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## SUSPENSION OF STOCKTON CIO UNIT ANNOUNCED

## CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

SPOTON--The Stockton unit of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union was suspended by its parent body last week for refusing to work with Japanese Americans, and individual members were warned that unless they sign a pledge to accept the nisei on the docks, they will be expelled.

Richard Lynden, president of the executive board of CIO Warehousemen's Local No. 6, stated: "The contract of Stock-

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## EIGHT CALLED FOR INDUCTION JUNE 5

Notices have been received for 8 boys to report for induction to Fort Douglas on June 5.

Listed are: Susumu Iwase, 11-4-C; Shigeru Kawamoto, 23-1-C; Frank Eiji Okuno, 30-7-CD; Hisashi Nakao, 34-4-C; Hirotaka Okada, 23-7-E; Sanzui Takaha, 30-3-D; Isao Baba, 9-3-AB; and Nobuaki Harry Okada, 23-7-E.

No names were announced for active duty.

A capacity audience attended the Memorial Day service held in the auditorium Wednesday under the auspices of the community council and inter-faith.

Harold Morris, vice-commander of the Delta American Legion post, presented flags and gold stars to next of kin of the five nisei soldiers killed in action since the last memorial service in December.

## 2 WEST-BOUND CARS TO LEAVE

Because 90 people have signed up to leave on the special west-bound train car on Monday, a second special car has been obtained to take care of the large number of passengers.

The second car will leave Tuesday morning with half of the 90 persons aboard.

Only 13 persons in the group are on short term leaves.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINE SET JUNE 8; FIVE LISTED

Boys to report for pre-induction physicals on June 8 are: Joe Yoshimitsu Kimura, 5-9-D; Kiyoshi Kikugawa, 39-8-C; Kiyoshi Arai, 29-11-E; Toshio Ikeda, 16-2-B; and Kinge Okuchi, 29-8-F.

Project Director L. T. Hoffman offered words of condolence in behalf of the administration and H. Ichiyasu for the council. Hoffman said in part:

"To you the parents, relatives and close friends of these boys who will not be coming back to Topaz or to join you later wherever you are, our hearts go out in sympathy and with some understanding of the deep sense of loss you each must feel. It is fitting that we pause today to pay tribute, not only to the boys who died in active military service fighting for their country in a more indirect

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## SGT. DOBASHI, WOUNDED NISEI GI WITH FAMED 442 IN FRANCE, IS VISITOR

After receiving seven wounds from the bar 20, 1944, by a shell shrapnel during explosion of a mine trap during the an extensive push by the famed 442nd infantry in Vanmount, France, on Nov. 15, fantry battalion after the capture of the 1943, Sgt. Hideo Dobashi, 24, is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keisaku Dobashi of 27-11-F.

Sgt. Dobashi, holder of the Presidential Distinguished Unit citation which more than 300 members of the 442nd Japanese American combat team received last March for destroying the main line of resistance in the rugged Vosges Mountains of Northwest France, and also the Purple Heart, is now temporarily stationed at the DeWitt General Hospital in

WIFE, SON, HERE

T/Sgt. Lou Tsunekawa, wounded on Octo-

ber 20, 1944, by a shell shrapnel during the an extensive push by the famed 442nd infantry in Vanmount, France, on Nov. 15, fantry battalion after the capture of the city of Bruyeres in France, is in the center visiting his wife, Alice, and his four-months-old son. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tsunekawa who are now in the Rowher relocation center in Arkansas.

Sgt. Tsunekawa formerly resided in Stockton, California, where he attended Stockton high school and the College of Pacific. He played football for both schools and was a member of the Stockton YBA and Yamato athletic teams.

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**S.F. CHRONICLE**

# *Seattle Punishment*

California is all too familiar with half-heartedness or worse on the part of police officer regarding outrages against the persons and property of Americans of Japanese descent. Now the state of Washington furnished an example at the judicial level.

For the crime of burning four homes belonging to evacuated Japanese, Superior Judge James T. Lawler of Seattle has accepted a plea of second-degree arson from Harold S. Burton, and fined Burton \$1000.

Burton was allowed to plead in second degree because the houses were unoccupied when he fired them. This deal in itself, in view of the necessity to set up an example of west coast hoodlums, was questionable enough. But, in addition, Judge Lawler meted something like the minimum possible punishment, even under the second-degree plea. He was empowered to impose a \$5000 fine and sentence up to 10 years in prison or both.

Concurrently, fresh outrages are reported from Fresno and vicinity, with the familiar accompaniment of "puzzled" law-enforcement officers.

In the Seattle affair, it is not disclosed whether the owners included citizens; that is, American-born Japanese. If not, the chances are strong that at least one of the four houses was the home of a son or sons in the American military service. It would make no difference anyway; the hoodlum probably would not have been stopped by a service star in the window--they haven't been in previous cases; and even if there were no American-born Japanese involved, decent persons cannot condone the foul and sneaking crime of arson against whomever directed.

Together with his complacently "puzzled" colleagues at the police level, Judge Lawler shares a heavy responsibility. He has praised this kind of outlawry with faint damns.

## **HEWSON APPOINTED TO HEAD DES MOINES RELO COMMITTEE**

Cornell Hewson will serve as chairman of the Des Moines' Citizens relocation committee, Miss Prudence Ross, acting relocation supervisor of the north central area, has announced. Hewson replaces Robert Root, editorial writer for the Des Moines Register and Tribune, who has resigned to accept an assignment as correspondent for the World Council of churches in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewson, members of the American Friends Service committee, have been active in helping Japanese families relocate since the day of evacuation. When the first nisei students appeared on the Drake university campus in January of 1943, several of them made their home with the Hewson family and others have done so since.

"More than 500 Japanese Americans have settled in our district, half of them in Des Moines and the others in 80 widely scattered towns and communities of Iowa. Temporary housing is available at the Friends hostel in Des Moines," Miss Ross said.

## TRANSFER

### **ARNE DETAILED TO SOUTHERN AREA**

Dr. R.E. Arne, special relocation officer for the New Orleans district has been detailed to the southern area office and will assume the administration of the relocation adjustment program, according to Jesse H. Lewis, relocation supervisor.

In his new position, Dr. Arne will be able to provide his services to all the ten states now comprising the southern area.

James R. Walter, assistant relocation supervisor, will have temporary direction of the New Orleans district office until a successor to Dr. Arne can be selected.

### **KANAZAWA, TAKAYAMA PLAY IN CARNEGIE**

NEW YORK--An enthusiastic audience of more than 300 persons, including many Caucasians, attended a recital which was given here on May 18 at the Carnegie Chamber music hall by Miss Tomi Kanazawa, soprano, and Miss Florence Takayama, pianist, under the auspices of the Japanese American Committee for Democracy.

Both nisei artists were received with much applause and were presented with flower bouquets.



Pvt. Satoshi Yonekura,  
Pvt. Stanley S. Kunisaki,  
Pvt. Joe A. Ota, Pvt. Shigeaki Arai, Pvt. George Inouye, Pvt. Henry Tominaga, Pvt. Iwao Hashiguchi, Pvt. Tadashi Yoshii, Pvt. Yoneo Takahashi, Pvt. Sam Yamamoto, Camp Blanding, Florida

Pfc. Kiyoshi Yoshii, Bushnell Hospital, Utah  
T/4 Frank Dobashi, DeWitt Hospital, Calif.

T/Sgt. Lou Tsunekawa, Ft. Lewis, Washington  
S/Sgt. Yukio Kawamoto, Ft. Douglas, Utah

## BIRTH

OISHI--To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Oishi, 41-2-C, May 29, 7:55 AM, a boy

# MOST DECORATED UNIT

## DIRECTORS REVEAL 100TH INFANTRY RECEIVES HOSTEL CLOSING MOST CITATIONS IN ARMY IN CLEVELAND

The Cleveland hostel which has been operating for the past two years, will close on July 15, according to its directors. It was also pointed out that no more hostel invitations will be issued to resettlers coming to Cleveland.

The hostel has been fully reserved until June 24 but if there are any vacancies at the hostel between June 24 and July 15, space will be given to resettlers coming to Cleveland. This will be done with the definite understanding that their tenure will not extend beyond the closing date.

The directors of the hostel, Max and Ellen Frazen, will remain in Cleveland for a time after the closing to help evacuees with their relocation problems.

### CAMPBELL LEAVES FOR SALT LAKE CITY

William J. Campbell, assistant personnel officer since May, 1943, resigned May 28 and left here for Salt Lake City.

Prior to his appointment in the center he was employed by the War Manpower commission in Ogden, Utah.

### ROSS FAVORS RELOCATION WHILE JOBS ARE OPEN, SENTIMENT GOOD

If Japanese Americans leave the relocation centers now while jobs and business opportunities are still open and sentiment is good, they will not suffer greatly during the temporary dislocation of workers following the cessation of war contracts. Miss Prudence Ross, acting supervisor of the

### HARDBALL PRACTICE

A hardball practice and game will be held Sunday afternoon on the #15 diamond, it was announced. Practice will begin after the noon lunch hour.

The 100th Infantry battalion, composed of Japanese American soldiers who spearheaded 5th Army advances through Italy, has become the most decorated unit in army history, according to the American Mercury...

Members of the battalion, recruited almost entirely from Japanese Americans in Hawaii, have received

### DECREASE OF 600 STUDENTS TOLD

The enrollment chart for both the Topaz elementary and high schools since the beginning of the school system to the present time reveals a decrease of approximately 600 students.

The largest registration at the high school totaled 1058 students on October 19, 1942, while the enrollment at the present is 734. The school has had four principals; Dr. Le-Grande Noble, Dr. Golden Wolfe, now principal of B.Y.U. high school; Drayton Nuttall, and Dr. LaVerne Bane.

The first enrollment at the elementary schools consisted of 745 pupils and this number has decreased to the present 470. Miss Wanda Robinson was appointed acting principal at the opening of the elementary schools and held that office until February, 1943. Perry Carmichael has been principal since April, 1945.

more than 1,000 Purple Hearts, 55 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, 9 Distinguished Service Crosses, 3 Legion of Merit Medals and 2 Presidential Unit Citations, the authors, Blake Clark and Oland Russell, said. They were the first Americans to take German prisoners in Italy and the first to knock out a nazi tank.

The battalion has run up another impressive record, the article said, with not one desertion and not a single hour of absence without leave in the three years of its existence.

### FRESNO OFFICIALS PLAN PROTECTION

FRESNO--Means to protect Japanese evacuees who recently have returned to their homes from relocation centers are being sought by county, city and military authorities, following a series of incidents in which the homes of a score of evacuees have been attacked.

Sheriff George J. Overholt, District Attorney James M. Thuesen, and military intelligence officers met last week, to seek a coordinated plan for halting the attacks, which peace officers lay to hoodlums.

### NATIVE SONS OPPOSE RETURN OF JAPANESE

Resolutions favoring continuation of the Oriental exclusion act and asking that the army rescind its order permitting Japanese Americans to return to the west coast were sent to President Truman they have employed them, and the California congressional delegation by the Native Sons of the Golden West,

North Central area, said.

The following ad appeared in the Omaha Evening World-Herald: "Maid Japanese American preferred, housework. Stay on place, private room, \$28.50 per week." The ad is indicative of the attitude toward Japanese Americans in the Midwest once the ice has been broken. Some employers who have never known Japanese Americans to return can are hesitant to employ them at first, but once they have employed them, they are almost always eager to employ others, it was noted.

# CIMINAL DEPARTURES

# ANTI-NISEI TERRORIST GETS 6 MONTH PROBATION

GREENRIVER: Akiko, Kiku, Misuye, Natsuko and Yetero Kawata.

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.: Eiko, Ayako and Kichisaburo Honda.

LOS GATOS, CALIF.: Shizuko Itaya.

ALAMEDA, CALIF.: Harry and Kikuno Tawa.

BERKELEY, CALIF.: George, Kishiko, Ishi, and Norma Hoshida.

SAN LEANDRO, CALIF.: Masaebro and Henry Shinoda.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.: Emiko and Hisayo Ishida.

CALDWELL, IDAHO: Bunjiro Kawamoto, Seichi Nakagawa, Noriyoshi Suto, Kamegoro Tsuruoka.

COZARD, NEB.: Teruko Tanabe.

HOUSTON, TEXAS: Yoneko, Shigeo, Paul, and Mitsuko Mizukami.

CHICAGO, ILL.: Kiku Ueyama, Misuye Endo, Yoshikawa Noreika, Nobuko Okawachi, Kumetaka Sasamoto, Tokuichiro Uehara, Tom Yamada, Yoshimatsu Yoshino.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.: Mitsue Yoshino.

DULUTH, MINN.: Jimmie Fujita.

FERNDALE, MICH.: Haruye Tsuchihashi.

DETROIT, MICH.: Jean Hayashida, Toshiko, Masatoshi, and Ronald Higuchi, Masai and Matsuki Kawaguchi, Natsuye Kimura, Matsuye, Yumi, Eiji, and Kenji Kondo, Masano Nonaka, Yoshiko, Michael, and Carolyn Takiguchi.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.: Yuriko, Paul and Melvin Kaneshiro.

WEBSTER GROVES, MO.: Yuko Shingu.

CINCINNATI, OHIO: Yukichi, Hideko and Irene Sakai, Sumiko Kato.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Kinjirō and Koyuki Hedani, Shokichiro Nonaka, Fusakichi Seki, Mitsujiro, Takahashi, Toshi, Toyojiro and Teyoko Takahashi.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK: Kazuo and Kiyo Nishida.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.: Shigeo, Herbert, and Calvin Nogami, Takoji Suyetsugu, Matsuichi Tonai.

BOSTON, MASS.: Takeo Kawamoto.

## SOLDIERS OPPOSE WRA CIRCULARS

Three California Congressmen, Clair Engle, Leroy Johnson and Jack Z. Anderson, have issued statements opposing use of funds by WRA to circulate

"propaganda favoring the Japanese people," or use Japanese Americans in Fresno of tax funds for "propaganda for any racial group."

Engle declared that the "the free American press can and is taking care of the controversy in regard to the merit or lack of merit of the Japanese as a racial group, and that is where the matter should be left."

## SGT. WOBASHI

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A former San Franciscan, he attended the S.F. Junior college prior to induction on February, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He was later transferred to the cavalry division in Camp Shelby.

The wounded war hero is proud to have fought with the now famed 442nd Infantry which played a great part in the unconditional surrender of Germany. He stated, "I am glad to be fighting with the 442nd Infantry, the best outfit."

## CIO DISPUTE

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ton employers is not with the unit of some 700 members, but with the full Local 6 of nearly 20,000 members and their officers determined to keep the work moving and to see to it that no taint of racial discrimination is allowed to remain."

Harry Bridges, president of the international union, said in a statement:

"Either you are in favor of discrimination, or not in favor of it," Bridges said. "If you are in favor of it, you have no place in our union. We will not back away from this fight."

FRESNO--Levi Multanen, 23, a rancher, pleaded guilty to firing two shots into the home of a returned Japanese American evacuee, and drew a six months' suspended sentence in Justice court at Parliament.

Multanen, the first man arrested for shooting at Japanese Americans in Fresno county, where there have been half a dozen similar incidents in recent weeks, told Judge L. B. Corsby that he hadn't heard from his nephew, who is fighting the Japs in the South Pacific, for a long time, and that he was worried and "very mad at the Japs."

The judge warned him against further illegal acts and placed him on probation for six months.

The attack was made on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Iwasaki.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

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but nevertheless, important service. In a way, we here are all war casualties, and those who do pass on while away from their real homes are entitled to special recognition such as we meet together on this Memorial Day to give....

The Rev. Norio Ozaki pointed out that nisei soldiers are showing that the evacuation and hardships of relocation camp life have not decreased their faith in this country or in democracy. Those who have lain down their lives have proven their loyalty more than any words can do, he added.

**MUSIC RECITAL:** A recital will be presented this Sunday afternoon from 2 o'clock in 1-6-DE.

## MORE ON TSUNEKAWA

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forces in 1941, he received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and was sent overseas in August of last year.

## DR. HAWES TO SPEAK ON RACE RELATIONS SUN

Dr. H. B. Hawes, former moderator for the California Presbyterian churches, will deliver a lecture on race relations in the civic auditorium this Sunday evening from 7:30 PM.

The lecture is being sponsored by both the Buddhist and Christian churches in the center. Dr. Hawes will speak in English and the Rev. Norio Ozaki will translate the lecture into Japanese.

## PETERSON MADE NEW CAS HEAD

Parrell Peterson of Orem, Utah, former physical education director of the Alpine school district in American Fork was recently appointed CAS supervisor.

Other new appointees are: Thomas G. Theobald, night dispatcher; Leonard G. Bowers, property clerk; Donna Rae Judd, telephone operator; and James G. Williams, internal security officer.

## REQUIEM HIGH MASS HELD BY CATHOLICS

A requiem high mass was held on Memorial day for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the navy and army forces at the Catholic church. Father William Stoecke officiated.

**FOR SALE:** 1937 Ford two door sedan. Motor and tires are in good condition. Please inquire at 30-C-C before Monday, June 4.

## TOPAZ YBA ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### AKAGI, ISHII WEDDING TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Gisaku Akagi of 28-1-D announced the marriage of their only daughter, Hisako, to Larry Ishii, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sadakichi Ishii of Mt. Mountain. The wedding took place in Salt Lake City on May 7.

The bride lived in Berkeley prior to evacuation. Her husband is formerly from San Francisco and had been in Chicago until recently.

### NEW NURSES' AID CLASS SET JUNE 11

A new class in the nurses' aid training program will commence June 11, Miss Augusta Kirchner, chief nurse, disclosed.

Persons who are high school graduates, 17 years of age or over and in good health are eligible to enroll in the new class.

Interviews will be taken daily except Sundays from 1 to 3 PM at the hospital. Further information will be given at the time of the interview.

### FLOWER CLASS TO END MAY 31

The adult education class in flower making and flower arrangement will close May 31, Perry Carmichael, vocational supervisor said today.

All other organized adult education classes will continue until June 30.

The new board of directors for the Topaz YBA were elected at a recent service. A candlelight installation ceremony will be held in the Buddhist church Sunday evening from 7 o'clock.

The new board of directors are: President, Yosh Isono; Girls' vice president, Machiko Kimura; Boys' vice president, Toshi Yamada; Corresponding secretary, Ruri Marubayashi; Treasurer, Kuni Sumi; Religious chairman, Matsuye Sugiyama; Forensic chairman, Shigemi Saiki; Social chairmen, Kazuko Nose and Fred Kunisaki; Recreation chairman, Yoshiko Keikken and Junji Doani; Music chairman, Tomiko Yamazaki; and Sunday school superintendent, Motoiehi Yanagi.

## TWO SISTERS ARE BOSTON U. GRADS

Esther Yasuko Tani and her sister, Daisy Katusyo, both formerly of Topaz, were graduated from Boston University college of liberal arts within six months of each other.

Esther received her degree on May 21 while Daisy graduated in January and is now employed in the book selection department of the Boston public library. Both girls attended San Francisco college and the University of California previously.

## TAILORING CLASS TO HOLD EXHIBIT

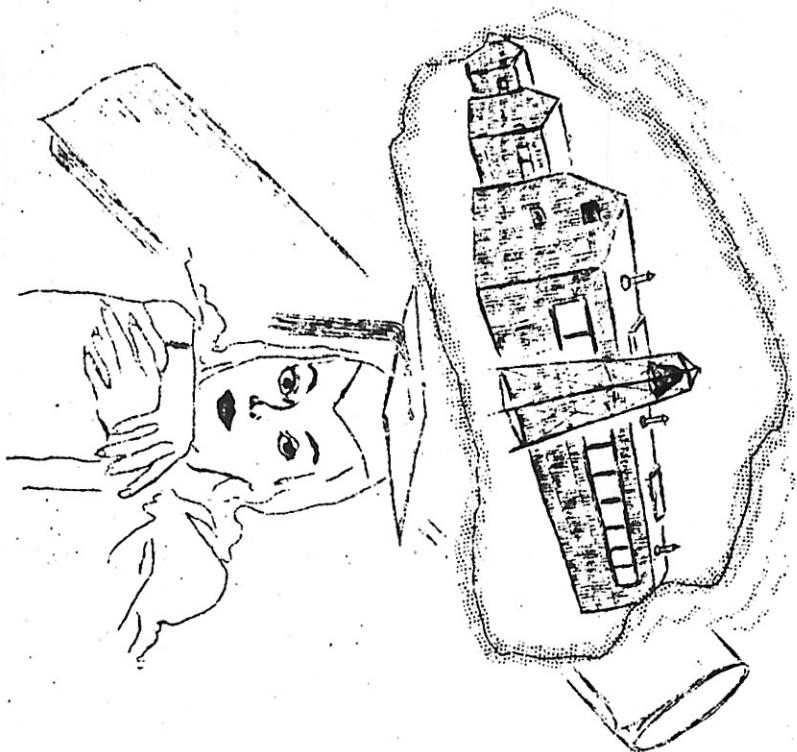
The vocational training and high school tailoring classes of Morinobu Kusunoki will hold a tailoring exhibit Sunday from 10 to 12 AM and 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The exhibit will be held in the science building southwest of the main auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

**FOR SALE:** 1937 Ford sedan. Owner is going into the army. Contact Ben Takahashi at 12-E-C.

## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICE	SPEAKER	PLACE	TIME
BUDDHIST			
Sunday School	Rev. Kyogoku	Church	9:00 AM
Junior and YBA			
Combined Service	Rev. Sanada	Church	10:15 AM
PROTESTANT			
Sunday School		Rocs 5, 23, 27, DH 32 DH 32	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Worship	Father Stoecke Rec 28		8:30 AM
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