

### Nassak Club to Hear Camp Orkila Chief

Charles G. Norman, director of Camp Orkila, will report on what the influence and memories of the boys' camp on Orcas Island mean to former campers now serving overseas, when he speaks at a noon meeting of the Nassak Club Thursday in the Colman room of the Y. M. C. A.

### Insurance Man to Speak

George L. Buck, Seattle insurance man, will discuss "Washington and His Mother," at the meeting of the Exchange Club tomorrow noon at the Washington Athletic Club.

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### MINING STOCK SWINDLERS BUSY

—Warns U. S. Aide

Day Karr, administrator of the regional office of the Securities & Exchange Commission, warned here today that mining-stock swindlers have launched a drive to unload worthless stocks in the Pacific Northwest.

Karr declared that well-worded investment letters have been mailed out and that they are followed by telephone calls offering "hot tips." Their activities emanate from Canada, or are centered on Canadian securities—a fact that makes publicity the only practical weapon that "can quickly be brought to the defense of investors," Karr said.

Studies by the commission over a three-year period revealed that 39 issues of Canadian securities, as well as shares in a great many more issues, have been sold illegally in this country with mark-ups ranging from 400 per cent upward, he said.

"Among the personnel of some 25 firms operating in this manner," Karr said, "are about a half dozen fugitives from United States justice." Of the companies covered in the commission's studies, not one ever paid a dividend or succeeded in putting a mine in profitable production.

### Nisei Rejects Draft Board's Questionnaire

The United States attorney's office late yesterday again heard from Gordon Hirabayashi, Auburn-born University of Washington senior, convicted a year ago last October of violating Japanese curfew regulations here.

Hirabayashi sent J. Charles Dennis, United States attorney, a questionnaire, "The Statement of United States Citizen of Japanese Ancestry," which he received from Seattle Draft Board No. 4, with a copy of the letter he sent the board, explaining why he refused to fill out the form.

In part, his letter said: "This questionnaire which I am returning to you unfilled is an outright violation of both the Christian and American principles of justice and democracy... The form is based purely on the grounds of ancestry. As I understand it, no other persons have been required to fill in a further statement because of their ancestry."

"I believe that if I were to fill in this form I would be cooperating with a policy of race discrimination," Hirabayashi added that he is at 1626 Pacific Ave., Spokane, working with the American Friends Service Committee on Japanese resettlement, and that he is keeping in touch with the Spokane office of the United States attorney.

Action Undecided  
Allan Pomeroy, assistant United States attorney, said the office here had not decided what to do about Hirabayashi's refusal to answer the draft board questionnaire. Hirabayashi was sentenced by United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black to three months, which he served last fall in a prison camp near Tucson, Ariz., after his conviction was upheld by the United States Supreme Court last June.

### Seahurst Club To Meet Friday

Jack Stokes, president-elect of the Seahurst Community Club, will introduce new officers at a meeting at 8 o'clock Friday evening at the Burien School. Movies of service men overseas will be shown. Other officers include Bob McEachern, vice president; Mrs. Harry Wilson, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Spengler, treasurer.

Music was printed for the first time in 1465; the notes were hand-lettered upon the staves.

### Despite Hongkong's Dangers, Couple Yearns to Return



MR. and MRS. GEORGE E. COSTELLO  
Ban of news from home cruellest Jap restriction

They went through hell in China, and they know that even in peace time it is a tinderbox that can set teeming millions aflame, but to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Costello, Hongkong is home and when Japan is beaten they are going back.

Meanwhile, they are "citizens of the world," residing temporarily in America and just waiting. They know that someday the violent, squalid enchanting land of their adoption will be open again to Occidentals.

As Occidentals, they are inclined at times to be hurried in their thoughts, desires and hopes, but they lived in China long enough to absorb some of the Oriental outlook. They can wait.

En route from Canada to Los Angeles, where they will visit relatives, the Costellos spent several days with friends in Seattle. They left for the South last night.

In Jap Camp Two Years  
Costello, who is general passenger agent for Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., Ltd., in the Orient, spent nearly two years in Stanley Civilian Internment Camp established for whites in January, 1942, by the Japanese military.

The camp is about six miles from Hongkong where, Costello said grimly, "My headquarters are still located."

"I lived in the Far East for 27 years and I'm going back at the first opportunity," he added. Costello returned to America on the second repatriation voyage of the Gripsholm, arriving in New York in December and going from there to Montreal, where he met his wife.

They had been separated since 1940, when Mrs. Costello left Hongkong with the first party of women and children evacuated from the beleaguered colony.

No More Separations  
"I'm going back to Hongkong with my husband," she declared. "Nothing, not even a war, can ever separate us again as long as we live."

Costello, whose health suffered greatly in the camp, described the restrictions against communicating with the outside world as the "cruellest and perhaps hardest form of discipline imposed" by the Japanese upon the internees.

"We were compelled to go from day to day, week to week and year to year, in fact, without the slightest idea of how our loved ones outside were getting along or what was going on in the rest of the world," he said. "The Japanese would not even allow us to send Christmas greetings."

"Food shortages and lack of medical supplies contributed to our worries and anxieties. Thank God, I can now put all that out of my mind as far as I am concerned personally. But I can't forget those left behind. Those of us who were so fortunate as to be taken away from Stanley are hoping that it will not take long to repatriate the others. They are fast reaching the limit of endurance."

Member of Defense Corps  
Costello was a member of the Hongkong Defense Corps and when the war started he joined the telephone staff which was the first group interned by the Japanese.

"We held out in the Hongkong Telephone Building until Christmas Day, 1941, when a Japanese company led by a captain and lieutenant took us prisoner. They kept us in the Telephone Building for more than a week. Then they marched us through the city to Chinese hotels. We were detained there three weeks and then taken to Stanley."

The camp is on the site of the old Hongkong prison and when Costello left there last September 23 the internees numbered 2,500 men, women and children. Several babies were born in camp. About 4,000 British, Australian, New Zealand, Canadian, American and Dutch nationals were interned originally. This number was reduced by transfers to Shanghai, repatriations and deaths, Costello said.

"Loss of weight," he said, "was one of the first indications of what we were in for after a month of living on the restricted diet of rice and Chinese vegetables, with all belts tightening our belts. Shortly, belts were of no avail. It was not long until the internees were stricken with various illnesses, all caused by malnutrition."

Costello is still suffering the effects of the camp life on his health, but hopes his stay in the United States will bring recovery. During Costello's time at Stanley, each adult received the following daily food ration:

Nine ounces of rice, four and one-half ounces of flour, one-half ounce of sugar and peanut oil. Children received a small allowance of milk.

"Up to the time of my departure," he said, "the morale of the camp was high and everyone looked forward to the day of his repatriation."

Mr. and Mrs. Costello both were born in Chicago but they are now British subjects. Costello changed his citizenship in 1935 and his wife in 1938. They were married in Manila in 1920.

### W. A. PLUMMER IS ACQUITTED

Willis A. Plummer, former hotel and construction company manager here, now a private in the Army, was acquitted last night by a jury in Superior Judge Hugh C. Todd's court on two counts of grand larceny. The jury deliberated six hours.

Plummer had been charged with misappropriating \$184 from the Arctic Construction Company and obtaining \$2,581 from the Hotel Morrison Company. Earlier in the trial, Judge Todd had dismissed seven other charges against Plummer.

Plummer testified he never received the \$184 and that the \$2,581 was used for hotel expenses. He was represented by Attorneys George H. Crandell and A. A. Seijas.

### Mechanics' Wage Plan Is Approved

A group incentive plan for the 14 mechanics of the American Automobile Company of Seattle has been approved by the 12th regional War Labor Board, Dr. George Bernard Noble, chairman, announced today.

The plan, presented by the company and Local 289, Automotive Mechanics, is an expansion of a bonus system in effect since 1936.

The board also has approved a revised incentive plan under which 18 employees of the Ramapo-Ajax division of the American Brake Shoe Company of Seattle will receive new benefits, through consultation between the company and representatives of the International Association of Machinists.

### Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster Award Of Sergt. Reger

Technical Sergt. Leonard E. Reger, Seattle radio operator and aerial gunner who has been missing since the Allied bombing August 1 of the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, has been awarded the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for his part in the raid, the War Department announced today.

The sergeant was a crew member in a Liberator bomber and had received the Distinguished Flying Cross as a result of the aerial attacks on Messina, Sicily.

Sergeant Reger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Reger, 2515 E. 107th St., who have had no word of him since last August 17, when the War Department reported him missing in the Ploesti action.

Sergeant Reger is 26 years old and a graduate of Lincoln High School. He was a member of the school golf team. He joined the Army in March, 1943.

### Gen. Joyce Given Cluster to D. S. M.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Keyen A. Joyce yesterday was awarded the Oak-Leaf Cluster for his work in reorganizing and coordinating the Ninth Service Command, which he formerly headed.

The award of the cluster for the Distinguished Service Medal, which he received in the First World War, was made by Lieut. Gen. Bronson B. Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces.

Joyce is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Ninth Service Command includes Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Montana.

### FOUR STATE MEN ARE MARINE AGES

Three Washington State men, and another born in Seattle, were included today in a Marine Corps report of 60 marine flyers who have shot down five or more enemy planes to earn the title of ace, according to the Associated Press.

Maj. Gregory L. Boyington of Okanogan, missing in action, is tied for top place on the list, with 26 Japanese planes shot down. On his last flight, Boyington tied the record of Maj. Joe Foss.

Capt. William P. Marontate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Marontate, 2111 Hamlin St., was credited with 13 Jap planes shot down. Captain Marontate also is missing in action. Also an ace with 13 Japs to his credit is Capt. Edward O. Shaw of Spokane.

Capt. James E. Swett, who shot down 14 Jap planes, is a native of Seattle, and recently visited here on his honeymoon.

The Marine Corps credited the Corsair fighting plane "with its range, speed, maneuverability and firepower," for much of the success of its pilots in erasing the Japanese menace in the South Pacific area.

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