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white feather, although ATIS Nisei accompanied assault units on every landing from Papua to the Philippines. More than 150 were finally given direct commissions. The rest were promoted several grades. An exceptionally high percentage were decorated or cited for valor."

I note with extreme interest the statement of Colonel Mashbir that they never had to take any disciplinary measures against these men. That was the experience we had in the 442nd Infantry. Court martials were few and did not involve serious crimes and in no cases did they involve crimes of desertion or failure to do full duty during combat.

It is Record of Achievement
There you have the record. All who participated therein can be truly proud. It is a record of great achievement. It is a record which all Americans of Japanese ancestry, and all Americans of whatever ancestry, can read and from which they can secure a renewed faith in our system of freedom and tolerance.

Who were the men who did these things? And more important, why did they do them?
They were, first, Americans. As they saw their country embroiled in mortal conflict they rose to the issue. They volunteered their ser-

vices in the defense of their country as did so many other Americans.

They came from the shop, the professions, the factory, and the field. They came from Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington and from across the country. They arose as one man. They waived aside in their country's hour of need the years of discrimination and prejudice as unimportant and irrelevant.

Volunteered for Combat Service
Ten per cent of the Japanese-American population in Hawaii volunteered for combat duty. If the same proportion had volunteered in the whole of the population of the nation the selective service draft would not have been required in so far as securing manpower for the Armed Service is concerned.

Although they and their families on the West Coast had been placed in relocation camps, they volunteered from behind barbed wire. In view of the circumstances it speaks highly of their patriotism that they were willing to volunteer at all. Many who did not volunteer were subsequently drafted and made every bit as fine a record as those who first offered their services.

And so they came to fight their country's battles because it was their country.

The motive of patriotism was sufficient in and of itself, but we find another motive, another battle to be fought, the battle against prejudice and discrimination; the battle to prove that they were truly Americans. This second battle was of

vast importance. It was waged not by direct action but by example and by winning the first battle, the fight for the survival of their country.

They Would Do It Again
I know well how these men felt because I have talked to many of them about the problem. Each man conceived himself as personally responsible to wage and win the second battle not by argument, not by words, not by demanding rights, but rather by deeds—with their blood, with their lives if need be.

There is not a man whose name enshrined on this beautiful monument who would not gladly give his life again and still again to win that second battle. I know they would have it no other way. Their life was their sacrifice to tolerance, charity and justice. It was their contribution to the constant war against discrimination and prejudice; it was their price for the recognition of people as people—of the personal right of all to enjoy the freedom, tolerance, and justice which are the base stones of our country and upon which we so strive to build.

That is why they were so attentive during their training days; that is why they strove to learn; that is why they heeded the line of military discipline; that is why they eagerly and without stragglers carried the fight to the enemy.

Every Man Was Ready
I never knew and don't know of a single instant of any man in the 442nd Combat Team refusing or failing to do his full duty in combat. When the time for attack came every man whose job it was to go forward went forward and they went often though they might be sick or wounded.

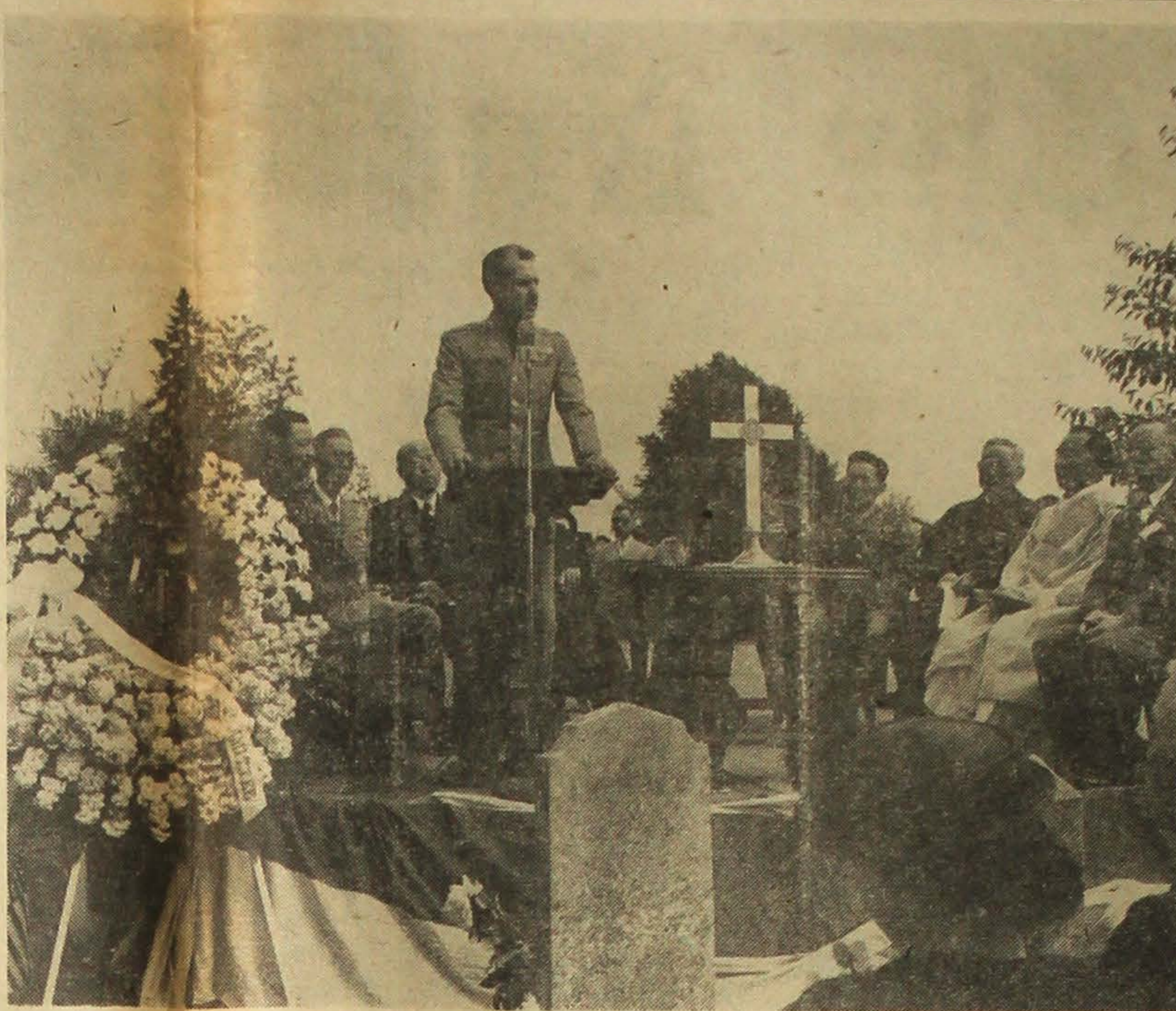
I remember well meeting one of the men in the Vosges Mountains during combat and telling him to go back to the aid station. He was obviously sick and when I felt of his head it appeared that he had a fever. Do you know what he did? He said:

"Colonel, I can't go back now, I can't let my buddies down, we need every man up there."

There was no argument on that point because he was very obviously right, and he didn't go back. Two days later he was killed.

That was about the time one of the rifle companies had only four men on the line, the highest ranking of whom was a Private First Class.

Didn't Mind It At All
To indicate the spirit further I have another instance to relate. This was in the mountains of Italy about July 2, 1944. All the supplies had to be carried up the mountain by manpower. It was a steep tough climb just to get oneself up to say nothing of carrying 25 pounds of water, food or ammunition. During the course of the afternoon I met one of the men whom I recognized as having seen twice before on that day carrying supplies. He was coming up the steep mountain path carrying a water can on one shoulder and using his other hand to assist in pulling himself up the steep slope. He was obviously very tired—his eyes and manner showed that. He was in need of a shave. I said something



COL. HANLEY speaks to a crowd which pays its respects to the Nisei war dead at Memorial Day services held last Monday at Lakeview Cemetery. —Photo by George Morihiro, Northwest Times.

"When I think what those guys are going through up there I don't mind it at all."

I have been talking about the soldier on the fighting fronts. But that is far from being the whole story of the activities of Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens during the war. Those of you on the home front did your share and more. You, too, had two battles to win, the battle against the external enemies, Germany and Japan, and the battle against the internal enemies, intolerance and discrimination. And how did the home front wage its battles? The record is very clear. With little publicity, and with no glamour or glory the home front in its way did as spectacular a job as did your sons.

Let us see what that record is. Remember that many, if not most, of the fathers and mothers of these soldiers were not citizens of the United States. At the law of the land prevented them from becoming citizens.

The Rumors were False
Many of them had lived in this country during most, if not all, of their lifetime. At the start of the war those on the Pacific Coast were moved inland away from their homes and their means of livelihood. There were rumors afloat about spies and sabotage, suspicion was everywhere. That these rumors proved later to be false didn't help the situation at that time. Whether or not the removals were justified is not for me to decide. But whether justified or

not, there was a basis for a good deal of resentment on the part of those who were moved into the interior. There it might be expected that such resentment as there was would produce some adverse incidents. But that is not the record. The record clearly shows the true Americanism and understanding of those who were under suspicion and many of whom were not citizens.

It has been abundantly established through the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Army and Navy Intelligence that there was not a single case of espionage or sabotage by a resident alien or Japanese-American before, during or since the attack on Pearl Harbor. This is true in Hawaii where Japanese aliens were not placed behind barbed wire and the mainland where they were so concentrated. Many even helped in vital war services. They served as map drawers and makers, as interpreters and translators, as documentarians and even in counter-espionage. Their loyalties were with the United States and they helped defeat the country to which many of them owed their technical allegiance.

And then we have other factors which have come to light to show the character of Japanese-American citizens.

Statistics Back Aliens
For instance, in 1940 less than eight hundredths of one per cent of the alien Japanese labor forces in this country were on emergency relief work compared with almost five per cent of the general population. Less than three per cent were unemployed, compared with almost ten per cent of the total population. This is a remarkable record.

In the matter of crime we have a similarly gratifying record. The number of arrests for 100,000 population on the average for the five year period 1935-39 for all persons of Japanese descent was 145 as against 519 for the general population. The rate per 100,000 for major crimes is 88 for those of Japanese descent compared with 205 for the general population.

Those statistics speak well for the upright moral character of these people. Such is the record. Such are the Nisei soldiers and their families. Such did they do during the war. In such ways did they silently, without complaint, set about to prove their Americanism. No other class of citizens has ever been called upon in this country to wage such an uphill fight to prove their loyalty. But do it, they did.

Proved Their Loyalty
What was accomplished by this record? Did these men whose names are here enshrined lose or win their second battle, their battle against discrimination and prejudice.

The record of events since the end of the war clearly indicates they did.

As reported by the Department of the Interior in its report "People in Motion":

"Five years after evacuation, the most obvious economic effect of that order is a change from dependence for livelihood on an economy fundamentally within the control of the Japanese community to general dependence by the Japanese-American people everywhere upon employment found in the general community. "With few exceptions, the able-bodied have secured well paying employment, both in the East and on the West coast. In 5 years, public sentiment has changed from one of deep suspicion to that of favorable acceptance in most sections of the country. Without question, by the end of 1946, more Japanese-Americans were employed in work for which they had been trained than ever had been the case before the war, and those working in positions requiring less skill or training are as well off in this period of full employment as other Americans."

There have been cases of discrimination and it still exists. But the first skirmishes have been won—the enemy is in full retreat. I think we have turned the corner. The American people in their collective sense of justice have corrected and are correcting the early mistakes. (Continued on Page Four)

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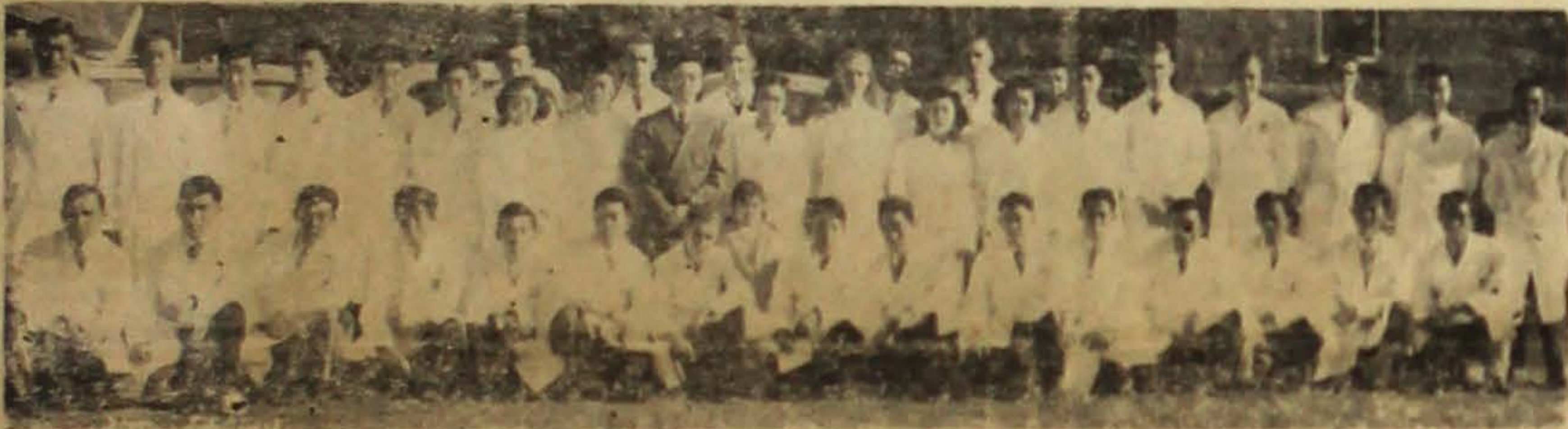
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Aihara of USC Cops 1st Place In Track Meet

Henry Aihara, a Nisei, scored points for the University of Southern California which won its ninth straight Pacific Coast Conference track championship last Saturday at the University of Washington Stadium. More than 12,000 people gathered to witness the meet.

Aihara placed first in the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 9 inches. His former mark was 24 feet 4 1/2 inches.

NORTHWEST TIMES BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Savoys	4	0
Lotus	4	1
Veterans	3	1
Fife	2	2
Monarchs	1	3
Tacoma	1	4
Wash. Wood & Coal	0	4

NORTHWEST TIMES LEAGUE SUNDAY, June 5

At Garfield No. 2
 12 noon—Savoys vs. Vets.
 Washington Wood vs. Fife
 Monarchs vs. Tacoma at Tacoma.
 Lotus by.

CITY LEAGUE SUNDAY, June 5

At Lower Woodland
 2 p.m.—Seattle Teamsters vs. Nisei Veterans.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE SUNDAY, June 5

At Burien
 2 p.m.—Hiline A. C. vs. Western Giants.

Takagi Selects Yamasaki, Tanaka For 'Big 50'

Bill Tanaka and Kaz Yamasaki, two topflight Nisei bowlers, will be sponsored by Main Bowl in Seattle's 1949 "Big 50" tournament, it was announced today by Fred Takagi, Main Bowl manager.

Tanaka was Over the Top Beverage's star in the Nisei Commercial league, and Yamasaki was a strong man for Northwest Times in the NCL and Standard Hotel in the Cosmopolitan Classic.

Veterans! Join the Army reserve, and stay at home! You'll draw Army pay for regular meetings, and promotions are wide open in the Army enlisted reserve!

Standen Hurls Savoys to Top In Times Loop

D. Standen, outstanding player of the Savoys, pitched his team to a sweet 3 to 2 triumph over Lotus last Sunday at Garfield No. 1 field in a Northwest Times Baseball league game. Standen twirled a no-hitter, but was cheated out of a no-run game by two infield bobbles. His other fine pitching effort was that he forced ten Lotus men to walk back to the bench with a strikeout mark.

The 3-2 victory gave Savoys the undisputed leadership in the circuit. "Tiger" Asaba's triple scored Doc Hoshiwara for the first Savoy run in the third. The final two runs were chalked up in the fifth frame when second sacker Yoshinaka blasted out a home run and Hoshiwara, who reached 1st base on a dead ball, scored on left fielder Katayama's long fly out to right field.

In the "Battle of the Winless" at Jefferson, Tacoma put on its batting wraps to annihilate Washington Wood & Coal by a lopsided 24 to 8 count. Frank Nomiya with three homers and Pitcher H. Taniguchi with two doubles and three singles were Tacoma's "Ted Williams". Taniguchi also took over the mound duties in excellent manner as he fanned ten.

Fife thumped the Monarchs, 13 to 1 at Garfield No. 2 in the only other contest. Yaguchi was the winning hurler and he contributed at the plate with four hits in four tries for a perfect afternoon.

Here's an announcement of interest to all World War II veterans:

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A match inscribed "It's A Match Hiro and Chiyoko," revealed the couple's betrothal.

Attending the affair were the Mesdames Sutt Nakanishi, Mike Arima, Ted Nakanishi, Tak Yagi, Koichi Yagi, Mary Kawase, Rick Tanagi Haruo Kato, Joe Hayashi and Hiroshi Nakashima and the Misses Koz Nakanishi, Ruth Otani, Chickie Ishihara, Yoshiko Deguchi, Toshi Iwasaki, Connie Tamura, Mary Kinoshita, Pat Hidaka, Katie Matsuda and Chickie Ishida.

Unable to attend were the Misses Martha Fukuma and Hiroyo Hisata.

"EVER SINCE EVE"
"Ever Since Eve", a column for women by ry, has been omitted from today's edition due to much space dedicated to the Memorial Day services. The column will appear in Saturday's paper.

SOCIAL
Nisei group to have social from 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, in Japanese Congregational church.

BABY GIRL
Rev. and Mrs. Ai Chi Tsai became the parents of a 5 lb. 9 oz. baby girl on Monday, May 23, in Maynard hospital.

The newcomer, named Bi Lin Paula, joins 5-yr.-old Bi Hoa Elizabeth.

Reserved Seats On JSC Bus

All high school seniors and university students who wish a ride on the special chartered bus to attend the JSC sponsored picnic this Friday, June 3, at Heiser's Shadow Lake, are requested to phone in their reservations immediately to the JSC house, ME. 9688.

The special bus will leave at 3:45 p.m. from the Buddhist Church, 1427 Main St., and will start back at 11 p.m. for Seattle from the lake.

MEETING
Lotus Senior girls to meet after church services Sunday, June 5, in Seattle Buddhist temple.

The Enlisted Reserve Corps of the United States Army is expanding, and there are openings for veterans of all the armed forces.

Text of Col. Hanley Talk

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and progress is being made. Let us see what has been done in a tangible way.

Notes Tangible Results
The Congress of the United States has considered and passed a good deal of legislation for the direct and indirect benefit of Americans of Japanese descent.

The bill for equality of naturalization and immigration which will permit the alien fathers and mothers of these soldier sons to become proud citizens of this country is before the Congress.

We also find:
An Evacuation Claims Law which will permit all persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the west coast to file claims for loss or damage to their real or personal property.

A Contraband Articles Claims Law which will permit all persons of Japanese ancestry to file claims for the loss of or damage to certain property deposited with peace officers following the outbreak of war.

A law which will permit the Attorney General to suspend and cancel the deportation of over two thousand Japanese aliens who have resided in this country for many years but whose status was changed by the war. Many of these aliens were treaty merchants who had sons in both the 442nd and the Pacific.

A deficiency appropriation providing for the payment of claims for personal property destroyed in the Poston and Manzanar Center fires.

A law permitting American veterans or servicemen to bring their Japanese wives into the United States, provided that they have been married by a certain date.

A law providing that alien Japanese who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, could become naturalized citizens.

Sacrifice Is Being Repaid
It was in large part the sacrifice you and your sons made during the war that made these things possible. I think the American people are keeping faith. I think the sacrifice is being repaid. I think that the faith the men of the 442nd and the Japanese-American soldiers in other fields had in their and your future, is being vindicated. You have shown great wisdom; you deserve to win out.

In closing, I think I can pay no

greater tribute than to quote "The Japanese American Creed" sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League and written by that good soldier, that excellent statesman, my good friend and yours, Mike Masataka.

"I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this Nation.

"I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions. I glory in her heritage. I boast of her history. I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please, as a free man, equal to every other man.

"Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way—above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy for equal treatment and consideration.

"I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship, and attitude of fair play, will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of physical characteristics.

"Because I believe in America and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places, to support her constitution, to obey her laws, to respect her flag, to defend her against all enemies foreign or domestic, to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen cheerfully and without reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America."

A beautiful and moving creed. I am thankful that I am able to testify from personal experience that that creed is the faith of all Americans of Japanese ancestry. To that faith all Americans can subscribe.

Nisei Calendar

June

3—Picnic to be sponsored by JSC from 12 noon to 11:30 p.m. at Heiser's Shadow Lake. Special invitation is being extended to 1949 high school graduates. General public also invited.

15—Lotus Starlette's annual beach party from 12 noon at Alki beach.

18—Summer dance sponsored by Adrians from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight in Buddhist auditorium. Stag-stagette affair.

19—Lotus YBA to sponsor annual picnic.

26—Annual picnic sponsored by N.V.C. at Foss' Shadow Lake from morning til 11 p.m.

September

4—Lotus YBA to sponsor its annual bazaar in the Buddhist auditorium.

Beach Party

The Lotus Starlettes will have their annual beach party from 12 noon on Thursday, June 16, at Alki beach.

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On the first leg of an inspection tour which will take them to every section of the United States, six members of the SCAP-approved Japanese Coal Commission, led by SCAP representative Wyatt, spent a hurried and busily-filled two days of sightseeing in Seattle last week. The group arrived here by plane from Tokyo on Thursday morning, May 26, and left Saturday morning for Chicago.

The coal commission, which includes four outstanding engineers and two union officials, is in the United States for the purpose of studying the latest methods, especially machinery, employed in the mining of coal.

During their brief stay here, the Japanese coal experts were busily whisked from one section of the city to another and lavishly enter-

tained by C. T. Takahashi, well known local businessman, who arranged the visitors' program for Seattle.

After a few days in Chicago, the commission will proceed to Pittsburgh, Penn., where they expect to stay for the greater part of their three-month itinerary.

Members of the commission are Takeshi Kondo, chief, assessment section coal board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo; Masanobu Tokutomi, deputy chief of mining department, Mitsui Mining Co., Tokyo; Naomi Nishijima, director, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Tokyo; Mitsuo Ariga, assistant general superintendent, Yubari Coal Mining Co., Hokkaido; Shigeo Terauchi, Taiheyo Mines, Hokkaido; and Eiji Nishijima, Mitsubishi Mining Co., Fukuoka.

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Every church is requested to send in its notices by Tuesday noon of each week so that the changes may be made accordingly and in time for the Wednesday editions of that week.

BAPTIST
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School in nursery school building.
10 a.m.—Issel worship service.
11:15 a.m.—Nisei worship service.
11:15 a.m.—Nursery during Young People service in the Broadway nursery building.
7:30 p.m.—BYF.
Okazaki class from 8 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Fujin Home.

BUDDHIST
10 a.m.—Sunday School. Chairman: Nobuy Shimizu Organist: Florence Chikata.
11 a.m.—Young People Devotional Service. Group in charge: Young Sangha. Organist: Yasuko Ota. Speaker: Rev. Masumaga.

CONGREGATIONAL
10 a.m.—Issel worship service.
10 a.m.—Sunday School for nursery, kindergarten, beginners, primary and juniors. New boys' class in primary department.
11 a.m.—Nisei worship service.
8 p.m.—Bible study class for Nisei every Monday.

METHODIST
10 a.m.—Issel service. Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Nisei worship service.

MARYKNOLL
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—Low Mass. Benediction will be held following 10:30 Mass.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH
10 a.m.—Kindergarten children and juniors service.
11 a.m.—Young people's service in English.
2 p.m.—Japanese Service.

PRESBYTERIAN
8:00 a.m.—Radio broadcast KTW.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
10:00 a.m.—Issel Worship Service.
11:10 a.m.—Nisei Worship Service.
Speaker, Sei Adachi.
Nursery for children whose parent attends church.
7:00 p.m.—Westminster Fellowship.

ST. PETER'S
9 a.m.—Issel Holy Communion
Rev. G. Shoji.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Miss Gladys Gray.
11 a.m.—Nisei Worship Service.
7:30 p.m.—Fri.-night YPF meetings.

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