



Eleventh-Hour Releases Save 102 Persons from Internment in Crystal City Camp in Texas

Several Already Moved to Train When Orders For Releases Arrive from Washington; Final Group Leaves Tule Lake as Camp is Closed

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Eleventh-hour releases—some of them arriving after the affected evacuees had boarded a Department of Justice train—saved 102 persons at the Tule Lake relocation center from going to the Crystal City, Tex., internment camp as the war relocation center officially closed its doors on March 20.

In the last 48 hours before the camp was closed, releases arrived for 102 persons who until then had been held as Department of Justice detainees and were not permitted to relocate. Several actually had been moved to the train which was scheduled to take them to the Texas camp, but when their status was changed they got off the train and took regular transportation as free "relocatees" to other points.

It was announced that, in all, 552 persons of Japanese ancestry, the final group which remained of the 19,000 who once resided in the center, were moved out on the final day, and not a single evacuee was left in camp on March 21. Of the number 450 were transferred to the Crystal City camp, the only remaining Department of Justice internment center for persons of Japanese ancestry, where they will await clarification of their status. It was announced that 103 were relocated and five others went to San Francisco under Department of Justice jurisdiction. Of the latter group, three are involved in the American Civil Liberties Union test cases which will be heard within 40 days. The other two were listed as "segregated parolees."

The group which left by train for Crystal City included many women and children who were accompanying family members to the Texas internment camp. It was indicated that many of these persons were accompanying detainee members of their families and were technically not under detention.

It was reported that throughout the final day, March 20, detained evacuees passed through the final processing, after waiting in a bitter wind inside the segregation center fence.

By the night of March 20 the only inhabitants remaining in Tule Lake were dogs which had been left behind when some of the evacuees were unable to take them with them. It was reported that many of the evacuees had made arrangements to take their pets along. The abandoned dogs probably will be destroyed, it was stated.

Intermountain JACL Council Votes Fund for Issei Drive

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho.—The Intermountain district council, JACL, unanimously voted an additional \$10,000 donation to the Japanese American Citizens League's education campaign for Issei citizenship as delegates met Sunday, March 24, at the Hotel Rogers in Idaho Falls.

The sum will be in addition to the \$5,000 assessment recently voted by the IDC for the JACL national headquarters. Most of the \$5,000 has already been raised, it was reported.

Joe Saito, president of the Snake River chapter, announced that his organization will guarantee \$1,500 of the \$10,000 campaign fund donation in the event the other chapters raise the additional \$8,500. The Idaho Falls chapter pledged to raise \$1,000.

In voting the \$10,000 fund, the representatives voiced the opinion that lack of finances must not deter the naturalization campaign at this time. The delegates declared that with the recently augmented JACL staff and the volunteer help of ex-Sgt. Ben Kuroki, all facilities must be made available at once to the JACL in pursuing its most important campaign, that of urg-

National YMCA Urges Issei Naturalization

Action on Resolution Follows Appeal by Nisei War Hero

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Following a stirring appeal by Ben Kuroki, Japanese American war hero, for the democratization of American immigration laws, the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association on March 17 passed a resolution urging the broadening of naturalization statutes to permit resident Japanese aliens in the United States and other resident aliens of Asiatic ancestry to become American citizens.

The resolution, proposed by the Committee on Public Affairs, of which Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, professor of theology at Harvard, is chairman, took cognizance of "the noteworthy contribution made to this nation during World War II by many Americans whose parents are debarred from citizenship solely on racial grounds."

The resolution referred specifically to aliens "legally resident in the United States and now ineligible for citizenship on the ground of racial origin."

Ben Kuroki's talk, part of his home front "59th mission" against race prejudice, was heard by an audience of 2500.

Rotary to Hear Kuroki, Masaoka

IDAHO FALLS.—Ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki and Mike Masaoka of the national headquarters staff of the JACL will be principal speakers at the Idaho Falls Rotary club luncheon on April 3.

ing naturalization for aliens of Japanese descent.

The delegates also appointed two vice chairmen to fill vacancies in the IDC cabinet. George Shiozawa of Pocatello was chosen first vice chairman and Tom Hoshiyama of Salt Lake City was selected as second vice chairman.

Hoshiyama was also elected oratorical contest chairman. He will be in charge of oratorical, debate and essay contests. Finals for the oratorical contest will be held in the fall at the district convention, it was decided.

Tom Matsumori was selected sports commissioner to coordinate IDC activities. The possibilities of having national bowling and basketball tournaments were also discussed.

Seven chapters were represented at the Idaho Falls meeting over which Shigeki Ushio, Murray, Utah, presided.

A dinner was held in the evening for the delegates. Hito Okada, national president, and Saburo Kido, past national president, spoke to the delegates.

Salt Lake City was represented by Okada, Kido and Kay Tera-shima.

"Third Evacuation" Under Way For California Evacuees

Sacramento AVC Hits Mistreatment Of Nisei Wounded

SACRAMENTO.—A resolution protesting the asserted transportation of wounded Japanese American soldiers to their homes in Hawaii in the hold of the Navy transport President Hayes while civilians occupied staterooms was adopted on March 21 by the Sacramento chapter of the American Veterans Committee.

The resolution urged that all veterans be given equal rights regardless of race, color or creed.

Soldier's Medal Awarded Nisei GI for Heroism

T/5 Masaharu Tsuida's Action Prevented Injury to Comrades

BREMEN, Germany.—T/5 Masaharu Tsuida of Chicago, Ill., recently was awarded the soldier's medal which is presented for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy.

T/5 Tsuida, a member of 379th Antiaircraft Artillery battalion of the Coast Artillery Corps, was cited for an act of heroism on January 20, 1946. The Nisei, a cook in the mess hall, without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, picked up a flaming gasoline burner off a field range which had exploded, and carried it out of the mess hall.

During this action, Tsuida received serious burns on his hands, arms, face and shoulders, but he prevented injury to military personnel and saved destruction of valuable government property.

BEN KUROKI WILL TALK AT IDAHO LEGION AFFAIR

POCATELLO, Idaho.—Nisei war hero Ben Kuroki will be guest speaker for the American Legion as 700 former servicemen join that veterans' group in a mass initiation service on the evening of April 4 in Pocatello, Idaho.

Seven Nisei veterans will be among the 700 new American Legionnaires.

The ceremonies, including Kuroki's speech, will be broadcast over station KSEL.

Kuroki, vice commander of the American Legion Duncan Perry post in New York City, is chairman of the JACL veterans' committee.

WRA Will Close Office in Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The War Relocation Authority's office in Oakland will be closed on April 19 and services to resettled evacuees will be terminated on April 12, it was announced by Charles Miller, area supervisor for WRA in Northern California, this week.

WRA offices in Santa Rosa, Stockton and Watsonville also will be closed on April 19.

Four other district offices in Fresno, Sacramento, San Jose and San Francisco will terminate services to returnees on April 26 and will close on May 3.

Miller pointed out that the last week of business in each case will be devoted to administrative matters made necessary by the liquidation of the wartime agency.

The Northern California Area office in San Francisco will remain open until May 15, while the national office in Washington, D. C. is expected to close on June 30.

Winona Project Residents Evicted as Others Face Loss Of Emergency Shelter

LOS ANGELES.—More than 500 returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, who were moved out of their homes in Southern California in 1942 and who were forced to undergo a "second evacuation" in the fall of 1945 from war relocation centers, were experiencing a "third evacuation" this week from the Winona emergency housing project in Burbank.

The 522 residents of Winona, comprising returned evacuees who have been unable to find individual housing since their return last fall, were notified last week that they must find individual housing or be moved to other emergency installations where

housing is of the barracks type. No provision is made for men and women at Winona with jobs in the vicinity of that project, although some already have lost their positions because of inability to find housing and because of the lack of transportation from Hawthorne and Lomita.

Most of the people at Winona, unable to find their own housing in the overcrowded Los Angeles area, were moved to the Lomita and Hawthorne installations. Those who were moved in trailers were notified on March 28 that they must vacate them by April 4, necessitating still another move. All other returned evacuees in the Hawthorne and Lomita projects were notified that they must move by April 30.

It was estimated that approximately 2000 Japanese and Japanese Americans who lost their homes in 1942 and who have been unable to find housing since their return from relocation centers faced another evacuation as the emergency housing projects in which they have been living for the past six months were scheduled to be closed.

At El Segundo, where 250 elderly evacuees, unemployable because of advanced age, were being housed, these evacuees were notified on March 27 that they would be moved to Rancho Los Amigos, an old men's home, on March 29. When some of these elderly evacuees declared they did not want to go to Rancho, they were told that they could have from \$29.50 to \$32.50 a month for room and board, and that they must get out of El Segundo by March 29.

"The impact of an unhoused group of this magnitude on a community already unable to cope with the housing problems of veterans and other displaced peoples demands the immediate action of all responsible leaders," an official of a private welfare agency who did not wish to be identified declared. "Action to see that these evictees get their legal rights and a review of these eviction notices by OPA or other governmental agencies is imperative."

"The callousness with which

the eviction notices were written and served upon this timid group of helpless people makes protest by all civic-minded persons necessary. It should have the especial attention of all minorities, as it sets definite patterns of governmental violations of basic constitutional rights of one of their group."

The emergency problem of public housing facing the Los Angeles community following the decision of Federal authorities to close the barracks and trailer camps which have housed 2000 returned evacuees was the subject of a special meeting in the office of Supervisor John Anson Ford on March 21. In addition to Mr. Ford, Assistant Director Rex Lee of the WRA, Robert Burns of the County Housing Authority, Dr. George Gleason of the County Committee for Interracial Progress, Mrs. Beulah Lewis, director of the Bureau of Public Assistance, and Newell Stewart of the American Friends Service Committee were present.

Mr. Lee outlined a plan under which the WRA would construct a trailer park of 300 trailers equipped as other Federal Public Housing Authority parks and would turn it over to the FPHA to operate. Needy families of returned Japanese and Japanese American evacuees would have first chance at this housing, which would take care of from 1000 to 1100 persons. FPHA, under the WRA suggestion, would provide housing for about 360 service-connected persons, and the Bureau of Public Assistance indicated they would take 250 old men, now at El Segundo, into Rancho Los Amigos. This would leave about 500 other persons who are now being housed in Federal projects and for whom no plans are made at present.

Utah Worker Dies In Quarry Accident

SUNNYSIDE, Utah.—Funeral rites were held March 26 for Takeshi Tsutsui, 56, who died on March 22 of injuries suffered in an accident at the quarry of the Utah Rock Asphalt Company.

Two Sons Killed in Accident, Nisei Father Commits Suicide

Children Die as Auto Smashes Into Train at Crossing

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A Sunday afternoon drive in the family car was quickly transformed into a nightmare of tragedy for the family of Kiyoshi Sakai when their auto smashed into the second car of a freight train at the Bailey Ave. and Monterey Road crossing south of San Jose, killing two of the Sakai children instantly and injuring the other occupants of the car.

Within 36 hours the 32-year old father was found dead and Mrs. Chizuko Sakai, 24, informed of this additional tragedy, lost her mind and was taken to Agnew State Hospital for the Insane.

The Sakais had returned to San

Jose from a relocation center only a few months ago. Last Sunday, March 24, they went for a drive. Two sons, Stephen, 4, and Roland, 3, were killed when the car driven by the father crashed into the train. Sakai, his wife and two other children, Eugene, 6, and Joyce, 5 months old, were injured.

After being treated at the County Hospital for minor injuries, Sakai was informed that his two sons were dead. Berserk with grief, he ran out of the hospital and drove off in the hospital engineer's car. He parked after about four blocks and fled in another car.

On Tuesday morning, March 26, Sakai's body was found in an orchard on Tully road. He had slashed his wrists, cut his throat and drunk a brew of dissolved lye.

U. S. Army Action Indicates Nisei Stranded by War in Japan, Ryukyus May Return

Three Kaneshiros Now Awaiting Transportation Back to Home in Hawaii; Military Requests Authorization for Return of Japanese Americans

American military government authorities in the Ryukyu Islands have requested authorization for the repatriation to Hawaii and the American mainland of all United States citizens on Okinawa who desire to return; information received by the Pacific Citizen indicated this week.

It is also reported that Clara Kaneshiro, a young Japanese American from Hawaii who was stranded on Okinawa with the outbreak of war, was now awaiting transportation to return to Hawaii with her two brothers, George and Michael, together with a number of other United States citizens of Japanese ancestry in a similar status.

The petition of Miss Kaneshiro and her two brothers to return to their home in Hawaii has been considered a "test case" which may affect the future of several thousand other Americans of Japanese ancestry who were caught by the war on Okinawa and in Japan.

It was reported that as soon as Kaneshiro, whose record of service for American forces during the invasion of Okinawa has been described as "outstanding," has the support of American Military Government officials in her request for repatriation to Japan.

It was reported that as soon as she and her wounded brother, Michael, could get through to the American forces following the invasion, Clara Kaneshiro immediately went to work to assist in the organization of civilian activities in the villages of Soke and Jinzu where she quickly became the most important member of the staff, according to Lieut. Milroy Blowitz, then commanding the AMG unit in that area.

Miss Kaneshiro won the high praise of American military authorities for her initiative and intelligent leadership in helping to reestablish decent conditions for the civilians.

The Hawaiian Nisei girl has a sister in Honolulu and a brother in the Army on the mainland. Her mother, with whom she had gone to Okinawa shortly before the outbreak of war, was killed during the American invasion of the Ryukyus.

It is also reported that naturalization and immigration authorities in Honolulu have indicated that there are no legal barriers or complications for the return to Hawaii of persons establishing "prima facie" cases of citizenship, such as the Kaneshiros have done in their petition for return to Hawaii.

One of the factors delaying the return of these American repatriates, according to the information, is the lack of shipping. No authorization has been issued to transport them on Navy vessels and commercial lines have not yet resumed service.

Hearings Asked on Dismissal Charges Against Nisei Group

SACRAMENTO—Wilmer Moore, deputy attorney general and legal representative for the State Personnel Board, said last week he would request that the dismissal charges against "several hundred" Japanese Americans employed by the State of California at the time of the outbreak of war be set for a hearing before a board referee.

It was reported that the Personnel Board is now interested in disposing of the charges and it was indicated that in view of the present policy of the board, which has reversed its wartime stand against hiring any persons of Japanese ancestry, the charges would not be pressed in cases "where no disloyalty can be shown." The suspended Japanese American employees would then be reinstated.

It was understood that the original dismissal charges still stand against 87 persons who filed answers to the original complaints and who have retained a San Francisco attorney, James Purcell, as their legal counsel. Several hundred other Japanese Americans employed by the State did not file answers to the charges or were probationary employees who were automatically dismissed upon filing of the complaints.

Okada Announces Appointment Of Trio to National Staff

Masao Satow, Eiji Tanabe, Yurino Takayoshi Will Take JACL Posts

Appointment of Masao Satow, Eiji Tanabe and Yurino Takayoshi to the national staff of the Japanese American Citizens League was announced this week in Salt Lake City by Hito Okada, president, who announced at the same time the resignation of Peter Aoki, New York representative, and Dr. T. T. Yatabe, head of the Chicago office.

Satow has been named eastern representative of the JACL in charge of the Chicago and New York offices. He will be assisted in New York by Miss Takayoshi. Tanabe was named to the national headquarters staff in Salt Lake City.

Announcement of the resignation of Peter Aoki and Dr. Yatabe was made "with regrets" by Hito Okada, who commended their efforts in the past four years.

Dr. Yatabe, formerly a Fresno, Cal., dentist, has resigned his JACL duties to resume his dental practice in Chicago. He left the Chicago office after three years of service as head of JACL affairs in the midwestern region. Dr. Yatabe was one of the original organizers of the Japanese American Citizens League and served at one time as national president of the organization.

Peter Aoki, formerly head of the New York office, has taken over his new position as executive secretary of the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, Inc.

The new eastern representative, Masao Satow, served with the YMCA for 16 years, acting as executive secretary of the Japanese branch of the Los Angeles YMCA from 1932 to 1942. Following the evacuation he joined the national YMCA staff as a special representative on Japanese American problems. He is a graduate of the Princeton Theological seminary.

Tanabe recently terminated three years as an instructor at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the Japanese language classes at the University of Michigan. He was formerly English editor of the Los Angeles daily, the Kashu Mainichi.

Miss Takayoshi was recently elected president of the New York chapter of the JACL, one of the few women elected to the presidency of a local chapter.

Eiji Tanabe To Speak in Rexburg, Idaho

Eiji Tanabe, newly-appointed national staff member of the JACL, will discuss Issei naturalization and citizenship at a special meeting for Issei on April 4 in Rexburg, Idaho.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Yellowstone chapter of JACL.

Los Angeles Dance Will Honor Nisei GI's

LOS ANGELES—Nisei soldiers who have returned from service to homes in the Los Angeles area will be honored at a dance by the Nisei Citizens' Coordinating Committee on April 1 at the Evergreen gymnasium.

Among the soldiers who will be feted will be Sgt. Paul E. Takagaki, 25, of El Centro, holder of two purple heart awards, who has reenlisted in the army for occupation duty in Japan.

Nisei Veteran Honored at Salt Lake Fete

Kuroki, Masaoka Speak at Dinner for Returned Soldiers

Seventy-five Japanese American veterans from Salt Lake county who served their country on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific theater were accorded the grateful recognition of their fellow citizens at a welcome home banquet and dance held by the JACL Friday, March 29, at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.

At the same time the JACL extended its gratitude to 50 public officials, civic leaders, church leaders and War Relocation Authority officials who attended the dinner as special guests.

The Nisei war hero, Ben Kuroki, and Mike Masaoka, formerly of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who has returned to his former post as national secretary of the JACL, were featured speakers.

Guests at the dinner included Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah, Mayor Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City, President George Albert Smith of the Mormon church and former mayor Ab Jenkins of Salt Lake City.

Jim Tazoi, only living Nisei in Utah to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross was among the guests.

Nisei Soldier Brings Six Others Home To New Jersey

PASSAIC, N. J. — When Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Karikomi, 532 Lafayette ave., Passaic, New Jersey, welcome T/S Henry M. Karikomi home from Europe this week, they will also welcome six other Nisei servicemen who listed the Karikomi address as their home address.

"Henry's probably bringing home some friends for a visit," Mrs. Karikomi said.

They would, she indicated, receive a welcome befitting friends of Henry. Mrs. Karikomi said she thought they might be Hawaiian boys who wanted a chance to see the East before returning to their homes.

Henry has been in the army a year and a half, most of which he had served in Europe. He has a brother, Ted, who was a corporal in the famed 442nd battalion in Italy.

Six Nisei Listed On Honor Roll at Washington State

PULLMAN, Wash.—Six Nisei at Washington State college were among 305 honor students announced March 21 by the college. The Nisei are Ronald S. Watanabe, Ellen Hasegawa, Heidi H. Kitayama, Grace Suzuki, Akira Shimizu and Ted M. Uemoto.

Loomis Nisei Gets Discharge Stays on Italy Job as Civilian

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—The honor of the first soldier of the famous 442nd Japanese American Combat Team to receive his discharge in the Mediterranean theater of operations recently went to Technician Fifth Grade Daniel Makabe of Loomis, Cal.

As a civilian, ex-soldier and now Mr. Daniel Makabe, he will work for the War Department as a clerk-typist in the peninsular base section headquarters in Leghorn, Italy. Mr. Makabe is under the United States Civil Service and holds an efficiency rating of the highest nature.

While with the 442nd regimental combat team, Mr. Makabe was the regimental reenlistment clerk and has the credit of having aided over 125 men of the 442nd into the regular army of the United States. Moreover, this able and competent clerk could handle any work along the lines of personnel duties. His new duties are not anything new to him, for in the course of his past four years in the army, Mr. Makabe has always been associated with the personnel section and

its work. He has held down over eight different positions along personnel work and mastered them all.

Even though Mr. Makabe came overseas in September of 1945 and joined the 442nd infantry regiment in Leghorn, Italy, he was inducted into the army in 1941. He had completed five complete cycles of basic training and was moved from one post to another so often that he does not recollect definitely where all the posts were located.

Civilian Makabe has signed with the War Department to remain for an indefinite period. The Californian now resides in the palatial Terminus Hotel in Leghorn and goes about his newly acquired job with the War Department in the same efficient manner as he did as a soldier with the 442nd.

Mr. Makabe graduated from the Placer Union high school in Auburn, Cal., in 1937. His father, Mr. Shinzo Makabe, is residing at Loomis, Cal. Upon completion of his duties with the War Department in Italy, Mr. Makabe is eagerly looking forward to returning to the United States and continuing his studies at a university.

National Parley to Consider Minority Veterans' Problems

CHICAGO — Citing what it charges is gross neglect of the rights of minority veterans under the G. I. Bill, the American Council on Race Relations this week issued a call for a national emergency conference to investigate and take action on the problems of Negro, Japanese American and other minority veterans.

Top officers and veterans' representatives of more than fifty national organizations have been called to New York City to meet in all-day session Friday, April 5, at the Willkie Memorial Building. The conference will hear the results of the American Council's survey of veterans' information centers in twenty-one major cities across the country. Delegates of organizations, including the Urban League, the Japanese American Citizens League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Southern Regional Council will also present their estimates of the manner in which provisions of the G. I. Bill are being withheld from minority veterans.

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin will address the delegates at a luncheon, and the business sessions will be conducted by Charles Houston, vice chairman of the American Council, who recently resigned from the

president's fair employment practices committee.

Results of the council's survey will be presented by Vincent Malveaux, former combat sergeant who served with one of the famous mixed battalions in Germany.

The action of the American council in calling the emergency conference is the first organized attempt to consider the plight of minority veterans on a national scale.

A. A. Liveright, executive director, said the American council would seek joint action from all the organizations present to carry the charges of discrimination and inadequate facilities to every government agency involved. An effort will also be made to establish greater cooperation between local branches of the national organizations, so that treatment of minority veterans at the community information centers can be improved.

The American council's survey revealed that whole areas of the G. I. Bill, such as apprenticeship training, are being denied to minority veterans in many communities. Negro veterans are given few opportunities to use their army-acquired skills as mechanics, electricians, etc., and in some instances these same skilled veterans are being "trained" at government expense as porters.

Immigration Service Travel Restrictions on Nisei, Other Oriental Americans Protested

Honolulu Board of Supervisors Denounces Discriminatory Practices; Regulations Were Recently Revised for Oriental American Veterans

HONOLULU—Discriminatory practices by the Immigration Service regarding travel by Japanese Americans and other Americans of Oriental ancestry between Hawaii and the mainland were denounced as "unfair, unlawful and degrading" by the Honolulu Board of Supervisors recently.

The action followed the announcement that these travel restrictions had been lifted by the Immigration Service for American war veterans of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry. The Honolulu chapter of the American Veterans Committee, which made public the new policy of the immigration service toward Oriental Americans and veterans, also went on record for the extension of this new policy to other Oriental Americans.

The Honolulu Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Supervisor Herbert M. Richards' resolution condemning "intolerable abuses" in the requirement that such citizens get special immigration clearances, the Star-Bulletin reported.

Mr. Richards cited the case of an American of Oriental ancestry who received a letter from a mainland trade school accepting him as a student to enroll in March or April.

"He could get on a boat leaving in a few days but, being of Oriental ancestry, he must get a clearance from the Immigration Service, and they won't give him a preliminary hearing before 12:30 p. m. May 31," Mr. Richards said. "The situation is intolerable."

Supervisor Chuck Mau, who is of Chinese ancestry, seconded the motion and told of his own experiences.

When going to the mainland, Supervisor Mau was required to appear at the immigration station four times to get clearance, despite his having a birth certificate from the Board of Health.

"They asked me to produce witnesses who saw the actual birth," he said. "Then I brought in relatives and their testimony was not accepted."

"Each time I had to wait three or four hours. Actually they treated all witnesses and applicants as dogs. . . . They were not civil."

The Honolulu supervisors gave three main reasons for their opposition to Immigration Service discrimination against Oriental Americans.

"The territory of Hawaii is an integral part of the United States and persons born in Hawaii are citizens of the U. S. Adequate citizenship records are maintained and are available in Hawaii with respect to residents of the territory."

"The Supreme Court of the United States has unequivocally held in the habeas corpus cases that the people of Hawaii are entitled to constitutional protection to the same extent as the inhabitants of the 48 states."

"Citizens of the United States of Oriental ancestry are subjected to long delays and bureaucratic abuses in their efforts to travel between Hawaii and the mainland of the United States."

(The Japanese American Citizens League protested to Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner Ugo Carusi last fall that Americans of Oriental ancestry were subjected to discriminatory practices by the Immigration Service in travel between Hawaii and the United States mainland. In his reply to the JACL, Commissioner Carusi indicated that he was unaware that such practices existed and declared "there is no basis for the belief that the matter is one of racial discrimination."

(Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, commented this week that the Immigration Service's new policy in removing travel restrictions from American veterans of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry in Hawaii-mainland travel is an admission by the Immigration Service that discriminatory practices still are in effect for all other persons of Oriental ancestry. Mr. Okada noted that all Americans of Oriental ancestry are required to have "certificates of citizenship" before they can purchase a ticket from Hawaii to the United States and that Americans not of Oriental ancestry are not required to obtain such certificates. The JACL of-

ficial noted that Oriental Americans are "subjected to indignities and forced to unwarranted expense" in obtaining the "certificates of citizenship.")

In Honolulu, Immigration Commissioner Carusi's remark that there was no race bias in his department's attitude toward Oriental Americans was quickly challenged by Mitsuyuki Kido, former executive secretary of the Territorial Emergency Service Committee.

The Star-Bulletin reported that Mr. Kido wrote to Gerald Corbett, secretary of Hawaii, that Americans of Oriental ancestry, even veterans of World War I and II, are subjected to special procedures not required of other Americans.

Mr. Kido criticized the necessity of the applicant having to "prove his American citizenship, the long delay before hearings are given, the fact that Hawaiian birth certificates issued by the Secretary of Hawaii and by the Board of Health are not recognized by the various Federal departments."

The Japanese American said the regulation is particularly difficult for many older Americans who are unable to find witnesses and for whom travel is thus made practically impossible.

Mr. Kido cited the following "hardship cases" of Japanese and other Oriental Americans to support his assertions, according to the Star-Bulletin:

"A high school graduate who was told his case could not be heard for a month (the university he was planning to attend was to open in two weeks); a labor leader who had to wait for Washington to act because he was unable to produce witnesses; a veteran who said he could not answer whether he planned to return after mainland schooling and was issued a 'letter of identity' valid for 30 days only, in lieu of the certificate of citizenship for which he had applied."

These procedures, according to Mr. Kido, seem intended "to discourage travel of Americans of Oriental ancestry to the mainland."

Mr. Kido noted, that in fairness to the Immigration Service, the "hardship cases" occurred before the present officer in charge took office.

It was reported that various Hawaiian organizations, including the Hawaii Association for Civic Unity, Hawaii Interracial Committee, the 442nd Veterans Club, the 100th Infantry Club and the Military Intelligence Linguists club, are reportedly interested in action against the continuance of the present discriminatory practice.

Students Protest Attitude of Nisei Dental Instructor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Because Dr. Richard Otagaki, Nisei part-time clinical instructor at Howard university's college of dentistry, was allegedly aloof towards them, 95 students of the two upper dental classes at the noted Negro school absented themselves from the clinic in a three-day protest last week.

The students charged that the instructor assumed a curt and uncooperative attitude toward them in his routine dealings. They lodged a formal protest with college authorities and requested that the faculty confer with Dr. Otagaki with the aim of bringing about an adjustment in his manner of handling student problems.

The university's secretary later released a statement that the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted.

Army Will Review Cases Of Nisei Barred from Draft

Body of Nisei Soldier Found in Park in Chicago

CHICAGO — Apparently a suicide, the body of William K. Kato, 36, a Nisei war veteran, was found in Lincoln Park on March 28.

Kato's wrists were cut. Before the war Kato was believed to have been employed as a news editor on a Japanese American newspaper in Los Angeles.

Nisei Elected President of College Group

Kaz Tada Heads Senior Class at Nebraska Wesleyan

LINCOLN, Neb. — Kaz Tada, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tada of Seattle, Washington, formerly of the Minidoka war relocation center, has recently been elected president of the senior class at Nebraska Wesleyan university.

School officials noted that the Nisei has an excellent record of personal achievement during his four years at Nebraska Wesleyan. He has served as editor of the weekly school newspaper "The Wesleyan" and is a member of the Student Senate, which is the student governing body; two year letter-man in basketball; member of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society; Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary fraternity; Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatics honorary society and Blue Key, men's national honorary fraternity. His name appears in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges." Kaz was chosen by the seniors to deliver the oration on Senior Recognition Day.

Another honor came to him last week. He was elected "Ideal Plainsman" who is supposed to represent, in the opinion of the student body, the ideal Wesleyan student.

Koyama Appointed Adjutant of Spokane Purple Heart Unit

SPOKANE, Wash. — Spady A. Koyama, wounded veteran of Pacific fighting, was appointed adjutant of the Spokane chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart on March 17 at a dinner and meeting observing the first anniversary of the Spokane chapter.

About 75 members of the chapter and auxiliary attended the dinner meeting.

Dahlia Saito Weds David Aylesworth

SHELDON, Kan.—The marriage of David Richard Aylesworth of Sheldon to Miss Dahlia Saito, daughter of Mrs. N. Saito of 114 South Loomis St., Chicago, was announced here recently.

The couple were married in Chicago at Central church with a family friend, the Rev. Samuel Takagishi, officiating.

Mrs. Aylesworth finished her high school education at Tule Lake relocation center before the Saito family relocated in Chicago. Since here arrival in Chicago she has been attending Roosevelt college.

Student Relocation Council Will End Work in June

PHILADELPHIA—The National Japanese American Student Relocation council, which enabled thousands of young Nisei college students to enter colleges and universities during the relocation and evacuation period, will terminate its activities by June 30, according to the Student Relocation News-sheet.

The News-sheet, published by the War Relocation Authority, printed its last issue on March 1.

Selective Service System Advised of Change of Policy On Japanese American Group

The War Department has changed its policy toward American citizens of Japanese ancestry who were classified as 4-C during the war and has informed the Selective Service System that cases of Japanese Americans in this category may be reopened by local boards and forwarded to the War Department for review, the Pacific Citizen learned this week. The 4-C classification covered aliens and American citizens ineligible for military induction. At one time the great majority of Japanese Americans otherwise eligible for induction were classified in 4-C but were later reclassified. Some 24,000 Japanese Americans have been inducted into Military service since the Selective Service Act went into effect in 1940 and the number compares favorably with the national average.

The Selective Service System has been advised by the War Department that cases of Japanese Americans who are still in 4-C may be reopened when such persons are otherwise eligible for immediate induction and directions have been given to the effect that this review will be made under standards "appropriately revised to meet the changed conditions brought about by the capitulation of Japan."

During World War II all Japanese Americans eligible for induction were subjected to special screening and any persons who were unable to pass the arbitrary regulations which were set up to facilitate the screening process were classified as 4-C.

It is understood that the War Department contemplates no other change in its policies regarding Japanese Americans.

Current Army practice, however, is to assign Japanese American inductees on the same basis as other inductees and service in various branches of Army service, heretofore closed to Americans of Japanese ancestry, has been opened.

A prominent War Department official has disclosed that the War Department had instituted a definite policy shortly after the outbreak of war permitting commanding officers, at certain levels, to determine whether they wished to retain or discharge soldiers of Japanese ancestry.

It was under this policy that several hundred Japanese American soldiers received discharges early in 1942. Any of these men who received discharges without honor, the so-called "blue discharges," may now submit their cases to the War Department's Discharge Review Board. If that Board determines that an injustice has been done, corrective action will be taken to award an honorable discharge which will render the veteran in question eligible for the GI bill of Rights and other veterans' benefits.

The War Department official also noted that Japanese aliens are not being forwarded by Selective Service for induction unless they volunteer. Other aliens, except citizens of neutral countries who object to military service, are forwarded by Selective Service for induction upon determination of their acceptability for the Armed Forces. In view of the small number of Japanese aliens who are eligible for induction, it is considered that there will be no change in the War Department's present policy toward the group.

Former American Citizens of Japanese ancestry who renounced their citizenship at the Tule Lake segregation center are considered technically aliens by the War Department. It is stated, however, that persons in this category will be afforded the opportunity given Japanese aliens to volunteer for Army service.

MEN OF 442ND WILL MARCH IN PARADE IN ITALY

LEGHORN, Italy — A selected group of men from the 442nd (Japanese American) regimental combat team will comprise a provisional battalion which will represent the "Torch of Liberty" regiment in an American street parade to honor the soldiers of World Wars I and II on Army day, April 6.

The parade will be the first public appearance for the 442nd regiment since the Japanese Americans were chosen to lead the parade which celebrated V-J day in their sector of Italy.

Believe Most of Evacuees Now In Chicago Will Remain

CHICAGO—There are between 12,000 and 15,000 Japanese Americans in Chicago, and most of them are there to stay, Prudence Ross, area relocation supervisor of the WRA in Chicago declared recently, in an interview with the Chicago Herald-American.

Chicago now rivals Los Angeles in being the largest center of Japanese population in America. The resettlers who have passed up the opportunity to go back to their prewar homes remain in Chicago by choice, Miss Ross said. "They have homes and jobs here. For this reason it can be expected that Chicago's Japanese popula-

tion will probably not fall below 10,000," she said.

Reasons given for Nisei favoring Chicago were given as follows:

Cosmopolitan Chicago is relatively free of prejudice. Jobs are plentiful. Educational opportunities are numerous, and Japanese Americans are anxious for educational and cultural advancement. Chicago's Japanese Americans are law-abiding and loyal, Miss Ross said. The majority are thoroughly Americanized, and more than 70 per cent are citizens with many families having sons in the U. S. Army.

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EDITORIALS:

Unfinished Business

In the deserted inner compound of the Tule Lake relocation center inside the barbed-wire fences, the barracks stood empty and a bitter-cold wind blew. A few dogs, left behind by the evacuees, whimpered.

The relocation center phase of the evacuation was over. This was the night of March 20 and the last of the evacuees had been processed through the gates of the Tule Lake camp. The Tule Lake camp was declared closed by the War Relocation Authority.

But the evacuation was not over.

True, all the relocation centers were now closed. Jerome, Rohwer, Granada, Heart Mountain, Gila River, Topaz, Poston, Manzanar and Minidoka were war surplus, no longer even places on a map. Population zero.

As the War Relocation Authority approached the final weeks of its existence, dismantling at breakneck speed and seeking to shift its wartime responsibility to other agencies which would be in existence after June 30, the plight of many of the people who had been forced to leave the relocation centers to return to their former West Coast areas emphasized the reality that the problems of evacuation had not yet been completely solved.

The week after the Tule Lake camp was closed the WRA also began closing its emergency housing centers in Southern California where more than 2,000 persons, unable to find individual housing, are being given shelter. In addition in other West Coast cities thousands of other evacuees were still living in hostels and in Federal emergency housing projects under conditions which often were worse than those to which they had been subjected in the relocation centers.

The relocation program of the WRA has not been completed. The agency had made a strenuous effort to assist the evacuees in finding jobs and housing. But most of the evacuees had lost their homes as a result of the evacuation and most of them had dissipated whatever savings they may have had during their long months in the relocation centers. Now they returned to West Coast areas where there was no housing. The WRA had helped provide them with emergency housing in cooperation with the Federal Public Housing agency. Now with WRA in the process of liquidation, these evacuees were being served with eviction notices.

This is a time for the Federal government to affirm its responsibility toward the evacuees. The relocation centers may be closed but the evacuation is not over. The whole sorry situation created by mass evacuation in 1942 cannot be cleared from the nation's conscience until the little people of the evacuation, the aged, the infirm, the unemployables and all of the human remnants of the original 115,000 evacuees, are assured of shelter and a decent future. The situation is one which calls for humanity and is not one to be sloughed off in any fit of bureaucratic despondency.

The responsibility is no longer that of the WRA alone since that agency has been ordered to liquidate and is in no position to continue its services. The responsibility is one which must be assumed by the Federal government itself and by whatever agencies within it which may be delegated to handle it. Problems surrounding the return of the evacuees to the West Coast and their relocation into their former home communities

are still complicated by the conditions brought about by war and the end of war such as the lack of housing and the uncertainty of employment in the reconversion period. In the Los Angeles area this week these problems were highlighted by the forced movement of more than 500 returned evacuees from the Winona project at Burbank and the announcement that evacuees at other similar emergency housing centers at Santa Ana, Lomita, Hawthorne and El Segundo would be forced to move.

There has been too much heartbreak and discomfort involved in the evacuation to allow for the final abandonment of the unrelatable residue of the 115,000 evacuees who were moved from the West Coast in 1942. The assurance of the maintenance of Federal aid and responsibility is needed.

Evacuation's Legacy

The way back after the war-time weakening of civil rights is not so easily found, says the Americans Friends Service Committee in a special bulletin on the Japanese American evacuation.

These are the words of the AFSC, one of the first organizations to aid the cause of the Nisei during the heavy days of the evacuation. In the intervening period and through to the present, when the AFSC has aided greatly in the final readjustment of the evacuees in their old West Coast homes, the AFSC has been one of the groups most concerned with the Nisei's welfare, most cognizant of his needs. It opened one of the first hostels in Los Angeles to care for returning evacuees who were in need of temporary housing in the interval during which they sought jobs and homes.

The AFSC sees in the evacuation more than the sorry, undemocratic spectacle it presented to so many Americans. It sees in it an opportunity to challenge the present limitations of democracy which permitted the wholesale deportation of a mass of citizens, irrespective of guilt or innocence.

"The unfinished business of evacuation is formidable," says the AFSC bulletin, which was prepared by its Southern California branch Japanese American Relations committee.

"Facing us now," says the AFSC, "are the long range problems which those dissenting predicted at the time of evacuation and have continued to point out . . .

"At a time when we sorely need all wholesome influences, family life has been weakened among a group of 110,000 people. We have welfare cases where none existed before. The tremendous cost of evacuation and relocation (estimated at some \$237,000,000) has added to the financial problems of a government operating 'in the red.' With desperate food shortages in many parts of the world, we have farmers without land; skilled fishermen prohibited from operating boats. The economic plight of the elderly, always a hard by-product of our industrial civilization, has been made more sad. We need unity, and our racial minorities have been disquieted. The largest and most aggressive, taut with sense of grievance, has its bitterness constantly fed by reminders of discrimination on the basis of ancestry. The way back after the war-time weakening of civil rights is not so easily found.

"There is no easy path out of war's aftermath. But the slow, patient effort must go on with cooperative spirit, with resourcefulness and hope. Against a dark background, certain gains have been consolidated. We cannot without unctiousness seem to close the balance sheet of evacuation.

"Acquaintanceship and personal understanding between Japanese Americans and fair-minded Caucasians have increased; the abilities and qualities of Issei and Nisei have become more generally recognized.

"Yet we must not assume that friendliness can compensate for fundamental injustice. The Japanese Americans remain without any indemnification for the heavy actual losses suffered as a result of hasty eviction and life in detention. The unfinished business of evacuation confronts us with sobering accusation of failure to apply democratic principles in time of crisis.

"Yet out of its penalties comes its challenge. The evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from their West Coast homes has taken us part way on a searching and wholesome analysis of our country's achievements and limitations in democratic practice."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Ben Kuroki's 59th Mission

When Ben Kuroki came home to his native America one day last October on a ship with a lot of other GIs who had met the enemy in the Pacific, he was tired, and he looked forward to a long succession of lazy days under a tree on his father's farm in Nebraska. Since Pearl Harbor day-plus-one, when he had volunteered for military service, Ben had survived 58 heavy combat missions as a turret gunner in a Liberator over North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany, and as a tail gunner in a Superfortress over the islands of Japan.

When Ben Kuroki walked up that gangplank in San Francisco, he thought he was through with war and with fighting. He had three distinguished flying crosses, an air medal with seven oak leaf clusters and a lot of other fruit salad on his chest. He looked forward to two things. One was getting a haircut and the other was getting his pay, since he only had a nickel in his pocket.

Within 24 hours, however, he was in a room at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, still needing that haircut and with only the nickel in his pocket. He was sweating out the start of what he now calls his "59th mission" against fascist race hatred in the hearts and minds of his fellow Americans.

Less than a week after his arrival in San Francisco, Ben spoke on the opening night of the annual Herald-Tribune forum in New York, the only GI in a galaxy of brass, which included Generals Marshall, Chennault, and Wainwright. Ben was there to speak for all of America's fighting men who have known only marginal democracy because of race, color or creed. He was there to tell the people at home that arbitrary discrimination against a person because of his race, creed or ancestry had been proved to be an impossible luxury in the front lines of an all-out war. The screams of dying men have no accent, Ben said, and all the blood which flows is the same color.

Ben Kuroki is a Nisei. His parents were born in Japan, but he and his nine brothers and sisters were born in America, most of them on the farm near the little town of Hershey on the Nebraska plain. The elder Kuroki raised seed potatoes and sugar beets. He did pretty well, but there were years, too, when the larder was bare and when dust filled the sky and the thirsty, burning wind singed the leaves and withered the vines.

Ben is a Nebraska farm boy whose vision once stopped at the horizon line and whose main interests were the acres his family farmed, land rich with silt laid by the North Platte on its sluggish way to the Missouri and the Mexican gulf.

Ben learned the hard way that there are persons and prejudices beyond his horizon line which could impel him to lay aside his dream of a farm and a family of his own in order to carry out his combat mission against the battlements of Rankinism and Bibbism. He has felt the cold shoulder of discrimination and he has known the hard slap of intolerance. Ben had been born and raised in Nebraska, but he found after Pearl Harbor that to some of his fellow Americans he was just a "Jap." He and his brother, Fred, enlisted on Dec. 8, 1941, and personally declared war on the land of their ancestors.

Ben found that there was discrimination in the army as well as outside it. He started fighting this discrimination when he found himself perpetually on K. P. He fought to get into the air force and succeeded, found himself on ground duty at an airfield in England. He fought to get into the air and finally convinced the squadron commander that he could do his part in a B-24 crew. He was in the first Liberator squadron to land in North Africa after the invasion in November, 1942. He watched Rommel run and then turn and lash back at Kasserine Pass.

He remembers the flak above Sicily and Salerno and that historic raid on the oil fields of Ploesti, the first great aerial wedge to be driven into fortress Europe. Few planes returned from Ploesti, but Ben and his crewmates were lucky.

Once his plane was forced down in Spanish Morocco and he was interned by Franco. He and his crewmates escaped and were soon back in action.

He finished his tour of duty in Europe—in the fall of 1943—25 heavy combat missions. He then volunteered for five more and almost walked home from the 30th one over Muenster. He was back in America in December, 1943, and had that chocolate malted he had dreamed about one night on an airfield near Tobruk.

In December, 1943, the Japanese exclusion associations and the Remembrance Pearl Harbor leagues were in the midst of their campaign of hate against Americans of Japanese ancestry. The Nisei needed a war hero, and Ben was it. Ben was the first Japanese American to return from the war. He was sent to an air force rest center on the west coast and one night he was scheduled to appear on Ginny Simms' radio show. This was at a time when the anti-evacuee movement was in full swing. Arny brass got the frights and Ben was pulled off the radio show a few minutes before broadcast time with the explanation that his appearance might prove controversial.

He finally did get on the Ginny Simms program many weeks later, but this was after he had given his first public speech before 800 members of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. Ben spoke for 45 minutes and at the end he had the full 800 on their feet in a rousing ovation to this slim, serious GI with a Japanese face. It may be more than a coincidence that public sentiment on the west coast toward Japanese Americans changed for the better at just about this time.

Ben had served his share of time as a combat gunner, and he could have finished out the war on stateside duty. But he was determined to see service against the Japanese in the Pacific. The war department had a rule that no Japanese Americans were to be used in combat in the Pacific war, although later more than 5000 were to see service as intelligence specialists, many in combat. Ben was assigned to the ultra-secret B-29s and then relieved of duty by a suspicious superior. He fought to get back in, writing letters to friends. Finally, with the assistance of Assistant Secretary of War McCloy he was reassigned to a Superfortress. He had completed 27 heavy bombing missions over Japan by V-J day.

Ben Kuroki learned somewhere along the way that it is not enough to fight discrimination against Japanese Americans. Anti-Nisei activity is just another expression of Jim Crow and anti-Semitism.

Ex-Sgt. Kuroki has been touring the country on his 59th mission. We met him in Denver a few days ago and we heard him tell an audience there that he had fought for more than mom and blueberry pie. He and his fellow GIs, he said, had fought for a fair employment practices law, and they had fought against all the nasty, mean practices of race segregation. And as he told a Town Meeting of the Air audience last Thanksgiving day, they did not fight for the perpetuation of "No Japs Wanted" signs in west coast cities and "white-only" signs in the south.

On his 59th mission against race hatred, he said he learned that he was not flying alone. His crewmates were men of good will everywhere across the broad acres of America. His crewmates were many and they one day would prevail.

(The above article on Ben Kuroki by Larry Tajiri is reprinted from the current Second Half March issue of NOW, the interracial newsmagazine which is edited in Los Angeles by William Cummings.)

Relocation: Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa — Mary Kita has been elected president of the YWCA Cosmopolitan club in the Des Moines YW, according to the Midget Tribune. . . . First girl student council president at the Washington Irving junior high school is Kazuko Kita.

Vagaries

Disturbed . . .

Letters from several Nisei GIs in Japan indicate that they are disturbed by the fact that the U. S. Army is hiring Japanese repatriates who were segregated at Tule Lake and in Department of Justice internment camps and were deported to Japan. It's indicated that the repatriates have found a beaten, ruined, hungry country upon their arrival in Japan and have turned to employment with the occupation forces. . . . Speaking of beaten Japan, RKO's "Report on Japan," one of the films in the This Is America series, shows a Nisei GI censoring Radio Tokyo broadcasts. . . . Although the war is officially over, a Nisei soldier recently was wounded in Sicily when troops were called to quell a local demonstration. The Nisei received a grenade splinter in his temple.

Lapidaries . . .

One of the most successful lines of business enterprise for evacuees resettling in New York City has been that of the lapidary. About ten new evacuee-operated stone-polishing shops have opened on Manhattan in the past month. . . . There's a possibility that California's anti-alien fishing law, prohibiting Issei from engaging in commercial fishing, which was passed during the war, may be challenged in the courts. . . . Jimmy Wase, one of Hawaii's top Nisei ball players, was one of the Nisei to play with the Hawaii All-Stars against the San Francisco Seals.

Tehachapi South . . .

Carey McWilliam's new book, published this month by Duell, Sloan and Pearce, is "Southern California Country," one of the splendid American Folkways series. In the book is an interesting chapter on the Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California. . . . Sixty Nisei recently have been employed by the State of California, following the reversal of the State Personnel Board's policy of barring Japanese Americans. Before the evacuation, some 500 Nisei were on state jobs in California, the majority working as clerks and stenographers. . . . Ben Kuroki is now a vice commander of the American Legion's Duncan Perry post in New York City. Commander of the post, composed of World War II veterans, is Marion (See Here Private) Hargrove.

Petition . . .

If Yonaichi Kitagawa, Honolulu boxing coach, shows up at the National AAU boxing championships in Boston on April 8, it will be the result of a petition signed by several thousand Hawaiian boxing fans who wanted Kitagawa to accompany Coaches Jackie Wright and Patsy Fukuda to the U. S. championships. . . . Yoshiki Komatsu, formerly a newspaperman in Los Angeles, is running for the Japanese House of Representatives as a Liberal from Fukushima prefecture. . . . Two Honolulu Nisei bowlers recently received memberships in the "700" Bowling Club of America. Membership in the group is contingent upon a bowler hitting 700 for a three-game series in authorized competition. The Nisei are Edward Matsueda, who hit 700, and Taro Miyasato, who scored 705.

Arch Oboler, noted radio dramatist, whose "The Family Nagashi" was the story of a Nisei veteran returned to California, has received the annual Peabody award for the year's outstanding work in the radio drama. "The Family Nagashi" was one of a series of Oboler plays which were broadcast last year over the Mutual network. . . . Alice Kamokila Campbell, bellwether of opposition to Hawaiian statehood, is continuing her campaign against statehood status for the territory. One of her most recent appearances was before a University of Hawaii group, at which time Territorial Senator Campbell insinuated that Nisei students at McKinley high school and the University of Hawaii had been "disloyal." Senator Campbell could not offer any proof of her charges.

Waivers . . .

Several veterans of the 442nd Combat Team have signed waivers to remain in service in order to marry girls in Italy, but are meeting with considerable "red tape." . . . The smart, fast 442nd basket-

Washington News-Letter Mike Masaoka Upholds Nisei Rights in Work for JACL

By JOHN KITASAKO

Washington, D. C.

Mike Masaoka, workhorse of the JACL, came back to Washington last week—the Washington where he fought some of the greatest battles for the Nisei in the early war years, and where he expects to roll up his sleeves and go to bat again.

There have been some changes in Washington since Mike was here last. Martin Dies, who gave Mike a pretty hot time in those star-chamber sessions, no longer stalks through the halls of Congress. The dominant personality of Franklin Delano Roosevelt is gone from the Washington scene.

That feeling of apprehension and tenseness which used to inhabit the offices of the WRA in the Barr Building in those turbulent days when Dillon Myer and the WRA were under incessant fire has been dissipated, and the WRA is today going down the last stretch, relaxed and deservedly proud of its fine record.

Things have changed alright, but in one respect Washington will never change—there is still the horde of people who have business to do with the government—lobbyists, promoters, favor-seekers, and job hunters.

And that's why Mike flew in last week from Salt Lake City with a brief case stuffed with propositions and documents. He's got a big job to do here, and he wasted no time getting started.

He conferred the first thing with his good friend, Dillon Myer, and then with his former college professor, Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, and Delegate Joseph Farrington of Hawaii, and a number of congressmen and government officials.

Mike's immediate purpose was to initiate action on legislation to secure naturalization and citizenship rights for Issei and persons of other barred nationalities, and also a bill which would set up a claims commission to indemnify those who sustained losses during the war through discriminatory action.

Much that Mike told us regarding these bills and other matters was off the record. Suffice it to say for the present that we are properly amazed at the know-how of the JACL board of strategy, and that our faith in the JACL, while never in need of bolstering, has been immeasurably fortified.

Mike is truly a dynamo operating with the lever all the way down. We've never seen anyone with so much go. He drives and drives, cuts corners wherever he can, makes split-second decisions, and is never undaunted by what may appear as a setback.

After two days in Washington, he dashed up to New York, back to Philadelphia, down to Washington again for three more days, and up to New York again. And then he was scheduled to fly out to Chicago for conferences and a speaking engagement, and two days later another speech in Salt Lake City, and after that he was to head to California for still another speech.

We wondered how he was able to keep up the pace. (He lost eight pounds during the four-day JACL convention in Denver.) He showed us a bottle of vitamin capsules—super potent. "These help," he said, as he gently caressed the bottle of dark brown pills.

But we think Mike draws his driving force not so much from any vitamin-nurtured stamina, but more from his determination to do a good job, his eagerness to meet any challenge, and his profound sense of responsibility.

And yet, as though the physical beating were not costly enough a price to pay for the work they are doing, leaders like Mike Masaoka are targets of many personal attacks on their motives and judgments. Work your head off and get a boot in the pants. That's how it's been. Right after the outbreak of the war and all the way through the assembly center and relocation center interims, the JACL became the dumping grounds

ball team is now playing Italian, British and American teams in the Trieste area and along the Austrian border. The Nisei cagers are expected to continue their tour into Switzerland and the possibility of a tour of southern Germany for the Japanese American team is being considered.

for Nisei gripes and grumbings, and its leaders the scapegoats of the Nisei's plight.

Yet in spite of it all, Mike says that the JACL came out of the war stronger than it ever was. That is not hard to believe. The sentiment toward the JACL has changed among many Nisei. But there are still those embittered anti-JACL die-hards who view its efforts with suspicion, try to discredit its program, and refuse to acknowledge its positive achievements. That is an indication of their adolescence.

In order to put through the legislation the JACL has planned, the Nisei must present a united front, says Mike. The Nisei can demonstrate that they have come of age and that they have profited from the bitter experiences of the war by according widespread support to the JACL program, a program not only for Nisei and Issei, but for all minorities.

POSTSCRIPTS: Officials at the War Relocation Authority were irked at the War Department for not notifying them in advance of the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Pfc. Sadao Munemori.

Little Tokyo Again . . .

WE PLACE OUR HOPES IN TOTS LIKE SUMI

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Our erstwhile school chum, Toko, writes us that he is back in Sacramento basking in the "good ole sunshine" and that he was walking around in mid-January with nothing over his shirt. Here in Chicago, winter and its icy wind are still hanging around our windows, shaking the panes with quiver like a bowl of freshly set jello. But the air is crisp and scintillating. There is the clean smell of our laundered underwear and gay row of multi-colored socks steaming over a noisy radiator in one corner of our kitchenette room. In this dubious luxury of a lazy Saturday morning, we sit in our favorite armchair, cock our eyes at the ceiling in serene reflection.

For a reason that has something to do with something "getting into one's blood," we develop a strong affinity for this wind-blown, noisy, multifarious confusion of Chicago. This is the enterprising, unbridled city which Carl Sandburg aptly asked to "show him another city with lifted head singing so proud to be alive and coarse and strong and cunning." Into the boiling mixture of literally millions of people of all shades: political, social, racial; a mecca for untold thousands of immigrants from the old world, migrants from other states, youths from the farms and the villages; into this enormity, Nisei take their places.

It is thought that the city reached its saturation point long ago as far as Japanese evacuee settlement is concerned, but the influx is strong as ever, despite the fact that many pulled stakes to return to the coast. There is no statistical figure available, but the figure is believed to be in ten thousands or more, undoubtedly the largest of any Japanese aggregations in the country. Mobility among Nisei, especially those in Chicago, is high; they are constantly moving from apartment to apartment, from job to job, from city to city.

Chicago's huge evacuee population is not a factor for boastful inclination. Moreover, with an existing housing difficulty coupled with an instinctive desire for Nisei to congregate in conspicuous gatherings, another Lil' Tokyo, in spirit if not physically, is about to rear its ugly head. The danger of Nihonmachi to the future welfare of Japanese Americans is a subject that so many "liberal and progressive-minded" Nisei leaders harped about during the early phase of the relocation program.

Well, the war is over. Peace

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Sam Terao Runs a Kosher Delicatessen

Des Moines, Iowa

Our favorite story of the week is that of Sam Terao, Chicago delicatessen store operator, who, somewhere along the way, learned the secret of winning friends.

It seems Sam opened his store in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood. The customers were slow to come until Sammie, in respect to local custom, closed up for Yom Kippur.

After that it didn't take long for word to get along, and Sam Terao was an outlander no longer.

Sam's experience is more than merely an amusing story to be told with gestures and a Yiddish accent. More than that, it is a story of a Nisei's willingness to adapt himself to his environment.

We take our hats off to Sammie as a resourceful young man who, undoubtedly, will go places in his own little way.

Success Story

The Nisei success story is nothing new. It's been going on for

WRA had requested advance notice months ago, and had planned to handle it in a manner similar to the awarding of the Distinguished Service Cross to Mary Masuda at Santa Ana, War Department's negligence resulted in a news story which barely got beyond the Sierra Nevadas. The only eastern paper we saw carry the story was the Washington Times-Herald, which had a two-inch item.

Mike Masaoka was elated over the posthumous award to Pfc. Munemori. "The 442nd now has every medal in the books," he said. But he was disappointed in that more Nisei had not received the nation's highest military medal. Mike said there were a number of Nisei who should have won the medal much earlier.

years whenever a Nisei was ambitious and enterprising enough to quit the "Li'l Tokyos" of the Pacific coast and strike out in the midwest and east. But this always was on a small scale.

Thanks to the evacuation, a large number of Nisei have found opportunity outside the shadow of the Yellow Peril that dogged their efforts back on the coast.

Some of those successes have been spectacular.

Some have been unusual, like the story of Margaret Echigoshima, a Seattle girl who is making her way as an attorney in St. Louis.

But the success stories of the majority are commonplace, heart-warming tales of ingenuity, good will and just common human goodness like that of Sam Terao.

We're interested in these stories—spectacular, unusual and commonplace—because they tell the stories of the new life of the Nisei. If you have a favorite story of your own, pass them along to us. We'd like to publish a few.

Midwest Spring

Spring really springs with a vengeance in this part of the country. One day it was winter, raw and bleak and depressing; the next day it was spring, just like that, with robins reconnoitering for worms and the grass turning green from under the last of the snow.

Toward the end of the winter when we've become fed up with wearing a heavy overcoat, shoveling the walk, paying fuel bills and otherwise experiencing the disadvantages of what laughingly is called a vigorous climate, we dwell deeply on the pleasures of living where there is no winter.

But then we realize that half the pleasure of the first shirt-sleeved day, the first bud, the first green blade of grass, is in the knowledge that there has been a change in the season.

Soon it will be planting time and the beginning of a new cycle.

Nisei Veterans

A verbal bouquet to Ben Kuroki for his explanation of why he has joined the American Legion, and another to Spady Koyama of Spokane for his fight against Nisei "Jim Crow" veterans' organization chapters.

Here are a couple of quotes to remember:

"It has always been my firm belief that if things are wrong with an outfit, that it was all the more reason that I should join it and fight twice as hard to make things right." — Ben Kuroki.

"If Post 51 can discriminate against us as individuals they most certainly can hold the same views against us as a segregated VFW post regardless of our membership." — Spady Koyama.

Downbeat

The latest number of Down Beat carries a picture of Nisei Suzanne Tery, director of Chicago's Parkway Community House, together with Hilda Simms, star of the play "Anna Lucasta." They are pictured helping to formulate plans for a series of lectures entitled "People in Their Music," designed to "expose the roots of all music and conceived on an inter-racial basis."

The Modern Home

One of our intra-family Christmas presents was a subscription to a slick-paper magazine dedicated to the proposition that homes should be beautiful and modern. The major result of this step was the intrusion of subversive ideas, subversive in that our otherwise passable home now appears dilapidated, our taste uncouth, our facilities outrageous.

We compromise by not talking too much about it.

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The second annual Intermountain open bowling tournament will be held on April 13 and 14 at the Temple Bowling Alleys in Salt Lake City under the sponsorship of the Salt Lake JACL chapter.

Teams and individual bowlers from Idaho, Utah and Colorado are expected to compete. The Idaho Falls Wolves, winner of the recent Pocastello tournament, are expected to enter the tournament.

Among the Salt Lake teams which will enter the tourney are Okada Insurance and Wally's Flowers. A team from Denver is expected to challenge for honors in the team competition.

Competition is scheduled in the women's singles, the mixed doubles and women's team matches on the night of April 13 and in the men's doubles and men's team matches which will begin at noon on April 14.

Entries for each event will be \$2 and team entries are being accepted by Kaoru Honda, tournament chairman, 5693 South State St., Murray, Utah.

**Jobo Nakamura:
Little Tokyo Again**(Continued from page 5)
ground to which he can be identified than a non-Nisei person. The Nisei "social problem" is not serious as it sounds, but it is aggravated by so-called Nisei leaders who insist that we are not happy and can be made happy by feeding us all-Nisei events and gatherings.

The great bulk of Nisei residents in Chicago is too occupied with personal and family problems normal to any individual and family in a large city. There are the housing shortage, post-war economic adjustments, educational plans, etc. We find our limited leisure hours well filled with interest group meetings, studies, visiting friends, and the concerts, theaters, movies, and a thousand and one forms of amusement offered by a large city like Chicago.

Integration isn't an overnight undertaking but a long-range one. It is an attitude. It is the step in the right direction toward building of more well-balanced personalities among some of us whose expressions and mannerisms are too restrained, having lived in California ghettos too long. We are measurably heartened by many Nisei who take their places in the life of Chicago, unshackling their inhibitions brought about by racial consciousness. They strive for independence and initiative through individuality like the thousands of youths in Chicago caught in the exhilaration of struggle, fighting their way toward a goal.

We lay hope in little tots like Sumi-chan who plays in the back yard with yellow-haired children from the neighborhood. Her voice is indistinguishable from the rest of the children from where we sit this morning, cocking our eyes at the ceiling.

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IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Residents in Idaho Falls will hold an appreciation banquet on April 3 at the Hotel Bonneville for officials of the War Relocation Authority and city officials.

Special speakers will be ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki, now chairman of the JACL veterans committee, and Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary.

**Marusho Miks Win
JACL Tournament**

The Marusho Miks from Denver won the annual JACL Intermountain basketball tournament on March 23 by defeating the Zephyr five, 51 to 23, in the finals at the Westminster college gym.

The Salt Lake City Buffs downed the Idaho Falls team, 39 to 26, to take third place. Harlem A. C. of Murray, Utah, defeated the Salt Lake Bussei, 31 to 23, to win fourth place.

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American Bowling Group Policy Will Be Protested by JACL

Discrimination by the American Bowling Congress against local and national participation by Americans of non-white ancestry will be protested by the Japanese American Citizens League, it was announced here this week by Mike Masaoaka, national secretary.

The discriminatory policy of the ABC was recently brought to national attention by the barring of non-Caucasian bowlers at the association's current tournament in Buffalo, N. Y.

Anti-discrimination groups in New York protested the policy,

and threw picket lines around the alleys. Senator James Mead of New York, was scheduled to open the bowling congress, refused to pass through the picket lines and severely condemned the undemocratic policy of the ABC.

The JACL's protest will be made not only in behalf of Japanese Americans but all other non-white Americans, Masaoaka said.

Nisei GI Fighters Lose in Finals of Crowder Tourney

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Three Nisei GI fighters from Fort Snelling lost on decisions in the final championship round of the Seventh Service Command boxing tournament at Camp Crowder on March 23.

Haruo Kumamoto lost to Charles Debow of Camp Crowder in the 118-pound division.

Minoru Miyashiro, featherweight, lost to Lenan Mings of Fort Leavenworth, while Teruo Tanonaka of Fort Snelling was decided by Gene Carlisle of Crowder in the lightweight finals.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Morisono, a girl in Riverside, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Mayeda, a baby girl in Riverside, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Umetaro Shimizu, a girl in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura, a girl in Victory Heights, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. Kitagawa, a girl in Minneapolis, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi F. Nakata, a girl in Brighton, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiromitsu Mitsuka, a boy in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miyoshi Nakao, 1956 Bush St., San Francisco, a girl on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Kurihara, Kingsburg, Calif., a daughter on March 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shigemura, Parlier, Calif., a daughter on March 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Yabumoto, Lodi, Calif., a girl on March 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob N. Niigita, Sacramento, a son on March 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Fujimoto, Ault, Colo., a son on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Ouye, 2211 13th street, Sacramento, a daughter on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tsuboi, Salt Lake City, a boy on March 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goshio, a boy, Merrill Emerson, on March 26 in New York City.

DEATHS

K. Saito on Feb. 9, in Portland, Oregon.

Minoru Koga, 35, on Feb. 23, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Sannosuke Ito on Feb. 24 in Chicago, Ill.

Yoshio Nishihara on Feb. 26, in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Tsuru Yoshinaga on March 8, in San Jose, Calif.

Saichi Takahashi on March 5, in Penryn, Calif.

Shozo Tamura on March 9, in Paynton, Miss.

Manjiro Omura, 69, on March 2, in Chicago, Ill.

Katsuyo Tamura, 62, on March 9 in St. Louis.

Kumajiro Shimamoto, 76, on March 5, in San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Kikusui Ito on March 2 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Ginjiro Hasegawa (Yuki-ko) 43, on March 4, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Shoji Kazano, 45, on March 5 in New York, N. Y.

Yuichi Ogawa, 60, on March 10 in Walnut Grove, Calif.

Minoru Kawabata on March 13, in Denver, Colo.

Kijiro Furukawa on March 12, in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Hatsuoka Odawara on

March 15, in San Francisco.

Kijiro Seto, 80, on March 16 in Fresno, Calif.

Tohei Jimoto on March 16, in Denver, Colo.

Takazumi Asakura on March 18, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Kohei Akashi on March 18, in Salt Lake City.

Saichi Yoshimura, 71, March 19, Greeley, Colo.

Yaemon Kinaga on March 20, in Ogden, Utah.

Toshio Chiba on March 21, in Denver, Colo.

Takeki Monji, 69, on March 22, in Denver, Colo.

Stephen Sakai, 4, and Ronald Sakai, 3, in Coyote, Calif., on March 23.

Manji Ohashi, 70, on March 21, in Los Angeles.

Tomitaro Yamasaki, 78, on March 20, in San Jose, Calif.

Takeshi Tsutsui, 56, on March 22, at Sunnyside, Utah.

Ella Yoshinaga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asakichi Yoshinaga of Brigham City, Utah, on March 19, at Weimar, Calif.

Hachilemon Yoninaga, 66, 160 1/2 25th St., Ogden, Utah, on March 20.

Kiyoshi Tsukada, 56, 128 West 1st South, on March 12, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MARRIAGES

Frances Shirakawabe to Nobuto Charles Ono in Feb. in Seabrook, N. J.

Ayako Arakaki to Toshio Sakakura on March 9, in Chicago, Ill.

Kazume Fujimoto to Jun Orabe in March in Seabrook, N. Y.

Mitsuko Ogura to Shigeo Akahoshi on March 7, in Denver, Colo.

Alice Takemoto to Paul Kuwata on March 6, in Stockton, Calif.

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Canada Deportation Program Will Be Suspended Pending Ruling from Privy Council

OTTAWA—Government action for the deportation of some persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada, among them Canadian-born citizens, will be suspended pending the outcome of any appeal to the Privy Council from a Supreme Court judgment confirming the government's authority to make the deportations. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced here on March 13.

The Prime Minister said that the government would facilitate any appeal to the Privy Council.

Up to 10,000 of Canada's 23,000 residents of Japanese ancestry face deportation if the government continues with its present program, which was upheld by the Supreme Court in test cases which questioned the authority of the orders-in-council under which the repatriation and expatriation program was being carried out.

Government circles here believed that a Privy Council hearing on any appeal which may be brought before it by the Japanese Canadian petitions regarding the recent Supreme Court decisions

would not be held before July.

In Toronto, Andrew Brewin, counsel for Japanese Canadians who face deportation under orders-in-council, and solicitor for the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, said that despite Prime Minister King's announcement, the committee will ask him to receive a deputation which will urge that the orders-in-council be rescinded.

Mr. Brewin indicated that the Japanese Canadian committee and Attorney General J. W. Corman of Saskatchewan are supporting the appeal were proceeding with plans to bring the appeal before the Privy Council at an early date.

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Chicago Chapter Hears Talks on Denver Conference

CHICAGO—The ninth biennial JACL conference in Denver was brought home to 70 JACL members Sunday, March 22, at Hull House when five delegates gave their conference reports to the Chicago chapter.

Noboru Honda, chairman, gave a summary of the conference activities. Dr. T. T. Yatabe, former head of the Chicago JACL office and past president, gave a personal story of the convention.

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Veterans Meet Will be Held by New York JACL

NEW YORK CITY—Several outstanding events have been scheduled by the New York chapter, JACL, through the months of April to June, according to Yurino Takayoshi, newly elected president.

A bowling tournament has been planned for April 4, with Art Abe, Mits Matsuo and Kaz Kubo in charge.

On April 11 representatives from the American Veterans Committee, Amvets, American Legion, Disabled War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will discuss the merits of their organizations to Nisei veterans at a special meeting.

On April 19 the JACL will hold a meeting for Issei on immigration and naturalization at American Commons at 8 p. m.

The JACL's semiannual informal dance will be held at the Hotel Delmonico on May 11. A top band and outstanding entertainers will be featured, according to Miss Takayoshi.

The JACL will be one of the sponsors of the Fifth Annual City-Wide Harlem Week May 27 to June 1. The JACL will originate a program on race relations.

The New York chapter will conduct a membership drive March 26 through April 18 as part of its plan to build the organization into a more representative unit, it was announced.

Harry Kuwada, featured in a recent New York Council for a Permanent FEPC rally at Madison Square Garden, has been appointed chairman of the membership drive committee. His assistants will be Sam Kai, Henry Goshu, Alice Hata, Mary Fujioka, Ruth Shinno and Lillian Date.

Team captains and their respective members are as follows:

1. Eureka Sato, Alice Miyazawa, Mitsuo Matsuo, Margaret Saito, Aiko Inamoto, Hoshie Yamada and Sada Maruyama. 2. Stanley Kurikomi, Ken Furuya, Morrie Kuramoto, Peter Aoki, Alfred Funabashi, Ken Hayashi. 3. William Greiner, Toshiko Kako, Ina Sugihara, Clifford Forster, Yurino Takayoshi and Louise Rochester. 4. John Iwatsu, M. Murai, Clara Clayman, Bill Seno, Miwako Miya and Margaret Iwatsu.

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