspaperman whose bang-up job of public relations for the San Francisco office of the WBA helped rout the West Coast's anti-evacuee hoodlums, resigned from the WBA list week. Frayne's new job will be to handle public relations for California Democrats in the coming State election campaign... Herb Caen titled this a "more like America note" in his San Francisco Chronicle column this week: "An Army Sgt., who spent four years in a Jap concentration camp, is having his teeth repaired by Dr. Hideki Hayashi, S. F. Nisei—who, to round off the story, got his office in the Butler bldg. through the efforts of Chinese American Dr. Theodore Lee."

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Iva Toguri, "Tokyo Rose," is now in Sugamo prison in Tokyo Prosecution of the Radio Tokyo broadcaster is being held up pending determination whether she holds American citizenship. . A Nisei youth, now taking preparatory studies for West Point, may be the first Japanese American to win the right to study at the U. S. Military Academy. . . Japanese Canadian representatives are now awaiting an important interview with Prime Minister Mackenzie King on problems confronting Nisei in Canada.

Case History . . .

Career Girls . . .

Sono Osato . . .

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Sono Osato has not been idle since she stepped out of the leading role in "On the Town" to start rebearsals for her first straight dramatic part. Miss Osato recently led a group of Broadway personalities who passed out coffee and doughnuts to the Western Union picket line and she has picketed the Spanish consulate in a protest against Franco Spain. During the past week ads in New York papers have listed her as a sponsor of committees against Franco, for feeding families of CIO and AFL strikers, and for the abolition of the Wood-Rankin committee. . Miss Osato who first became famous as a ballerina in the Monte Carlo company is now as well known for her social conscience as she is for her dancing and acting.

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Ben Kuroki:

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First I wish to clarify that I joined two American Legion Posts and also the American Veterans Committee, and that I didn't join these outlifts with my eyes closed. After returning from the Pacific, I surveyed Veterans Organizations very closely and came out with definite statistics and information.

I joined the Legion because like any other veteran, there are very definite things I want—a job, a house, and decent wages—security. And I knew the Legion was the outfit that could go to Washington and really get action for those things. I don't have to kild you—you know that the Legion is the most powerful veterans outfit in existence. Recent statistics from National Head-quarters reveal over two and a half million members, with the VFW having a million and a half, and AVC with less than a quarter million members.

And I should like to point out that already over a million and a half World War II vets have joined the legion, and that World War II vets are rapidly becoming a minority. And whether the old Legion guy approve or not, the War II vets will bring up issues like jobs and housing.

Please don't misunderstand me—I didn't join the outfit just because it was big. I joined because I knew that if I needed help to push such things as Issei citizenship, that I had to be in an outfit where the men are, and an outfit that can get action for me in Washington. I'm not the only one that realizes that. Already there are over 150 new charters to Labor Posts—numerous Collegiate Posts, also.

And another thing—I presume that you will criticize Legion leadership as being strong and corrupt at times, but don't forget that those very characteristics will not let them ride herd on War II vets. Over 150 Posts protested againt National Head-quarters for decorning Hearts with a medal, and over 300 Posts protested the National Commander's attack on General Bradley and the Veterans Admi

Washington News-Letter

Hank Gosho Fought With Famous Merrill's Marauders

By JOHN KITASAKO

Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.
Horizontal Hank Gosho's appearance is deceiving. He doesn't look like one of the toughies of Merrill's famed Marauders who fought one of the war's most hazardous campaigns in the Jap-infested jungles of Burma. Hank, to us, looks more like a scholar—bespectacled, articulate, and classroom-complexioned.

And like the other Nisei GIs whose "guts" became a legend among fighting men, Hank, we found, was not in the least enthusiastic about recalling his experiences. However, he was cooperative to the extent of saying enough to fill a column.

One of the original fourteen Nisei who volunteered for the Marauders, Hank went into action from Ledo in northeast India in the spring of 1943. The Marauders at the Japanese. This style of attack demoralized the Japaneses. The Marauders numbered only around 2,000, but Japanese prisoners said later that the attacks coming in such relentless succession made them think there was most effective. The Japanese were thrown off balance, and before they could regain their footing, the Marauders pushed them back further.

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From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Reflections on the "Cockpit of Asia"

Des Moines, In.

What happened to those schemes for building huge Ameri-can-style ranches in Manchuria?

It was back in the mid-thirties, and Japan had just started the beginnings of a continental empire. Some West Coast Japa-nese thought they saw opportunity, and they laid grandiose plans nese thought they saw opportunity, and they laid grandiose plans for taking American tractors, gang plows and other machinery into Manchuria and introduce large scale farming.

The idea might have been all right, Manchuria's central valley stretches to the horizon, treeless and sunbaked like the plains of Wyoming. The topsoil is heavy and black and productive, like that of lowa.

But there was something the planners didn't realize: In Manchuria as in most of China it's cheaper to hire a gang of coolies than to buy gasoline and keep machinery in repair.

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The news analysts and the Orient experts used to call Manchuria the "Cockpit of Asia." It's the trouble spot again with the Russians reluctant to get out, perhaps until it is well stripped of its industrial potential, and the Chinese Nationalists and Communists vieing for the remains.

William McGaffin of the Chicago Daily News was one of a small party of U. S. correspondents that got up into Russianheld Manchuria recently. He wrote of a visit to a cabaret in Changchun, and how the Japanese girls were overjoyed when they discovered their visitors were American, not Russian.

Changchung was known as Hsinking when we visited it, A couple of Canadian Nisei who lived there took an American engineer and us for a tour of these cabarets and there we saw some

campaign was virtually assured. The Marauders were able to relax for the first time in a year. One day, Hank, exhausted beyond the limits of human endurance after six attacks of malaria and the year-long jungle comhat, passed out, and when he came to he found himself in a rest camp in India. The other Marauders were subsequently all flown back to India, and thus came to an end the saga of one of the fightingest units in World War II.

After recuperating for a spell, Hank signed up with the Office of War Information section, went back to the front lines, and made loudspeaker broadcasts, as well as radio roadcasts, and helped prepare leaflets which were dropped on the Japanese.

Hank says that whenever he recalls the many close brushes he had with death in the Burma campaign, he gets the shivers. "I find it hard to believe I came out of that hell alive. I guess it was only because of something up there," he says, pointing upward.

POSTSCRIPTS: The transfer of the Navy's Japanese-Janguage

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But being professional entertainers they seemed to sense the meaning of what he said, and they pressed us for translations through which we stumbled.

The girls were pretty to look at when they stood you could see they lacked cod liver oil or something in childhood. The engineer made a remark then which seemed exceedingly appropriate.

"Their buckets," he said "are hung about a foot too low, but they're exquisite, exquisite."

The Japanese were trying some new theories in Changchung when we were there. One of these was a sanitation measure which consisted of slinging a square of canvas under the tails of the countless horses that pulled earriages and carts through the streets.

The Jaundiced Eye

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Newspapermen allegedly are cynics. Perhaps this is one of the reasons they get that way. In just one night last week these stories came in over the wires or were reported locally:

Two teen-aged girls, in different parts of the country, were reported missing and later turned up in the company of strange men.

The 23-year-old wife of a serviceman, mother of two, was found beaten to death, most of her clothing torn off, and her brother who admitted a drunken brawl with her killed himself when picked up by police.

A prominent physician and his wife went on a two-day drinking party with an acquaintance he met at clubrooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, and when the physician snapped out of it he found his friend had disappeared with sundry household furnishings.

A 74-year-old man who didn't trust banks kept his entire fortune—12 \$20 bills—in his pocket, was picked up for intoxication, and was found to have been robbed of all but \$15.

A priest charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor boy.

A county attorney arrested for driving while intoxicated.

It's hard to say whether crime and moral laxity have increased since the end of the war, or whether there simply is more space on the wires to carry a larger number of stories about petty human frailities now that egalized wholesale slaughter has ceased.

At any rate, the news these days would be highly discouraging for a moralist. Perhaps it is to avoid disappointment in one's fellow humans, and more important, to avoid becoming moralists, that the newsman tries to build up a case-hardened shell of cymician.

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Wedding Shower

LEMON GROVE, Calif.—Twen ty-three friends of the Tamotsu Kidas gave the young couple a surprise wedding shower and housewarming to welcome them back to Lemon Grove on March

Present were Abe Takehara,
Fusae Kida, Wayne Anderson,
Wilbur Livesy, Myra Viau, Mr.
and Mrs. Albert Denlinger, Mr. and
Mrs. George Stevens, Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Hohnman, Mr. and Mrs.
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Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White,
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hamilton and
Mr. and Mrs. Don Osgood.

OKADA-HINO RITES

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NEW YORK CITY—More than
200 guests attended the wedding
of Miss Akiko Hino and Mr. Stanley Okada on Sunday, March 3, at
the New York Buddhist church
with the Rev. Hozen Seki officiating. Attending the bride was Mrs.
Hozen Seki, and Mr. Kiyoshi Yamashita was best man. Hiroshi
Yamamoto, Henry Tanabe, the
Rev. Newton Ishiura and N. Nobumoto were the ushers. Mr. Okada
is the executive director of the
New York Buddhist church and is
on the Yale university faculty.
Miss Hino is the daughter of the
Rev. and Mrs. Yoshio Hino of
Honolulu.

Salt Lake City Bowlers Dominate Pocatello Tourney

POCATELLO, Ida, — Salt Lake City took most of the honors in the Pocatello JACL Nisei Bowling tournament held March 16 and 17 in Pocatello with first place awards in the men's singles, men's doubles, women's single sand individual high game entries. The Idaho Wolves placed first in the team matches, with the Salt Lake City team placing second and the Pocatello O. C. Market third. The Wolves scored 2295 points, with Salt Lake City scoring 2258 and Pocatello O. C. scoring 2208.

Dr. Jun Kurumada of Salt Lake City scored a 239 game to take individual high game honors.

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Dr. Kurumada also teamed with Tad Sako to take first place in the men's doubles with a score of 1069 for their three games.

Jun Uyeda and Speed Nukaya of Idaho Falls placed second with a total of 1016 pins, and Steve Sato and Ivan Ogata of Pocatello took third place honors with 1005.

Bob Sakal of Salt Lake City took first in the men's singles with 538 pins, followed by George Hiroto of Pocatello, 515, and Mits Kasal of Idaho Falls, 491.

Steve Sato of Pocatello, Idaho,

Mits Kasai of Idaho Falls, 491.

Steve Sato of Pocatello, Idaho, and Bertha Tanimine of Salt Lake City placed first in the mixed doubles with a total of 863 points. Sato bowled a 573 series, while his partner bowled 290. Second place was taken by Shige Tanabe and Isa Morimoto of Pocatello with 433 and 417 scores respectively, Paul Okamura of Pocatello and Uta Tsujimoto of Sait Lake City took third place with 413 and 420.

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Nisei Girl in Japan Seeks Whereabouts of Parents in U.S.

California?"

This question, says the Sacramento Bee, is asked of every marine she meets by 20-year-old Mitsuko Sakai in Nagasaki, who haunts places where she might find a marine from Sacramento who might give her information about her parents, who lived in Clarksburg, California, before they were evacuated from the west coast.

Mice Sakai lived in Clarksburg.

coast.

Miss Sakai lived in Clarksburg until 1940, when she was sent to Japan.

She told a marine corps reporter that she has lost all trace of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzo Sakai, and she is anxious to let them know she is safe and well and is trying to arrange an early return to the United States.

When she completed her souho-

and is trying to arrange an early return to the United States.

When she completed her sophomore year in the Clarksburk High school, it was decided that she and her older sister should go to Japan for a summer visit with their grandparents in Kumamoto, Kyushu. Once they arrived, however, their grandfather opposed their return to the United States. Later the elder sister returned home, but Mitsuko was detained.

"I think," she said, "my grandfather thought that by keeping me here he could influence my parents to return to Japan."

Her grandparents died during the war and she is now making her home with an uncle and aunt.

WRA Secretary Given Gift, Farewell Party

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Mrs.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Mrs. Tad Kitazumi, WRA secretary in Indianapolis, was honored at a farewell party recently at the home of Mary Miyasaki.

In appreciation for her services, the WRA advisory board of this city presented her with an inscribed wrist watch and a scroll be a ring the names of all the guests. Mrs. Howard Baumgartel made the presentation in behalf of the committee.

Guests were Messis, and Mmes. H. Baumgartel, P. F. Goodrich, J. B. Hunter, Norman Ishii, H. Nyhart, Carl Piel, James Sugioka, Tome Takayoshi, Kay Takayoshi, Yosh Takayoshi, Kay Takayoshi, Yosh Takayoshi, and George Teraoka; Messis. Rolland Allen, Tad Kitazumi, J. Oda, T. Ushiyama; and the Misses Frances Kitazumi, Jessie M. Trout and Kimi and Yoshie Murosaki.

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Japanese Americans Escort German POWs to Homeland

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—In addition to other duties and assignments in the 442nd Infantry Regiment, many officers of the Regiment are often selected by the Peninsular Base Section Headquarters (PBS) in Leghorn, Italy, to assignments which carry them into the heart of war-torn Germany.

Germany.

Their primary duties are that of Train and Guard Commanders of an escort train consisting of over 40 box cars filled with over 1,000 German POW's and war repatriates.

The duty of Train and Guard Commander of such an escort is one of many responsibilities. It is befitting that such a responsible position is given to an officer of the 442nd Infantry Regiment. Even though the enlisted men guards are from other units in this area, they respect and speak of the officers from the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team as "good Joes."

At present the German POW's which the members of the 442nd have been guarding since the ter-mination of the war are return-ing home by the thousands week-

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ly. The route of an escort train is uncertain for there are many lay-overs and stops before reaching the final destination.

All along the route through the heart of Italy, through the Brenner Pass into the French Occupation Zone in Austria and into Germany one observes the ravages of war in the complete destruction of railroad yards, communication lines, bridges and other vital installations.

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ines, bridges and other vital installations.

The feelings of the ex-German soldiers of that once famous blitz Wehrmacht of Hitler's upon seeing their home country after years of plundering and pillaging the leas stable countries of Europe, is one of joy mingled with uncertainty as they get fleeting glimpses of the destruction wrought by the Allied Forces upon their land. Yet they are returning back home physically fit, to prove themselves as men, equal to live among the peace – loving peoples whom they have beaten a few years ago.

Recently, Second Lieutenant George M. Komachi, Executive Officer of Company I, 42nd Infantry, was in charge of a contingent of German POW's. He was train and Guard Commander for one of the largest shipments of German POW's to leave from this area to Germany. In a six day tour of duty, Lieutenant Komachi assumed the leadership and responsibility of over 1,000 prisoners until they were released to the Third Army troops in Hamberg, Germany.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Tamano, Sacramento, Calif., a boy
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To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatayama a girl on Feb. 12 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Koyanagi a boy on Feb. 13 in Selma,
Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mits Salia a

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To Mr. and Mrs. Mits Saita a boy on Feb. 28 in Selma, Calif.

To Sgt. and Mrs. George Tanaka a girl, Kathleen Jo, on Feb. 11 in Passaic, N. J.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jobe a To Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Yamasaki, New York City, a girl, Ruth Michi, on Feb. 28.

DEATHS
Shizuyo Nakamura (Mrs. Yoshisuke Nakamura) on March 14 in San Francisco.
Jisuke Yamada on March 10 at Santa Ana, Calif.
Tomesuke Sakiyama, 63 on March 13 at Temple City, Calif.

MARRIAGES

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Lily Yuriko Uyematsu to George
K. Uyeda on Feb. 17 in Chicago.
Kumi Kato to Masaru Kotake
on Jan. 24 in Tule Lake.
Akiko Nishimoto to Kaoru Yagi
on March 17 at Los Angeles.
Emi Katayama to Joe Yamaki
on March 10 in Salt Lake City.
Grace Sato to Ted Matsunaga
on March 3 in New York City.

Engagement

FRESNO, Calif.—At a dinner attended by close friends and relatives on Feb. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Nagata of Fresno announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Kiyoko Mary, to Mr. Joe Katsuki, son of Mr. K. Tanaka of Provo, Utah. The wedding has been set for March 30.

Former Hunt Evacuee Ruled Sane at Hearing

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Masao Hattori, 19, was ruled sane at a sanity hearing on March 12 and will face a felony indictment on a statutory charge during the next term of district court.
Hattori, former resident of the Minidoka relocation center, was given a preliminary hearing last week.

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