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EDITORIALS:

THE TIME IS NOW

While our community leaders this week sought to set up funds to establish some sort of a suitable memorial to those who had fallen in the Second World War, grim reminders of a third world-wide catastrophe were made by President Truman in his message to Congress on Wednesday.

"We must be prepared to pay the price of peace or assuredly we shall pay the price of war."

With these words, the Chief Executive told the joint session of congressmen that we must back up our foreign policy with force if we are to stop Russia's design to communize all of Europe.

President Truman's speech was not aimed at causing war hysteria nor throwing mere empty words across the Atlantic ocean. It was a deliberate statement of where our Nation stood in the present crisis.

His three-point recommendations to Congress were:

1. Speedily complete its action on the European Recovery Program.

2. Prompt enactment of universal (military) training legislation.

3. Temporary reenactment of selective service legislation in order to maintain our armed forces at their authorized strength.

Little people all over the world saw the breakdown of an attempt to iron

out national differences through the League of Nations after the First World War. The League was powerless to act, however, because no force was there to back up its decisions.

The establishment of a United Nations by the peace-loving nations of the world shortly after the Second World War, envisaged an international police system. However, work of the United Nations was obstructed by the constant abuse of the veto powers by Russia which has blocked 21 proposals for action in a little more than two years.

"Until the free nations of Europe have regained their strength, and so long as Communism threatens the very existence of democracy, the United States must remain strong enough to support those countries of Europe which are threatened with Communist control and police-state rule."

In tribute to those who had paid their supreme sacrifice in those distant battlegrounds, we must be prepared to pay the price of peace and rest assured that they had not died in vain.

Backers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for President are "down to earth". They point to MacArthur's democratization of Japanese agriculture.

The Senate has begun to debate on the \$4,800,000,000 GOP tax cut bill. Besides cutting our tax, we hope the Senate will cut out a lot of unnecessary talk.

Story of the 442nd

(Editor's note: This is the concluding part of the "Story of the 442nd", the fabulous Japanese American infantry combat team which distinguished itself in the European theatre of operations in the Second World War.)

The newly activated team commanded by Col. Charles W. Pence, consisted of the 442d Infantry Regiment, the 522d Field Artillery Battalion, the 232d Engineer Combat Company, and the 206th Army Ground Forces Band.

The regiment originally included the First, Second and Third Infantry Battalions, but when the team sailed for Italy, the First Battalion was left behind. Its place was taken by the veteran 100th Battalion, which had been fighting alongside the 34th Infantry Division at Cassino and Anzio.

On May 2, 1944, the convoy bearing the 442d sailed out of Chesapeake Bay for Naples. TSgt. Norima Horimoto, now a student at the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey, recalls the debarkation day at Naples—May 28, 1944—and how shocked he was at the "raggedness, emaciation, desperation and precocity" of the Italian children.

After traveling by LSTs and LCIs to Anzio, the unit passed through Rome in a truck convoy and bivouacked north of the city.

On June 26 the 442d moved into the lines north of Grosseto, joining the 34th Infantry Division in relieving the 36th Division. In their initial attacks, the 2d and 3d Battalions were temporarily stalled until Col. Pence sent the veteran 100th Battalion driving into a gap in the enemy defenses to seize high ground overlooking the town of Belvedere.

TSgt. George S. Takemoto, now of the Presidio of Monterey, was then in Company B of the 100th when it relieved the 517th Parachute Infantry and started the attack. Company B took Belvedere after sharp house to house fighting, while Company A captured the neighboring village of Michelino along with a battalion command post and a motor pool.

In its first day of battle the 442d had killed 178 of the enemy, wounded at least another 20, and captured 86.

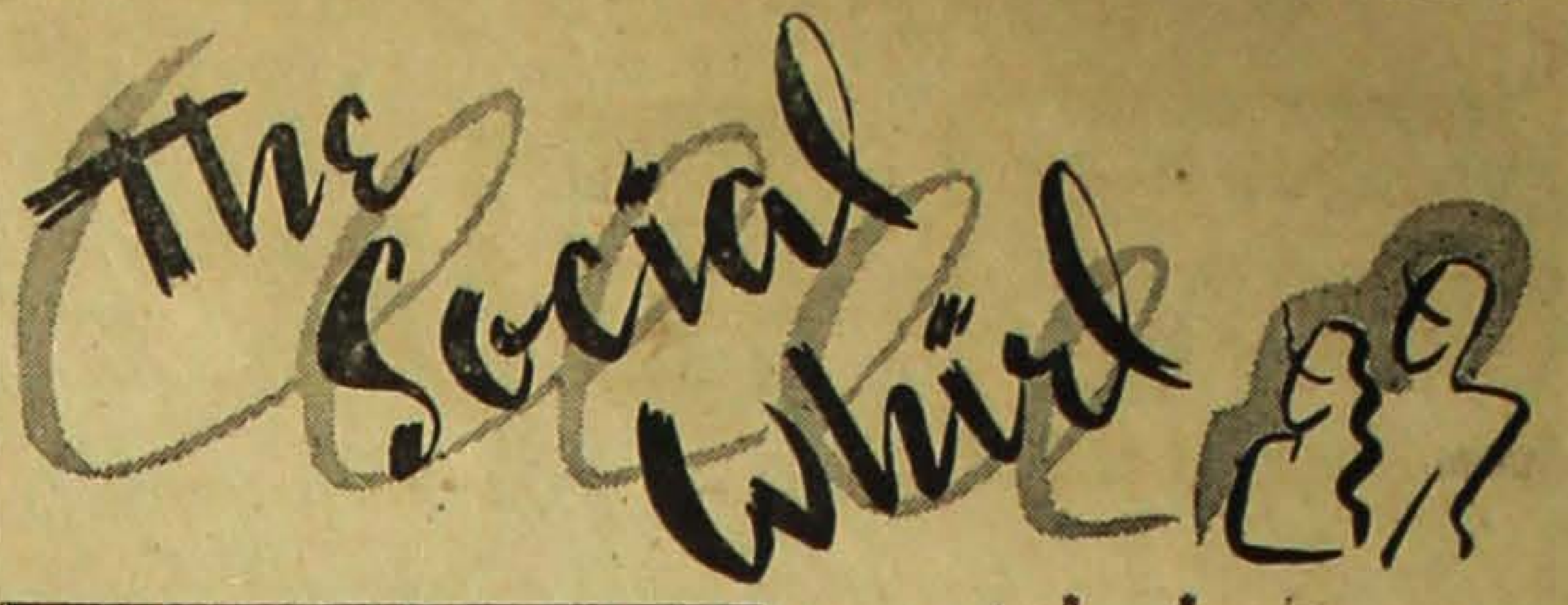
For the next 70 days the unit fought its way slowly through the endless Italian mountains, contributing greatly to the capture of Leghorn and Pisa.

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Having fought only in mountainous terrain, the Nisei were sent to France to fight its bitterest battles amid more mountains.

Debarking at Marseille Sept. 30, the 442d moved to Northeastern



moto remembers timing the ambulances, noting that one passed every five minutes for several hours.

As the survivors assembled for roll call, said Takemoto, "a Pfc. in command saluted and reported, 'I Company all present or accounted for,' while five men stood behind him."

For 10 days after the relief of the lost battalion there was still no rest, for the 442d. It remained on the attack until the enemy line had been shattered, and the way was clear for the 36th Division to begin the push that eventually took it into the Rhine valley.

On Nov. 9, most of the regiment had been relieved and pulled back into the rest areas, and on the 17th came orders for the 442d to proceed to Nice on the French Riviera.

After several months of comparative rest, patrolling the border between France and Italy in the Maritime Alps, the 442d Infantry and the 232d Engineers were ordered to Italy for an assault on the Gothic Line. The 522d Field Artillery had been detached from the team to support the Seventh Army's crossing of the Rhine.

The western hinge of the Gothic line, which barred the way to the great port of Genoa, was an elaborate system of fortifications, hewn out of solid rock and reinforced with concrete. Dug into sheer peaks rising out of the coastal plain and protected by mobile field guns and great coastal rifles located on a nearby peninsula, these enemy positions had defied attacking Fifth Army troops for five months.

With no cover available for a frontal assault on Mt. Folgorito and Mt. Carchio, it was decided to send the 3rd Battalion on an eight-hour climb to the saddle between the two mountains under cover of darkness. While the 3rd launched its surprise attack from the east, the 100th Battalion attacked from the south.

The initial surprise made it comparatively easy for the 3rd to seize the ridge line. From there on, the advance up the sides of Folgorito was made against concentrated small arms, field artillery and coast artillery fire, and casualties were heavy, but the peak was taken.

Meanwhile, following a terrific barrage by supporting artillery, the 100th assaulted "Georgia" peak in front of Mt. Folgorito. In 32 minutes this bald knob of solid rock was captured, but only after heavy losses.

The 2d Battalion, meanwhile took Mt. Carchio and Mt. Belvedere after savage battles. Severe fighting remained before the 442d drove on through Carrara, past Genoa, and up the Po Valley to Turin.

Sgt. Kumio Shimamoto, now at the Presidio of Monterey, will al-

Miss Joyce Akiye Yamano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kihachi Yamano, announced to close friends and relatives her engagement to Mr. Jimmy Salki last Feb. 29.

Amo, those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Sam Salki, Shiroko Shinbo, Shoichi Suyama, Shyosoku Suyama, and Harry S. Uno; the Misses Mary and Sachiko Yamano, Fanny Yasutake, Lillian Yamaguchi, Masako Yutani, Reyko Suyama, and Sally Onishi; and the Messrs. Masao and Freddie Uno, George Suyama, and Mich Salki.

No wedding date has been set.

Ted Sakura, well-known Nisei athlete, this week-end started on a vacation trip to California and Mexico. Mr. Sakura will return sometime the latter part of next month.

Many of the team wanted a crack at the enemy in the Pacific, including four officers and 194 enlisted men who volunteered to attend the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey in preparation for such duties.

But no further vindication was needed. The Nisei had confirmed beyond a shadow of a doubt President Roosevelt's conviction that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart" and not "a matter of race or ancestry."

Planets do not govern the soul, nor guide the destinies of men, but trifles, lighter than straws, are powers in the building up of character—Tupper.



SALUTE
On March 9th, the Nisei War Memorial Committee kicked off in its drive to raise at least \$5,000 for the purpose of financing memorial services and a community monument in honor of our Nisei dead of World War II. One week later, after a whirlwind campaign the Committee "went over the top" with approximately \$7,500 already raised. Late receipts are certain to swell the fund to well over \$8,000.

ets to help make the drive a success. Recognizing a worthy cause when presented to them, and remembering the debt of gratitude owing to our men who died overseas, the community gave freely and gladly. It should be noted that the outlying districts, such as Auburn, Kent, and Fife, were especially outstanding in the amounts which were raised from a comparatively small number of families.

NVC Treasurer Frank Yanagimachi, who is taking charge of the contributions to the NVC Memorial Committee in place of Davis Hiraehara, reports that additional amounts are being received in the mails and will help to increase the general total. All amounts raised thus far by the NVC have been turned over to the community Nisei War Memorial Committee.

This correspondent salutes the Memorial Committee on its splendid accomplishment. The fund drive was well-planned, efficiently organized, and carried to an extremely successful conclusion in a minimum of time. We think that the entire Memorial Committee, from President Yoshito Fujii and Executive Secretary Frank Hattori down are entitled to a hearty vote of congratulations for a worthy job well done.

The fund campaign indicates what can be done when the community organizes itself on a representative basis and gets to work under competent leadership to fulfill a community need. It is to be hoped that, after the memorial services have been completed, the community will not forget what it can do by cooperating and pulling together for the common benefit.

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Thanks are also due to all persons who dug deep into their pockets

NVC FUND REPORT

Last week, this column acknowledged contributions from 74 persons to the NVC Memorial Committee, totaling \$319.50. Bringing this list up to date as of Wednesday, March 17th, the following additional contributions are acknowledged, making a total of \$546.50 from 110 individual contributors:

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DANA WILL SPEAK TO PORTLAND JACL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20—Marshall Dana, editor of the Oregon Journal, will be the guest speaker at the next Portland JACL (Japanese American Citizens' League) meeting which will be held from 7:30 p.m. Friday April 2, in the Ni-

STRIKERS HOLD LEAD IN ONGBL

ONGBL STANDINGS table with columns W, L and rows for various teams like Lucky Strikers, Rockettes, etc.

Results in Brief Pin-Ups 1, Lucky Strikers 3 Rockettes 4, Pessimists 0

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20—Still maintaining a seven-game lead in the Oregon Nisei Girls Bowling League are the Lucky Strikers who last March 12 turned back the Pin-Ups, 3-1, in the Hollywood Alleys. Sy Mitoma led the winners with a 396 series, and Chickie Aono, the losers, with a 444.

"Big Ten" leader Toby Ninomiya sparked the Rockettes to a 4-0 whitewash over the Cellar Pessimists. She smashed the pins for a 453 series. Mary Mio's 441 was tops for the Pessimists.

ONGBL'S "BIG TEN"

Averages table for Big Ten players listing names and scores.

Entries Sought For Table Tennis

Final call for new entries in the table tennis tournament which will be held from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Nichiren church hall, was issued today. Those wishing to compete in the meet are urged to hand in their entry fee, fifty cents, to the church immediately.

Four trophies — men's, women's, mixed doubles and perpetual — will be awarded it was added. Nichiren church, site of the table tennis tourney, is at 1042 Weller St.

God overrules all mutinous accidents, brings them under his laws of fate, and makes them all servicable to his purpose.—Marcus Antoninus.

Church Notices section with sub-sections for BAPTIST, METHODIST, NICHIREN, BUDDHIST, CONGREGATIONAL, and MARYKNOLL.

children church, 137 North Benton, it was learned today. Dana recently returned from a trip to Japan. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

A-BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI TO BE SCREENED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20—Everyone is invited to see the special movies sponsored by the Portland JACL from 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, in the Nichiren church. The films will be "Atomic Energy," which explains the fundamentals of the atom bomb, "Atomic Power," which explains the history behind the manufacturing of the first atom bomb, and "Tale of Two Cities," which will depict the bombing and destruction of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Lt. Col. I. E. Wiles, commandant of the University of Oregon Medical School's ROTC, will give a short summary of the A-bomb and answer questions from the floor. No admission will be charged for the show.

JACL TO TAKE OVER ROSE CITY CEMETERY

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20—Portland's Issei last March 13 approved to transfer the ownership of the Japanese Rose City Cemetery to the JACL chapter of this city, and in the same approval, urged an advisory committee be set up with representatives from each Japanese church in the community and with representatives from the JACL. From now on, babies, adults and charitable persons will not be segregated. The graves, it was added, will be 4 x 8 for all, and will follow in the order in which the dead bodies are received. Relatives will be charged a maintenance fee of two dollars a year per plot. Temporary medal markers also will be put on graves of the unknown dead.

Attending the March 13 gathering, which was under the chairmanship of Toshi Kuge, the following were present: the Messrs. Miyoshi, M. Shimizu, Masaichi Tsuboi, Sugaon Inouye, K. Hara, T. Miura, T. Yamada Y. Funatake, T. Inuzuka, K. Ito, Horagami, Jihachi Shirota, Ted Hachiya, and Miss Mary Minamoto.

Issei and Nisei In Easter Rites

Issei and Nisei will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 28, in the Japanese Congregational church, 305-309 17th Ave. The Rev. Ai Chi Tsai will deliver the Easter message, a baptismal ceremony will be held, the Lord's Supper will be observed, and new members will be accepted into the church. The church's school students will present a program of recitations and songs, followed by a joint service for the Issei and the Nisei.

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Nisei Calendar

- MARCH 23—Belle Amis to present "Spring Whirl" from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. at Rollerland. 27—U. of W. Coed basketball team will sponsor dance in Buddhist Auditorium. 27—Bazaar in Japanese Congregational church. APRIL 3—Young people's fellowship group of St. Peter's church to sponsor a couples' dance. 17—Stag-stagette dance to be sponsored by Risho club in the Buddhist Auditorium. 18—Japanese Students Club and Valedas to co-sponsor bazaar at Washington hall. MAY 1—JSC to give Spring Informal dance. JUNE 4—Annual JCS picnic. JULY 4—Nisei Veterans' committee to sponsor Fourth of July sports dance at Palladium Ballroom with Jackie Souders and his orchestra.

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