

NISEI TROOPS TO LEAD PARADE

15,000 GI'S TO TAKE PART

LEGHORN, Italy--The Japanese American 100th and 442nd troops, some 3000 strong, were chosen by Gen. Francis H. Oxx, area commander, to lead the V-J parade here of 15,000 GI's. They will be led by Col. V. R. Miller of Winneconne, Wis., the 442nd Infantry Regiment commander.

A petition came, simultaneously with General Oxx's announcement, from all men in D company, 168th Infantry Regiment (white), addressed to 100th and 442nd, promising full aid to nisei servicemen facing readjustment problems back in the States. It said in part that the members of the company "do hereby assert that our help may be counted upon to convince the folks back home that you are fully deserving of all the privileges with which we ourselves are bestowed."

American soldiers who fought beside nisei in Italy are urging that nisei troops be sent home on top priority because their readjustment problems will probably be most difficult of any of returning GI groups.

It was disclosed that — continued on page 3 —

SETS PIONEER CLOSING DATE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, has been set by Project Director James G. Lindley as the date for the final edition of the Granada PIONEER, announced Melvin P. McGovern, acting reports officer, last Thursday.

The Japanese section of the PIONEER under Ichiro Konno, editor, will say "sayonara" with this issue, McGovern added. With the relocation of key staff members, the Japanese section is unable to continue its service to the evacuees.

Henceforth, all information in Japanese to the evacuees when necessary will most likely be distributed in a bulletin form, or through the medium of the block managers.

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VFW SENDS APOLOGY TO NAITO FOR REJECTION

SPOKANE, Wash.--A letter of apology was sent to Pfc. Richard H. Naito, wounded nisei veteran, by the National Veterans of Foreign Wars organization for the "stupidity" of the members of VFW Post No. 51, Spokane, who have rejected the membership application of the Japanese American on racial grounds.

The receipt of the letter was disclosed by Sgt. Edward P. Salsich, chairman of the Spokane veterans' anti-prejudice committee, which was set up by 500

wounded combat veterans at the Army's Baxter general hospital.

Carrying the name of Jean A. Brunner, Forest Hills, N.Y., commander-in-chief of the VFW, and signed by the VFW's director of public relations, Jerry A. Freeman of New York City, the letter stated:

"Dear Pfc. Naito:

"Will you kindly permit me to apologize to you for the stupidity of those members of the Ensign John R. Monahan Post No. 51, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spokane, Wash., who rejected your application for membership.

"It is the desire of our organization and our national commander-in-chief, Jean A. Brunner, to not only accept our Japanese American servicemen in our organization but to ask them to join.

"Inasmuch as each post has the power to accept or — continued on page 3 —

TO AID JAPAN OCCUPATION

The fighting 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, now stationed in northern Italy, will be sent to Japan to assist in the occupation of the home islands of Japan, according to a radio report received on Saturday, Aug. 18.

This news was disclosed in the Aug. 18 issue of the PACIFIC CITIZEN.

The 442nd Infantry had been scheduled for return to the United States in February, 1946, and was to have been placed in the strategic reserves.

FHA HAS 230 APARTMENTS FOR SERVICEMEN FAMILIES

The Federal Public Housing Authority has announced that 230 apartments (single room, one-, two- and three-bedrooms apartments) in California are available for families of servicemen, either on active duty or discharged, according to Walter J. Knodel, relocation program officer.

Qualified evacuees must make reservation at the relocation office by Aug. 27. Families signing up for these apartments must be ready to occupy them between Sept. 3 and 6, Knodel added.

There are 100 apartments of various sizes in San

Francisco, 100 in Los Angeles and 30 in San Diego. Rentals range from \$27.50 to \$38.

SPECIAL COACH FOR CHICAGO

A special coach for Chicago is scheduled to leave Granada this Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 7:15 a.m., revealed Mario Vecchio, assistant relocation program officer, Thursday.

Anyone wishing to sign up for this extra eastbound special is urged to get in touch with the relocation office immediately, as only few seats are available.

WISIEI PATPAURRI

By ROY YOSHIDA

SAYONARA

WITH THIS ISSUE the Japanese section of the PIONEER says "SO," which is a newspaper's way of saying "sayonara," which in turn is a Japanese lingo for farewell. After a meritorious service of nearly three years, the relocation soon of the key staff members forces the discontinuance of this service to the evacuees.

Ichiro Konno, the present editor who took charge soon after his transfer here from Jerome relocation center in June, 1944, has received his permission to return to his beloved Hawaii. He is awaiting his passage which is expected shortly.

Yutaka Kubota, chief translator and dean of the Japanese section staff, is leaving this Monday for Los Angeles. He has been with the paper longer than any other member of the entire PIONEER staff.

Ever since the PIONEER came out with its first edition on that memorable Oct. 23, 1942, the Japanese section--except for perhaps one or two unavoidable interruptions--has fulfilled its obligation to the evacuees and the project administration in a very capable manner. Because of its position--caught between the WRA and the evacuees--the Japanese section has had its share of ups and downs. It was hardly possible to satisfy both factions at all times--no language contains enough double-meaning words to accomplish such a task. But, all in all, Messrs. Konno and Kubota, their associates and their predecessors have done extremely well under comparatively trying circumstances. On more occasions than most of us realize, they have gone out of their way to keep the evacuees up to date on WRA policies, which have been many and varied. They have dispatched various project administration announcements with least amount of delay. They have

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EDITORIAL

JAPANESE AMERICAN HEROES

WHEN OUR TROOPS in Northern Italy march on V-J Day; 3000 Japanese American veterans will lead the parade.

These Nisei troops are accustomed to be out in front in battle, so the Army command decided they had earned that position in the peace celebration. They forced open the mountain barrier to Strasbourg. They rescued from the Germans the famous lost battalion of the 36th Infantry.

Their unit casualties during the war were three times as large as their original battle strength. Their AWOL record was phenomenally low--of the total of six, half skipped hospital beds to slip back into combat. In the V-J Day march they will carry their battle flag with its four unit combat citations, three of them presidential awards.

Their fellow-Americans of the 168th Infantry Regiment stationed nearby have sent these Nisei of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Infantry Regiment a document of appreciation for their "heroic and meritorious achievements," and a pledge of help during the readjustment period back home.

May that friendly help not be needed when these Nisei are welcomed back to their America and ours.

--Rocky Mountain News, Aug. 21, 1945

TWO SIDES EXPRESSED ON RETURN OF COAST EVACUEES

VISALIA, Calif.--John Terry, assistant county school superintendent, in a victory rally here last week, denounced exclusion activities directed against Japanese Americans as undemocratic and un-American.

VISITING

★★★ SOLDIERS

Pfc. H. H. Yusa, Camp Beale, Calif.; Pfc. John Hatamiya, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Pvts. Kenzo Arimoto, George Akiyama and Frank Uryu, Ft. Bragg, NC.; T/5 Jerry M. Kuroki, Ft. Douglas, Utah; Pfc. Jimmy T. Iwamura, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Pvt. Toshio Tsubota, Texas; T/4 Thomas Murakami, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Pvt. Taro Tanji, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; T/Sgt. Hiroshi Muraye, APO.

disseminated local news as quickly as received.

To all the who served on the Japanese section staff from the first issue down to the last should go the gratitude of the people who benefited by their unselfish services. Theirs is a work well done.

He pleaded for "tolerance of racial, religious and political groups."

At an anti-Japanese meeting held after the rally, under Ivanhoe District Citizens League's auspices, Dr. John R. Lechner, Los Angeles, declared that there are no objections to the returning of nisei servicemen. But those who try to use this as a cover to whitewash the treasonable attitudes of others of Japanese descent are not even tolerant, but plain fools.

You shouldn't expect much of other people because the average of them is about like you.--Claude Callan, Kansas City Times.

MOVIES



TONIGHT

No Movies

TOMORROW

7:15 p.m.--12F Mess hall

8:00 p.m.--12H Mess hall

(Sweet and Lowdown)

MONDAY

7:15 p.m.--9H Mess hall

8:00 p.m.--8F Mess hall

TUESDAY

7:15 p.m.--6G Mess hall

WEDNESDAY

No Movies

A helter-skelter, delightful romantic musical, "Sweet and Lowdown," begins its three-night run tomorrow.

Linda Darnell and Lynn Bari provide the romantic interest, while Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra supply the musical background.

CA MOVIES TO BE FREE

Beginning tomorrow night there will be no admission charge for regularly scheduled movies, announced Min Imamura, CA motion picture supervisor, yesterday.

Crowd control measures thwarted previous attempts to install free movies.

TO LEAD PARADE

—continued from page 1— Japanese American casualties totaled 9,230, or three times their original battle strength.

CALL KIBEI FOR SPECIAL DUTY

LEGHORN, Italy--A select number of veterans of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, mostly kibeis who speak and write Japanese, are being called up for occupational assignment in Japan.

VFW APOLOGY

—continued from page 1— reject applicants, the commander-in-chief cannot force the acceptance of any applicant rejected by three or more members of an individual post.

"Nationally the VFW does advertise the virtue of Japanese Americans and does accept them into its folds, and we have publicized this fact.

"I will highly appreciate hearing from you. Kindest personal regards, best wishes and sincerely yours, Jerry A. Freeman."

'RELOCATION' TERMINATORS WILL NOT BE REASSIGNED

In accordance with previously announced authority granted by the Washington office, all evacuees who terminate their services due to relocation will be given lump sum payments

for vacation leave earned and unliquidated compensatory time, according to James G. Lindley, project director.

However, there have been numerous cases when evacuees have given "relocation" as their reason for termination and have subsequently been reemployed. It is impossible to make lump sum payments to them; therefore, effective immediately, the personnel office will not assign, under any circumstances, a person who has been previously terminated, giving "relocation" as a reason.

Evacuees who work without proper assignment will not be paid for services rendered, added Lindley.

TO OPEN LEAVE OFFICE 2 NIGHTS

The leave office will be open for business this Tuesday and Friday nights, Aug. 28 and 31, 6 to 9 o'clock, yesterday announced Walter J. Knodel, relocation program officer.

January 2, 1945 ..	6,253
August 23, 1945 ..	3,394

JAPANESE SECTION

FIRE DESTROYS SIX BUILDINGS

WINTER, Calif.-- The fire on Wednesday night, Aug. 15, which destroyed six buildings in the Japanese section here, was discounted by Acting Chief of Police J. M. Robinson as being of incendiary origin.

Rumors circulating throughout the county that the fire may have been started by persons opposing the return of evacuees were quelled by Chief Robinson.

"I believe some of the single men who were living in the cabins had too much wine and carelessly threw away a lighted match," the chief asserted. He pointed out that the quarter was not owned by the Japanese but was rented from the Pope estate. No evacuees had returned to occupy any of the buildings.

MONDAY'S 2 SPECIAL CARS TO CARRY 94 RETURNEES

COAST SCHOOL OPENING DATES

According to Charles F. Miller, San Francisco relocation supervisor, the following dates are listed for the opening of schools in various districts in the San Francisco WRA area:

Oakland.....	Aug. 27
Santa Rosa.....	Aug. 27
Watsonville....	Aug. 27
Stockton.....	Sept. 4
Visalia.....	Sept. 4
Fresno.....	Sept. 10
San Francisco..	Sept. 10
San Jose.....	Sept. 10
Sacramento.....	Sept. 17

Los Angeles schools will open on Sept. 4, it was reported.

How easy it is the night before to get up early the next morning.

--Santa Fe Magazine

Ninety-four returnees are scheduled to board this Monday night's two special coaches for California points, Mario Vecchio, assistant relocation program officer, disclosed yesterday.

The San Francisco-Sacramento coach will carry 56 passengers, with 37 getting off at Sacramento, while 38 will return on the Los Angeles special.

SLATE ANOTHER SPECIAL PULLMAN

In addition to the west-bound specials listed in the Aug. 22 issue of the PIONEER, a special Pullman car is scheduled to leave Granada for California on Sept. 20.

All residents who are eligible for Pullman transportation are asked to sign for this special as soon as possible.

RELOCATION OFFICE HAS BOOKLETS TO AID EVACUEES

A unique resettlement booklet prepared especially for evacuees still remaining in the centers is now available at the relocation program office. This helpful pamphlet, "Spirit of St. Louis," was written, prepared and financed by evacuees living in the St. Louis area. It contains pictures, stories and pertinent information in both English and Japanese.

One interesting article in Japanese language giving an issued account on relocation was written by Mrs. Yoshi Mori, formerly of Anacho, who also served on the staff.

The pamphlet was published by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis, whose chairman, Henry Tani, offers to furnish further information if desired. His address is 2337 Bartold avenue, Maplewood 17, Mo.

If you are thinking of relocating to St. Louis, or if you are still undecided, this reliable booklet may be of help.

Local relocation office recently received 50 copies of pamphlet entitled "Northwest Area Resettlement Bulletin" from the Seattle, Wash., WRA office.

The bulletin gives pertinent information on employment, housing, hostels and schools. Those interested in the Northwest Area may obtain a copy at the relocation office library.

FATHER SWIFT RETURNS TO L.A.

Rev. John F. Swift, M.M., who served as pastor of the Anacho Catholic church since April, 1944, left Wednesday for Los Angeles where he will assist Rev. Hugh Lavery in relocation work. His California address is 426 South Boyle avenue, Los Angeles.

Prior to evacuation, Father Swift was with the Japanese Mission in Los Angeles. He arrived here on April 6, 1944, after having spent 10 months as pastor of the Catholic churches at Rosper and (Ark.) relocation centers.

vital statistic

DEATH:

Yoriaki Tsutsui, 7H-1A, age 68, Aug. 21.

ROAD BACK

A couple wanted by a well-recommended family at Boulder, Colo. Wife to cook and do housework; husband to assist wife and do garden work. \$200 a month. Housing furnished.

For details see Mr. Kurita, 11H-7C (after 7 p.m.)

Experienced gardener, year-round work, cut and water lawn, also drive car. Single man, \$100-\$125 a month; couple without children, \$200 a month.

Bookkeeper-stenographer, full or part-time. \$125 a month if experienced; permanent position.

Contact relocation program office for further information.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

The Santa Fe train schedule for the Granada station is as follows:

No.	Train	Time
9	Westbound	6:14 a.m.
4	Eastbound	7:13 a.m.
127	Westbound	11:49 a.m.
128	Eastbound	3:13 p.m.
3	Westbound	9:58 p.m.

Train No. 9 stops at Granada for Denver passengers only. No. 3 stops for California passengers only.

church brief

"The Law of Mind" will be Unosuke Kamatsub's sermon topic at the Seicho-No-Iye meeting tomorrow night, 7

RELOCATION

- Roy Hirotsuka, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 22.
- Riki Sabusawa, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 23.
- Shizuko and Non Yamamoto, Denver, Colo., Aug. 25.
- Sakayo Ito, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 25.
- Ito Kurehashi, Alamosa, Colo., Aug. 25.
- Kinu Takamoto, Cortez, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Yasuhiko Kanishi, Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Irene, Grace, Carrie, and Paul Ito, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 27.
- Susuko Takesako, Saner, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Yaeno, Betty and Jimmy Isuruoka, Fresno, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Miti, Jean, Gary, Glen, Ronald, Dennis, Waki and Chiyo Kuranoto, Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Fumi, Miyoko and Hideo Karatsu, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Sakayo and Nobuo Takamura, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Kiyiji and Chiju Ito, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Masuoichi Higaki, San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Tomijiro Koike, Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Masaji and Hajji Fukunaga, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 27.
- Sakuichi, Iawa and Yoneko Ibusuki, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28.
- Miyao Otsuka, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.
- Tayo Otsuka, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.
- Roy Tsuji, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.
- Haruko and Siko Takamura, Denver, Colo., Aug. 30.

o'clock, at 9th recreation hall.

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY		
Event	Time	Place
SEICHO-NO-IYE Service	7:00 p.m.	9H
PROTESTANT Sunday school	8:45 a.m.	8H, 9H
English service	10:15 a.m.	8H
NICHIREN Service	9:00 a.m.	11H
BUDDHIST Sunday school	8:30 a.m.	7G, 12G
Adult service	2:00 p.m.	7G, 12G
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Young People's Bible class	7:00 p.m.	9H