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## Nisei Nurse Finds Soldiers She Serves Have No Race Prejudice

SAN FRANCISCO. — "You are a Japanese nurse. Let me shake your hand. If there were more like you, we wouldn't have this war," said the soldier.

The young Japanese nurse, who had served over 1,000 over by soldiers patients in the psycho-neurotic ward under the supervision of First Lieutenant Yaye Togasaki at Mason General Hospital in New York.

Lieutenant Togasaki was home on leave to visit her parents in Hawaii after eight months with the Army Nurse Corps.

Her job is to nurse the mental patients back to health, and the Army has found that the boys who require her aid have no prejudice against her race, she said.

"There is perhaps a greater understanding on the part of Negro patients than the 36-year-old nurse decided."

Newcomers to the hospital always seem curious, interested, solicitous and then happy that they have met what they term a 'good' Japanese.

"We receive many of our cases from the Pacific battle zones and it will seem to react in the same way."

Lieutenant Togasaki was graduated from the University of California in 1931 and later took her nurse's training at Children's Hospital. She first attempted to enter the Army in May, 1941, but was not accepted until last November.

During the intervening period, Lieutenant Togasaki took graduate work in psychology at the Worcester State Hospital in Massachusetts and studied for her Master's degree in nursing education at Columbia University. She lacked a few units for her degree when the Army relaxed the ban against Japanese and she entered the service.

It has been a long road for Lieutenant Togasaki. She related the story of her friendless and acceptance into the Army, which in October was most novel.

The Lieutenant is the youngest of eight children, of whom three are women doctors and three are nurses. Her two brothers entered the failed importing-exporting business. One is now imported in Japan.

Possibly the most distinguished sister is Captain Yoshie Togasaki, who was born in Tokyo of Japanese parents and who is now in Italy with UNRRA as a

## What's Doing in the Churches

### Buddhist Church

1942 Market Street

Young People's Meeting

Sunday, July 8 - 8:30 P.M.

Rev. S. Sasaki, former minister of the Sacramento Buddhist Church, will be guest speaker.

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## 500 Combat Vets in Hospital Protest VFW Rejecting Nisei

### Nisei Soldier Fears He May Face Battle at Home

(The following was taken from The Sacramento Bee's From The People.)

BELLEVUE, Wash. — The "anti-negro-prejudice committee" at Baxter General Hospital has signed a petition to the Veterans Administration to reconsider its rejection of a membership application from a wounded Japanese American veteran of the Italian campaign, Pvt. Ernest R. Bateman of Great Falls, Mont., said recently.

Bateman, chairman of the "anti-negro-prejudice committee" at Baxter where the Japanese American, Pfc. Richard H. Naito of Spokane, said the petition had been tabled "under an obscure law by which the Italian campaign, Pvt. Ernest R. Bateman of Great Falls, Mont., said recently.

Edgar of the Bee said, "Since many people here have expressed their opinions regarding Americans of Japanese ancestry, we feel the public should be interested in the following excerpt from a personal letter written from Italy by one of Japanese Americans in the famous 42nd Regiment Combat Team."

"Well, it's finally over, over here, but I can't sincerely rejoice at the victory, at the fact of too many of my good buddies still fresh in my mind. They're gone, now, but never to be forgotten."

"We feel negative in combat, it's strange, to think that we kind of men, really are."

"You know, in combat, it's strange that we fought for what kind of men, really are. Only in combat can you see whether a man will stick to his gun till the end."

"Those who have died deserved to live a bit more than we did. We would have been willing to give up our lives — well, someone's taking good care of them upstairs."

"I know their sacrifices were not in vain. I know I must return a better man, as God willed and made me go through all this misery and suffering so far. The problems of the returns primarily."

The highlight of the Conference was the ordination of Rev. Susumu Kuwano, Rev. Frederick N. Yasaki and Rev. John H. Yamada as "Elders" by the presiding Bishop James C. Baker.

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## Relocation Ups and Downs In Southern California

only sentiment of value is public sentiment expressed through the press and otherwise."

When evacuee business men already back in Los Angeles get around to organizing something like a "post evacuation old timers' club," they'll have their veterans, like Ueda and Takeuchi, Kusunagi, candidates for the title of Old Timer No. 1.

The Bureau, when organized, will promote the interests of relocates particularly by aiding them to start their own businesses. \*\*\*\*

Coming to Los Angeles from national headquarters YWCA to work with that organization on a survey, Miss Dorothy Takeuchi attended a meeting at which the noted author Carey McWilliams was a speaker.

Williams pointed out that the methods of California relocators were identical with those used in Germany by the Nazis in the early days of Hitlerism.

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"I know their sacrifices were not in vain. I know I must return a better man, as God willed and made me go through all this misery and suffering so far. The fact that my father also served in the United States Army in the last war made me realize that all three brothers and sisters are now in the service. These people are satisfied. There's still another battle on hand for me when I get back."

"I surely would like to be home now. Oh, yes, that's another story. I forgot it haven't seen my wife since we left. She said — we were so loyal enough and too dear to us. The fact that my father also served in the United States Army in the last war made me realize that all three brothers and sisters are now in the service. These people are satisfied. There's still another battle on hand for me when I get back."

The case is under extensive investigation by the Internal Security Agency.

slightest discrimination. It seems to be the general opinion that America is practically the only progressive nation that is way behind in a broad, tolerant way of thinking.

"Well, enough of that. I get tired of every time I think about the Japanese barbs he never lets me off. I'll close for now."

Surely soldiers such as this have proved their loyalty to America. Should we allow American pressure groups to deprive them and their families of the rights enjoyed by other citizens?"

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