

MEMORANDUM 13 July, 1944.

In connection with the publication, *Bussel Life*, issued at Topaz, Russell Banksen, Reports officer advises under date of 13 May, 1944, as follows:

"In connection with the publication called "*Bussel Life*", there were only four issues put out. This little publication was issued by the YBA group as a private venture, using their own materials. They were not aware of the fact that they were required to file copies with me when they put out their first number. It was only by chance that I got hold of the copies of No. 4. I immediately requested necessary numbers to supply all of the sources requiring filings on Center publications. However, the girl who had complete charge of the publication had left the Center and in the office they were able to find only, 2, 3 and 4. The stencil and all copies of No. 1, Volume 1, had vanished. I even had different residents inquire around in their neighborhood to try and find copies for me but was unsuccessful."

PERSONALITY COLUMN

A well-known popular Bussei, Tadashi Hirota, formerly of Oakland has volunteered for Military Intelligence School at Camp Savage, Minnesota and is expected to leave this center in early part of June.

Being the president of the Bay District YBA, executive secretary of North America Buddhist Mission, director of the 'Buddhist Day' at the World's Fair, being known as one of the most promising public relations men among the Buddhist Circles, advisor and executive director for the recent Hana-Matsuri and YBA Topaz Confab, and other important roles, it had to take Tad to start our Bussei ball rolling.

Today, Tad is being very active in the Topaz center and also has been elected to the presidency of the Buddhist organization. He is now in Salt Lake City preparing for the coming Conference.

He deserves much credit and the Busseis in this City rabidly send their congratulation for his refined duties he is offering to us each day.

Dr. Tadashi George Tani formerly of Oakland has finally left the Minidoka Relocation Center for points East and will finally settle in the city of Chicago.

YBA members of the Bay Area will remember him as active in both YBA and the Sunday School groups.

Before evacuation, Tad Tani was one of the prominent Japanese Optometrists in Oakland working for Dr. R.W. Wehara. His sister, Yasuko, now in Chicago,

VOICE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Relocation or, as some people are calling it, resettlement is now receiving major attention at all ten relocation centers. Some day, in the near future, the whole of the United States will again be opened to resettlement but, for the present, opportunities are available to learn something of the Middle West and the East.

Americans living in these sections of the United States know very little about the Japanese or about Buddhism. Men and women of character and of courage are having their chance now to introduce themselves to America. The War Relocation Authority has signified its willingness and its desire to cooperate with the leaders of the Buddhist Church in their plans for providing for opportunities for persons who relocate from the centers to continue their worship as Buddhists.

Therefore, the extension of the Buddhist Faith and the extension of the relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry will go hand in hand in the joint effort to develop a stronger America.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On this occasion of your second publication of Topaz "Bussei Life," may I take this opportunity to express the good wishes of the people of this Community.

It is gratifying to see active church life in this Community among young people as well as the old. We, who are connected with self-government within this center, have tried to make this center operate as much as possible to correspond with that of a normal city on the outside, and we feel gratified to see normal church interest and spirit existing here. From experience, we have found that people with church background do make good residents. I hope, through proper church environment and training, we can make this a better Community in which to live in.

In closing may I again extend you our good wishes.

Mike Maruyama
Chairman, Community Council

'TIS RUMOR

Keep your eyes peeled toward the 'Tis Rumored' column edited by person unknown. Featured also will be the "Ideal Bussei Boy and Girl" made up of outstanding Bussei members.

has shown her ability as singer at YBA affairs.

It was indeed our misfortune to have the WRA send for Tad to go to Minidoka but our loss was their gain.

We all wish him the best of luck and success for the future in Chicago.

DELEGATES TO LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY

To decide the future of Buddhism in America, the 3rd National 9th Annual YBA Conference will be held in Salt Lake City from May 20-23. "Carry On Bussei" will be the theme.

Only delegates and cabinet officers of the free zones are invited to attend this business confab to discuss the topics listed in the program for each conference day.

Delegates from this center are Dr. Mitsugi Matoi, Mike Maruyama, Eiichi Sato, Hideo Kawahara, Hisako Kuroiwa, Nora Sakaki, June Nakayama, Akiko Ota, Noboru Hanyu, Harry Ushijima, Hideo Shinagawa, Yosh Iso no, Sachi Tajima, Yukino Takemoto, Margaret Kitashima, and Betty Koizumi. Eiichi Koizumi is leaving tomorrow to prepare with the art work.

The program for the 4-day confab is as follows:

THURSDAY

Registration--10-12 AM
National, Relocation Centers, Free Zones--1:30-6 PM.

FRIDAY

Relocation Center Problems and Policies.

1. Administration 2. Finance. 3. Religious Material. 4. Program. 5. Social Welfare--10-12 AM.
6. Student Relocation 7. Resettlement. 8. Church. 9. Centralization & Coordination. 10. General Jpso. American Problems. 11. Miscellaneous--1:30-6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY

Organizational Problems. 1. General--10:00-12:00 AM.

2. Relocation Center. 3. Free Zone. 4. Projects--2-5:00 PM.

Bussei Ball--9-12 P.M.

SUNDAY

Registration--9:00 AM.
Opening Service & Ceremony--10:00 AM

Singfest--11:30 AM

Buffet Luncheon--11:45

Address--1:30 PM

Music Appreciation--

2:30 P.M.

Bussei Speak--3:00 PM

Conference Picture--

4:00 P.M.

Closing Service--4:45

PM.

Banquet & Entertainment--6:00 PM.

Installation Ceremony--9:00 P.M.

Closing of Conference--9:30 P.M.

REV. KUMATA VOLUNTEERS

The Reverend Masaru Kumata, American-born clergyman of our Faith, has volunteered to serve as a chaplain for the Japanese American combat unit.

It was indicated by Wm. R. Arnold, chief of chaplains, that if the Rev. Kumata is inducted, he will become the U. S. Army's first chaplain of Japanese descent.

Since a number of Med volunteers will be based at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, he will carry on with his duty there.

The Rev. Kumata was born in Seattle, Washington where he received his elementary and high school education in Seattle and also attended a business school there. He also received a degree from the Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan.

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JUNIOR GIRLS ORGANIZE CLUB

Through the combined efforts of the Rec 28 and 8 girls of Senior Sunday School class, the much-anticipated club for these girls became a reality last month when more than 25 members met at Rec 10 to form the "Junior Bussei Girls" organization.

The main objective of this club has been pointed out as a medium in having an outdoor sports team, handicrafts and other coordinations.

Teru Kaneko was elected as president of the newly-formed club, assisted by the following cabinet members: Aseko Kawamoto, vice president; Saohiye Yanaba, secretary, and Yaeko Kami, treasurer. Supervising this club is the Rev. Kumata and the co-advisors are Hiromi Nakasaki and Hideo Shinagawa.

Y.B.A. SPONSORS "BINGO NIGHT"

To raise funds to send a delegation of Topaz Buddhists to the 3rd National Buddhists Conference in Salt Lake City held next week, the YP group will sponsor a 'Bingo Nite' tonight at the church from 7:30 o'clock.

Co-chairmen Miko Maruyama and Eiichi Sato announced that the public is also invited.

REMEMBER BINGO NITE!!

TOPAZ Y.B.A.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The YBA is now on its first membership drive with Treasurer Hideo Kawahara in charge.

Representative from every block has been selected to be responsible for contacting YBA members and distributing membership cards.

You are asked to cooperate toward a 100% membership. Hereafter, the "Bussei Life" will be distributed only to those holding membership cards.

TOPAZ YOUNG PEOPLES' SERVICES
May 18, 1943

Chairman: Nora Sakaki

1. Prelude.....BUSSEI KOSHIN KYOKU
2. Opening Address.....Chairman
3. Meditation
4. Incense Offering.....Keichi Kawamoto
Margaret Kitashima
5. Gatha.....SHINSHU SHUKA
6. Three Treasures
Kikyomon
7. Sermon.....Rev. Okayama
8. Gatha.....ONDOKUSAN
9. Meditation
10. Closing Address.....Chairman
11. Announcements

THE CREED

WE RELY upon Tathagata Amitabha with our whole heart for the Enlightenment in the life to come, abstaining from all sundry practices and teachings, and giving up the trust in our powerless self.

We believe that the assurance of our Rebirth through His Salvation comes at the very moment we put our Faith in Him; and we call the Name, Namu-Amidabutsu, in happiness and thankfulness for His Mercy.

We also acknowledge gratefully the benign benevolence of our Founder and the succeeding Masters who have led us to believe in this profound teaching; and we do now endeavour to follow throughout our lives the Way laid down for us.