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# DENVER CONFERENCE

Representatives from Minidoka to the joint conference of the Home Mission Council and the Wartime Commission for Japanese service to be held in Denver on Dec. 15-17 will be Miss Esther McCollough, E.A. Andrews, Tsutomu Fukuyama, and E.W. Thompson. A Baptist Conference for evacuee religious workers is scheduled on Dec. 18 and 19.

# THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU

The Bible is addressed to you. It is not a special possession of priests, ministers or religious workers. It is not something to be read only on Sunday mornings. There is nothing magical about it. Behind the symbolism of words we find a living reality which prompted common people like ourselves to come to grips with God and life.

The Bible is a library of 66 books. 39 of them are found in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament is a portrayal of the religious life of the Hebrew

This morning, the portrait of Jesus by Matthew will be distributed to the 8 congregation, and that by Luke to the Rec 34 congregation. Let God speak to you in these books. He has a word for you.

people, now known as the Jews, as they sought to discover the hidden realities of the spiritual world. In no other group of people has there developed such lofty conceptions of God and his dealings with people. In contrast with Greek and Oriental philosophies, the Hebrews saw God at work in history in the lives of nations and peoples. Because of their unique discoveries some people call the Jews the "Chosen People" to whom God revealed himself.

The New Testament contains writings of men who had come into living contact with a man called Jesus in whose life God was living in a strange way. The story reveals a unique life which was culminated in an awful death on the cross. But it did not end there, for it tells how God chose this crucified man to reveal his purpose and power through the resurrection. The most significant thing is that his life, the cross, and the resurrection produced faith in common men and women to endure persecution and all kinds of hardships for their love for him. His career on earth became the pivot point in history.

William Lyon Phelps, former professor of literature in Yale, once made this comment: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible." (cont'd above 2nd Col.)

## LAST SUNDAY

Attendance:  
Rec. 8 - 210  
Rec. 34 - 200  
Evening Fellowship  
Rec. 6 - 35

## PROGRAM

## FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

UNION CHURCH SCHOOL  
Beginners and Primary 9:15 A.M.  
Rec. 2; Rec. 16; Rec. 26; Rec. 32; Rec. 40

Junior and Intermediates 9:15 A.M.  
10-4-AB; Rec. 10; 23-2-EF; 32-10-EF

High School 9:30 A.M.  
D. H. 12; Rec. 34

Young People 9:30 A.M.  
32-6-AB

NISEI WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 A.M.  
Rec. 8 - Rec. 34

EVENING FELLOWSHIP 7:00 P.M.  
Rec. 6 - Kumeo Tsubahara  
Rec. 36 - Hiroshi Odoi

### MONDAY

COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.  
22-1-D

### WEDNESDAY

CHOIR REHEARSAL ---Rec. 36--- 7:00 P.M.  
MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

### THURSDAY

CHOIR REHEARSAL ---Rec. 10--- 7:00 P.M.  
MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY

NISEI BIBLE CLASS 7:00 P.M.  
19-11-B  
22-1-C

### NISEI COUNCIL MEETING

The Nisei Council will meet this Monday evening at 7 P.M. at the Church Office.

# THE DISPERSION OF THE NISEI

# "IT GIVETH LIGHT"

Cont. from last week...

One of the hitherto unknown towns which has come into limelight through relocation is Peoria in Illinois a town of about 100,000. The Nisei greeted me with a get-together at the Y.W.C.A. with a mixed group of Caucasian and Nisei of about 60. Kelly Yamada, formerly of Seattle, and his wife; Mike Hirahara, another former Seattleite; Roy Maeda; Chiye Horiuchi; Yuri Sato; and the Kajikawa sisters; Shirley, Sue and Midori. Shirley and another girl are teaching in the Sunday School at the Presbyterian church. Most of the Nisei are integrated into the church life of the community.

I visited Cleveland on my way back East. Abe Hagiwara is doing a fine piece of work at the downtown Y.M.C.A. as boys leader. Roy Morihiko has found an opportunity made possible by his pet hobby in a model airplane factory. The Andow sisters, Grace and Ida, had just arrived. Since that time the population of Nisei has increased considerably.

Chicago is the center of evacuee concentration with about 3,500 at the present time. It is the hub of 40 rail road lines and has 157 basic manufacturing industries. Despite its impersonal nature, grime, smoke, extremes in climatic conditions, Chicago is an interesting place to explore. Among Minidokans I called on - it takes several hours to contact one person because of geographical distance - were Mas Fujii, Tosh Wakamatsu, Iku Amatatsu, Bob Imai, Kaz Nishimoto, Peter and Paul Ohtaki, Tosh Chihara, Tosh Sakai, Shig Moritani, Kenji Sakae, formerly of Bellevue, Alice Kawasaki, Alice Yoshioka, Mr. and Mrs Ko Fujiye, and a number of California friends. In Winnetka, one of the Suburbs, I met Mrs. Shigeko Uno and her mother and children, Mae Enkoji, and Lucy Hiyama. Mr. Kato, Utaka Fujikado, and Chet Kajiwara had just arrived so I had dinner with them. Most of the Nisei are doing well in their work. Many are working and studying at the same time.

A short trip on the streamliner took me through Milwaukee and then to Madison. In the former city, on my way out East, I visited the home of Mrs. George Isoda. In Madison, a progressive town of about 70,000, has approximately 76 Nisei. Iwao and Mae Hara, Bill and Merry Mambu, and George and Ruth Okada have made their homes here. They report a wonderful reception. Minnie Oyama is in training in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, and Helen Yamahiro and Marj Kawasaki are attending High School.

I stopped off at Rockford for a short while to visit Katsumi Takakoshi and Mas Hasegawa. There are about 200 relocated here. My next stop was Marengo. Some old school friends are working at the Curtis Candy Farm: the Sakuma brothers, Atusa, Akira, Shinobu, and Issac, George Chihara, and Ted Matsushita. Ted Semba, formerly of Tacoma is also here.

Minneapolis and St. Paul have given a warm welcome to the Nisei. The Rev. Francis Hayashi is teaching at the U. Of Minn. A get-together at his home one evening brought a nice group of Nisei together. Among those present were George Katagiri, George Kawaguchi, Shizuo and Hoshie Yamada, Paul Sakai, Ruth Matsui and her husband, Minoru Inashima and Teruko Ogasawara are here.

I was surprised to see a sizable Japanese population in Cheyenne, nearly 100. Denver is rapidly developing a "Little Tokyo" with segregated Nisei activities.

Evacuation was a costly error and misjudgement on the part of the gov't. However, it has hastened assimilation by the break-up of segregated communities. In the long run it will have a beneficial effect as our people migrate Eastward and really become a part of a greater America. In contrast to the tense atmosphere in the West, the Middle-West and Eastern part of our country afford real opportunities for the rehabilitation of our people. That is the greatest task facing us at this present hour.....Tsutomu Fukuyama.....

In recent years the thrilling story of Pitcairn Island and the mutiny of the Bounty has been retold and popularized. There is one incident in that story which is worth retelling.

The mutineers sank their ship and landed with their native woman on the lonely island named Pitcairn. There were nine white sailors, six natives, ten women and a girl of fifteen. One of the sailors discovered a method of distilling alcohol, and the island colony was debauched with drunkenness and vice.

After a time, only one of the white sailors who had landed on the island survived, surrounded by native women and half-breed children. This sailor Alexander Smith, found in one of the chests that had been taken out of the Bounty a copy of the Bible. He began to teach his fellow exiles its principles, with the result that his low life was changed and the life of that island colony. In 1808 the U.S. ship Topaz visited the island and found a thriving and prosperous community, without whiskey, without a jail, without crime, and without an insane asylum. The Bible had changed the life of that island community. So it has been from age to age. "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

## OPPORTUNITY

1. Janitor Job in Chicago for Issel; two room apt. provided.
2. Opening for two girls in U.S. Nurses Cadet Corps, Lagrange, Oregon
3. Secretarial position with Methodist Church Commission on World Peace in Chicago, Illinois.

## THOUGHTS

"... Nothing good ever ends. If it did, there would be no people in the world - no life at all, anywhere. And the world is full of people and full of wonderful life."  
"...The world is full of frightened little children. Being frightened, they frighten each other."

Mrs. MacCauley  
From "The Human Comedy"  
By William Saroyan