

NATIONAL FUND DRIVE STARTED

DIRECTOR VOICES YBA TO RAISE 300 DOLLARS VIEWS ON FUTURE FOR HEADQUARTERS FUND

"Relocation and the Future" was the subject of Project Director Ernst's address at the first evening service of the local YBA last Sunday. Due to unexpected rain only a small but appreciative and attentive group was present at the gathering.

In his usual sincere and convincing manner, Mr. G. F. Ernst presented his personal views on various problems faced by the evacuees, emphasizing the need of practical thinking. Following are some of the points that he stressed.

"We must all realize that this is a global war and that after the war is over there will be resettlement and readjustment, not only here in the United States but in Europe, Asia and all over the world. Resettlement will be a global problem. Realizing this, we must consider the opportunities offered now in order to assimilate into the fast tempo of the outside world."

"Where will the end of the war find us, not only physically and geographically, but socially and economically? Will we have been assimilated in the normal American life? Will Buddhism be accepted as one of the religions of this country, free from doubt and suspicion?"

"The Bussei of today have a very definite duty and responsibility placed upon their shoulders; that of disseminating the Teachings of Buddha among the American public."

He also stated that this should be accomplished with a broad, far reaching and well organized program.

To raise funds for the National YBA Headquarters for the period of July-December, 1945, the local YBA organization is starting a house to house drive among its members today continuing on for four weeks, it was announced by Tad Hirota, President.

MYER PLEASED WITH YBA PLANS

Acknowledging a resolution passed at the National YBA Conference in Salt Lake City, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, WRA Director, addressed the following message to Rev. Kumata on June 8, 1945:

"WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR OF YOUR PLAN TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO CO-ORDINATE YOUNG BUDDHIST ACTIVITIES IN RELOCATION CENTERS AND FREE ZONES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER TO COOPERATE WITH THE WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THE RELOCATION PROGRAM, AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK."

Mr. Ernst revealed statistical figures on the recent registration and repatriation as it concerned the YBA members. Hearing Boards consisting of three members will consider requests of those registrants and repatriates who wish to revise their answers, he concluded.

Following the talk by the guest speaker, a question and answer period was conducted with Dr. Mitsugi Matoi as chairman.

The service was brought to a close with an inspiring prayer by Rev. K. Kumata. A gatha practice is planned as the feature of this Sunday evening's YBA meeting.

Other relocation center chapters are also conducting drives to meet the initial national assessment while the free zone groups are canvassing their communities for as much financial aid as possible.

Dr. Mitsugi Matoi, Hide Kawahara, Eiichi Sato, and Mike Maruyama will direct this campaign which is on a section basis. The following people are in charge of the divisions: Blocks 5, 8, 9, and 10, Yoshio Iseno and Margaret Kishashima; 4, 5, 11, and 12, Yukino Takemoto and Hide Kawahara; 6, 7, 13, and 14, Mike Maruyama and Hisako Kuroiwa; 16, 22, 23 and 29, June Nakayama, and Mitsugi Matoi; 19, 20, 26, and 27, Eiichi Sato and Akiko Ota; 30, 31, 36 and 37, Nora Sakaki and Harry Ushijima; 33, 38, 39, and 40, Jack Machida and Hideko Shinagawa; 28, 34, 35, 41, and 42, Noboru Hanju and Sachi Tajima.

Names of the donors will be published in the next two issues of the "Bussei Life."

BUSSEIS TO JOIN IN JULY 4TH FETE

The YBA will participate in the center-wide Fourth of July Festival, it was reported today by Akiko Ota, secretary.

The Busseis will sponsor one of the concessions at the carnival with Yoshio Iseno and Sachi Tajima as directors.

All registered members are asked to cooperate with the chairman.

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OUR YBA

editorial.....

BUSSEI AND THE PRESENT WORLD

Since that fateful day of December 7, 1941, war clouds and war hysteria which cast threatening shadows has turned into reality what we thought a mere dream just two years ago.

The Bussei as well as all the Japanese Americans were placed in an uncomfortable and precarious position. There is no necessity in repeating, so clear is it to all, that jingoists and yellow journals looked with askance, eyed with suspicion these citizens of the United States who through chance of birth have the racial features of a Japanese.

While the attention of the nations was riveted upon the rapidly shifting scene of the war, the Army accomplished with a minimum of fanfare and publicity one of the most unusual operations in its history: the Evacuation of 100,000 Japanese--men, women, and children--from Military Area No. 1, a strip of territory extending 100 miles inland down the length of the West Coast. Wholly without precedent, this largest mass evacuation in American history has been accomplished by the Army.

Too, those of us who have gone through assembly center life and who are living in relocation centers now, have gone through and are going through a unique experience, at times painful and distressing. Those of you who evacuated voluntarily have rehabilitated yourselves in your new community life. We have all been living in a rather strange and different world; but above all this, we have learned to think philosophically, realistically, and practically instead of taking things for granted.

Whether we are those "citizens behind barbed wires," or whether we are living in a city far from the bounds of a relocation center, we, as Busseis, can live our lives as patriotic citizens by "right views, right aspirations, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right contemplation--the way of the Buddha's eightfold path."

Hours of study are not necessary in following this path, but the conviction that you, the Bussei are proud of your citizenship is vital.

Facing the dire actualities of the present situation realistically, our one view should be of loyalty, not only today, but at all times to the country of our birth.

America's system of government may not be the perfect institution, but it is the most nearly perfect on this earth. Hearing of those who lead an unbelievable existence in the old world should be adequate reason for us to aspire to preserve as well as to enrich this democratic system of government. But in doing so, right effort must be employed. Hundreds are the viewpoints expressed by newspapers, magazines and speakers but we must draw our own conclusions through tolerance and clear thinking for the objective of all in America--the restoration of a just and durable peace. Whatever sacrifices we may be called to make will be a privilege for the safeguarding of the rights and privileges which only a democracy can give.

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Our YBA held its first evening service last Sunday but it turned out to be a wash-out. The rains came unexpectedly during dinner time and the roads became so muddy that the majority of members decided to stay home. However, the old Faithful gang was on hand to hear Project Director Ernst give an enlightening talk on relocation. With the aid of the weather man, this Sunday night's service should be well attended.

Our congratulations and thanks go to Shizuko Matsuzaki and Akiko Ota for selling the most membership cards during the recent drive. Chairman Hide Kawahara reported that a number of block representatives have not as yet turned in their results; these persons are requested to check in as soon as possible. Those who have not as yet obtained cards may contact Hide or any member of his committee.

The campaign for National Headquarters' fund commences today and the YBA board is looking forward to active cooperation and support from all its members. A sum of \$500 must be realized so the Busseis must call upon the assistance of the older niseis and elders. Let's give the sectional chairmen our 100% backing!

Our YBA will launch a book drive for "our boys in the service" within the very near future. If you have any books that aren't being used and are available for this purpose, kindly be ready to contribute to this campaign.

A card of thanks was received from Michi and Betty Koinumi, now relocated in Cleveland, Ohio. They commented that they have been lucky to date in regards to housing and employment. Betty is working as a clerk-typist for a furniture firm and Michi is employed by the Martin Company, a defense industry outfit.

That's thirty for today.

THOUGHTS FROM NATIONAL MEET

TIME FOR BUSSEIS TO "CARRY ON" WORK

Since the outbreak of the global war, our Buddhist activities have been confined only to that of local affairs. Then came the most unprecedented hysterical moments of our lives--mass evacuation.

We have, to this date, carried on our activities under omnifarious handicaps and difficulties. In fact, we have lost sight of our Brethrens in other relocation centers and free zones. Why? Perhaps there may be other angles to this, but my answer is "because we did not have a strong central coordinating office."

The theme of this confab was "Carry On, Bussei." On the walls of the temple hung banners of the ten relocation centers and six free zone chapters, which created a Brotherhood feeling that although the floor space of the temple was small, thousands upon thousands of you, fellow Buddhists, were with us in spirit.

The cornerstone has only been laid. The time has come for the Busseis to take over the responsibilities in "Carrying On." With health supreme and mind serene, let us all pull together and unite in this gallant March of Buddhism in America and pledge our life support.

By Rev. N. Ishium
Olla River YBA

WEDDING BELLS SOON FOR ACTIVE LEADER

The engagement of Masako Matoi, active Bussei leader who previously lived in San Francisco, to Joe Oishi, former Richmond nursery operator, was announced recently by Mrs. Matoi at a tea given for members of the immediate families and friends.

Masako is employed as a senior clerk in the Cost Accounts Unit and Joe is working in Delta.

A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Give me, dear Lord, the strength to take whatever comes my way, And keep me, Lord, from blowing up In spite of what they say. Give me a sense of humor, Lord, And teach me how to smile Though forced to trudge the hardest trail For many a weary mile.

And then, if I can safely pass Through all this time of stress

I pray, dear Lord, that you will keep Me free of bitterness.

---Isako Koneshima
May, Intercollegian

FORMER BAY RESIDENT KILLED IN ACCIDENT

The late Hiroshi Okamura of San Francisco was killed recently in an accident at the Anache Relocation Center in Colorado, it was learned today.

He was well-known among the Bay Region people for his activeness in church and Boy Scout affairs; he also was associated with the Gale basketball team.

The Rev. S. Sanada made a trip to Anache at the request of the Okamura family to officiate at the funeral services. The deceased is survived by his parents, wife and two children.

MITSUYASU-INADOMI

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. N. Mitsuyasu, 58-11-7, revealed the truth of their daughter, Haruko, to Kusuo Inadomi at their home last Sunday evening at a reception attended by members of the immediate families.

Haru, formerly of Berkeley, is now employed as a cost-clerk in the Agricultural Division and her fiancé, former Oakland resident, is currently working with the Commissary staff.

BUDDHISTS HELP CITY COUNCIL

16 MEMBERS CHOSEN TO SERVE COMMUNITY

In the general election held Tuesday sixteen members of the Topan Buddhist Church were elected to the new Community Council. Masuji Fujii, Michi Sato and Toshio Yoshida, all church directors, were among those chosen.

Other successful candidates of the Buddhist faith were: Giichi Yoshio-ka, Dr. George Oshikubo, Hotoki Kudo, Matsuo Kurokawa, George Hagiwara, Michikazu Nakai, Shiro Morio-oka, Yikichi Sakai, Saiki Muneno, Senjiro Kawaguchi, Kyonosuke Shigezumi, and Seichi Yamamura.

These new Council representatives will take office on July 1st and will serve until the end of the year.

FATHER'S DAY

YBA SERVICE PAYS TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

Today is "Father's Day" and the YBA will pay tribute to all fathers by setting aside a minute of silence during its service tonight in sincere dedication to them. With Noboru Hanyu as chairman, the Young Buddhists will assemble at the church from 7 P.M. for the special religious meeting.

The program follows:

1. Prelude, organ solo
2. Invocation
3. Gatha: "Nembutsu"
4. Three Treasures
5. Dedication to Fathers
6. Sermon by Rev. Nunata
7. Gatha: "Softly Blew The Breezes"
8. Meditation
9. Promise
10. Gassho
11. Postlude, organ solo.

Following the service a business meeting and gatha practice will be held. The report on the recent board meeting will be featured.

TASK TO FOLLOW EIGHTFOLD PATH

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We are granted the freedom of speech, but that freedom unless used wisely will hurt us more than aid us. As descendants of one of the minority groups in America, our speech should be guarded against race prejudice; as we ourselves are so prejudiced against.

Whether we travel to the Middle West or East for employment or whether we are inducted into the Armed Forces, let us guard our actions, now more than ever. Right actions shall gain the confidence of our fellow Americans through our examples in loyalty and dependability.

Let us remain law-abiding citizens of our community and country. An opportunity has been presented to us wherein we may prove ourselves good and loyal citizens by living rightly even if sacrifices shall have to be made.

Our task, which takes much courage, is to overcome ignorance and forget selfish desires. By forgetting selfish desires, let us direct our effort towards national unity and defense; towards Victory and the ideals of peace and democracy.

Let us be mindful of the fact that today millions are suffering under the yoke of dictatorships. Though we may be confined within the limits of a project area, the flame from the torch of the Statue of Liberty is still burning. Let us offer Thanksgiving that as long as there is that flame, we shall enjoy the blessings of a constitutional government.

Let us remember to contemplate so that we will not be led astray from the Eightfold Path.

In the long run, we will probably profit by this painful and distressing experience. We had not made a satisfactory adjustment to American life prior to December 7; and

WRITERS NEEDED FOR LIFE STAFF

Tsugio Kubota has been appointed chief artist of the Bussei Life staff, replacing Eichi Koizumi who recently left for Ohio.

The staff is still badly in need of volunteer news-writers and those who are interested should contact Hideko Shinagawa at the TOYAZ TIMES office during the work day or after dinner at 42-10-D. No experience is required.

The next issue will come out on July 4th and will feature information about the city-wide festival.

through the unforeseen exigencies of the war, it is possible that we can win for ourselves as far more satisfactory position in American life than we have enjoyed in the past. On the other hand, it is also possible that the evacuation policy can degenerate into a horrible fiasco, resulting in the possible post-war deportation of the aliens in the Japanese groups and in making social and economic pariahs out of the Niseis. The success or failure depends largely upon how thoroughly the problem can be interpreted to the American public so as to win for the War Relocation Authority complete freedom of action which we must have in dealing with the problem.

We, as Bussei, can handle our end of this problem by our loyalty to America, the preservation and enrichment of this democratic system of government, guarding our speech, right action instead of words to show our loyalty, to become worthy citizens of a community, right effort towards the restoration of peace, appreciation of the freedom that is still ours, right contemplation to preserve and achieve these principles--the way of the Buddha's Eightfold Path.

--June Nakayama

Know Your MEMBERS

MASAKO IKEDA, 16-2-B, formerly of Washington Township, top-notch athlete, good group leader, is at present working for Community Education Section as a recreational supervisor. SHIGE NAKAYAMA, 37-1-B, ex Alameda, one of the Commissary boys, catcher for their potent softball team and rated as a hard worker.

VIRGINIA KAWAKAMI, 29-1-B, hails from Hayward, nicknamed "Fudge" for her sweetness, currently appointive personnel time-keeper, look for her at all social affairs.

KEICHI KAWAMOTO, 10-12-E, came from Berkeley, member of all-star basketball team, active in all sports fields, good looking but quiet lad.

YASUKO NOBANA, 31-5-B, former San Mateo resident, received high school diploma at Tanforan, is now Community Education staff secretary, very steady church-goer. TOMMY NITTA, 36-1-F, one of the younger set from Irvington, voted all-star on high school hoop squad, is among those graduating this week.

YBA NEWSBITS

Yoshio Isono has been appointed by the YBA Board to serve as co-chairman of special events with Sashi Tajima.

Katherine Nakase is representing the National YBA at the youth conference at Estes Park, Colorado.

Dr. Kiyoshi Hikoeda is at present visiting his family here in Topaz. He recently graduated with high honors in the school of Dentistry at Washington University in St. Louis and is now a licensed instructor in that city.

Op'l Yuki Kawamoto is expected to arrive in Topaz tomorrow to visit his family and friends. He is now a graduate of the Camp Savage language school.