



THE NISEI

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THE 442nd Regimental Combat Team on its triumphant return from Europe was extended honors, praises, and publicity befitting a great fighting unit by the Army, the American public, and the gratefully proud issei and nisei. However, in our exuberant exultation over the 442nd, we must not forget the great debt we owe to the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), composed of 1300 nisei from Hawaii who went overseas on August 1943.

The issei and nisei of the mainland have every right to be proud of their 442nd, but we must remember that the 442nd was sired by the glorious 100th Inf. Bat. (Sep.). Without the contribution of the 100th, the 442nd may never have crystallized. On the other hand, if the 100th had failed in its mission of satisfying the severe demands of the Army and the American public, the result could have been catastrophic and disastrous

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Washington Weekender

THE ARMY'S BIG SHOW

Why did the Army put up such a big show for the 442nd? This has been a matter of conjecture for some people. One of the 442nd boys said it is rumored that the Army is planning to show the pictures in Japan. For what purposes, it is hard to say . . .

UNSELFISH NISEI GIRLS

As in New York city, so in Washington, D. C., where the girls generally outnumber the men around 6 to 1, the nisei girls had to work fast and furiously to put over the YWCA-USO reception party at Barker Hall, the dance at Ft. Belvoir on Saturday night, and open house on Sunday afternoon. Hard workers were found in Kenko Nogaki, sister of Kenji Nogaki of New York City, and Yuki Tanaka. For the big Fort Belvoir dance, Yuki made over 100 telephone calls to rally the girls for the dance. The response to Yuki's and Kenko's efforts was such that over 100 girls caught the 7:30 bus to Ft. Belvoir, forcing many nisei husbands to do the dishes. Bouquets to the girls of Washington, and a salute to the husbands.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON NISEI USO

Much of the hard (dirty) work of organizing to entertain the 442nd in Washington fell on the Nisei USO, which will soon be deactivated. For its work on behalf of the 442nd, it deserves a big hand. But this was only a tiny part of its entire work. During the war, it was one of the most active of USOs, entertaining nisei GIs. The Washington Nisei USO deserves a citation.

THE RESPECT IS MUTUAL

1st Sgt. Yekii Matsui, in thanking the USO on behalf of the soldiers for the dinner, paid his tribute to Myer: "As long as you were Director of WRA, Mr. Meyer, we overseas fought with confidence that everything would be justly taken care of at home."

Mr. Dillon Myer, in welcoming the boys, said: "I'd rather be a private in the 442nd than anything else."

THE MODESTY OF THE 442nd IS AMAZING

The girls in Washington are saying: "For the most decorated bunch of boys, they certainly are the shyest fellows about wearing their ribbons. If we didn't know of their famous record and, if we didn't question them extensively, it'd be hard to guess we were all dancing with heroes . . ."

Earl Finch says: "The fellows don't care about parades, ceremonies, and big dinners. They don't care about the publicity. In fact, they want to be left alone. They'd rather come into town individually than be carried around in Army buses."

Many Hawaiian fellows we talked to were griping against "another deactivation ceremony" in Hawaii which meant immediate shipment to Hawaii. They had looked forward to hitting the Big City again.

The night after the parade, while some of us were talking about the big parade, two 442nd men were quietly playing bridge in a corner of the same room.

THE 442nd AND THE NISEI

While the 442nd marched smartly along Constitution Avenue in Washington, the nisei were the proudest among the spectators. During the war they had been blasted as saboteurs and spies by both the Dies and Lea committees, while the conservative press yelled "Japs" at them. The Civil Service checked and double checked before approving them for a job. Unmindful of the pouring rain, nisei girls in high heel shoes kept up alongside the fast-stepping 442nd from the beginning of the parade for twenty blocks to the Ellipse. To them, it was like seeing the 442nd march down the main street of Los Angeles or San Francisco . . .

CAMERA HOUNDS AT THE PARADE

Camera bugs of the 442nd had a field day trailing after President Truman and Secretary of War Patterson as they inspected the troops.

AN ISSEI COMMENTS ON THE PARADE

"This is the biggest tribute ever paid to the Japanese," said one old-time Washingtonian issei who had been there for 17 years. "There was nothing like it ever before the war. Now we can retire happily and leave everything to the nisei. There was nothing that the Japanese embassy did prior to the war to impress us so much as this. Maybe it is because the nisei are our children. Now it seems that we have reached our goal in coming to America."

THERE IS NO REST

Earl Finch: "I'm catching the four o'clock plane back to Mississippi. I need a couple of weeks of rest. After that I'll be on the West Coast to resume my speaking tour." There'll be no deactivation for Earl Finch . . . just a furlough, well deserved.

A WISTFUL NISEI

Mr. Joe Tasaka, the issei Earl Finch of Washington, D. C., said: "I would like to go to Hawaii with the 442nd boys. I wonder what big welcome they'll receive there." Mr. Tasaka can rest assured that the boys will receive a warm and hearty welcome. In Hawaii, the return of any nisei soldier is an occasion for a big party in the family where friends are invited.

THE COLORS OF THE 442nd AND THE 100th

There was quite a discussion in the inner circle concerning the colors of the 442nd and the 100th. Some wanted them to be placed on Capitol Hill; others, to be taken back to Hawaii. The latter view prevailed.

Nation's Capital Honors 442

Kanaka Vets

On Way Home

More than 200 Hawaiian veterans of the famed 442nd Combat Team are on their way home after their triumphant return which reached its high mark with the Presidential Citation ceremonies on the soggy grounds of the Ellipse on July 15th.

The 239 servicemen are on board the Waterbury Victory which pulled out of Staten Island July 21st on its 17-day trek to the Islands by way of the Panama Canal.

Mainland members of the outfit were separated at Fort Meade, Md. on July 18th. At Meade they were greeted by Brig. Gen. C. G. Helmick who commended them on their superlative war record.

The men en route to Hawaii are carrying with them the regimental colors of the 442nd Combat Team and the battalion colors of the 100th Infantry. The 442nd Team will be formally deactivated in Hawaii.

Return of the Hawaiian men in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be marked in Honolulu by the observance of Veterans Week, planned by veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Serving on the veterans reception committee are Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, president of Club 100, and Bert N. Nishimura of the 442nd Veterans Club.

Ten Men Honored

By President

Ten outstanding members of the 442nd were selected to stand with President Truman in reviewing the Combat Team in the formal review at the Ellipse.

The one officer and nine enlisted men were chosen on the basis of their combat and efficiency records and as representatives of the geographical areas from which the outfit volunteered for duty.

The men included were:

S/Sgt. Don Shigeki, Company M, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Long Beach, California.

T/Sgt. George Nishimura, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Nyssa, Oregon.

S/Sgt. Takashi Uyeno, Company C, 100th Battalion, Fort Lupton, Colorado.

S/Sgt. Marcus Naito, Company B, 100th Battalion, Philadelphia, Pa.

1st Lt. Kiyoshi Teraoka, DC, Medical Detachment, Pauhau, Hawaii.

T/Sgt. Hiroshi Itakura, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii.

S/Sgt. Sakai Hiromoto, Company L, 442nd Infantry Regiment, Honolulu.

T/Sgt. Kazuto Urada, Company C, 100th Battalion, Captain Cook, Kona, Hawaii.

S/Sgt. Fukuda, Co. C, 100th Battalion, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.

S/Sgt. Yeikido Asato, Company A, 100th Battalion, Haiku, Maui, Hawaii.

October 26, 1944

Rescue of Lost Battalion Hailed As Most Heroic Act

On the 26th of October, 1944, the Japanese Americans still tired from their gallant struggle to open the gateway into southeastern Germany, was ordered to go to the rescue of the now famous Lost Battalion of World War II.

The Lost Battalion was the First Battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment of the 6th "Texas" Division which had been cut off by the Germans; the story of their rescue is one of the epic dramas of this or any war.

The 100th and Third Battalions jumped off at four in the morning. It was so dark that the men held on to the belts of the men in front of them as they moved forward to effect the relief of the beleaguered Americans.

In this battle the Japanese Americans fixed bayonets several times in fierce hand to hand fighting. At one point when the Germans captured the radio code of the 442nd and tried to send misleading information, the alert operators of the 442nd spoke in Japanese and "Pidgen English" which only Hawaiians understand. This caught the Germans in their bluff.

Less spectacular but most effective was the deadly foot by foot, tree by tree advance of the Nisei soldiers who slugged their way through every barrier put up by the Germans, always pushing the enemy back. Almost continuous rain—cold, wet driving rain aided the Wehrmacht and hampered the 442nd's efforts. Never relaxing, never letting up, the troops in typical "Go For Broke" spirit, carried on until the rescue was finally effected.

At two o'clock in the afternoon of the 100th, a patrol led by Technical Sergeant Takeo Senzaki of

Los Angeles finally contacted the Lost Battalion. A few minutes later, the 100th Battalion made contact.

After one week of isolation, the rescue had been made. The Lost Battalion had had food and medical supplies shot to them in artillery casings, much in the manner of propaganda material, and dropped to them from planes. But most of the supplies fell into enemy hands, as the Germans had forced the Americans to withdraw into a rough circular area some 300 yards in diameter.

When water was needed, one man carried the water can to a scum-covered pool; another went along to protect him with a machine gun. Several attempts to break out of the ring of steel had been attempted, but all of them failed. Had it not been for the fact that men of the Lost Battalion knew that the 442nd was on their way, according to the men themselves, they might have given up all hope of relief. And the Japanese Americans, knowing that they had to break through, did just that.

But, in so doing, they lost several times as many men as they rescued. The toll which the Germans exacted was exceedingly high many line companies that started out with 208 men were down to forty or fifty men each.

Most cherished of all awards to the men of the 442nd Infantry is a medium-sized walnut and silver plaque, purchased and presented by the surviving members of the Lost Battalion. The inscription on that plaque, simple yet eloquent, states: "To the 442nd Infantry Regiment, With Deep Sincerity and Utmost Appreciation for the Gallant Fight to Effect Our Rescue After We Had Been Isolated For Seven Days. 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Biffontaine, France From 24 to 30 October, 1944."

By HARRY OSHIMA

The 442nd's invasion of the nation's capital made Washingtonians forget for a while the tense battle for OPA and the sensational disclosures of Rep. May's activities. Thousands of people of this city which still bars Negroes from white restaurants turned out in the rain to see President Truman pin the eighth Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation banner to the 442nd colors, with the words, "You fought not only the enemy but you fought prejudice—and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win."

The parade was an impressive climax to the whirlwind welcome given the 442nd, which began with their tumultuous landing in New York.

A touch of realism was added to the parade which was no pomp and circumstance affair as the crisp khaki uniform of the marchers turned into soggy brown as they stood rigidly at attention on the grounds of the Ellipse while the President of the United States walked in the driving rain to review the regiment.

Getting off the Army buses, the men of the 442nd quickly lined up on 4th Street, in the shadow of the Capitol dome. With a bit of adjusting here and there of their fibre helmets and cartridge belts and they were ready to march down Constitution Ave. for about 20 blocks to the Ellipse near the White House.

With motorcycle escort clearing the way and preceded by an Army band, the 442nd turned and swung into Constitution Ave shortly after 2 o'clock. It marched with all the snap, precision, and polish of any parading unit, and as it passed by, cheers and applause rose from the people on the sidewalks and from the jam-packed windows of the avenue.

After 25 minutes of marching, they were in the huge grounds of the Ellipse where toward the White House side was erected a draped reviewing stand. The notables began to take their places in the stand led by Secretary of War Patterson, General Jacob L. Devers, Earl M. Finch, Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, Representative Andrew May, and others.

As more than 6,000 spectators looked on, President Truman with his entourage inspected the troops stopping here and there to greet individual soldiers and chat with them. The President then returned to his place on the reviewing stand, as the colors of the 442nd and the 100th Battalion and guidons of component units advanced to the front of the stand, followed by the ten outstanding men of the Combat Team.

1300 Low-Point Men Reassigned

One thousand three hundred enlisted personnel of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were not eligible to return with the outfit to the United States for deactivation. These 1,300 men were absorbed by the following Peninsular Base Section installations:

- 1—10th Port of Embarkation.
- 2—345 Engineers.
- 3—Quartermaster Salvage Depot.
- 4—61st Station Hospital.
- 5—H'quarters, Peninsular Base Section.
- 6—Special Service, Peninsular Base Section.
- 7—Signal Service Companies.
- 8—31st Finance, Peninsular Base Section.
- 9—Ordnance (light and heavy).
- 10—Grave Registration Unit.
- 11—149 Replacement Battalion.

Nisei Regiment Receives Banner of Honor



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FOR A HARD JOB WELL DONE—Japanese-American members of the 442d Regimental Combat Team march in the rain down Constitution ave. to receive the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation banner. These soldiers distinguished themselves in fighting the Germans in Italy. Below, President Truman, on the Ellipse, pins the banner to the regimental colors.

(Cut Courtesy Washington Post)

Harry S. Truman

'You Fought Not Only the Enemy, You Fought Prejudice and Won'

(Text of President Truman's Speech)

"It is a very great pleasure to me today to be able to put the seventh Regimental Citation on your banners.

"You are to be congratulated on what you have done for this great country of ours. I think it was my predecessor who said that Americanism is not a matter of race or creed, it is a matter of the heart.

"You fought for the free nations of the world along with the rest of us. I congratulate you on that, and I can't tell you how very much I appreciate the privilege of being able to show you just how much the United States of America thinks of what you have done.

"You are now on your way home. You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice—and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win—to make this great republic stand for just what the constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all people all the time."

100 Inf. Colors Return With 442

The colors of the original 100th Infantry Battalion (former Hawaiian National Guard Unit) will return with the 442nd Combat Team. It is not yet known whether the 100th Infantry Battalion Colors will be returned to the Territory of Hawaii for unofficial deactivation ceremony by the members of the 100th Infantry now discharged from the Armed Service.

481 Enlisted Men and 19 Officers are returning with the Regimental Combat Team. 239 men were transhipped to the Territory of Hawaii for discharge while 50 enlisted men will be released in twenty States in the United States. Three officers will return to Hawaii while sixteen officers will receive their discharge documents from various separation centers in the U. S.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team spent 240 days in the front lines. This figure doesn't include small patrols during the winter stalemate. The 442nd Combat Team came overseas twelve months before V-E Day.

Editorial

The Nisei Comes of Age

To the new Japanese American community, both issei and nisei, emerged from the turmoil of war and evacuation, we dedicate this souvenir issue of the Nisei Weekender which chronicles pictorially and in words the triumphal return of the great 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

It was a herculean task for so tiny a paper as the Weekender, but we felt that whatever the cost, the full story of the past few weeks should be recorded for the Japanese Americans in the U. S. and Hawaii. We have therefore, with the enthusiastic contributions from friends and businessmen, assembled and printed this souvenir issue for free distribution throughout the country.

We of the Weekender staff were indeed fortunate to be able to follow the magnificent 442nd from the moment the Wilson Victory steamed past Sandy Hook in outer New York Harbor to the end of the stirring ceremonies in Washington, D. C., when the President in the midst of driving rain placed the eighth unit citation on the regiment colors of the 442nd.

For those less fortunate who were unable to attend the ceremonies, we especially offer this issue.

Invincible Foundation

The events of the past few weeks must be recorded and remembered. Taken together they symbolize, in the happy words of Mr. I. Sekine, an "invincible foundation" upon which our families and our children can build a sound and vital future in America. For with the presidential accolade the Japanese Americans have finally arrived.

Never before did the nation's press, radio, newsreels applaud so unstintingly an achievement of a minority group. Never before has our government bestowed such honors on our community. For our size we have become the most publicized minority in the U. S.

The effects of this favorable publicity can be measured by the spontaneous applause which rose from the rain-drenched spectators on Constitution Avenue and from the usually blasé movie audiences during the showing of the newsreels, in the husky cheer given by the Caucasian troops remaining on the Wilson as the 442nd went swinging down the gangplank first, and in the surprising number of Negro soldiers who attended the Kilmer Bowl ceremonies.

The reception given the 442nd must be remembered. For a few weeks the eyes of America were focused on this small but valiant group. In a few brief weeks the Japanese Americans have stepped from the shadowy hinterland of second-class citizenship to the light of seemingly full and unqualified citizenship. And the record of the 442nd has been our passport.

Forging a New Friendship

The 442nd, which also includes the 100th Battalion, represents the unity of Hawaiian and mainland nisei and we must never forget the success which attended this combined effort. Before the war a mutual hostility existed. "Those barbaric Hawaiians!" and "those stuck-up kotonks" were common epithets.

But through the bristling flare-ups in Shelby, Savage and Snelling and the tense moments in the evacuation centers, a new friendship has been forged, a friendship which was tested in the bomb-seared battlefields of Italy and France. It is a joy to see the boys come back arm in arm with so little distinction between mainland and Hawaiian nisei.

The Hawaiian boys will not forget the warm aloha they received in the homes of East Coast issei and nisei; nor will the mainlanders forget the hundreds of costly flower leis made at a moment's notice by the women and children of Hawaii for all the members of the 442nd.

Let us remember that the stories of sabotage by Hawaiian nisei during the Pearl Harbor attack were cited in favor of evacuation, and in turn the evacuation was cited in favor of shipping all nisei out of Hawaii. We shall need all the strength that can be squeezed out of this new unity and friendship for the tougher problems ahead.

Issei-Nisei Cooperation

One of the most heartening aspects of the 442nd reception was the pride the issei took in welcoming home their hero sons and the all-out support they gave to reception plans. In New York City the issei spearheaded the financial drive and in a few days raised \$2,000, while overnight the issei women worked over hot stoves to make over 1,000 boxes of sushi.

In Washington, D. C., they came in a group to the reception committee offering their services, and despite the shortage of bread and meat over 500 lunches and cold drinks were prepared for the dance. In almost every issei home the doughboys were feted and lavishly entertained.

And what is more, all this minus the bickering and officiousness characteristic of issei leadership before the war. In the words of Mr. I. Sekine, who spoke for the Japanese community at the Kilmer Bowl ceremonies, "My generation is tremendously happy that we lived to see the sons we've raised to be good Americans perform their duties in the true American way . . . We're very proud of you . . ."

Some issei feel that the nisei can now take over the leadership. From this recent example of friendly issei-nisei cooperation we should fashion a better and more democratic working relationship—the issei and the nisei participating on equal footing in the committees and organizations of our community. The nisei can use to good purpose the tempering influence of issei experience and the support of the issei exchequer.

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The Nisei Comes of Age

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The 442nd and the Kamikaze

The events of the past few weeks, falling as they do around the 4th of July, give deeper significance to Independence Day. There is no need for any issei to observe the birth of the Emperor (Tencho Setsu) or Empire Day (Kigen Setsu). It is time for our issei to break loose from all ties to the militarism and chauvinism of Imperial Nippon and all the undemocratic aspects of such a Nippon.

Issei should note that it was not the highly touted, fierce-looking Tejos and Terauchis with their boasts of death, suicide and "Yamato-Damashi" who carried off the honors of the day, but the modest unassuming nisei, scorned by the arrogant representatives of the Mikado and his business henchmen as "degenerates" of democracy who came up on top.

In this sense, July 4, 1946 has a similar significance to the Japanese American community as July 4, 1776 had for the strippling America which had just cut off the shackles of British Imperialism.

We must remember that the most important thing is that the 442nd has come back from an anti-fascist war. All the bright courage and hard fighting would have meant nothing if our 442nd, like the suicidal Kamikaze, were fighting for an unjust cause such as Hitlerian racism or "Asia for the Asiatics."

We must remember that all this—the aloha spirit represented by the leis from Hawaii, the friendly faces of the Caucasian soldiers at the pier, the admiration of the Negro soldiers, the genuine applause in the theaters, the friendly interest of Americans of all walks of life—would be impossible in Hitler Germany or pre-war Japan.

The Nisei Weekender here proposes July 4th as a special 442nd Day for our community. The spectacular record and the triumphant return of the 442nd must long be remembered for they have given us a strong democratic heritage in America—a heritage which must be cherished and enhanced.

Major General Alfred M. Gruenther

Top Generals Battled Over 442nd

"When the 100th Battalion came to North Africa, I was Chief of Staff of the 5th Army under General Mark Clark. When you returned to Italy from France, I was Chief of Staff of the 15th Army Group. In both of these positions I had an excellent opportunity to observe you under combat conditions.

"When the 100th Battalion landed in Oran on September 3, 1943, there was some skepticism expressed in certain quarters as to your fighting qualities. Although the battalion was assigned to the 133rd Infantry Regiment of the 34th Division, that regiment wanted to look you over carefully before deciding whether you could be awarded full membership rights as comrades in arms. In their eyes you were recruits arriving only a few days before the all important invasion of the European continent, with no time to participate in the special battle training which had been given in North Africa to other units.

"The Salerno landing took place on September 9, 1943. On the 22nd, you landed at Salerno, and on the 27th the 100th Battalion was committed to action. It didn't take long for you to establish a reputation as a fighting outfit. I remember well a telephone conversation two days after you entered combat in which General Ryder, commanding the 34th, told General Clark, 'I believe they've

got what it takes.' A week later he reported: 'The 100th will be as good a battalion as any in the Division.' Then followed the fighting around Naples and the long bitter struggle at Casino during the winter of 1943-4. By that time the men of the 34th had accepted you without reservation. In fact, we at Fifth Army Headquarters noted with pleasure a boastful attitude on the part of the division when they reported your exploits. They had not only accepted you—they were very, very proud of you. . . .

"In June of 1944 the 42nd arrived and the 100th Battalion became a battalion of that regiment, then next participated in the capture of Leghorn and the fighting around there. To show you how your reputation as a fighting unit had grown I must tell you of the behind the scenes battle which took place over the assignment of the 442nd. Every division in the Fifth Army insisted that the 442nd be assigned to it. General Ryder insisted that there was only one logical place for it and that was with the 34th Division and that was General Clark's decision.

"Two months later the assignment of the 442nd was again to be the cause of considerable pleading and counter-pleading. General Devers commanding the Sixth Army Group which invaded Southern France appealed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the 442nd. General Clark resisted vigorously and many messages passed between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the two commands on that subject. In a letter which I received from an officer in the Operations Division of the

War Department while the argument was at its height he said: 'One would think that the 442nd RCT was the only unit in Italy the way you fellows are squawking about giving it up.' The decision was made in favor of the Southern France assignment and you left Italy September 1944.

"Although you were out of sight you were not out of mind and General Clark never gave up the idea that he would get you back. When the attack of the 15th Army Group, consisting of the U. S. Fifth and the British Eighth Armies was planned for April 1945, General Clark, now the Army Group Commander submitted an urgent appeal to have the 442nd returned to Italy. General Devers protested vigorously but General Clark won out and you returned to Italy in March 1945. You participated with distinction in the final attack which brought about the surrender of the German Group of Armies in Italy on May 2, which was followed by the final capitulation of a few days later.

"Your outstanding record of major decorations unsurpassed by any other unit of comparable size—3600 Purple Hearts, 3 Presidential citations, 42 DSC and 253 SS—is the best evidence of your super fighting qualities.

"The War Department is proud of you and welcomes you back to the United States reassured in its original conviction that you are passionately loyal to our institutions and our ideals. Your combat record will become one of the cherished traditions of our country. It is a great honor for me to be able to salute such a distinguished outfit."

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Blushingly, the Weekender staff apologizes for missing the past two issues. Yep, our faces are very, very red—and no, it's not due to sunburns picked up by lolling on the beaches.

But we have an alibi! It's the old story of trying to do too much with too little; we're sadly understaffed and badly overworked. Frankly, we almost bit off more than our store teeth could manage when we undertook the pictorial, but we think it was worth it.

Actually our intentions were good—we wanted to give you more for your money. But we know now that it takes more than good intentions to put out a bigger and better paper. To be sordidly crass about the whole thing, it takes a nice chunk of "lettuce," good old greenbacks, to do it.

But speaking of money, the newspaper business is an expensive hobby. We say hobby because no one on the staff is getting paid. With us it's a labor of love, although ruder people insist that the proper term is "suckers." Maybe

so. But as long as the Weekender fills a definite need in the community, we'll go on being suckers.

And there is a need for a paper here. The four pages, which were so hard to fill at first, aren't enough for full coverage of local doings today. We believe this is so because a newspaper stimulates activities. At any rate, we want to expand to eight pages in order to better serve you.

But the transition from four to eight pages must be financed somehow. We believe the best way would be by means of new subscriptions. Enough new subs would keep us solvent while we run around for new advertising accounts. In this, you can help us. By donating a few minutes of your time and "slugging" a friend into subscribing, you'll actually help not only us, but yourself. How? By getting your dividend in the form of a bigger and better paper.

But the way, don't look now but there's a subscription blank at the bottom of the last page. A stitch in time will sew up the deal fine.

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Japan Relief Body To Incorporate

Decision to incorporate the New York Japanese American Committee for Japan Relief was made by the executive board at a meeting held July 1, at the Japanese Methodist Church. All campaign plans will be held in abeyance until the receipt of the charter for incorporation which is expected in several weeks.

After the charter is granted a general meeting of the entire committee will be held to initiate an all-out drive. The first call will be for cash donations.

RN Scholarships Open to Nisei

Scholarships are being offered to twenty-five nisei students by the St. Luke's and Children's Medical Center School of Nursing in Philadelphia.

These scholarships include all expenses for the entire three years' course. Girls, who are high school graduates, may apply, and the recipients can enroll for the classes which start September 25. Applications, Annual Reports of the school and further information may be obtained by writing to the School of Nursing, St. Luke's and Children's Medical Center, Franklin and Thompson Streets, Phila., 22, Pa.

St. Marys Offers Nurse Training

The St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Quincy, Ill., are offering three scholarships to nisei students. This announcement was made by Miss Mary Anderson, Director of Nursing at St. Mary's Hospital. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship should communicate with Miss Anderson.

UNIT AWARDS

Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation	8
Meritorious Service Unit Citation	2
Unit Army Commendation	1
Total Unit Citations	11

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR	1
Distinguished Service Crosses	17
Distinguished Service Medal	1
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal	12
Silver Star Medal	350
Legion of Merit	16
Soldiers' Medal	16
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal	41
Bronze Star Medal	823
Aid Medal	1
Army Commendation Ribbon	3
Army Commendation	10
Division Commendation	87
Brigade Commendation	1
Croix de Guerre (French Government)	12
Palm to Croix de Guerre (French Government)	1
Italian War Cross for Valor	2
Italian Bronze Star Medal for Valor	1
Total Individual Awards	1,157
Purple Heart Medal	3,600

Japan Anti-War Documents To Be Published Soon

Philadelphia

Troths Announced

Our Philadelphia correspondent keeps us up to date on the latest engagements along the main line. Late in June Mrs. Shioichi Kuroda announced the engagement to Naoyuki Takasugi, formerly of Oxford. Mr. Takasugi is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was connected with the Student Relocation Office until it closed recently.

Grayce Kaneda, a group worker for the International Institute, announced her engagement to Hiroshi Uyehara, a University of California graduate who is at present connected with Westinghouse. Both Miss Kaneda and Mr. Uyehara have been very active in the Nisei Council to which Mr. Uyehara was recently reelected chairman.

Mrs. Frank Otokichi Nagatani, formerly of Port Blakely, Washington, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miyo Nagatani to George Sakai. Miss Nagatani attended college in Hillsdale, Michigan and at present works at Temple University as a librarian. Mr. Sakai is an engineer presently connected with P-V Engineering Corporation.

Miss Yuriko Uyehara, of Essington, also announced her engagement to Takashi Moriuchi, formerly of Livingston, California. Miss Uyehara is a graduate of L. A. City College, at present a bookkeeper for Social Service Exchange. Her fiancé is an operator of a progressive farm.

Two original manuscripts, "We Are Seven" and "Letters from the Front," a documentary and chronological record of the first group of Japanese to fight for peace and democracy in China, will be available soon in book form for the readers, according to the publishers, the New York JACD.

Written by Wataru Kaji, a graduate of the Tokyo Imperial University and a political exile who fled to China to escape the wrath of the Japanese government.

The book reveals the growth and propaganda work in Central China of the Japanese Anti-War League, recruited from Japanese prisoners of war, through the encouragement of the Chungking government.

The book, a cloth-bound limited edition of 1,000 copies will have an attractive cover design by Tetsu Yashima, author of "New Sunrise," a sketch of Kaji by Chyuzo Tamemitsu, New York artist, and maps by Junji Tagawa, New York graphic artist. Because of the limited supply, the JACD encourages the interested public to place orders in advance.

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All good things must come to an end, and for the sand lot boys the end came last Sunday at the Riverside Drive park to wind up the Weekender's Softball season. Yes, the '46 season is all over, leaving behind many memories, pleasant or unpleasant, humorous or sad, probably to be discussed many times in the future around a cozy fireplace during cold wintry nights.

But we have lots of time in the future to reminisce, so let's have a look now at the results of last Sunday's games.

Chuckling his usual superb ball, Sawahata and Company of the Lil' Giants beat the surprisingly strong El Dorado nine 4 to 1. Sawahata had his opponents scoreless on 2 hits to the 6th frame, when suddenly he lost control of his mastered wing, and forced Yoshimi home through three consecutive walks. Yoshimi was on through an error, and accounted for the sole run of the El Dorado team.

Meanwhile the Lil' Giants went to work in the first and fourth innings on their opposing pitcher, Kawamoto for 4 hits to get their 4 runs. It was four runs on six hits.

In summing up, the Lil' Giants won 5 out of their 6 games to walk off with coveted pennant—indisputable, undeniable 1946 champions.

SUMMARY

Summary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Lil' Giants	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4

Recap of Recent League Clashes

Giants-JCI-JCA

In case you missed the results of the softball games during the week we did not come out, here they are for future reference.

The first game played on July 21st was between the champion Lil' Giants against the JCI-JCA's. The result was murder with the Giants walking off with 18 runs to the JCI-JCA's 0.

ME-JACL

The fighting Methodist Angels polished off the JACLers with a perfect football score of 14 to 7 in the second game, to put them in there for the 3-way tie for second position in the league.

YBA-EL DORADO

The final game of the afternoon saw the YBA boys blast the El Dorado pitchers all over the ball park for 16 solid bingles to retain their league leading standing with the Lil' Giants (and also kept the opponents in the cellar). The final count was 17 for the YBA boys and 9 for the El Dorados.

A bill, designated as HR 7128, to permit loyal aliens of Japanese ancestry and others still barred by law to become American citizens thru naturalization, was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 24 by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii and has been referred to the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Lil Giants Meet Seabrook Nine

The Lil Giants, champions of the recently concluded Weekender Softball league, will travel to Seabrook Farm, New Jersey, to engage in two games on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 4. The team will be bolstered with the additions of His Kataoka, Tofu shortstop; Moon Kikuchi, YBA leftfielder; and Sei Ikebuchi, El Dorado centerfielder.

The Seabrook Farm teams will have to contend with the strong batteries of the Lil Giants composed of pitchers, Inky Sawahata and Kiyo Taniguchi, and catchers, Bill Nakijima and Tak Nomura, while the Lil Giants batters will have to master the tried pitching of George Tsukashima, George Omatsu, Shiro Mizufuka, former Southern California JAU league pitchers.

Weekender League

Season Battery Averages

Name	G	A.B.	H	Av.
S. Karikomi (JACL)	2	3	2	.667
T. Natori (Tofu)	1	3	2	.667
Yoshitomi (JACL)	6	21	10	.476
D. Bhang (Tofu)	5	16	7	.437
Matsumoto (JCI)	6	18	8	.444
H. Lee (Giants)	2	7	3	.429
G. Tokeshi (M.E.)	3	7	3	.429
H. Fuii (El Dor.)	6	19	8	.421
Nakaima (Giants)	6	17	7	.412
E. Kamita (YBA)	6	15	6	.400
W. Enari (YBA)	5	15	6	.400
Takemoto (YBA)	5	5	2	.400
Ikebuchi (El Dor.)	5	15	6	.400
J. Kai (Tofu)	5	15	6	.400
M. Kikuchi (YBA)	6	23	9	.391
B. Oda (Giants)	6	23	9	.391
Suzuye (Tofu)	6	18	7	.389
Motoyama (YBA)	6	18	7	.389
Takehashi (YBA)	4	8	3	.375
Yoshimi (El Dor.)	5	17	6	.353
Team Averages				
YBA				.324
Tofu				.276
El Dorado				.256
Lil' Giants				.253
JCI-JCA				.242
M. E.				.214
JACL				.194

Tofus Break 3-Way Tie To Cop Second Place

To break the 3-way deadlock for 2nd place, the YBA boys trimmed the Methodist Angels who had just beaten them the Sunday before by a score of 11 to 10 in the first play-off.

To the 7th, the YBA boys led 10 to 7 but the situation became tense then. They finished their half of the inning with another run by an errored-homer by Moon Kikuchi, but the M.E.'s threatened when Takemoto again loaded the bases with walks. They managed to push 3 runs over the plate but the 2 potential winning runs on base failed to score as Kurahara struck out. Kikuchi's homer on an error by the left fielder proved to be the winning tally.

After a few minutes break, the YBA nine again invaded the diamond with incredible speed and spirit to face the only other contender for 2nd, Joe Oyama's softies—the Tofus.

Enari pitched most effectively with good support, and allowed only 2 runs on 2 hits until the 7th. This is where they blew the game. Up to this point the score was 3 to 2 to indicate that it was a pitching duel between Enari and Shinto (he had pitched a no-hitter the previous Sunday). The Tofu old-timers, though, profited from their experience asset and from the 3 ground balls booted by Nomura, and made the 6 to 3 in their favor.

The disgusted but surprised gas house gang came up the last half of the 7th to see if they could at least tie the score but no dice—they scored only once.

is the consequence of their team.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Summ.								
M.E.	1	1	1	0	3	1	3	10
YBA	2	7	1	0	0	1	0	11
Summ. add								
Tofu	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	6
YBA	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	4

More on 100

(Continued from Page 1)

for the issei and nisei.

The 100th Inf. Bat. (Sep.) was in an ambiguous position when it debarked at Oran, Africa, on September 2, 1943. The Army, skeptical of its loyalty, had shipped it overseas to perform the inglorious task of guarding the fruit trains operating between Algiers and Casablanca.

The 100th rebelled against this distasteful "slap in the face" assignment and requested immediate commitment in battle against the enemy. The Army impressed by the strong demand, rescinded its first order and forwarded a combat assignment for the 100th; however, it still reserved its opinion on the loyalty of the nisei and was dubious of their fighting ability.

All eyes were concentrated on this experiment marked with gravity. The 100th realizing its role as champions of all issei and nisei, then in the relocation centers, marched into battle and performed in a manner which surpassed the expectations of the Army to become the pride of the American 5th Army.

The 100th by its action in combat gave Japanese Americans their first and strongest argument against the racists and native fascists who were doing their damndest to discredit them. In paying tribute to the 442nd Combat Team, we must not forget their forerunners, the gallant men of the original 100th.

Two nisei ministers from Hawaii are expected this coming week. Rev. Harry Komuro, son of the late minister of the Japanese Methodist Church, will arrive Monday morning from New Orleans.

is the pastor of the Harriss Memorial Church in Honolulu.

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