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" FACING FUTURE WITH CHRIST "

A REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE
WITH REV. JITSUO MORIKAWA..Aug.13-15

FRIDAY

Song service was lead by Mr. Dave Nakagawa. The chairman for the service was Rev. Lester Suzuki, who introduced Rev. Morikawa of Poston to the congregation. The subject of the message was "GRATITUDE".

"I am glad that I am a Christian. I am glad that I am living in such a thrilling time as this. I am glad that I have the privilege to come to Amache. Granada is a beautiful place--more beautiful than Chicago, Philadelphia, or Poston. I do not say that you remain here, but I urge you to resettle on the outside.

"One of the rarest flowers in the garden of life is the flower of gratitude. It is a beautiful virtue.

"Gratitude is often expressed to the wrong person." The illustration of a girl graduating from school, accepting the gratitude of teachers and friends before showing her gratitude to her mother who had a scar on her face, did not have the fine clothes like the other mothers, and dressed her daughter in less costly clothes from the other girls. She did not realize the scars on her mother's face were there because she tried to save the daughter's life, and did not know that she had tried her very best to have her daughter dress like the other girls.

"God doesn't give prestige, health, success, and wealth to everybody. Our God, our religion, our Christ, is for the weak, the sick, the friendless, the lonely, and the homeless. Christianity is not the survival of the fittest, but the revival of the unfit.

"David once wore a golden crown, and once commanded a great number of people at one time, but didn't thank God for this. Instead he said, 'The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.' The highest mount of blessing is God's mercy. David expressed his thanks for the mercy of God.

"The greatest mercy shown.. 'On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame'. On that Cross, Christ said to one.. 'Today shalt thou be with me in paradise, and also had said.. 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

"The mercy is yours and mine."

"Bless the Lord, O My soul,

Bless His Holy Name ! "

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SATURDAY EVENING

Chairman...Mr. George YoshiookaSingspiration lead by Dave Nakagawa.....Solo--"Christ of the Galilee Road", by Sumi Kawamura.

THE MESSAGE....." REVERENCE " Rev. J. Morikawa

"One of the greatest needs today is reverence. In this age of industry and activity, we need to emphasize devout reverence in the presence and sight of God.

"We have an ido upon which we build our happiness. A young prince who once idolized a certain good, powerful and righteous king lost his happiness, peace and assurance when the king died of leprosy. What did he do? He sought divine reverence by going to the temple of God. After going into the temple, he experienced God high and lifted up. Unconscious of earthly things around him--he saw only God seated upon the throne.

"We find God in the recorded pages of the Bible:
"1. In the manger of Bethlehem...God who is invisible, unknowable, incomprehensible--made visible..made himself in the form of man.

"2. God in Nazareth...Endured all the alluring temptations, testings and trials that comes to man. Yet he was without sin. He knows" all about our needs for he faced our temptations, and testings. He was man among men.

"3. God along the shores of Galilee...Life of the egocentric and selfish John was changed by Christ to a life of love...The cursing, changing, and hot tempered Peter's life changed to a life as solid as rock.

"4. God on the cross...Man in agency, suffering...God suffering...God high and lifted up.

"5. But we see God higher than the cross...He is seated on the throne where kings and queens must bow at his feet.

"The vision of God brings a sense of our unworthiness. The more Godly one becomes, the more conscious he becomes of his inner barrenness and less confident of himself. Isaiah said that he was undone....a man of unclean lips. When man's gotten there, he's ready for God. God reaches down to help.

"Let us live for Him"

SUNDAY MORNING

Chairman...Dave Nakagawa Pianist.....Miss Mika Kuzuhara.
Speaker...Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa Choir Director...Mr. George Kubota

"WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE"

"A young man possessed with a striking personality, with money and friends...an idol of other young men...a well rounded personality.. yet this man came to Christ one day for personal help. He was blessed with all the material things but was not satisfied. He yearned and longed and searched for something to satisfy. 'What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?'

"The great physician, friend and Savior told him to keep the commandments. He had kept all these things. 'What lack I yet'. Jesus was waiting for this question. He said..1. 'Go and sell all that thou hast and give to the poor...2. Come and follow me.'

"Until one transforms his affection to God, sever everything, alienating himself...he will not find satisfaction. We cannot serve two masters. Tragedy comes when man cannot give up things they love more than God.

"The acceptance of God will bring happiness and cheer. He can become a part of the universe far greater than this world. Beyond the sunset, there is a new dawn---the Dawn of a New Day. "

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SUNDAY EVENING

Chairman...Rev. C. Kuzuhara
Speaker...Rev. J. Morikawa

Song leader...Mr. Henry Suzukida...
Piano Solo...Miss Mika Kuzuhara.

"THE LOVE OF GOD"

"We Niseis have a peculiar responsibility. We are living in a challenging, throbbing, and thrilling age. The man who is happy is one who can give and who contributes.

"The greatest book is the Bible. The greatest book within the Book is the gospel of John. The greatest chapter is the 3rd, and the greatest verse is the 16th.

"The first person that I think of is dad and his love for me. He has been a father and mother to me. The parting words he gave me upon my departure for school 12 years ago, has been the greatest gift.

"Then I think of my sister's love...she writes letters--is concerned about me and is praying for me.

"I think of my brother's love...sent me money all thru' my school life. There's a bond that's deep and abiding.

"I think of my wife's love...her words--'My greatest happiness is to follow you....please serve Christ in the right manner.'

"Then I think of the love of God...He loved the world. Loves us profoundly. It doesn't mean that he lavishes love upon us...sometimes he is stern, and disciplines our lives because he loves us.

"We see many fathers grey haired because of his son; many weary mothers with wrinkled faces because of the daughter. Man has turned his face in defiance of God. That's why the cross came into existence. Every disloyalty causes a friend or someone else to suffer.

"Christ is willing to take us back; willing to forgive. He is waiting for the unfaithful and disloyal to come back. Scarred as we are he'll lift us up and make us children of God."

"For God so loved the world because He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

MANY, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICES!

1. To Rev. Morikawa for the spirit filled messages you have given us.
2. To the pianists...Doreen Hasegawa and Mika Kuzuhara.
3. To the chairmen...Rev. Suzuki, Rev. Kuzuhara, Mr. Dave Nakagawa and Mr. George Yoshicka.
4. To the persons who rendered special musical numbers: Sumi Kawamura, Lily Nagatoshi, Edna Amamoto, Mac Yoshioka, Mika Kuzuhara and George Kubota and the choir.
5. To the committee members: Miyeko Fujita, Doreen Hasegawa, Dave Nakagawa, Richard Suzuki, Shigeru Mizukami, Rev. Kuzuhara, Shiro Abe, William Miura, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, and Teruko Hashimoto.

The conference has proven to be a blessing to all and has brought a new joy, new hope and new light into our hearts and we can sing:

"Lead on, O King Eternal
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thru' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song."

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For darkness breaks like morning
Wh'er Thy face appears,
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
Thy crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might."

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Dr. Smith Visits

Dr. Roy Smith (not advocate Roy Smith) visited Amache Aug. 18 to 19. He was in Japan since 1904, mostly at the Kobe Commercial College. He was one of the free enemy aliens... up until time of the Gripsohm. He is the first individual to be here who returned on the exchange ship last August.

Speaking at the minister's meeting Wednesday and at a mass meeting at 10H, he related many of his rich experiences in Japan, especially after Pearl Harbor. Rev. Kanro was interpreter.

Dr. Smith will work among the Japanese relocated in the Chicago area, for the Chicago Church Federation (77 W. Washington St.). If you have relatives or friends whom you wish to contact, write him at the above address, and he will do all he can.

RELOCATION!

The church as a whole is mighty interested in all relocations in any area of the country. They are interested in you and they want to befriend you. If you or your friends go out to relocate, why not let us know your destination and whereabouts, so that contacts can be made. Otherwise we'll be just scattered by the four winds and we can only meet by chance.

Following..few of persons relocated

The Kuzuhara family..1120 W. Fullerton St., Chicago, Ill.

Harry Takai booked to go to William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo.

Mayme Kishi has gone to Boston, Mass

Tazuko Urugami can be reached by W.R.A. office, 226 W. Jackson Blvd Chicago, Ill.

Our faithful and pleasant Mary Saito has left for Boston, Mass., to be reached at WRA, Boston."

Esther Yasaki left for her sister's place, Mrs. Misako Tomita, King Hill, Idaho.

Yoshiko Arimatsu is now at the-- Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yamada and family, of OK, is now located at 2935 Arapahoe St., Denver, Colo.

Genji Kawamura may be reached at 2242 Emerson St., Denver, Colo.

More News!

Mr. and Mrs. Etsu Shimizu of Heart Mt., is now at 1843 No. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo.

Yas Hara and the Rikimaru family have been made happy by the visit of their fathers for about 10 days from Santa Fe Camp.

The Yamaguchis, Ken and Clara, and Mack, can be reached at 10a7 Penn. Ave., Boulder, Colo.

Bobby Uno is working at Pueblo until the beginning of school.

Dr. and Mrs. Y. Takeyama spent a week at Colorado Springs through the invitation of a friend of theirs. We hope they had a splendid time outside. Joy and George went too.

Miyeko Fujiu is booked to leave next week, for Chassborough Seminary, North Chili, N.Y.

After much delay and trouble, one or two of the dental students were able to find a school. John Noboru Shimokawa got into Kansas City University Dental College.

We understand that Sam Takahashi and Lily Matsushige were married a short time ago. Many congratulations from many friends, to be sure!

Chisato Tadakuma is at 1035 E. 45 St., Chicago, Ill.

Nobu Yamasaki left for Maryland, where two other sisters--Miye & Yori are attending school and working.

Fred Ogawa and George Hashimoto returned from Chicago. Fred has gone to Provo.

AT PINE CREST!

Henry Suzukida was the most popular song leader at the Pine Crest Institute. It was unfortunate that he outshone the regular leaders.

Joe Kamiya and Sambo Samoshima-- gave brief talks of appreciation besides a few yells.

We will miss the presence and aid of Mr. and Mrs. Cochran who have helped in our church work. We wish them plenty of success and God speed in their new undertaking at Eakersfield, Calif. We miss other American friends too.

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Pine Crest Summer Conference

Twelve delegates from the Amache-Youth Fellowship recently attended the annual week-long Pine Crest conference at Palmer Lake, Colorado, where more than 600 delegates from all parts of the states assembled for fellowship. Our stay there was very pleasant, the people were friendly, and from the very first day, we were made to feel a part of the great institution.

Pine Crest is located at the foot of mountains, and its campus includes both woods and streams. It is surely a beautiful place... and cool.

The mess hall there is very much like ours, and has two shifts in order to accommodate all the students. Most of the mess workers are employed on a voluntary basis. The atmosphere is quite different from that of this center...every body cheering, singing, and other when half of the day's fun came in.



wise making noise. Meal-times were

Morning, we attended the watch services...that is, if we got up early enough. After breakfast, we all attended three class periods which were held outdoors in the shade of trees. The subjects were elective and pertained to better Christian life, such as moral problems, Christian symbolism, Bible study, and so forth. It was immensely interesting.

Recreation came after lunch...such activities as horseback riding, softball, swimming, hiking into the mountains, and making souvenirs in the wood and plastic shop.

The evening programs followed supper. These usually consisted of guest speakers and special musical programs. A camp-fire gathering and prayer meeting came after, and lights-out time was usually 10:30 P.M.

On Thursday night, we were entitled to stay up till midnight. As it happened, we were invited to four private parties, and in order to accept them all, we divided into four groups. A good time was had by all, especially when Henry Suzuki played "Electricity" with a girl on each arm.

So, you see, we all had a wonderful week at Pine Crest, and we pride ourselves in making a pledge of \$20.00 for the continuance of these Pine Crest conferences, so that youth may again have an opportunity to find themselves closer to God and, at the same time, make new friends.

Yes, it was a most pleasant vacation...an interlude that enabled us to escape temporarily from the turmoil of world strife, and to learn more Christian principles.

From the trip, I more than ever firmly believe that to accomplish an eternal peace for the world to come, we must follow the teachings of Christ.

-----Ted T. Kinoshita-----



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SOUND MOVIES

The Summer Sound Movie Program, obtained by Rev. Lester Suzuki, and sponsored by the High School department of the Summer Activities under Miss Grace Lewis, has come to a close. It was expanded to other departments of the school, besides some blocks and to the public as a whole. They were religious, educational pictures of of great values.

We want people to know that many people, especially Christian people, on the outside made it possible for the center people. Such names as Dr. Wm. G. Campbell, Bishop C. F. Reifsnider, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Binford, Miss R. E. Cyr, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Harvey, Dr. D. Stanley Coors, Rev. Melvin M. Cammack, Classmates, Vt. Sq. Methodist Church, Dr. Glenn Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shore, Rev. Harold Stone Hull, and Rev. Everett W. Palmer, ought to be especially mentioned. Thank you very much.

We also want to thank Miss Lewis, and Mr. Waither for cooperation in making the program possible and George and Richard, the projector specialities, who were so instrumental in running the machine so expertly.

A PRAYER FOR A BOY IN THE SERVICE
Oh, dear (son, husband, friend) of mine, w crover you may be, "The Eternal God is your Refuge, and underneath you are His Everlasting Arms of Life and Love to hold you and keep you safe.

Now do I behold you strong, clean, courageous and right-minded.--- I see you protected and safeguarded by the Power of God Almighty. -- I see you guided by the very hand of Christ along the Way of Righteousness and Truth, and ever led to do God's will.

This is my steadfast vision of you, my beloved. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Conference

Rev. S. Mizukami and Miss Dillon left Tuesday for the Free Methodist Conference at Gallup, New Mexico. He will be gone for about a week. We wish him God speed.

TO TULE LAKE INCOMERS

To those of you from Tulelake who intend to come to Granada Relocation Center, Amache, Colorado, we want to give you a word of welcome. We know that it is a very trying experience to move again, and go through the whole process all over again. When everybody did it, it wasn't so bad, but when only a small minority does it, it seems so troublesome and even unjust. We of Amache, will try to make it as pleasant as possible for you. The whole community, through the project, has reception and hospitality, and other kinds of committees, and of course, we as a church, will welcome you to the best of our ability.

We are settled and it is easy for us but it will be trying for you to start all over again, especially when there are so few things to be had to fix up the rooms, as you could when you first went in.

Again, we say we'll welcome you to the best of our ability.

WELCOME SERVICE!

After the usual ministerial business meeting held every Monday at 7H Church Office, a welcome service was held in honor of our recent visitor, Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa of Poston Center.

Words of welcome were uttered by Rev. Lester Suzuki and Rev. Wada, followed by Rev. Morikawa's talk. Rev. Hirata offered prayer, after which watermelon was served.

OTHER CENTER NEWS

POSTON

Five girls: Miyeko Kawata, Flora Komatsuka, Kimi Hosaka, Mary Miyabu, and Rowena Kubo. These girls will go to Kentucky to attend Asbury College, a christian school.

"A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over there!
Tho' exiled from home, yet still I may sing:
'All glory to God, I'm a child of a King.'"
.....A. Wallace.....