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Featuring ... Nisei-Grams

by FRANK TAMURA

Some Reasons

"Jim Yama," Editor-in-Chief of the "Buddhist" newspaper announced that hereafter a small fee will be charged for their monthly publication. The price has been set at five cents per copy to defray the cost of printing and postage. All Presidents and heads of units of Tri-State Chapter please take note.

Star-Spangled Miner

The recent Tri-State YBL Dances held at the Continental Oil Building Ballroom was acclaimed by all dance lovers as one of the best Mixers ever held.

With delightful music by Mary Ann Garwood's Orchestra, a gay crowd of over 300 Stags and Sapphires enjoyed the evening. In behalf of the Tri-State YBL your reporter wishes to thank everyone for their grand turnout.

As special guests for the evening, the Bussel were honored to have had many members of the famous 100th Battalion, Company of Hawaiian Nisei.

These men returned to the mainland from combat areas overseas and are now recuperating in this area. Also other servicemen on furlough were among those present.

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At least 200 persons were present to participate in the celebration. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid after the services.

Ladies Aid

With the outbreak of war, the activities of the Buddhist Ladies' Aid group were discontinued, but of late it has been reorganized.

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The recent membership drive figures reveal that over 70 ex-service women have joined.

Before the war, membership totaled 40 members.

Recent Furloughs

Fort Lupion Nisei servicemen now home on furlough from Camp Blanding, Fla., are Jim Ueda, George Kobayashi, and Tom Hamada.

Nisei-Veterans

After a period of recuperation at Fitzsimons General Hospital near Denver, Pfc. Takashi Matsushima has been visiting relatives and friends on week-ends. He was wounded in action overseas.

Pfc. Matsushima has a brother, George, who is now training as a Paratrooper.

Service Flag

The Fort Lupion YBA and Buddhist Church have obtained a Service Flag which is now displayed in the Church.

After making a check-up on Nisei who are serving Uncle Sam, we are proud indeed to reveal that 16 Fort Lupion Boys are in the Army and in the Nurse Corps.

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Nisei GIs Recuperating At Vancouver, Washington

SAN FRANCISCO

Japanese American GIs of the famed 442nd Combat Team of the 7th Army in France, who smashed through fierce Nazi resistance in the Vosges mountains to rescue the Yank "Lost Battalion" last October, have a song born of crisp camp expression, called "Go For Broke!"

In Nisei slang it means "Shoot the Works!"

Two of the tough Japanese American soldiers who "shot the works" in that battle to win the profane gratitude, and sometimes the kisses of the rescued Yanks, are now recuperating in a specialized hospital at Vancouver, Washington, recovering from machine gun and shrapnel wounds suffered in that epic fight in the blood-stained snow.

Pfc. Jim Tokushige, 25, and Pfc. George S. Yoshida, 33, both pre-Pearl Harbor soldiers, are in the hospital, appearing in the windows of their quarters last week, and in the world told about their combat service.

Jim was born and brought up in California—in the rich lettuce fields surrounding Salinas, Monterey County, where people have been talking about the growing Japanese Americans. His left arm, which he carried tenderly, was shattered by a German machine gun bullet as he packed in a 300 Walkie-Talkie set to maintain communications in the rugged mountain country in which the Germans had trapped the American battalion.

George, a heavy-set, cheerful type, called San Jose, California his home. A piece of shrapnel from an artillery shell tore off a section of his left elbow—leaving him with a permanently stiff arm. Despite his appearance from a lineup of hospitalized soldiers awaiting appearance before a discharge board, he was impatient to get

out of the hospital, but he was told he must remain there until the fight "Eight Days" he said, "was enough."

"I'm going back home, if I can," he said. "My family is in California. I've got five brothers—one in the Army, one in university and three others." After the early days of "Afraid" of the neighbors, Colorado and did not live in a relocation center, Pfc. Tokushige's parents are in Boston, Arizona and want to go back home.

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back to find out whether he was 'in' or 'out' because of his birth arm."

"We went overseas August 1, 1944," said Pfc. Tokushige, "and after a quick stop in Naples we went to Mars-la-Tour, then to the south of France. We fought in France for about a month, then to the 6th Division. Fighting in these mountains was pretty rough. I was a communications man. The hot battalion was surrounded by Nazis in an advance, and for about a week the men were pinned down in a hole about 30 feet in diameter. We could make a contact with them and it was our job to get in there. The Germans knew they had us there and they were due in pretty strong."

"I carried a carbine but got hit early in the fight with a bullet in my shoulder. I lost an arm. I give a lot of credit to the evacuating hospitals. They nurses and doctors sure worked long hours and they couldn't have been better to me."

"Up there, the boys have treated me really well. I've got a lot of friends there. I don't know if they don't know I'm Japanese, but I'm here because I certainly haven't found any discrimination as far as I'm concerned. I expect I may run into it when I get out of the Army, but it will generally be the ignorant people who do it in for that. Oh, I've had a few guys say things—but never to my face."

"I'm not sure what my plans are. In a way I have to start everything over again when I go back. I like it better in the East—the people are much more broadminded. I'm not worried about the trouble at home, of course. Funny, but these poor boys of ours here from the South Pacific and I get along with them swell. Go out with them and have fun."

Pfc. Yoshida, a farmer, fought in France for eight grim days before being taken out of the fight. "Eight Days," he said, "was enough."

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Nisei Coaches All Women's Basketball League

CINCINNATI, O.—Bill Saigawa's BTO team became champion of the Greater Cincinnati All Women's Basketball League by winning its last scheduled game with the Pep Colas, last week.

Bill, who coaches this all girl team, took the job last December and this has been one of his chief recreational activities ever since. It is the first time the team has won a championship. The Pep's had the enviable reputation of not losing a game for five years—until Sasagawa came along.

A former basketball star at college, Sasagawa finds plenty of leisure time for athletics and social work. He has a great deal of interest in sports and athletics as a common denominator and agency of goodwill." He also coaches and plays on all Nisei basketball team. "My Nisei team didn't make an impressive showing in games won this year," Bill remarked, "but when we sold it was a popular team with the public and spectators because their first rule was to practice fair play."

Formerly a resident of Alto and the Topaz Relocation Center, he resettled first in Kansas City then moved on to Cincinnati in the fall of 1944.

Only 27, Sasagawa was recently elected into the Cincinnati Society of Engineers. He works for the city as a city planner.

He over there. They gave us the impression we were one of them. We were, too," Pfc. Yoshida said with feeling.

The group of which the boys were a part suffered 1800 casualties during the fierce fighting in France—so heavy as to be the heaviest in history. Both veterans wear the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, battle stars, the combat badge, the unit citations won and the Purple Heart.

"I'm awfully happy that my people are back here at home," George said proudly. "It makes me feel that what I was fighting for over there, and for what I gave the use of my arm, was not all in vain. There's no place like San Jose, for me. I've done a lot of traveling lately, and I know."

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Saburo Kido, Salt Lake City Attorney and National JACL President, arrived in Denver this week. During his stay here, which will be for about ten days, Mr. Kido will confer with the local JACL chapter as to future plans for the Denver office after Joe Grant Masaka departs to open a district office in Los Angeles, Calif.

He also plans to initiate a financial drive among Denver and Colorado residents to raise funds for an extended program of JACL activities, necessitated by the proposed closing of WRA Centers and the return of evacuees to Pacific Coast States.

The twin were born March 24 and their mother died the following day. Her parents came from Japan to care for her at Heart Mountain for the funeral but refused to accept the twins.

The Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society will be awarded guardianship of the girl and have arranged a temporary boarding home for them while they are in the hospital this week. And they have found a couple who wish to adopt them as their own children.

New Photo Studio Opens Here

Mr. R. Yamakishi, who has been conducting a photo retouching school for more than a year at 1945 Champa St., is opening a modern and fully equipped photo studio at the same address.

To acquaint the public with the kind of work he produces, the studio is giving special rates to all customers during the remainder of April.

Nisei Attorney Opens Law Office In Sacramento

A well-known Nisei Attorney of Sacramento and a former ACW President, Henry T. Yamamoto, has opened his law office at a WRA Center and is opening temporary law offices at 2204 18th St., Sacramento, Calif., telephone number 3-3376.

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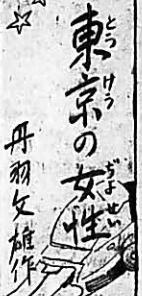
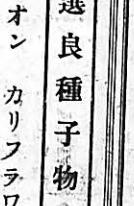
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