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## EDITORIALS:

### Holiday Greetings!

During this holiday season the Pacific Citizen extends its greetings to all men of good will everywhere.

The problems of evacuation and detention, of relocation and resettlement, of discrimination based on race, which has been borne by Americans of Japanese ancestry, is only a minor fragment of course, of the troubles of the peoples of the world. But it has been important, for the wartime treatment of the Nisei in America was a test of the validity of democracy. It can be said here in this week of Christmas, 1945, that democracy has not been found wanting.

To the people who by their actions have repudiated the Nazi-fascist ideas of race supremacy we send greetings and the gratitude of one tenth of one per cent of the American population who, but for the fighters for democracy, might well have been drowned in the racist tide.

Christmas, 1945, is in sharp contrast to the gloomy holiday season of 1942 when most of the evacuees from the West Coast were still living in the barracks cities of war relocation behind barbed-wire and under the watch-towers. The barbed-wire is down and rusted today and the watch-towers are empty. The centers, all but one, are closed and their residents have gone back to America.

So we would like, a little humbly, to send holiday greetings:

To all who have made rapid the transition of the evacuees from relocation center confinement to normal living.

To the anonymous many, workers for democracy, to the members of resettlement committees which have welcomed the evacuees into new homes in every part of the nation.

To the religious organizations whose whole-hearted assistance to the evacuated group has been a stirring, practical demonstration of the theologic ideal. And to all men of religion—Protestant, Catholic and Jew and to the bishops, the rabbis and the workday preachers of the gospel.

To the men of the 442nd Combat Team and the original 100th.

To Nisei fighting men everywhere whose record of service has assured the future welfare of all Japanese Americans.

To Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

To Dillon S. Myer, Harold L. Ickes and Abe Fortas and to all of the men and women in government service who have acted in the democratic tradition.

To Gen. Joseph Stilwell, Gen. Mark Clark and Col. Evans Carlson, soldiers of democracy.

To John J. McCloy who fought for the right of the Nisei to serve.

To Henry Wallace, friend of the common man.

To the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild: To Roger N. Baldwin, Clifford Forester, A. L. Wirin, A. A. Heist, vigilant guardians of civil liberties.

To the trade union movement. To the CIO. To the ILWU and the UAW.

To R. J. Thomas, Harry Bridges, Willard Townsend, Richard Lynden and other men of the CIO.

To the American Veterans Committee. To Sgt. Bill Mauldin, fighter against fascism with both pen and sword.

To the men of science who have disproved the race myths of our time. To M. F. Ashley Montagu, Robert Redfield, Alexander Leigh-

ton, Ruth Benedict, Gene Weltfish, Elmer Smith, John Rademaker and others too numerous to mention here.

To the radio networks. To Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson and Raymond Swing, foes of home-grown fascists.

To the columnists and the commentators. To Thomas Stokes, Marquis Childs, Sam Grafton, Matt Weinstock, George Grim and Burton Heath.

To the editorial writers of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, Washington Post, PM, Chicago Sun, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco News, Christian Science Monitor, Chicago Defender, Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Daily People's World, Milwaukee Journal, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Rocky Mountain News, Pittsburgh Courier, New York Times, New York Herald Tribune and the Philadelphia Record.

To the Portland Oregonian, Seattle Times, Salt Lake Tribune-Telegram, Deseret News, Portland Journal, Santa Ana Register, Hattiesburg American, Minneapolis Tribune, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Youngstown Vindicator, St. Louis Star-Times, San Diego Journal, Los Angeles Daily News, Santa Barbara News-Press and, in fact, to the American press generally, with but only a few notable exceptions.

To the service publications. To Yank, Stars and Stripes, Mid-Pacific and the CBI Roundup.

To the magazines, representing every shade of opinion but united in their demand for democratic fair play to the Nisei and to other racial minorities. To Collier's Weekly, Harpers, Common Ground, Rob Wagner's Script, The New Yorker, Reader's Digest, Liberty, Saturday Evening Post, The Nation, New Republic, Asia and the Americas, Common Sense, Progressive, New Masses, Time, Newsweek, Fortune, American Mercury, Reader's Scope, New Leader.

To the labor and minorities press of America.

To H. V. Kaltenborn, John Vandercook and Robert St. John.

To U. S. Camera for its sponsorship of Ansel Adam's "Born Free and Equal."

To the Mutual, ABC, NBC, and Columbia networks.

To Arch Oboler for his play, "The Family Nagashi," and to Elliot Lewis for his splendid characterization of Ben Nagashi, veteran of the 442nd Combat Team.

To Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco for his courage in the Miyama "incident."

To Bob O'Brien and to the Japanese American Student Relocation Council.

To the American Friends Service committee.

To the various denominational resettlement committees.

To Galen Fisher, Annie Clo Watson, Allen Blaisdel, Ruth and Harry Kingman.

To Clark Garman, Royal Fisher, Clarence Gillett, Frank Herron Smith, Gordon Chapman, Doug Welch, George Rundquist, John Thomas.

To the West Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

To William Carr and the Friends of the American Way of Pasadena, California.

To Pearl Buck and Richard J. Walsh.

To the many distinguished Americans who, in wartime, became sponsors of the Japanese American Citizens League.

To Carey McWilliams whose books are effective weapons in the continuing battle for racial democracy.

To Carl Sandburg, poet and fighter for freedom.

To Pandit Nebru who, in a prison in India, was concerned about the West Coast Japanese evacuation.

To the writers. To Rackham Holt, John Steinbeck, Ira V. Morris, Florence Crannell Means, Wallace Stegner, Louis Adamic, John Fante, who know that words are instruments to enlighten and inform as well as to entertain.

To Lieut. Col. Wallace Moore, Captain Arthur Munch, Captain George Grandstaff, Captain Thomas Crowley and Lieut. Roger Smith who toured western America to tell the Nisei story.

To Frank Sinatra, Melvyn Douglas, Ronald Reagan, Bob Hope, Joe E. Brown, the Lunts, Humphrey Bogart, Paul Robeson, Ginny Simms, Orson Welles, Franchot Tone, Sono Osato, artists and citizens.

To Monroe Sweetland.

To Earl Finch, kind and good friend of every Nisei GI.

To men of good will everywhere, the season's greetings in a world at peace.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Search for World's Capital

The United States was on the hot seat this week before the world. The delegates of the United Nations, meeting in London, were asking unkind questions about the treatment of minority racial groups in the United States. The discussion had been inspired by the decision of the United Nations Organization to locate its world capital in the U.S.A.

With delegates from India spearheading the drive, United Kingdom representatives presented a paper saying it was "indispensable that the area (in which the UNO capital will be located) be such that all members of the United Nations should be able to feel at home in it, whatever their racial origin or the character of their state." In other words, the United Kingdom delegation wanted no Jim Crow in the capital of the world. They wanted no city in which a delegate from Asia might come across the sign "For White Trade Only."

The Bilbos and Rankins to the contrary, there is no room for Jim Crow in the Atomic Age. America cannot preach the blessings of democracy overseas and expect to hide the strange fruit of lynched bodies hanging from the southern trees. The rantings of the Native Sons and the bullets of California terrorists made a mockery of our democratic propaganda.

Although San Francisco has been one of the favored cities in the choice of a UNO capital and may still receive the honor, the West Coast's chances received a setback in the statement of the United Kingdom group that a city in the eastern section of the United States would be preferred. The question of anti-Oriental discrimination in California had been brought up during a recent UNO discussion when a Chinese delegate had asked Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco, in London to plead the cause of his city, some very penetrating questions about anti-Oriental legislation in California. Mayor Lapham was obviously embarrassed although he has been forthright in his denunciation of racism in San Francisco as demonstrated in his action in the Miyama "incident" of a few months back in which he upheld the right of a Japanese American to work in the city's employ. Of the cities of America cosmopolitan San Francisco is perhaps most ideally suited to serve the UNO as its capital despite the fact that the city has been the home of anti-Oriental politicians and once segregated Oriental children in separate schools. The Chinese UNO delegate undoubtedly was aware also that the neon glitter of San Francisco's famous Chinatown hides sium conditions which are enforced by housing bans and restrictive covenants.

It is not fair of course to indict San Francisco because it aspires to be the world's capital. As cities go the metropolis by the Golden Gate is one of the least prejudiced in the country. The pattern of segregation of minority groups is repeated in almost every major American community although the groups which are segregated may differ. What can be said about San Francisco can be repeated about New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. The only public restaurant in Washington, D. C., our national capital, which will serve both whites and Negroes is the Gateway restaurant at the Washington Union station. That is what the DAR in Washington means when it attempts to defend its ban against the appearance of Negro artists at Constitution Hall by pointing to the existing pattern of racial segregation in the City of Washington.

In 1942 when the West Coast evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry forced the removal of the military intelligence language school from San Francisco, the Army was faced with a problem similar to that which confronts the delegates of the UNO. The Army wanted an area in the United States which was relatively free of racial prejudices, particularly against the Nisei since the military intelligence school was largely occupied with the training of Japanese American sol-

diers. The Army finally picked the Twin Cities area of Minnesota and recently the Army complimented the citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul for their acceptance of the large Nisei group, some 5,000 Japanese Americans having been stationed in the Twin Cities area during the war. Faced with a similar problem in 1942 to find a training spot for the 100th Infantry Battalion from Hawaii the Army again picked the Midwest, stationing the soldiers at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin where, in the town of Sparta, the citizenry recently voted to erect a monument to the memory of the Japanese Americans of the 100th Battalion who died in battle. The Wisconsin-Minnesota areas may come closest to meeting the qualifications demanded by the United Nations Organization but here again there are patterns of segregation against Negroes, though hardly as stringent as nearby Chicago where today the residential segregation of its 300,000 Negroes has created a condition of heightening tension.

It is plain that our national attitude toward minority groups, and particularly toward the Negro tenth of America, must be revised. Our thinking on human relations has not kept pace with our scientific and industrial development. Our scientists have split the atom and have devised the most fearful weapon in the history of the world. We look with new awe toward our men of science and accept their findings implicitly. But, as Carey McWilliams notes, every man is his own scientist when it comes to racial relations. We ignore the findings of science that there are no inferior peoples, that pigmentation has no relation to intelligence. We turn our backs on Lincoln's words that "all men are created equal."

There is, of course, a certain cynicism in the United Kingdom delegation's insistence on an American city without prejudice. Australia's opposition to the French proposal for a racial equality clause in the United Nations constitution and its avowal of white supremacy as opposed to the "Oriental hordes" is easily remembered. So is Canada's shameful treatment of its Japanese Canadian population and, of course, Britain's whole "white man's burden" approach in its colonial policy.

If the choice for a world capital were based solely upon freedom from discrimination, the cities of Mexico, Brazil, France and Soviet Russia would come closer than most to meeting the qualification, but there are other factors to be considered. One is that the establishment of the world capital in the United States would virtually insure continued American participation in a world organization. This desire to build the UNO home within the continental borders of the United States apparently rules out Honolulu, a city in which men of all pigments and varied cultural backgrounds have learned to live together.

Whatever the reasons for their action the United Kingdom delegation has posed an important question which the American people must answer. This is that the world of peace must be one free from racial discrimination. The delegates to the UNO are human beings who must have equal access to food and shelter and these delegates will be men of every race and creed, for the brave new world in the making is fashioned on the combined military victory of men of all races and creeds. The American city which will be honored by becoming the capital of the world must be prepared to be worthy of the honor.

The UNO has served notice that color lines are out of fashion.

### The Cover

The relocation center has closed. Clara Hasegawa and Tad Miyake take a last look at the deserted center from one of the camp's guard towers which have not been manned since the latter part of 1943.—Photo by Charles Mace for WRA.

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## WRA Will Assist Returned Evacuees to Find Permanent Location on Pacific Coast

Small Businessmen Encounter Most Difficulty in Reestablishing Selves on Return; WRA Program Has Cost \$162 Millions to Date

NEW YORK—With nine relocation centers closed, the War Relocation Authority is now faced with the job of "relocating" about 7,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the West Coast but for whom permanent housing is not immediately available, the New York Times reported recently in a dispatch from its West Coast correspondent, Lawrence Davies.

With the closing of the Rohwer relocation center early in December, the WRA beat its own schedule in closing down the relocation camps which had sheltered most of the 112,000 persons evacuated from the West Coast in 1942. To date the relocation job under the WRA has cost \$162,000,000, while the Army spent an additional \$75,000,000 in preparing the centers and in supporting the evacuees until they were transferred to the authority of the WRA.

The sum spent by the WRA went into food, clothing, wages and transportation for the evacuees from the time the WRA took over the centers in May, 1942.

The mass return of the evacuees was necessitated by the center closing program. Because of the lack of permanent housing, about 4,000 of the returnees are living in trailers and converted Army barracks in the Los Angeles area, another 1,000 amid similar conditions in Northern California and perhaps 2,000 more in privately operated hostels, run on a cost basis principally by the American Friends Service Committee and other church groups, Mr. Davies reported. Some of the hostels are Buddhist temples.

According to the Times correspondent, the WRA plans to help all the 7,000 evacuees who desire permanent locations. According to Dillon S. Myer, director of the WRA, the agency will take a "re-inventory" of every family during the next three months, checking on the welfare cases and property problems "and seeing whether other services are needed for permanent location."

In addition to the 7,000 now in emergency housing projects, it is believed that many of the returned Nisei and their parents are living with friends and an effort will be made to help them to find homes of their own.

According to R. B. Cozzens, West Coast WRA director, the small businessman among the evacuees is the one who is having the greatest difficulty in reestablishing himself.

Several restaurants, small dry-goods stores and shoe repair shops have been reopened in Los Angeles by former evacuee owners, and in San Francisco a few doctors have hung out their shingles and a restaurant or two have resumed business.

The farmer and the farm laborer are generally in a better position, according to the Times report. While some of the farmers will need time to get their leased lands back, farm laborers are in demand and little difficulty is encountered in placing them. But few jobs are now available for white-collar workers.

Lawsuits have been predicted as a result of damaging and destroying of household goods which the evacuees had stored. Mr. Myer, according to Mr. Davies, has recommended that the Federal government recognize "honest claims," suggesting that Congress might set up a small claims commission to sift such claims and approve those deemed worthy.

WRA officials looking for a shifting of the population of persons of Japanese ancestry during the next two or three years until finally about 50 per cent of the prewar total will be back on the West Coast, the Times report

said. By February, when the Tule Lake situation is taken care of, the total on the coast will not exceed 40 per cent.

The relocation has given Chicago a population of about 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, as compared with the pre-war Los Angeles total of 36,000. The great nation-wide distribution now finds New York, Cleveland and Detroit each with 2,000 or more residents of Japanese ancestry and many other cities having hundreds where they had virtually none before the war.

## Judge Grants New Hearing To Renunciant

Mrs. Tamura Wins Chance to Plead for Right to Remain

LOS ANGELES—Permission for a hearing to determine whether or not she should be deported to Japan was granted Mrs. Fumiko Tamura by Judge Campbell C. Beaumont in United States District Court on Dec. 17.

Mrs. Tamura, an American-born citizen of Japanese parentage who renounced her citizenship while at the Manzanar relocation center, has petitioned for the withdrawal of her renunciation.

A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, noted civil liberties attorney, who is representing Mrs. Tamura, told the court that she had filed for renunciation "under duress and coercive influence" at Manzanar.

## THREE NISEI WIN MAJOR PRIZES IN HEARST CONTEST

CHICAGO — Three young Japanese American students were listed as among the major winners in the Chicago Herald American's "Better Chicago Contest" and will share in contest awards of \$12,500 put up by the Hearst paper.

George Matsumoto of Birmingham, Mich., will share the \$10,000 first prize with David S. Geer and E. W. Waugh. The three also won the \$1000 award on the essay topic of the "Highway Problem."

Beatrice Takeuchi of 645 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, will share the second prize award of \$500 with Stanley Kazdallis, Crombie Taylor and David Aaron.

Kazumi Adachi of 601 Madison Ave., New York, was one of the four winners of the \$1,000 award for an essay on the topic, "Administrative and Cultural Center."

## 442nd Infantry Still on Duty In Many Sections of Italy

LEGHORN, Italy — Although more than a thousand men of the 442nd (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team have returned to the United States on points or are now en route home, the famous fighting unit is still in business in Italy, guarding prisoner of war enclosures, hospitals, salvage dumps, patrol points and medical supply depots.

Elements of the 442nd are now scattered throughout Italy.

All of the elements of the 100th Infantry Battalion are stationed in and around the Leghorn area. Battalion headquarters is located at the former 603rd Ordnance Building in the 10th Port Area.

The headquarters company of

## Placer Supervisors Will Grant Aid to Returned Evacuees

AUBURN, Calif.—The Placer County Board of Supervisors has reversed its previous stand and will grant county relief to returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, it was reported here.

Previously, the supervisors had announced opposition to such aid and Placer was one of three California Counties which had refused assistance grants to returned persons of Japanese ancestry. Supervisors of one of the two counties, Tulare, have also changed their minds, it was reported.

The assistance in Placer will amount to \$15 a month.

## Three Arrested In Murder of Nisei Veteran

Two Men Being Held For Investigation in Yoshioka Slaying

STOCKTON, Calif.—Three men have been arrested and are now in custody for investigation on charges of being implicated in the murder of George Yoshioka of San Jose, 35-year old wounded veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, who was found dying on a Stockton street on Nov. 17. Yoshioka died in a hospital the following day without regaining consciousness.

The Stockton Record reported that Clarence Simmons, 21, has been held in jail in Stockton since Nov. 26 on charges growing out of the slaying of the Nisei veteran.

Two others held for investigation are Leroy Bob, 21, and S. J. Johnson, 22, arrested in Dallas, Texas. It has been reported that Yoshioka's wallet and watch were found on the two men at the time of their arrest.

The Japanese American was brutally beaten with a blunt object. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the crime.

## BOB HOPE TELLS STORY ON NISEI GI FROM DENVER

Bob Hope, radio and film star, tells a story about Pvt. Shig Morishige, who guarded Hope and his USO party in Bremen, Germany, in an article, "It's Great to Be Home," in This Week magazine for Dec. 9.

"Our guard in Bremen, Pvt. Shig Morishige, a Japanese American who was wounded three times and talked about nothing but going home to Denver, woke us up early one morning with machine-gun fire," Hope recalled. "He'd liberated a small Nazi battle flag and wanted it to look more war-torn."

## California Attorney General Says Sheriff Attempted to Prevent Evacuee Employment

Kenny Makes Public Telegram Charging Nevada County Sheriff With "Malfeasance in Office" In Refusal to Protect Japanese Americans

SAN FRANCISCO—State Attorney General Robert W. Kenny on Dec. 13 charged Sheriff Carl J. Tobiasen of Nevada county with "malfeasance in office" in attempting to prevent the employment of workers of Japanese ancestry by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Attorney General Kenny made public a telegram which he had sent to Sheriff Tobiasen.

Not only has the Sheriff refused to protect persons of Japanese ancestry, but he has taken an active part in fighting the employment of returned evacuees in Nevada county, Mr. Kenny noted. "Your refusal to assure agents of the State Department of Justice (of which Kenny is head) that you would cease your efforts to prevent employment of Japanese Americans or Japanese aliens as railroad section workers in your county forces me to make this public statement," Attorney General Kenny declared.

"In my opinion you, as Sheriff of Nevada county are grossly misusing your position and your authority when you attempt to prevent any citizen or law-abiding alien from pursuing lawful enterprises within your county," Mr. Kenny added.

"I consider it malfeasance in office for any law enforcement official to take part in the deprivation of any person of any of his inherent and fundamental rights under our constitution.

"The peace officers of California have made splendid records in guaranteeing the rights of returning Japanese citizens and aliens and your actions, if allowed to continue, will cause serious discredit to the record."

Kenny declined to discuss the situation further, but associates said that under broad powers of the legislative act establishing the Department of Justice he may have the authority to institute disciplinary action against Tobiasen.

The law gives the Attorney General authority to clean up county conditions when the local authorities appear lax in enforcing the law, and, it is considered the present case may come under this provision.

## Nevada County Sheriff Denies Malfeasance Charge

NEVADA CITY, Calif.—Sheriff Carl J. Tobiasen on Dec. 14 denied a charge by Attorney General Robert Kenny he is guilty of malfeasance in office by attempting to prevent the employment in Nevada county of persons of Japanese ancestry who have returned from relocation centers.

The sheriff declared he in no instance refused to extend the full cooperation and protection of his office to returned persons of Japanese ancestry but only had expressed his personal opinion he "is afraid of trouble" if Japanese Americans are brought into the county for work.

Tobiasen received a telegram from Attorney General Kenny criticizing him sharply for his appeal last week to the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce to request the Southern Pacific Railroad not to employ persons of Japanese ancestry. At that time he said that he was going to carry on his campaign against the Japanese Americans before other civic groups in Nevada county in an effort to get them to pass resolutions opposing their employment.

Tobiasen said his oldest son, a Marine corporal, had been "killed by Japs on Okinawa" and added that he admitted to a "frank prejudice" against persons of Japanese ancestry.

## Rehearings May Be Held for Tule Lake Group

Justice Department Considering Plan to Review Case

WASHINGTON—It was announced here this week that the Justice Department is considering a plan to hold rehearings in the cases of many Tule Lake segregees who previously renounced their American citizenship.

A Justice Department spokesman said that Attorney General Tom Clark has the plan "under consideration" but that "there is no comment at this time."

It was said that some of the segregees, who are facing deportation to Japan, have relatives and families in this country and that certain other mitigating facts may make it advisable to hold rehearings.

## Tule Lake Deportees Will Leave Soon

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Journal reported on Dec. 16 that volunteer repatriates from the Tule Lake WRA center will arrive in Portland next week to board an Army transport for the deportation journey to Japan.

Men, women and children will be included in the group which will leave the Tule Lake camp on Christmas day. On Dec. 27 the train will leave Portland for Tule Lake to bring up another trainful of repatriates.

J. W. Tomlinson, in charge of the Portland office of the Immigration and Naturalization Bureau is making arrangements.

## Mother of Slain Child Committed to State Hospital

ALTURAS, Calif.—Mrs. Shigano Fudetani, 28, whose 3½-year old daughter was found slain at the Tule Lake relocation center, has been committed to the state hospital in Stockton.

The Superior court order declared her an incompetent person. District Attorney Charles Lederer said the woman had been abnormal since she was found on Dec. 5 in her apartment beside her two girls—the elder dead of hammer blows and the 11-month old baby injured.

A coroner's jury declared the victim, Violet, was slain by a "person or persons unknown."

## American Veterans Committee Employs Nisei Secretary

HOLLYWOOD — Miss Fumiko Okanishi is one of the two secretaries on the staff of the Los Angeles area council of the American Veterans Committee, organization of World War II veterans. Miss Okanishi has two brothers serving in the Army overseas.

# Christmas Party for Children Of Evacuees Planned in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—A merry Christmas for evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have just returned to Los Angeles and for every child in "Little Tokyo," whether of Japanese, Negro, Mexican, Chinese or Filipino ancestry was planned when an interracial committee met on Dec. 11 at Pilgrim House under the chairmanship of the War Relocation Authority.

The Los Angeles Tribune reported that plans are directed particularly toward returnees in hostels not under Christian church supervision and include special Christmas trees at Pilgrim House, carols by the young people of Lincoln Memorial and Avalon Christian churches and the All Peoples center and special gifts of toys and fruit for children living in the

various hostels for returned Japanese American evacuees.

Pilgrim House is providing gifts for 25 and John E. Ford will give ties to bachelors. Churches, social centers and organizations represented on the committee, as well as community merchants, will bring other gifts.

Those attending the meeting included the Rev. Lloyd Galloway, Lincoln Memorial; Miss Grace Channon, Congregational Conference; the Rev. Royden Susu-Mago, Congregational minister; Ken Dyo and Mrs. Gracie Booth, Fair Play committee; the Rev. Dan B. Genung; Scotty H. Tsuchiya, Japanese American Citizens League; the Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, Miss Helen Henry, and Mrs. Dolores Middleton, Pilgrim House.

## Interracial Church Opens in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Formal opening services of the new interracial church project in Los Angeles have been set for Dec. 23, 11 a. m. The church will be situated in the Los Angeles Church Federation building, 3330 W. Adams Blvd.

Co-ministers will be G. Raymond Booth, secretary of the Council for Civic Unity; Harold M. Kingsley, director of Pilgrim House, and Royden Susu-Mago, musician and minister.

## "Quest Club" Plans Christmas Dance

SPOKANE, Wash.—The "Quest Club" of Spokane will hold a Christmas eve dance at the Knights of Pythias hall at 8:30 p. m., Dec. 24.

Admission price of \$1.50 will be charged. The dance will be open to the public.

The Nisei orchestra, the "Rhythmaires," under the baton of Tomio Terao, has been selected to provide the music.

# Auto Workers Union Hails Nisei Record

R. J. Thomas Tells Of UAW's Interest in Problems of Veterans

The United Auto Workers, CIO, the world's biggest union, "is very much interested in the special problems which confront the returning Japanese American veterans on our West Coast," R. J. Thomas, international president of the union, declared in a letter to the Pacific Citizen recently.

"As you know," the CIO leader said, "our organization welcomes into its midst all employees in the automobile, aircraft and agriculture implement industries regardless of race, color or ancestry."

UAW-CIO has authorized the publication of an advertisement in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen "as token of our appreciation for the contribution made to the cause of democracy by Japanese American soldiers."

The United Auto Workers declared that the Fair Practices Committee of the International UAW-CIO "extends greetings to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Combat Team, 'the most decorated unit in American military history.'"

Sgt. Ben Kuroki Talks At New York School

NEW YORK—Tech. Sgt. Ben Kuroki, Nisei veteran of the European and Pacific wars, described his experiences in the Army Air Force in a talk on Dec. 13 to a girls group at Jamaica Vocational high school.

Army and WRA films on Japanese Americans were shown.



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**Eight Nisei Attend School in France**

BIARRITZ, France—Eight Japanese American veterans of the 442nd Combat Team are among the 4,000 students at the Army's American University in Biarritz. Most of the Nisei at the school are short on points but all are eager to return home and continue their education under the GI Bill of Rights.

**442nd Cagemen Lose Overtime Tilt**

LEGHORN, Italy — The 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team's basketball squad lost an overtime 35 to 31 game to the PBS Headquarters Command in the opening match of the PBS basketball season recently. Conrad Kurahara with twelve points led the Nisei cagers.

**Nisei Sports Star Will Swim for Washington State**

PULLMAN, Wash. — Frank Miyake, Nisei five-sport star from Spokane, Wash., has turned in "remarkable times" in the 50-yard free-style and is expected to be a mainstay of the Washington State College swimming team this year, according to Coach Doug Gibb. Miyake, all-city star in football and baseball for North Central high school in Spokane, also won letters in basketball and track. Miyake, who played a bang-up defensive game for the Washington State football team in the last game with Washington, is also believed to have made one of the longest runs of the Pacific Coast conference season, reeling off a 90 yard sprint for a touchdown against Idaho.

**Skating Party**

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Approximately 200 Nisei, including servicemen and civilian girls and boys, turned out to enjoy the Nisei skating party, held at the Coliseum roller rink in St. Paul under the sponsorship of the International Institute on December 12, from 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. The successful affair was planned for the purpose of raising funds to hold further dances in St. Paul for the Fort Snelling boys.

Plans are now underway for the next event, a semi-formal dance on Saturday, January 5, 8 to 12, at the International Institute, located on the 5th floor of the St. Paul YWCA building, as a post-holiday celebration.

**Col. Moore Reveals Nisei GIs Saved Lives of Internees At Santo Tomas Prison Camp**

**Importance of Japanese American Soldiers In Reeducating Japan in Democracy Stressed; Contributions of Nisei Troops Told in Article**

Japanese American soldiers with the Pacific forces were credited this week with the saving of American lives at the Santo Tomas prison camp in the Philippines by Lieut. Col. Wallace Moore in an article in "This Week" magazine, a weekly publication distributed by the New York Herald Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and other newspapers.

When General MacArthur planned the raid to free Allied prisoners at notorious Santo Tomas prison camp, it was learned that Nip guards had been ordered to mas-

sacre all prisoners in event of attack, the article declared.

As other troops stormed the camp's approaches, Nisei soldiers made straight for the captain of the guard, and "heaven only knows how, convinced him the slaughter would bring horrible retribution," reveals Lt. Col. Moore. The prisoners were saved.

Lt. Col. Moore declares that the Nisei form the bulwark of MacArthur's military secret service, and the Nisei "are our spearhead against Jap finance, politics and propaganda."

In the colossal task of re-educating Japan in the ways of democracy, no group will be as important as the Japanese Americans, who have already started on the task, says Moore. "Every textbook in every school and college must be rewritten by individuals who understand democracy and also thoroughly understand Japan. No group can do this as well as our Japanese Americans," Moore declares.

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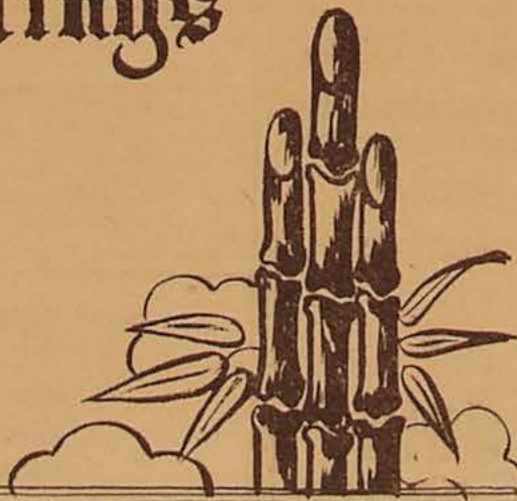
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**Nisei Veteran Wins Citation At L. A. Dinner**

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Citations were presented by Col. Evans Carlson, Ingrid Bergman and Mayer Frieden. Norman Corwin acted as toastmaster.

Among the other young Americans honored at the dinner were Frank Sinatra, Ex-Sgt. Bill Mauldin, Peggy Ryan and Sgt. Edward Carter, Negro winner of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Scores of Hollywood celebrities attended the dinner.

Ex-Sgt. Tanouye is one of six sons of Mr. and Mrs. Iwagiro Tanouye of San Jose. All of the six sons have served or are still serving in the Army. One of the Tanouye sons was killed in action in Italy and has been posthumously decorated for extraordinary bravery in action.

Harry Tanouye, 28 years of age, is a marine broker by profession and was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1937 where he majored in economics.

He wears the Purple Heart with three clusters, the Bronze Star and the European service ribbon with three battle stars.

"I was a platoon sergeant in the 3rd Army," Tanouye told the dinner guests at the Ambassador Hotel affair, "and I had to record the deaths of my men. The names I wrote were Italian, Irish, Jewish, Slovakian, Chinese and Japanese. It was all the minorities fighting together that destroyed fascism overseas; it will be all the national, religious and racial groups pulling together that will build democracy here."

**Hawaii CIO Group Hits Agitation to Restrict Licenses**

HONOLULU — The Oahu CIO Council on Dec. 8 criticized agitation to "high pressure" the city-county liquor commission into denying liquor licenses to alien applicants.

(Alien applicants involved are of Japanese ancestry.)

"We are somewhat concerned over the agitation of a few vocal individuals trying to high pressure the city and county liquor commission into denying licenses to certain individuals solely on the ground they are 'aliens,'" Jack Hall, president of the CIO group, declared.

"Most of the so-called aliens who are being attacked undemocratically have been denied the right to apply for long desired citizenship, or they would have done so long ago. Too many Fascist-like theories of racial and national superiority are infiltrating into Hawaii and our people must be vigilant to expose them," the CIO leader added.

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Other cabinet members will be Sam Yamasaki, vice president; Joe Nishio, treasurer; Martha Nishio, secretary; June Ueda and Tak Sato, social committee; Fred Ochi, reporter; Fred Ochi, Yukio Inouye, Sadao Morishita and Yosie Ogawa, IDC and national delegates; Todd Ogawa, Mike Kamachi and Charlie Hirai, special committee.

Chapter advisors are James Infelt and Frank Yamasaki.

The Idaho Falls chapter sent 28 Christmas presents to servicemen from the chapter. Fred Ochi was in charge of the gift program.

Wedding

DAYTON, O.—Miss Katherine Sasaki of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. Wallace Nunotani of Honolulu, Hawaii, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony by the Rev. Harry Titus of Cleveland on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Grace Methodist church of Dayton.

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**Wedding in Nampa**

NAMPA, Idaho — Miss Martha Yamamoto of Nampa and Mr. Johnny Kawaguchi of Nampa and formerly of Seattle were married at a lovely candle-light ceremony on Nov. 31 at the First Methodist Church in Nampa.

The bride's attendants were: Mrs. Rina Yamashita, and Misses Mae Yamamoto, Yuki Takahashi, and Lily Fujikawa.

**Salt Lake Nisei Gets Bronze Star**

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—Hiroshi Tanabe of Salt Lake City who served 33 months overseas with the 41st Infantry Division in New Guinea and other Pacific theaters was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service" in ceremonies at Fort Douglas on Dec. 11.

The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Herbert T. Perrin, commanding officer at Fort Douglas.

**Nisei Applicant Hits Bias of Liquor Board**

**Charges Relationship To "Tokyo Rose" Cause of Denial**

LOS ANGELES—Statement by George M. Stout, State Liquor Administrator, that the "sister of Tokyo Rose," would be denied a beer and wine sales license here because of the relationship, drew an attack on Dec. 12 from June Toguri, 26, the applicant, according to the Times.

"Just because Iva (Tokyo Rose) is under suspicion is no reason why I should be legislated against," Miss Toguri said. "I am an American citizen, was born here, and every member of my family has been law-abiding until Iva's situation arose."

Miss Toguri applied for the license to sell liquor at the family store at 11631 Wilmington Ave., setting forth that before the war and transfer to a relocation center, the license was held in the name of her brother, Fred, now in Chicago.

**Tribute to the Nisei**

We pay tribute to the Nisei, For the accomplishments of the 100th and the 442nd. This day there is both happiness and sorrow. Many hearts will be happy at the thought of returning loved ones, But many will be heavy, thinking of those who will never return. Let us pause a moment this year To give thanks To those who fought That truth and justice might win out. May everlasting peace Be among all nations. Pvt. Sid Ishigaki, Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas.

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**Diehard Enemy Troops Surrender to Nisei**

HONOLULU—Forty diehard Japanese soldiers and sailors came out of caves on Okinawa more than five weeks after V-J Day to surrender to a Japanese American sergeant from Honolulu, it was disclosed here recently.

Sgt. Kenzo Miyashiro, 21-year old interpreter, had gone unarmed into southern Okinawa accompanied by a group of Japanese

**Veteran of 442nd Returns to San Diego**

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The Journal on Dec. 12 published a picture of Lloyd Ito, veteran of 32 months of service with the 442nd Combat Team and winner of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, who has returned to his family's ten-acre avocado ranch at Encanto, near San Diego.

war prisoners who had volunteered for the job of hunting up fellow Japanese.

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