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Petty Jealousy and Economic Rivalry Causes of Nebraska Incident, Says WRA Official

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Pietro and The Nisei Terrify Nazis in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY.—The combination of Japanese Americans of the U. S. 442nd Infantry Regiment and Italian partisans, led by a fighting priest called Pietro, proved the winning formula in the capture of the coastal towns of Massa, Carrara and a lot of German prisoners.

Every now and then, small bunches of bewildered and exhausted German prisoners are riven in shell-torn Massa with reports that "Turks" had been added to this front of many nationalities.

Pietro's partisans call the Nazis "Turks" because they think they are terrible. The partisans think they are wonderful. It's all in the point of view.

The partisans behind the German lines synchronized their operations with our allies and, according to an American liaison officer, Frank T. Illinois of Milwaukee, the speed of the Nisei's advance up the mountains was due to a large measure to the Indians' work.

They not only proved themselves to be good Americans and cleared German mines, but attacked enemy machine-guns and mortars positions and even occupied certain important features we thought the Germans still held but consequently shelled for a week.

"We were advised," said "Mongoli," Pietro, "to see if we could get along with them without getting shot. Only if our shots were fired, and now they was."

The assault on the Jima," "Bombing of Pearl Harbor," "The Capture of Tarawa," war film communique No. 5 and the 442nd Infantry rescue of the Lost Battalion will be shown at the Denver JACL chapter meeting set for Friday, April 20, on Tremont Pl., 15th and Tremont, 1545 Tremont Pl., at 7:30 p.m.

It has been announced by Take Domoto, Jr., chapter president.

Mr. Saburo Kido, National JACL President from Denver City, is visiting Denver and will present the national's case as it pertains to JACL.

Japanese Americans, Regional Representative, George Matsuri, completed a three-day tour through the east, report.

There is an opportunity for

farmers to attend a public meeting and tell the story of relocation to local farmers who had been misinformed on our program by a few persons apparently seeking personal revenge against some of their own white townpeople, Miss Prudence Ross commented.

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To New Post in West

SACRAMENTO. — Reginald T. West, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, revealed that one of the recreation rooms in the YMCA Building at Fifth and J Sts. has been put aside as a dormitory for Japanese Americans who have no other place to stay while on a stopover in Sacramento.

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Sacramento YMCA Sets Up Quarters To House Nisei

The following statement was issued by the two organizations: "Loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry are gradually returning to their West Coast homes and farms. Their right to do so with the same freedoms enjoyed by other Americans has been assured by the United States Supreme Court and the United States Army.

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friend in northern New York state, the heavy snowfall there failed to make her change her mind about snow, which she loves.

She is enthusiastic enough about life at Temple and in Philadelphia to get along with the Chamber of Commerce at any time, though she has never been to the city before.

Miss Aihara is a native of Oakland, Calif., and was attending school in Niles, Calif., at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She is bound to her parents and sister at Topaz, she has another sister, Michiko Grace, 29, who lives in Ogden, Utah. According to Sukeji, her brother, Watanabe, brews beer.

PHILADELPHIA. — Under the heading "American Girl Plans To Be A Doctor," the local Temple University News recently reported that Miss Sumako Aihara, 18-year-old medical student at Temple and former resident of Topaz, likes Philadelphia, Temple, Snow—just about everything."

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