

Report 10 Nisei Die, 107 Wounded in Italy

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Latest OWI Casualties Bring Total to 40 Dead, 324 Hurt Since Start of Recent Drive

WASHINGTON—The Office of War Information this week identified ten American soldiers of Japanese ancestry killed and 107 others wounded in action in the battle for Northern Italy. One Japanese American was reported wounded in action in the Pacific.

(The latest OWI report of casualties made a total of 40 Japanese American soldiers killed and 324 wounded since the start of the spring offensive in Italy early in April.)

Next of kin of casualties have been previously notified.

Killed in Italian Theater

ARKANSAS

YOSHIZAKI, Pvt. Tatsuo—Mrs. Kinu Yoshizaki, mother, 20-8-A, Rohwer.

CALIFORNIA

NAKAYA, Pfc. Kiyoshi C.—Mrs. Tatsuno Nakaya, mother, 4019 D, Tule Lake.

COLORADO

KANDA, Pvt. Frank—Kenzo Kanda, father, Route 2, Brighton. MORISHIGE, Pvt. Joseph—Chiyo Morishige, mother, 1221 21st St., Denver.

SUEOKA, Sgt. Sadamu R.—Juichi Sueoka, father, Amache.

IDAHO

FURUSHIRO, Pfc. Henry T.—Mrs. Midori Furushiro, sister-in-law, Home 33, FSA, Caldwell.

IWAI, Pfc. Hisashi—Ishiro Iwai, father, 28-7-B, Hunt.

MURAKAMI, Pfc. Kiyoshi—Toraki Murakami, father, 534 North 5th St., Pocatello.

OKA, Pvt. Stanley T.—Mrs. Masue Oba, mother, 34-6-C, Hunt.

KANSAS

HASHIMOTO, Sgt. John T.—Mrs. Amy E. Hashimoto, mother, Box 645, Riley.

Wounded in Pacific Area

ASAKI, Pfc. Thomas W.—Masuji Asaki, father, Rohwer.

Wounded in Italian Theater

ALABAMA

UKADA, Sgt. John Y.—Cecil S. Yanaura, friend, P. O. Box 1387, Birmingham.

ARIZONA

ASANO, Pvt. Yasuo C.—Miss Natsuko Asano, sister, Route 1, Box 169E, Glendale.

FUJII, Pvt. Miuki — Miss Teruko Fujii, sister, 215-12-A, Poston.

HORI, Pvt. Hiroshi—Takuiji Hori, father, 2-9-A, Poston.

IMAMURA, Pfc. Seigi—Miss Yemiko Imamura, sister, 57-9-D, Rivers.

IWAKI, Pvt. Kazuo L.—Mrs. Kiwa Iwaki, mother, 38-8-B, Poston.

KAIDA, Pfc. Katsumi — Kikutaro Kaida, father, 57-2-B, Poston.

KIZUKA, Pvt. Shigeru—Tokushige Kizuka, father, 216-3-A, Poston.

MINAMIDE, Pfc. Kazuhiko—Osamu Minamide, 4-2-D, Rivers.

MIYODA, Pvt. Akira—George Miyoda, brother, 38-10-D, Poston.

OGATA, S/Sgt. Mikiri M.—Mrs. Yone Ogata, mother, 6-10-R, Poston.

OKA, Pfc. Teddie T.—Mrs. Haruka Ota, sister, 37-9-C, Poston.

SAKATO, Cpl. Henry Y.—Ken A. Sakato, brother, Route 1, Box 188, Glendale.

SAKASEGAMA, Sgt. Roy—Mrs. Harry K. Sakasegama, sister-in-law, 213-12-A, Poston.

TAKAGI, Pvt. George T.—Mrs. Josephine L. Takagi, wife, Willcox.

WADA, Pfc. Takashi—Mrs. Rai Wada, mother, 4-8-C, Rivers.

ARKANSAS

FUKUCHI, Pfc. Tokko—Tokuichi Fukuchi, father, 33-10-F, Rohwer.

MORITA, Pfc. Toshio A.—Yasufuji Morita, brother, 14-8-A, Rohwer.

NOMURA, Pfc. Fred S.—Miss Yoshiko Nomura, sister, 5-9-A, Jerome. (Last War Dept. address.)

SAKAMOTO, Pvt. Isao F.—Mrs. Chiyeiko Sakamoto, mother, 2-5-C, Rohwer.

SHIMAZU, Pvt. Roy S.—Mrs. Shizuka Shimazu, mother, 14-6-A, Rohwer.

TANAKA, Pvt. Jim M.—Mrs. Hisako Tanaka, mother, 33-6-A, Rohwer.

TANOUE, Pvt. Kiyoshi—Mrs. Taneo V. Tanoue, mother, 44-10-F, Denson. (Last War Dept. address.)

CALIFORNIA

IMOTO, T/Sgt. Yoshio—Mrs. Tsuru Imoto, mother, 3813-A, Tule Lake.

NOMURA, Pfc. Fred S.—Mrs. Yoshiko Masui, sister, Tule Lake.

TANAKA, Pvt. Masaru—Mrs. Phyllis M. Tanaka, wife 921 1/2 Crocker St., Los Angeles.

COLORADO

FURUTA, Pfc. Minobu—Ichizo Furuta, father, 12F-5B, Granada.

INADA, Pfc. Charles M.—Mrs. Suyeno Inada, wife, 7G-11D, Granada.

ITO, Pfc. Takashi—Lander T. Ito, brother, Route 1, Henderson.

KOHAMA, Pvt. Masao R.—Kiichi Kohama, father, 6F-12C, Granada.

MAKITA, Pfc. Ernest — Harry Makita, brother, 9H-4A, Amache.

MORITA, Pfc. Kameki—Mrs. M. Morita, mother, 12E-11B, Amache.

MOTEKI, Pfc. George S.—Mokoto Moteki, father, Route 2, Ovid.

OKA, Pvt. George I.—Sadaichi Oba, father, Rt. 1, Alamosa.

SHIKUMA, Pvt. Hiroshi—Unosuke Shikuma, father, Route 1, Box 29, Denver.

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Sgt. Ben Kuroki Participates In B-29 Raids Against Tokyo

Capt. Nakada Injured In Italy Fight

MITCHELL, Neb. — Captain Pershing Nakada, commanding officer of the 232nd Engineer's company, attached to the 442nd Combat Team, was injured in action during recent Italian fighting, it was reported this week by the Office of War Information.

Capt. Nakada was the only commanding officer of a company during the training period of the 442nd at Camp Shelby.

Notification of injury was sent to his wife, Mrs. Kiyo Marlene Nakada of Route 1, Mitchell, Nebraska.

Night-Riders Attack Home Near Fresno

Police Investigate Latest Shooting Incident on Coast

FRESNO Calif.—Night-riding terrorists continued their attacks on Japanese Americans who have returned to their West Coast homes as the firing of two shots at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Sakamoto of Fresno on the night of May 8 was under investigation of police authorities.

The shooting was the 17th such incident against Japanese Americans in California since the lifting of restrictions against the return of the evacuees. Fifteen of the incidents have been in the San Joaquin valley.

Detective Sgt. J. B. Wilson said that one of the bullets passed through the casing of a bedroom window on the south side of the house and lodged in the opposite wall of the room. The other lodged in the stucco of the outside wall on the south side of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto returned but a few days ago from a relocation center.

The bullet which passed through the casing was recovered and is being tested by police ballistic experts.

Officers said the shots apparently were fired from a moving automobile. Members of the family told officers they saw an automobile in the neighborhood a short time before the shots were fired.

San Francisco Nisei Reports Home Stoned

SAN FRANCISCO—William Y. Nakahara, 1731 Laguna Street, reported to police on May 8 that someone had thrown a large rock through the front-door window of his home around midnight.

A police investigation is under way.

New Law to Ban Fishing by Citizens At Heart Mountain

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo. — Despite a law enacted by the Wyoming legislature to prohibit persons brought to the state by the WRA from purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, Americans of Japanese ancestry may still obtain permits until May 15, State Game and Fish Commissioner Lester Bagley informed Guy Robertson, director of the Heart Mountain camp, last week.

It is understood that the law does not affect Americans of Japanese ancestry who are permanent residents of Wyoming.

Japanese American Gunner Is Member of Superfortress Crew in Air War in Pacific

HONOLULU, T. H.—Tech. Sgt. Ben Kuroki of Hershey, Neb., first American soldier of Japanese ancestry to serve in active combat with the Army Air Forces in the Pacific theater, returned to Honolulu for a brief rest recently after participating in several raids over Tokyo and other cities on the Japanese main islands as a turret gunner of a B-29.

Sgt. Kuroki, veteran of 30 heavy combat missions over North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Rumania, France and Germany, is a member of the crew of a Superfortress named "Honorable Sad Sake."

Truman Signs Bill to Aid Evacuee Group

WASHINGTON — President Harry S. Truman signed on April 26 a deficiency bill authorizing the transfer of an additional \$175,000 from WRA funds to the Social Security Board's Resettlement Assistance Program.

Accelerated relocation, following revocation of exclusion orders, has exhausted the \$50,000 originally set aside to provide outside assistance during the fiscal year 1945, Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, stated. The request for diversion of this sum was made a year ago, before a rescission date could be foreseen.

The diverted funds will be available for minimum assistance through June 30, 1945, to relocating evacuees in greatest need, the Director said.

Military Authorities Investigate Threats Against Employer

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—Federal, county and Camp Beale military authorities last week launched an investigation after Harvey B. Whitten, operator of a Placer county ranch employing eleven persons of Japanese ancestry, complained to officials he was threatened with violence by two men wearing military uniforms in Wheatland on May 1.

The uniformed men, Whitten

Winner of two Distinguished Flying Crosses and an Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters for his service in the European and Mediterranean theaters of war, Sgt. Kuroki asked for Pacific war service after returning to the United States after the completion of his tour of duty in the war against the European Axis.

Sgt. Kuroki volunteered for the Army with his brother on Dec. 8, 1941. He was a member of one of the first B-24 Liberator crews to go overseas in 1942.

(According to a letter he wrote recently to the VFW post of which he is a member in Omaha, Sgt. Kuroki has been stationed in the Marianas.)

(Although a large number of Japanese Americans are attached to Air Force units as intelligence specialists in the Pacific war, Sgt. Kuroki is believed to be the only Nisei classified as a combat soldier.)

Wounded Soldier Returns to Coast

LOS ANGELES — Sgt. Tom I. Miyadi, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team and a native of Inglewood, has returned to California to resume his work as a celery farmer.

Sgt. Miyadi was wounded during the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in France.

said, resented his hiring of Japanese-Americans on his ranch near Wheatland.

Seek to Repeal California Code Permitting Segregated Schools

Rosenthal Bill Aimed at 1943 Law Authorizing Separate Schools for Children of Japanese, Chinese, Indian Ancestries; Law Hits Mexican Americans

SACRAMENTO—The Rosenthal bill, which will repeal a section of the California State Education Code, which allows school districts to set up segregated schools for children of Japanese, Chinese and Indian ancestry, will be considered by the California Assembly in the next few weeks.

The measure AB 1257, introduced by Democratic Assemblyman William Rosenthal of Los Angeles, was given a "do pass" recommendation by the Assembly Education Committee last week.

It was stated that the code section, which appears to affect only children of Indian, Japanese, Chinese or Mongolian parentage actually has its greatest effect upon Mexican children in Southern California where the situation caused by segregation has caused increasing indignation on the part of the Latin American population, it was stated.

(The last segregated school of children of Japanese and Chinese parentage, at Courtland in the Sacramento River valley, was closed in 1940.)

The code section, passed in 1943, reads: "Schools for Indian children and the children of Chinese, Japanese or Mongolian parentage — The governing board of any

school district may establish separate schools for Indian children, excepting children of Indians who are wards of the United States government and children of all other Indians who are descendants of the original American Indians of the United States, and for children of Chinese, Japanese or Mongolian parentage."

Although the provision does not mention Mexicans, its excepting all "Amerindians," leaves no doubt to its actual intent, it was stated.

There were no children of Japanese ancestry in the State of California, except in the Manzanar and Tule Lake centers, in 1943 when the bill was passed.

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TANAKA, Pvt. Mitsugi L.—Takaichi Tanaka, father, 7E-10CD, Amache.
UMEZAWA, S/Sgt. George H.—Mrs. Yoshiko D. Umezawa, wife, Box 663, oRck Ford.

FLORIDA

OKAMOTO, Pvt. George T.—Henry Okamoto, father, 5111 Pinetree Drive, Miami.

IDAHO

ENDOW, Pvt. Kazuo—Unokichi Endow, father, Route 1, Pocatello.

GIKIU, Pfc. Roy—Ben E. Gikiu, father, 326 4th Ave., Twin Falls.

KAISAKI, Pfc. Arthur A.—Charles Kaisaki, father, Lewiston.

MATSUSHITA, S/Sgt. Wakao—Tsuneakawa Matsushita, father, 40-2-C, Hunt.

MIKAMI, Pvt. Kinya—Miyaji Mikami, father, Pingree.

MURAKAMI, Pvt. Nobuo—Isaburo Murakami, father, 39-8-E, Hunt.

NAMBA, Pfc. Kenji—Mrs. Shizuno Namba, mother, 34-3-E, Hunt.

SAKURADA, Pfc. Tooru T.—Masako Sakurada, mother, Route 2, Blackfoot.

SAMESHIMA, Pfc. Jack M.—Mrs. Sayo Y. Sameshima, mother, 14-4-E, Hunt.

SUYETANI, Cpl. Shigemitsu — Mrs. Charlotte S. Suyetani, wife, 38-4-F, Hunt.

TAHARA, Pfc. Willie H.—Marukichi Tahara, father, 31-9-E, Hunt.

TANAKA, Pfc. Nobuichi—Mrs. Itsuko Tanaka, wife, 36-9-C, Hunt.

WATANABE, Pfc. Kimio—Hideichi Watanabe, father, 8-9-B, Hunt.

ILLINOIS

FUJIMOTO, Sgt. Haru—Mrs. Tokiye Fujimoto, wife, 2150 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago.

KASAI, Pfc. Jack Y.—Mrs. Kesano O. Kasai, mother, 800 Buena Ave., Chicago.

KATAGIRI, Pvt. David T.—Mrs. Tei Katagiri, mother, Route 1, Arlington.

WATANABE, Sgt. Akira—Mrs. Setsuko Watanabe, wife, 1011 S. Oakley, Chicago.

KENTUCKY

NAKAMOTO, Pfc. Takashi T.—Mrs. Sachiko J. Nakamoto, wife, Nurses Quarters, Army Post, Fort Thomas.

MONTANA

KASHINO, S/Sgt. Shiro—Shoichi P. Kashino, brother, Box 1539, Missoula.

NEBRASKA

NAKADA, Capt. Pershing—Mrs. Kiyo Marlene Nakada, wife, Route 1, Mitchell.

NEW YORK

ITO, Pfc. Yoshio—Mrs. Kichi Ito, mother, 3655 36th St., Long Island City.

OREGON

ATAGI, Pfc. Archie—Kiozo Atagi, father, Route 2, Nyssa.

PENNSYLVANIA

ASARI, Pfc. Frank Y.—Roy Asari, brother, 1620 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

UTAH

IINO, Pfc. Edwin N.—Frank S. Iino, father, 12-6-B, Topaz.

KOGA, Pfc. Masakazu—Mrs. Ruth S. Koga, wife, Rt. 1, Garland.

MIYAGISHIMA, Pfc. Teruo—G. Miyagishima, father, Route 1, Clearfield.

NAKAYAMA, T/Sgt. Minoru—Miss Hanae Nakayama, sister, 37-1-A, Topaz.

OGAWA, Pfc. Sam S.—Sampei Ogawa, father, 509½ W. 2nd South, Salt Lake City.

SUGIHARA, Pfc. Harry H.—George I. Sugihara, brother, 2360 Kiesel Ave., Ogden.

TSUTSUI, Pfc. Tom T.—Mrs. May Tsutsui, sister, 541 W. 2nd South, Salt Lake City.

WYOMING

ISO, Pfc. Masami R.—Mrs. Koume Iso, mother, 21-14-B, Heart Mountain.

KOSHIBA, Pvt. Jone S.—Mrs. Kuma Koshiba, mother, 25-13-F, Heart Mountain.

KUWADA, Pvt. Paul Y.—Mrs. Hatsu Kuwada, mother, 23-24-E, Heart Mountain.

NISHIOKA, T/4 Sagie—Mrs. Ochiye Nishoka, mother, Heart Mountain.

SATO, Pvt. Tadashi—Ben S. Sato, father, Heart Mountain.

TSUKISHIMA, Pvt. Charles I.—Harry S. Tsukishima, father, 320 W. B Street, Casper.

HAWAII

FUNAMURA, Pfc. Katsuchi—Kanichi Funamura, brother, Kukuila, Koloa, Kauai.

HAMADA, Pvt. Shigeru—Takino Hamada, father, Box 384, Hana, Maui.

IDA, S/Sgt. Fred S.—Mrs. Ume Ida, mother, Box 6, Lanikai, Oahu.

KATO, Pfc. Terumi—Mrs. Sugi Kato, mother, 1421 Elm St., Honolulu.

MARUYAMA, Sgt. Kazuo—Tetsuo Maruyama, father, Box 156, Captain Cook.

MATSUMOTO, Pvt. Takeo H.—Miss Alice Ikuta, sister, 914 Makahiki Way, Honolulu.

MIYABARA, Pfc. Raymond Y.—Koshiro Miyabara, father, Box 24, Makawao, Maui.

MIYAMOTO, Pfc. Tsuneichi J.—Nobuo Miyamoto, brother, Box 44, Maalaea, Maui.

MIYATAKI, Pfc. Masaru—Mrs. Kikuyo Miyataki, mother, Gen. Del., Honouliuli, Hawaii.

MORITA, Pfc. David K.—Mrs. Rebecca K. Morita, mother, Kapaa, Kauai.

MORITA, Pfc. Haruo—Miss Kikuyo Morita, sister, Box 126, Honakaa, Hawaii.

MURAOKA, Pvt. Takashi—James H. Muraoka, brother, 972-A, Ahana Lane, Honolulu.

NAGATA, Pfc. James M.—Tom M. Nagata, brother, Box 115, Kalaheo, Kauai.

NAGATA, Pfc. Toshio—Junzo Nagata, father, 539-F, Damont Tract, Honolulu.

NAKATA, Pfc. Kozun—Tokukichiro Nakata, father, 729 N. School St., Honolulu.

NAKAHARA, 2nd Lieut. Mickey—Raymond Y. Nakahara, brother, 2199 Kalia Rd., Honolulu.

NAKAMURA, Pfc. Stanley K.—Jihei Nakamura, father, 1244 B Ekaha St., Honolulu.

NAKASONE, T/5 Walter J.—Mrs. Kame Nakasone, mother, 3042 Macini St., Honolulu.

NAKAYAMA, Pfc. Garry S.—Walter K. Nakayama, brother, Box 32, Kealahou, Hawaii.

OKAYAMA, Pfc. Genichi—Gensaku Okayama, father, Box 78, Kukuiahae, Hawaii.

OMURA, S/Sgt. Hiromi—Mrs. Fumi Omura, mother, Puukoli, Lahaina.

SATO, Pfc. Tatsuo—Miss Yuki Sato, 424 Magellan Ave., Apt. 1, Honolulu.

Next of Kin in WRA Camps Learn of Soldier Casualties

Reports of casualties received by next of kin in the mainland United States during the past week totaled 19 killed in action, 93 wounded and two soldiers of Japanese ancestry missing, according to information received by the Pacific Citizen. All casualties are believed to have been sustained during recent weeks in Italy.

Reports of these casualties are also carried in the Office of War Information list which is issued in Washington.

Killed in Action

SGT. JOHN HASHIMOTO, (Fresno, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Senzo Hashimoto, 8-14-A, Rivers, died of wounds on Nov. 14, 1944, in a German prison camp, according to word received through the Red Cross. Sgt. Hashimoto's wife, Amy, and their son, Jonathan Keith, are at present living in Riley, Kan.

S/SGT. JOE HAYASHI, (Pasadena, Calif.), son of Mrs. Toyo Nakawata 1-14-E, Ht. Mountain, killed in action on April 21.

PVT. MIN ISHIDA, (San Marino, Calif.), son of Eiji Ishida, 59-3-C, Rivers, killed in Italy on April 23. Pvt. Ishida left Rivers for active duty on May 18, 1944, and trained at Camp Blanding.

PFC. HISASHI IWAI, (Auburn, Wash.), son of Mrs. Shina Iwai, 28-7-B, Hunt, killed in action in Italy on April 18. Pfc. Iwai was inducted in April, 1941. A younger brother, Pvt. Ed H. Iwai, is in training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

PVT. HARUO KAWAMOTO, 20, (Fresno, Calif.), son of Mr. Saburo Kawamoto, 12F-9D, Granada, killed in Italy on April 9.

PFC. THOMAS KUGE, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mrs. T. Kuge, 37-3-B, Hunt, killed in Italy on April 22.

PFC. ROY MORIHIRO, (Independence, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Morihiro, 31-10-F, Hunt, killed on April 14. Another son, T/5 Mike Yoshito Morihiro, is serving with the Army in Hawaii.

PFC. SADA O MUNEMORI, 22, (Los Angeles), son of Mrs. Nawa Munemori, 34-5-5, Manzanar, killed in action on April 5.

PFC. KIYOSHI MURAKAMI, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murakami, 534 North Fifth Ave., Pocatello, Idaho, killed in action in Italy on April 19. Pfc. Murakami was born in 1924 at Dell, Montana. He attended schools in Pocatello, Shelley and Ashton and was a member of the championship Ashton high school football team in 1940. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Yaeko and Mrs. Tom Morimoto, Pocatello; and three brothers, Pvt. Yoshito, Camp Hood, Tex.; T/5 Toyome Murakami, Fort Snelling, Minn., and Shozo, Pocatello.

PVT. ROY NAEMURA, 19, (Gresham, Ore.), killed in Italy on April 15. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Naemura, 29-9-A, Hunt, two sisters, and a brother.

PVT. JIM NAGATA, (San Jose, Calif.), Heart Mountain, Wyoming, killed in action on April 17. Pvt. Nagata was one of five brothers, all members of the armed forces.

SGT. ROBERT KIYOSHI NAKASAKI, 25, (Fresno, Cal.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Fujito Nakasaki, 18-6-2, Manzanar, killed in action on April 5.

PFC. KIYOSHI NAKAYA,

son of Tsunetaro and Tatsuno Nakaya, 4006-B, Tule Lake, killed in Italy on April 17.

TECH. SGT. MINORU NAKAYAMA, 28, (Alameda, Calif.), killed in action on April 16. He previously won the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. Two brothers, Pvt. Tony and Pvt. Shig, are in Army service.

PVT. STANLEY OBA, 21, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Oba, 34-6-C, Hunt, killed on April 19 in Italy. Pvt. Oba was one of the first Nisei to volunteer from Portland, Oregon, after Pearl Harbor. He was an ASTP student in engineering at Ohio university from June, 1943, to March, 1944, and later was transferred to the University of Michigan. When the ASTP was discontinued, he was transferred to Camp Barkley, Tex., and went overseas on March 4 of this year.

PVT. ROY SHIOZAWA, 19, (Tyhee, Idaho), son of H. Shiozawa of Provo, Utah, killed in action in Italy on April 21. Pvt. Shiozawa was born on June 8, 1925, in Rigby, Idaho, and attended Rigby and Pocatello high schools. He entered the Army in June, 1944, and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. Besides his father, he is survived by four brothers and a sister. They are George Shiozawa, Tyhee; T/3 Shiro Shiozawa, Philippines; Kenji Shiozawa, Provo; Sam Shiozawa, St. Louis, and Setsuko Shiozawa, Salt Lake City.

SGT. BOB SUEOKA, 20, (Woodland, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Jiichi Sueoka, 6F-10CD, Granada, killed in Italy on April 6.

PFC. MASARU TAMURA, 24, (Fife, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Uichi Tamura, 21-10-E, Hunt, killed in action on April 20. Two other Tamura sons, Sgt. Hiroshi and Pfc. Mitsuru, are in uniform, Pfc. Mitsuru serving at present in Italy.

2ND LIEUT. MOE YONEMURA, (Los Angeles), son of Mrs. Kyoko Yonemura, Cincinnati, Ohio, killed in action on April 21 in Italy.

Missing in Action

PVT. MITSURU YETO, (Oxnard, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Koto Yeto, 51-7-C, Rivers, missing in action in Italy on April 19.

PFC. MICHAEL TAKEMOTO, 28, (Milwaukie, Ore.), son of Mrs. Yone Takemoto, 2-4-F, Hunt, missing in action since April 15. His wife, Barbara, and two children are Hunt residents.

Wounded in Action

PFC. BILL K. AKUTSU, 317-A, Poston, slightly injured in Italian campaign on April 19.

PFC. THOMAS S. ASAKI, 27, (Hanford, Calif.), son of Masuji Asaki, 29-2-E, Rohwer, wounded on April 9.

PFC. TOICHI DOI, (Parlier, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Tonokichi Doi, 25-13-C, Gila River, slightly wounded on April 5.

PVT. HARVEY CHIKARA FURUYE, 19, (Ukiah, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Shuhei Furuyee, 11F-11C, Granada, slightly wounded in action.

PVT. NAGAO HAMADA, 19, (Whittier, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Masakichi Hamada, 20-1-F, Rohwer, injured on April 6.

PFC. GEORGE HARADA, (Los Angeles), son of Mrs. Kinu Nakaoka, 7-7-B, Gila River,

SHIROTA, Pfc. Mamoru—Takazo Shirota, father, Box 12, Captain Cook, Hawaii.

SUGIURA, T/Sgt. Fred Y.—Yoshiaki Sugiura, brother, 1931 Hanu Lane, Honolulu.

TAKANO, Pfc. Takeshi—Mrs. Margaret Young, sister, 1812 Colburn St., Honolulu.

TANAKA, Pfc. Takeshi—Kaneichi Tanaka, father, 1044 Ki-keke St., Honolulu.

TANJI, T/5 Yukio P.—Mrs. Thelma T. Tanji, wife, Box 315, Kapaa, Kauai.

TOMIKOSHI, Cpl. Edward T.—Mrs. Kuni Uramoto, mother, 78 Vineyard St., Honolulu.

WATANABE, Pfc. Walter H.—Susumu Watanabe, brother, Box 342, Waialua, Oahu.

WATARU, Pfc. Masato—Mrs. Harue Okura, sister, Box 46, Hanapepe, Kauai.

YOSHIDA, 2nd Lieut. Tsutomu—Kensuke Yoshida, fther, Box 6, Naalehu, Hawaii.

YOSHINAGA, S/Sgt. Hisao—Mrs. Toki Yoshinaga, mother, Market St., Wailuku, Maui.

YOSHIWA, Pfc. Yoshimasa — Otomatsu Yoshiwa, father, Pahoa, Hawaii.

ZUKERAN, Sgt. Kenneth A.—Choho Zukeran, father, Box 7, Kaneohe, Oahu.

slightly wounded in Italy on April 10.

PFC. MITSUO HATANAKA, (Lathrop, Calif.), son of Hachi-bei Hatanaka, 27-9-1, Manzanar, wounded in action in Italy.

PFC. MASAO HAYASHI, (Fresno, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yojiro Hayashi, 26-11-D, Rivers, seriously wounded in Italy on April 21.

PFC. BUCK HEROTA, 24, (Chico, Calif.), son of Mr. Atsushi Herota, 7H-12B, Granada, wounded in Italy.

PVT. DON HOMMA, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Homma of Sandy, Utah, wounded in action on April 8 in Italy. A brother, Pvt. Yoneo Homma, is at Camp Hood, Texas.

PVT. HIROSHI HORI, (Salinas, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Takuji Hori, 2-9-A, Poston, slightly wounded on April 10.

PFC. ROBERT H. IKEL, 28, brother of Mrs. E. K. Hirahara, 474 West Second South St., Salt Lake City, seriously wounded in Italy on April 5. Pfc. Ikel was a former trackman for the Utah Copper company at Bingham, Utah.

T/SGT. YOSHIO IMOTO, son of Uichi and Tsuru Imoto, 3813-A, Tule Lake, wounded on April 14.

CPL. JIMMIE T. ISHIMARU, 28, (Chico, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokutaro Ishimaru, 12G-8B, Granada, wounded in action.

PFC. MASAMI ISO, (San Jose, Calif.), son of Mrs. Koume Iso, 21-14-B, Heart Mountain, wounded in action. Another brother, Jimmy, is also in the army.

PVT. KIYOSHI ITO, (Sacramento, Calif.), son of Mrs. Kou Ito, 39-4-1, Manzanar, wounded in action in Italy.

PVT. KAZUO IWAKI, (Irvine, Calif.), son of Mrs. K. Iwaki, 38-8-B, Poston, slightly wounded on April 10.

PVT. GEORGE IWAMOTO, son of Masaru and Shizuko Iwamoto, 1301-B, Tule Lake, wounded on April 5.

PFC. SEIGI IMAMURA, brother of Miss Miyoko Imamura, 57-9-A, Rivers, seriously wounded in Italy on April 16.

PFC. KATSUMI KANDA, (Concord, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kikutaro Kanda, 57-2-A, Rivers, seriously wounded in Italy on April 16.

PVT. MICHIO KANOW, (Long Beach, Calif.), son of Mrs. Hide Kanow, 3-11-C, Rohwer, wounded on April 10. Three other sons of Mrs. Kanow are serving in the Army.

PFC. TOM KATAOKA, (Fresno, Calif.), 23-10-A, Gila River, slightly wounded on April 8.

PVT. TOKIO KATAYAMA, (Hawthorne, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Naosaku Katayama, 51-2-C, Gila River, slightly wounded on April 19.

PVT. YOSHIHARU KITAGAWA, 20, (Terminal Island, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Keijiro Kitagawa, 9H-6AB, Granada, wounded in Italy.

PVT. JONE S. KOSHIBA, (Sacramento, Calif.), son of Mrs. Kuma Koshiba, 25-13-F, Heart Mountain, wounded. Two brothers are also in the army.

STAFF SGT. WAKAO MATSUSHITA, 25, (Summer, Wash.), edest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunekawa Matsushita, 40-2-C, Hunt, slightly wounded on April 15.

PFC. HIDEO MAYEDA, (Los Angeles), 52-8-B, Gila River, injured on April 8 in Italy.

PFC. KAZUHIKO MINAMIDE, (Vacaville, Calif.), brother of Osamu Minamide, 4-2-D, Rivers, seriously wounded on April 14.

PFC. TED T. MIYAGESHIMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gontaro Miyageshima, Clinton, Utah, wounded in action in Italy on April 15.

PVT. AKIRA MIYODA, (Huntington Beach, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyuzemon Miyoda, 38-10-D, Poston, wounded slightly on April 18.

PFC. NIBS MORIO, Rockport, Utah, wounded in action for the second time on April 12 in Italy.

PVT. KAMEKI MORITA, 21, (Merced, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Matsutaro Morita, 12E-11B, Granada, wounded on April 11.

PFC. WALTON MORITA, 20, (Oakland, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morita, 35-3-D, Topaz, wounded in action on April 14.

PVT. NOBUO MURAKAMI, (Portland, Ore.), son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Murakami, 39-8-B, Rivers, seriously wounded in Italy on April 10.

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Hunt, wounded on April 16. He has one brother, Larry, serving with the armed forces in the Pacific.

PVT. TADAO MURAKAMI, (Santa Rosa, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Senzo Murakami, 11F-5D, Granada, wounded.

PFC. GEORGE NAKADA, formerly of Gila River, now of Azusa, California, seriously wounded in Italy on April 7.

PFC. AIDO NAKAMICHI, (Fresno, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Matsuichi Nakamichi, 17-2-D, Rohwer, wounded in action.

PFC. KENJI NAMBA, (Gresham, Ore.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. Etsuo Namba, slightly wounded in Italy. An older brother, Pfc. Tomomi Tom Namba, is serving with the 522nd Field Artillery of the 442nd Combat Team.

PVT. TOMMY NAMBA, formerly of Hunt, Idaho, wounded on April 21.

T/4 SEIJI NISHIOKA, (Hood River, Ore.), son of Mrs. Ochiye Nishioka, 12-24-E, Heart Mountain, wounded.

PFC. FRED NOMURA, brother of Mrs. Tamotsu Masui, 7902-F, Tule Lake, seriously wounded in Italy on April 15.

PFC. JUNEAS OBA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Oba, 34-6-C, Hunt, wounded in action in Italy on April 20. Word of Private Oba's injury came the same week the War Department notified his parents of the death in battle of their eldest son, Pvt. Stanley Oba.

SGT. MIKIRI OGATA, (Bakersfield, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Heikuro Ogata, 6-10-B, Poston, wounded for second time on April 15. He was previously wounded during the French campaign.

PVT. TEDDIE OKA, (Huntington Beach, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Isojiro Oka, 37-9-C, Poston, wounded on April 15.

SGT. HIDEO SAIDA, brother of Mrs. Florence M. Kawasumi, 34-2-3, Manzanar, wounded in action for second time in Italy. SGT. ROY SAKASEGAWA, (Salinas, Calif.), 213-13-A, Poston, slightly wounded on April 7.

PFC. JACK SAMESHIMA, 19, (Seattle, Wash.), son of Mrs. Sameshima, 14-4-E, Hunt, slightly wounded on April 17.

PVT. TADASHI SPENCER SATO, (Palo Alto, Calif.), son of Ben S. Sato, 24-9-D, Heart Mountain, wounded. A brother, Jimmy, is also in the armed forces.

PT. TOKIJI SHIOTA, 28-1-B, Hunt, wounded on April 15. S/SGT. JOHN S. SHIRAKAWA, 25, (Los Angeles), son of Mrs. Teru Shirakawa, 11G-10F, Granada, wounded on April 11.

PVT. BOB SHODA, 24, (Pasadena, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Motojiro Shoda, 17-7-F, Rohwer, wounded on April 9.

PFC. JACK SHUNDO, (Covina, Calif.), son of Roy R. Shundo, 1-11-B, Heart Mountain, wounded.

CPL. SHIGEMITSU SUYETANI, 29, (Wapato, Wash.), husband of Mrs. Charlotte Suyetani of Chicago, seriously wounded on April 13.

PFC. WILLIE TAHARA, (Seattle, Wash.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tahara, formerly of Hunt and now of Chicago, wounded seriously on April 18 in Italy.

PVT. MITSURU TAKAHASHI, 5-1-F, Hunt, wounded April 20.

PFC. NOBUICHI TANAKA, 21, (Seattle, Wash.), wounded for second time in five months on April 16. His wife, Itsuko, and son reside at 28-2-C, Hunt.

LIEUT. SHIGEO TERAJI, 21, (Hollywood), son of Mr. and Mrs. Densuke Teraji, 6G-11F, Granada, wounded in Italy.

PFC. TAKESHI WADA, (Sanger, Calif.), son of Mrs. Rai Wada, 4-8-C, Rivers, slightly wounded.

PFC. KIMIO WATANABE, 27, (Fife, Wash.), son of Mrs. H. Watanabe, 8-9-B, Hunt, slightly wounded in Italy on April 14. He was previously wounded in France during the rescue of the Lost Battalion.

PFC. GIICHI YAMAGATA, (Redley, Calif.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Yomoichi Yamagata, 325-8-D, Poston, slightly wounded on April 14.

PVT. JAMES YAMANE son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yamane of Layton, Utah, wounded in action

Aloha USO Closes Doors; Mailing Service to GIs Will Be Continued by New Committee

Issei Miner Killed in Coal Mine Explosion

Had Seen Twin Sons
Off for Army Only
Few Hours Before

SUNNYSIDE, Utah — Denshiro Niitsuma, 46, Sunnyside coal miner, was a proud father on the morning of May 9 when he said goodbye to his 18-year-old twin sons, Harry and Harold, as they left for Fort Douglas to be inducted into the Army.

At 3:12 p. m., or shortly thereafter, he was dead, one of the 23 victims of the worst Utah mine disaster in years.

His younger children and their mother kept a hopeful vigil near the mine portal in the hours following the disaster as one after another of the bodies of the victims were brought to the surface.

It was about 1 a. m. Thursday morning—the mother had finally taken the little ones home to bed—when the older Niitsuma children, Mery, Henry and Hide, saw their father's still form carried to a waiting hearse, and turned quietly to go to their mother.

The Army learned Thursday of the tragedy and sent the twins home on "emergency leave."

Niitsuma was one of 87 men of the day shift who had stacked their tools and were starting their journey to the mine portal and home when the explosion was touched off.

He was born in Japan in 1899, and is survived by his wife and eight children, all of Sunnyside.

Niitsuma was a loader at the mine.

REPORT MISSING NISEI DIED IN GERMAN PRISON

MANHATTAN, Kan.—Death in a German prison camp of Staff Sgt. John T. Hashimoto was reported to his widow, Mrs. Amy Hashimoto, by the War Department on April 30.

Sgt. Hashimoto was reported missing in France on Nov. 14.

Prior to going overseas, Sgt. Hashimoto had lived at Fort Riley, Kan., for 20 months and his widow and 2-year old son are still residents of Kansas. The son, Jonathan Riley Hashimoto, was the first baby of Japanese ancestry born at Fort Riley.

Wounded War Veterans Score Terrorism Against Evacuees

SACRAMENTO — Thirteen wounded war veterans at the Army's DeWitt General hospital in Auburn, Cal., have scored recent acts of terrorism against Americans of Japanese ancestry, in a letter published in the Sacramento Bee on May 5.

The letter in the Bee was signed by the thirteen veterans and declared:

"We, the undersigned, have returned, having suffered various injuries, from a mortal conflict—a conflict in which we felt we were fighting for the ideals of freedom and justice for all. We fought an enemy guilty of committing atrocities and acts of terrorism. We fought, if not gladly, with a grim determination to uphold the principles upon which this, our country, is founded.

Upon our return we are con-

in Italy. Pvt. Yamane, a graduate of Davis high school entered the army in April, 1944. He has two other brothers in the army, Pvt. Sammy Yamane of Camp Blanding, Fla., and Pfc. Kozo Yamane, who recently returned from service overseas in France.

PVT. GEORGE YOSHIHARA, 1-5-D, Hunt, wounded April 20.

PVT. KENJI YOSHINO, 21, (Bellevue, Wash.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Toyotsugu Yoshino, 14-11-F, wounded on April 6.

Pvt. Yoshino is one of three brothers in the armed forces.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The Aloha USO in Hattiesburg, which has served Japanese-Americans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment and the 171st Infantry Battalion, Sep., as well as soldiers of other races at Camp Shelby, closed its doors last week, but Earl M. Finch, one of the sponsors of the unique USO project, announced that its mailing services will be continued through the organization of a special Aloha Service Committee in Minneapolis, Minn.

Announcing the closing of the Aloha USO in Hattiesburg, Mr. Finch declared:

"Since this unit has been in close touch with Japanese-American boys in all of the various theaters of operation, I have been reluctant to close out the mailing services we have always offered the men. I have therefore been to Minneapolis and organized a committee to carry on this special service to these men.

"The name of this committee is the Aloha Service Committee. It is a privately sponsored organization, and its purpose is to do what is needed for the welfare of all of the Japanese-American servicemen, in every way that it can.

"The members of the new committee are: Earl M. Finch, Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, Hana Masuda and Mary Nakahara.

"The first objective we have in mind is to equip and furnish ten dayrooms at Fort Snelling, Minn., also to furnish instruments for the orchestra and some much-needed athletic equipment. I believe that this project should have the support of Japanese-Americans throughout America, to give them something that they can do for these men in service."

Mr. Finch indicated that \$5000 was needed for the work of the new Aloha Service Committee. He has personally contributed \$500 to start the fund.

Any contributions should be addressed to the Aloha Service Committee, P. O. Box 1051, Minneapolis, Minn., it was announced.

First Couple Given Marriage License In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — The first couple of Japanese ancestry to apply for a marriage license in San Francisco since the evacuation in 1942 appeared at the county clerk's office on May 8 and were granted a license.

The applicants are Francis Fukuo Oshita, 22, and Rosemary Haruko Anzai, 21, both of whom lived in Los Angeles prior to evacuation.

fronted with acts of terrorism no more justifiable than those committed by our enemies in Europe and the Pacific. Two illegal attempts were made to do serious damage to the property of Sumio Doi of Auburn, Cal.

"Three men, undoubtedly guilty, were brought to trial for these offenses, but were acquitted.

"Doi has been notified he is to report for active duty in the United States Army. He is, it seems, enough of a citizen of this country to be called upon to join his two brothers in service in the United States Army, yet not entitled to the protection of the laws of our country. What kind of justice is this?

"In Merced County, Cal., four shots were fired into the home of S. Kishi. Mr. Kishi has two sons now in service for our country.

"Bob Morimoto, also of Merced County, was honorably discharged from the United States army only to have his home fired upon within a week.

"What kind of freedom is this?

"Is this the way the affairs of our country are to be conducted in our absence? Men guilty of such behavior are not worthy of citizenship in our United States of America.

"THIRTEEN RETURNED VETERANS.

"DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn."

Validity of Sections of New Oregon Land Law Doubted By WRA Solicitor in Opinion

"Very Doubtful Constitutionality" of Measure
Pointed Out by Official; Would Close Farm
Labor to Ineligible Aliens as Livelihood Means

WASHINGTON—An opinion that two sections of Oregon's new anti-alien land law are "of very doubtful constitutionality" was expressed this week in an analysis of the law prepared by the solicitor's office of the War Relocation Authority in Washington.

The new law, passed in March by the Oregon Legislature and signed by Governor Snell, included an emergency provision which provided that it would go into effect immediately.

"The new Oregon law . . . does not change the . . . prohibitions of the Alien Land Law (of 1921) but merely provides a new penalty and . . . sets up certain presumptions (of evidence)," Edwin E. Ferguson, WRA solicitor, declared in the opinion which was sent to all projects.

If an alien of Japanese ancestry wishes to return to Oregon as a farm laborer, or live and work on or manage land owned by his children or other citizens, there is no reason why he should not do so, according to Mr. Ferguson. He should be able, however, to furnish evidence that he has no interest in the land if he is called upon to do so by Oregon law enforcement officials.

Mr. Ferguson advised that such evidence may be in the form of powers of attorney or employment contracts making it clear that any compensation is for services rendered and that it is not dependent on the crops produced. Where the alien manages the operations on behalf of the owner, the agreements should be supplemented by accurate and complete records.

Mr. Ferguson's opinion pointed out that the constitutionality of Section 4 of the new Oregon law was "subject to grave doubt."

(Section 4 of the new Oregon law declares: "Any alien inelig-

ble to own any interest in land in the State of Oregon who shall till, farm or work upon said land or occupy the same in any capacity whatsoever, shall be presumed to be the owner of a leasehold or some interest in said land.")

The opinion declared that in Section 4 "the rational connection between the presumption and the fact to be established is not exactly clear."

"It does not follow either logically or as a matter of experience that a person owns a legal interest in land merely because he works on it. . . . It is, therefore, possible that the validity of Section 4 will be attacked on the ground that there is no rational connection between the fact presumed and the fact to be proved and that it, therefore, denies due process of law to defendants in escheat actions," the opinion added.

"The inevitable effect of Section 4 . . . is that it exposes to conviction of a crime any ineligible alien who simply works on agricultural land, and his employer as well. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that Section 4 was intended indirectly to close farm labor to ineligible aliens as a means of livelihood," it declared.

Neighbors Express Regret Over Vandalism Which Defaced Home Of Returned Nisei in Seattle

Acts of Violence
Against Evacuees
Censured by Residents

SEATTLE, Wash. — Residents living near a Nisei-owned home in the Beacon Hill district of Seattle, which was defaced with signs and broken windows on May 4, expressed regret that "Americans should resort to such tactics," the Seattle Times reported.

Even some neighbors who displayed "No Japs" signs in their windows, said they opposed such violence, according to the Times.

The home, property of Mr. and Mrs. S. Nagaishi, who are reportedly coming home from the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho is at 1610 Walker St. An automobile in the garage, property of the Nisei couple, had a smashed headlight, and a neighbor, who has served as caretaker, said "the engine was put out of commission." All the garage windows were smashed, and a rock had been hurled through one of the large windows in the home.

A warning, crudely smeared on the step leading up to the property carried a skull and "cross bones" and the word "Death" in bright red colors. "No Japs wanted" was scrawled over the garage doors and along the concrete bulkhead. Police were investigating the violence.

"I lived by them for a year and a half and they were good neighbors," a woman neighbor said. "He had a brother in service even before Pearl Harbor."

"It's a shame," said Joe Zavaglia, 2110 16th Ave. S. "They shouldn't be bothered. This is a free country, and everyone should be given a chance to live. Their people are fighting the same as ours."

One neighbor, Mrs. Leone McAbee, said she had been given a "No Japs Wanted" sign for her window.

"But I didn't put it up," she said. "My husband said that if I put such a sign up in the window I should put another to go along beside it which says, 'No Germans.' I don't trust the Nisei but they are Americans and they

Nisei Student Wins Midwest Oratory Title

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind.—Mary Fujii, a junior at Manchester college, won first place in the women's division of the Interstate Collegiate Oratorical Association contest held at Northwestern university April 26 and 27. Winners of fourteen midwestern state contests competed in this national forensic engagement. Mary was declared the winner in the final contest in which the six survivors of the eastern and western divisional contests participated. Miss Fujii's oration, "Home Without a Fence," presented vividly her opinion of the future for the Nisei citizens of our country. Miss Charlotte Erickson of Augustana college in Illinois, with her oration, "Angels Only," won second place in this national contest.

Mary is an active student in campus activities at Manchester, chief of which are president of the International Club, Student Christian Union cabinet, and Aurora staff. Her coach and speech professor was Prof. Cole S. Brembeck of Urbana, Ind.

should be allowed to live."

Mrs. W. A. Schott, 2207 17th Ave. S., another neighbor, believes that "kids" may be responsible for the vandalism.

"I didn't see anyone around the place," she told a Times reporter, "but I have an idea it might have been kids."

Cpl. Robert J. MacNair, a student at the Boeing Flying Fortress school, pointed out that "this is America and it's freedom that we are fighting for."

His companion, Pfc. Fred Fong, a Chinese American soldier, agreed.

"It is just such acts that will breed a Third World War," Pvt. Fong said. "Just when you think you've got things all straightened out someone starts hating again, and hate breeds wars."

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Law in California

The clock had ticked past midnight, and members of the family, asleep in their beds, were unaware of the flames that started creeping up the front of the house. Then one of the family awoke suddenly, noticed the smoke, and roused the others. They rushed into the yard, and scraping earth from the surrounding orchard, they smothered the flames.

Then a dark sedan moved slowly in front of the house. Shots came from the car, aimed at the family. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but this was one of 17 shooting incidents perpetrated against Americans of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the West Coast since the first of the year.

Of these 17 deliberate attempts at terror and murder, not one person has been arraigned by local authorities as a suspect. No one has been arrested, none held for trial.

The situation clearly is one which involves the integrity of local law enforcement officers, particularly in the San Joaquin valley in Merced, Fresno and Tulare counties where 15 of the 17 incidents have occurred. These local officials have been apprised by the State of California's Attorney General Robert Kenny of their responsibilities as peace officers, but it appears by now that they are either unwilling or unable to cope with night-riding hoodlums who seem intent to carry on their depredations almost within gunshot of the United Nations conference at San Francisco.

The comment may be made that the recent judicial farce in the Placer county courtroom at Auburn, wherein a jury of local citizens administered justice in the best white supremacist style of the Deep South, proves that any strenuous efforts toward law enforcement by local officials would be wasted work. But we are not ready to believe that the Placer county jury which acquitted three terrorists, in the face of conclusive evidence of the guilt of the defendants, is representative of the people of California. The Placer county jury, which acceded to the plea of Defense Attorney Bowers to administer "white man's justice," represents a condition and a state of mind which is the antithesis of democracy and which is repugnant to anyone who believes in and understands democratic principles. Hitler has disappeared into the rubble that was Berlin, and Mussolini lies in a potter's grave, but racial fascism is nurtured in Placer county and a few other isolated corners of the world.

The already infamous verdict of the Placer county jury, the succession of terroristic acts by night-riders against Japanese Americans, the shootings, the arson and vandalism, constitute a black mark against the record of the State of California. That mark will stand and California will be judged by it if the terrorists are not found and made to stand judgment.

Governor Warren and Attorney General Kenny made a start toward organizing public opinion on the side of the Constitution. Both have issued forthright statements, but it is now apparent that their statements must be implemented with action if local authorities are unable, as they are proving themselves to be, to cope with gangsterism and brutality.

The issue of terrorism is one which transcends the local issues involved. It is indicative of a breakdown in law enforcement and, as such, menaces the welfare of all citizens. And it is unnecessary to stress the deleterious effect of these incidents upon

on America's moral leadership in international affairs, particularly upon the United Nations meeting in progress in San Francisco. The terrorists, however, have no interest or concern with democracy, whether domestic or international, and have shown their disdain by provoking three shooting incidents since the opening of the San Francisco conference, the most recent occurring on the night of May 8 at Fresno.

If the State of California is unable to maintain law and order, the Federal government should be asked to intervene.

Future of the 442nd

In a statement issued last week, the War Department emphasized the major role played by American troops of Japanese ancestry of the 442nd Infantry Regiment in the final destruction of the German military power in Northern Italy. The War Department reported that the 442nd had been in the vanguard of the Allied drive and that it had made sensational gains during the final days of the war in Italy. On the day of the German surrender in Italy the 442nd occupied Turin, a major industrial center and a city of 700,000. There were also reports that elements of the 442nd might make a juncture with French forces driving across the Maritime Alps into Italy.

The end of the war in Europe naturally raises a question as to the future role of the Japanese American Combat Team. There is no indication at present as to what disposition will be made of this fighting unit which has made a notable record in combat in both the Battle of Italy and the Battle of Germany. Individual members of the 442nd, of course, will qualify for discharges according to the War Department's point system. Others may be returned to the United States for furloughs, pending further assignments.

The United States Army has maintained a policy of not using Japanese American troops as combat personnel in the Pacific theater, not because of any doubt as to the loyalty of these troops, but because of the possibility of confusion. Similarly, it is indicated that most Chinese Americans in the Army, except for intelligence specialists, have also been assigned to the European theater. This War Department policy has been relaxed officially in only one case, that of Tech. Sgt. Ben Kuroki, although the large numbers of Japanese Americans in special service in the U. S. Army in the Pacific sometimes are permitted to volunteer for combat duty, as in the case of Tech. Sgt. Frank Hachiya who died on Leyte.

In view of this Army policy it is to be doubted that Japanese American combat troops will be shifted immediately into the Pacific theater. However, Army policy does not long remain static and new developments may be expected.

Victory in Europe

On September 1, 1939, the brisk, arrogant, powerful German war machine began its half-decade of conquest and terror. The surrounding countries fell quickly and easily before the powerful armies of the Reich. Spurred by a fanatic's dream of power, maddened by trained brutality, the men of the German legions walked through Europe and trampled it beneath their well-shod feet.

This week that dream was gone. Defeated in the only language they understood—force, the German military had crumpled. Their country was invaded by men from Russia, Britain, Canada and the United States. Goering was a fat, vain prisoner in an Allied camp, Kesselring had surrendered his person, Hitler was believed dead, and Mussolini hung by his feet in a public square.

So at long last death came to the vain conquerors, the boastful rulers, the mad men who ruled in an anarchy of spirit. So at long last Germany was broken, as Italy had broken earlier, as Japan would soon be broken.

We did not pause long to celebrate V-E day. In the liberated countries of Europe, in Britain and in Russia the cheering went on long into the night. But here V-E day was a short break between two wars.

For men in the Pacific, the war was not yet won. There were still islands in the Pacific to be won, there was still the mainland of Japan to be conquered.

The war went on.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Hoodlums in the Night

The opening of a second front by terrorist hoodlums in California against Americans of Japanese ancestry, coming on the eve of the San Francisco conference and coinciding with an example in Placer county of what the San Francisco Chronicle caustically described as "white man's justice," may have been somewhat disconcerting to the American delegation. It is to the credit of the San Francisco press, particularly the Chronicle, the News and the People's World, that no journalistic attempt was made to hide California's shame. The stories were given the space and prominence they would get on any other day. In the Chronicle on April 25, the day the UNCIO went into session, the report of an investigation by the State into the most recent acts of terrorism against Japanese American families in Merced county and a story of the Placer county jury's acquittal in the Doi case were the leading stories on the first page of the Chronicle's local news section.

The terrorist raids against the Kishi and Morimoto families on April 22 were the 15th and 16th shooting incidents against the homes of returned evacuees. In not one of the cases, however, has anyone been hit, although there have been some narrow escapes from death or serious injury. It is clear that gunfire is being used to frighten those who have returned and to attempt to show others who may be contemplating a return to the West Coast that they would not be welcome. In each of the cases the shootings have occurred in rural areas and the victims have been farmers, a rebuttal in itself to the recent report of the Tenney Committee of the California Legislature which categorically denied that competitive agriculturists had anything to do with the opposition to the return of the evacuees.

In addition, there have been attempts to burn out the evacuees, and arson attempts against vacant and boarded-up property of the evacuees have succeeded.

These acts of violence, together with the efforts of those who sanctimoniously announce that they will use only "legal means" to dispossess and disenfranchise Americans of Japanese ancestry, comprise the core of activities directed against the returnees. The acts, however, should be contrasted against the generally splendid reception accorded the 2,000 who have returned to the evacuated area. This is a side of the West Coast picture which does not make news, but which is far more important to the individual evacuee than news of violence. For the record to date will show that, while there has been hostility expressed in both violent and non-violent forms, the majority of those who have returned have been well-received, particularly in urban areas and in districts where goodwill has been organized to facilitate the readjustment of the returned evacuee to life in the community.

The terror raids, however, like the shameful act of the Hood River American Legion which preceded them, have served to dramatize the dangers of such rampant racism to the community as a whole. In the case of Hood River the vindictiveness of the Legion post's action, rescinded but not forgotten, has been harmful to the valley's economy, and it has made the innocent Hood River apple a symbol of fascist-like persecution. Hood River growers are currently concerned over reports that consumers in New York City, one of the nation's biggest markets, are boycotting its products. Despite this concern, however, at least one of the men in the Legion post who was responsible for the decision to expunge the Hood River memorial of the names of its Japanese American servicemen is now actively carrying on the same campaign and is a founder of a new organization, "Hood River First, Inc."

In several California communities the depredations of the night-riders has been countered by the formation of groups which are dedicated toward the full integration of minorities into the community structure, and thus the acts of violence have acted as a catalyst in the organization of individuals and in the propagation of ideas designed to insure a more

equitable distribution of the benefits of democracy.

There have been various indications that the present exercises in hate, slander and violence against Japanese Americans are just a warm-up for a general campaign against other and larger minorities. Carey McWilliams recently reported in PM of the race tensions in northwestern Oregon, one of the so-called "hot-spots" of prejudice against Japanese Americans, which has a racial time bomb in its attitude toward its thousands of Negro war workers.

The pressure of the Hood River and Gresham delegations which set up a lobby at the State Capitol in Salem was successful in obtaining the passage of Senate Bill No. 274, sponsored by Governor Earl Snell, which is written in such drastic terms that it presumably denies to any person of Japanese ancestry, not a citizen of the United States, the right to occupy or work agricultural property. This law, passed by the Oregon Senate and House and signed by Governor Snell, all within 48 hours, was aimed at preventing the return of evacuee farmers to the West Coast of Oregon. In their zeal the supporters of this law completely overlooked eastern Oregon's Malheur county, which is closer in economic and social interests to Idaho than to Oregon. During the past three years evacuee farm workers of Japanese ancestry, many of whom were not United States citizens, have been credited with saving the crops of the Malheur area. Under the terms of the new law the mere fact that a Japanese alien is seen working on a farm is "presumptive evidence of unlawful leasing" to that alien. If the law is enforced eastern Oregon will be denied the services of many hundreds of experienced farm workers.

The Oregon Voter described Governor Snell's new law as an effort "to make it harder for any Oregon farm to be operated by an American owner of Japanese descent." The law was railroaded through the Legislature behind the smokescreen of two resolutions, both aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry, and both memorials to Congress to prevent the return of evacuees and to arrange for the deportation of Japanese aliens. Much publicity was given these two resolutions which were finally blocked in committee. No publicity was given the anti-alien land law, aimed at Japanese aliens, but affecting Americans of Japanese ancestry as well since it will make it impossible for the parents of soldiers in service to operate property owned by their sons. It was a neat bit of political skullduggery.

It is significant that this Oregon law is the only piece of legislation specifically aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry which was passed this year in the legislatures of western states. The California legislature, usually the fountainhead of such legislation, has followed the lead of Governor Warren in complying with the Army orders rescinding the evacuation orders.

The pattern of opposition to the return of the evacuees is made up of agitation, legislation and violence. Of these Oregon's legislation appears to have been the most effective because it denies to non-citizen evacuees the right to farm or to occupy farm property. Although the new Oregon law has been described by legal authorities as unconstitutional, its invalidity can be established only through long and tedious judicial procedure.

"No Japs Wanted" Sign Appears in California City

ORANGE COVE, Cal.—A three by four foot sign with the inscription, "No Japs or Pro-Germans Wanted Here," has been erected in downtown Orange Cove at Park and Jacobs Avenues. The property is said to be part of the Santa Fe right of way.

The sign was put up during the night and so far no effort has been made to take it down, it was reported.

Orange Cove residents declared the lettering bears a professional touch, indicating it was inscribed by a sign painter.

Vagaries

Correspondence . . .

Claudette Colbert, the actress, conducts a monthly letter column in Photoplay magazine. In the May issue the magazine published a letter by a girl to Miss Colbert, asking whether it is a "disgrace" for her to write to a wounded American soldier of Japanese ancestry. The girl notes that she knew the soldier for three years before he was drafted and sent overseas. Miss Colbert's advice, published in her column, is to keep on writing "no matter what narrow-minded people say. . . . Any man, regardless of the birthplace of his parents, who wears the Purple Heart is a fine person to have for a friend. . . . Keep up that friendship."

Tribute . . .

Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic majority leader, hailed the record of the infantry foot soldiers in Italy, including Japanese American troops, in an address in the House on April 30. . . . According to published lists of repatriates from Japanese prison camps in the Philippines who arrived in Los Angeles last week, one of the ex-prisoners landing in California was of Japanese ancestry. . . . The Saturday Evening Post may publish a story of relocation center experiences by a Nisei in an early issue. The author is reported to be Captain Yoshiye Togasaki, who is, incidentally, the highest ranking woman officer of Japanese ancestry. Captain Togasaki recently left for overseas service.

Promoters . . .

An attempt by promoters of the newly organized Japanese Exclusion League to carry their campaign into southwestern Idaho fell flat recently when officials of an Idaho town declined to grant the group permission to use the city's baseball park for a mass meeting to urge the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the United States. . . . Many non-Japanese farmers in eastern Oregon now believe that "anti-evacuee" interests in the State Legislature went too far in railroading the State's new anti-alien land law through the House and Senate. Under its provision it may be virtually impossible for eastern Oregon farmers to use non-citizens of Japanese ancestry on their farms.

Hawaiians . . .

Hawaiian delegates to a recent conference of the CIO's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union convention in San Francisco have been stressing the important role being played by Americans of Japanese ancestry in the fight of Hawaiian workers for better conditions. . . . The April, 1945, issue of "Westways," the magazine published by the Automobile Club of Southern California, carries an article by Idwal Jones of "The Sonoma Heaven," site of Kanaye Nagasawa's "New World Brotherhood," the farm colony which was to regenerate mankind and make Fountaingrove—as the farm was named—a center of the Cosmos. . . . Nagasawa, who came to Sonoma county in 1875, died in 1934. But the huge wine casks still stand at Fountaingrove and the vines still produce the famous wine.

Honor Roll . . .

It's reported the name of Tech. Sgt. Frank T. Hachiya, recently awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action in Leyte in the Philippines, is now on the honor roll of the Hood River American Legion. Sgt. Hachiya's name was not among those of the Japanese American soldiers which were erased by the Legion post and later restored on the advice of National Legion officials. . . . In his column in the New York Daily News on April 26, Ed Sullivan, who was one of the first to condemn the Hood River American Legion for its action against Nisei soldiers, passes on a canard about Japanese Americans in Hawaii: "Wealthy people in from Hawaii aver that if and when an investigation is aired of the night preceding Pearl Harbor debacle, it will be proved that Jap bartenders and waiters 'mickey-finned' every American officer and enlisted man who took a drink that night." . . . The Navy's Admiral Thomas Hart, now U. S. Senator from Connecticut, was sent by the Navy Department

Front-Line Photos from Italy



(Top) WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—This group was caught by a Fifth Army photographer as they listened to a lively story told by the British soldier, second from left. They are members of the Japanese American 442nd Combat Team which recently returned from France to the Fifth Army front in Italy. They are Pfc. Masami C. Inouye, Heart Mountain, Wyo.; Telegraphist Irving Galsworthy of Northampton, England; Staff Sgt. Carl Banish, Clarksburg, West Va.; Pvt. Rukio Sunata, Fort Lupton, Colo.; Pfc. Yoshito Nakamoto, Rohwer, Ark.; and, Pvt. Miles M. Hamada of Amache, Colo.

(Top middle) Pfc. Toshio Hazaki of 11-5-B, Rohwer, Ark., has finished drawing water from a spring and is puffing on his pipe while waiting for his friend, Pvt. Masao Sakagami of Ogden, Utah, to fill a five-gallon can which they will carry to their mountain positions.

(Lower middle) Each week Chaplain Israel Yost of Nazareth, Pa., visits outposts dug along the mountainous ridges of the battlefield and gathers the soldiers in little knots for services. Here he leads the singing of a hymn by members of the Japanese American Combat Team recently returned to Italy from France.

(Bottom) The mule is a stubborn creature when loaded with water, but Pvt. Joe S. Sugawara, 890 Glenwood Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, proves he is a match for any four-legged creature. Pvt. T. Takagi of Hayden, Ariz., hangs onto his mule's tail and is helped up the trail.—Photos from the U. S. Fifth Army in Italy.

ment to Hawaii to investigate the happenings on Pearl Harbor. On his return, Admiral Hart issued a statement in San Francisco categorically denying the rumor that there was drunkenness on the part of Navy personnel on the night before Pearl Harbor.

Nobuo Higa, bantamweight champion of the Army in Pacific Ocean areas, lost a decision to Tiger Brown of the Navy in the

Army-Navy matches in Honolulu before 22,000 servicemen on April 20. . . . The New York newspaper PM is now carrying a series of articles by Carey McWilliams on the West Coast situation regarding the return of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the area. . . . Ansel Adams' "Born Free and Equal," the photo-story of Manzanar, is one of the best sellers at a progressive book shop in San Francisco.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

San Francisco Will Implement the Peace

If it had been possible in this day of instantaneous communication, we would have had broadcast on a nation-wide hook-up a simple, somber, unrehearsed ceremony.

That ceremony took place recently on the desolate volcanic island of Iwo, which Nisei Yanks helped to take, and the principal part of it was a sermon by a Jewish chaplain dedicating a Marine cemetery.

Only a portion of what the chaplain, Roland B. Gittlesohn, said has been reported, and it is not too late to reprint an excerpt here.

"Somewhere in this plot of ground," he said, "there may lie the man who could have discovered the cure for cancer. Under one of these Christian crosses, or beneath a Jewish Star of David, there may rest now a man who was destined to be a great prophet. . . . Now they lie here silently in this sacred soil, and we gather to consecrate this earth to their memory.

"Here lie officers and men, Negroes and whites, rich men and poor. . . . Here are Protestants, Catholics and Jews. . . . Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. There is the highest and purest democracy.

"Any man among us the living who . . . lifts his hand in hate against a brother, or who thinks himself superior to those who happen to be in the minority, makes of this ceremony and of the bloody sacrifices it commemorates, an empty, hollow mockery. . . ."

Reflect a bit on the meaning of those words. It is not possible for a civilian to get more than a fragmentary impression of the terror and agony that has been the lot of so many of our fighting men. But it is easier to understand how those experiences will influence their outlooks toward world problems that they thought were none of their concern only a few short years ago.

Let the dollar patriots who claim to speak for service men reflect on this Jewish chaplain's words before they climb on their soap boxes to rant about race and preach hatred and American disunity.

The returned service man can, and probably will, be a tremendous national influence in a new, tolerant understanding of our national minority problems.

On VE-day the air was filled with the oratory of the great and

near great, and throughout their speeches ran one consistent thread: that the sacrifices of the men who crushed Nazism and all it stood for must not have been in vain, that true democratic opportunity must be fostered and preserved.

But men's memories—especially those of demagogues—are short, and to insure that the lessons of the war in Europe shall not be forgotten, the United Nations are meeting in San Francisco to set up a peace-enforcing organization.

It is significant that one of the amendments to the original Dumbarton Oaks plan agreed upon by foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and China involves preservation of human rights.

Principles of justice, international law, equal rights and self-determination of peoples, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex would be written into the world charter.

Perhaps the day of the so-called universal brotherhood of man is still distant, but there must be international tolerance, understanding, goodwill and cooperation if the objectives of the United Nations conference are to be reached.

And all this is not a matter of nations alone, for in the final analysis it is the collective attitudes of a nation's individuals that determine that nation's outlook.

What this means to the United States is that if the people's lofty hopes in this hour of victory are to be kept at that high plane, a great nation-wide wave of censure must be directed at the small, selfish minority which would sabotage all this for their own petty gain.

Intolerance and racial prejudice is a luxury the world no longer can indulge in, least of all the people of the United States where the democratic experiment is still in the process of development among a people of diverse origins.

Carey McWilliams Protests 'Green Hornet' Radio Program Describing Nisei as Saboteurs

LOS ANGELES — A radio program which recently conveyed the information that Americans of Japanese ancestry are "actual or potential saboteurs" was the object of a protest filed on May 7 by Carey McWilliams, noted expert on the problems of America's minorities, with the Federal Communications Commission and Station KECA, which carried the program, "The Green Hornet" on May 5, 1945.

McWilliams stressed in his letter of protest that "no American citizen of Japanese descent has been convicted of sabotage, either on the mainland or in Hawaii, since the war."

In his letter Mr. McWilliams said:

"My protest is related to the circumstances that a character in this (Green Hornet) script, one Osaka Kyoto, engaged in acts of sabotage against the Government of the United States. The script was very explicit in referring to this character as a 'Japanese American.' Parts of the script contained references to this character's 'alleged citizenship.'

"Making the most liberal allowances for dramatic license, it seems to me that this script is, nevertheless, most unfortunate in intention and effect. I gather that most of the audience for this program is made up of young people. The script as presented, can only have the effect of conveying to this audience a definite impression that American citizens of Japanese ancestry are actual or potential saboteurs; that their loyalty is questionable; and their citizenship debatable. The presentation

of such a program on the West Coast at this time can only have the most unfortunate effect."

Mr. McWilliams declared that he had understood that radio was attempting to eliminate "all racial stereotypes from all its programs, but this instance raises a serious doubt in my mind that such is the plan or intention of radio stations."

OPEN HOUSE HELD FOR EVACUEES IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO — The first joint International Institute — JACL "open house" for Japanese American evacuees and their friends — was held on Saturday evening, April 28, at the Institute.

More than 80 persons attended the affair. The guests presented an interracial picture and their ages ranged from 3 months to 60 years. Several family groups were present, while Nisei servicemen from the Army's DeWitt and Dibble General hospitals, as well as several stationed in the San Francisco area, were present. A white and Negro seaman comprised the naval representation.

A short informal program was chaired by Dr. Mary Layman of the International Institute Board. Welcoming remarks were given by Dr. Alfred G. Fisk for the Fellowship church; Hugh Landrum, Council of Churches; Fred Ross, area relocation supervisor of the WRA; and Robert Gibson of the Council for Civic Unity.

Seattle Nisei Destroys Nazi Machine Guns

Staff Sgt. Sato
Receives Silver Star
For Action in France

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy — The 12-man patrol was pinned down in an open field and subjected to mortar fire. Six of the men had been hit.

At his observation post, Staff Sgt. George K. Sato, formerly of 210 Occidental Avenue, Seattle, Wash., and now fighting with the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team, observed the patrol's critical situation.

Two enemy machine guns opened fire and kept the patrol pinned down. The patrol could neither advance on the enemy-held houses in the clearing nor withdraw to the comparative safety of the forest behind it. German mortar fire began to range in on the patrol, and enemy rifle fire added to the danger. The patrol was in danger of being wiped out to the last man.

Sato realized that if he could silence the German machine guns firing into the left flank of the patrol, he could enable the party to withdraw. Though he was aware that to fire effectively at the enemy machine guns he would have to move his weapon into the edge of the woods, where he would be under enemy observation and certain enemy fire, he brought his machine gun into position. He fired three or four long bursts at the enemy machine gun positions, killing three men manning one of the guns. Enemy rifle fire from two houses 200 yards to Sato's front turned on him as he had expected. This enemy fire came so close to him that the left front leg of the tripod of his gun and the ammunition chest at his side were hit.

Unshaken by the close fire, Sato calmly opened fire on the two houses, setting them on fire and killing two of the enemy within them. Under his accurate protective fire, the patrol was able to withdraw intact to the safety of the woods.

Sato, son of Tatsumi G. Sato, at present residing at 3457 Harvey Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, volunteered and entered the service at Fort Douglas in May, 1943. He has a brother, Corporal Yonetaro Sato, also fighting with the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team, which at the time of the action was fighting beside the 36th "Texas" Division, during the drive toward St. Die in the Vosges mountains of eastern France. The 442nd has since returned to the Fifth Army in Italy.

Nisei in Rochester WRA Office Leaves For WAC Training

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Following her induction in the Women's Army Corps a few weeks ago, Miss Miwako Yanamoto, 21, formerly of Los Angeles and Poston, left this city on April 30 for basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She had been employed for the past year as secretary in the local WRA office.

"I am very happy to be accepted into the WAC and to have the opportunity to take a more active part in the war effort," Miss Yanamoto said.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Yanamoto was attending Los Angeles City College at the time of evacuation. In May, 1942, she and her parents were evacuated to Poston, Ariz., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ichizo Yanamoto, still reside. While at Poston, Miss Yanamoto worked as a secretary in the Law Department. She relocated in September, 1943, to New York City, and was employed in the WRA office there until her transfer to the Rochester office.

San Mateo Leaders Form Unity Group

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Discussions on the return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry to the San Mateo area highlighted a meeting of San Mateo leaders last week to form a Council for Civic Unity in the San Mateo area.

Mrs. Josephine Duveneck of Los Gatos told the group about the Council for Civic Unity in San Francisco.

The organization will work in the interests of racial harmony in the San Mateo area.

From the Washington Post: Terror on the West Coast

In California, since the beginning of this year, there have been 16 shooting incidents—directed at American citizens of Japanese ancestry. The Americans who were made the target of this terror had returned to their homes with the express permission of the United States Army. Their loyalty had been carefully scrutinized and certified by Army authorities. Some of them had been honorably discharged from the Army itself. Some had been released from the camps of the War Relocation Authority after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared the detention of loyal citizens on grounds of race to be unconstitutional. These Americans are being persecuted because of their racial background—in the same way and for just the same reasons that prompted the Nazi persecution of racial minorities. When we gaze at German atrocities, we might cast a backward glance at these atrocities of our own.

A California jury has acquitted three men who were charged with having planted a dynamite bomb on the farm of Sumio Doi, recently released from a relocation camp. We do not know the details of the evidence against these men. But we do know that the presiding judge permitted the introduction of questions respecting the validity of Doi's purchase of his ranch under the California Alien Land Act and that the defense attorney was allowed to tell the jury: "This is a white man's country. Let's keep it so." We had supposed that "trials" of this character had ended with the collapse of Hitler's fortress.

These atrocities have been happening not far from San Francisco, where the representatives of 48 nations—comprising people of every race and color—are striving to create a new organization to keep the peace. They besmirch our principles and our pretensions. They are perpetrated, to be sure, by no more than a few bigoted hoodlums. Nevertheless, they do injury to us all—not only to our good name but also to the institutions upon which our own secure and orderly way of life is founded. If California authorities cannot uphold the law and protect the citizens of their own State, they should call for help from the Federal Government. Terrorism is no less ugly at home than abroad.—An editorial in the Washington, D. C. Post of May 1, 1945.

Responsible Californians Feel Concern Over Treatment Given Returning Nisei, Says Davies

NEW YORK—"A feeling of concern among responsible Californians over treatment of returning Japanese American evacuees was growing this week as San Francisco played host to a meeting charged with writing a charter for a world organization in which no distinctions were to be recognized among races, colors and creeds," Lawrence E. Davies, San Francisco correspondent of the New York Times, declared in a dispatch appearing in the May 6 issue of the Times.

Davies reported that the number of "incidents" against Japanese Americans who had returned to the West Coast had risen to 59 by the end of April. He described the "incidents" as shootings, dynamitings, fires and posting of "No Japs Wanted" signs.

All of the nine occurring in April were concentrated in California, he reported, where newspapers received many letters from readers protesting against the acquittal of three persons at Auburn, Calif., charged with arson and illegal use of explosives in terror raids against a returned evacuee family in January.

"Not long before the United Nations Conference opened, Attorney General Robert Kenny of California addressed the sheriffs of all the State's counties in an effort to stiffen their backs against countenancing mistreatment of Americans of Japanese ancestry," Davies noted. "Since then he has had to send special agents to at least one county to see that the local authorities act."

Granada Screen Shop To Close Operations On May 15, Report

AMACHE, Colo. — After two years of successful operation, the Granada silk screen shop will close its doors on May 15, according to the Granada Pioneer.

Officially organized at the request of the Navy Department on June 1, 1943, the shop produced over \$100,000 worth of work.

Production included Navy posters and general center work.

Over a hundred former evacuee shop workers, after completing training at the local shop, have relocated and obtained employment in silk screen work outside, it was reported.

Nisei Cited For Aid to Wounded Men

Disregarded Enemy
Fire to Evacuate
Comrades to Rear

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—For treating and evacuating wounded comrades under intense German artillery fire, Private First Class Frank Y. Asari of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a member of the 442nd Japanese-American Combat Team, recently was awarded the Bronze Star.

(Pfc. Asari was reported killed in action recently in Italy.)

Brigadier General Ralph N. Tobin, commanding a Sixth Army Group unit, made the presentation at a 2nd Battalion ceremony at Antibes, on the French Riviera.

Asari performed his valorous act at the time when the 442nd Combat Team, as a part of the 36th "Texas" Division, was driving eastward from Biffontaine, a small town in the Vosges Mountains, on the Seventh Army's front in France.

"While moving to support position, Private First Class Asari's platoon was suddenly caught in an artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties," stated the citation. "Observing that his comrades were wounded, he left his cover to go to their aid despite the fact that the barrage had not lifted. After administering first aid he further disregarded the enemy's small arms fire to evacuate the wounded men."

Asari, whose brother, Roy Asari, resides at 1620 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, entered the service in Los Angeles on November 21, 1941.

Japanese American Infantry Gained 76 Miles in Five Days During Drive Up Italy Coast

War Department Announces Nisei Soldiers Were
In Vanguard of Fifth Army's Final Offensive
Which Smashed German Army in Northern Italy

WASHINGTON—The War Department announced May 2 that "members of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, composed of American doughboys of Japanese descent," were "in the vanguard of the Fifth Army's great offensive which has smashed the German Army in northern Italy."

The Japanese Americans made "sensational gains of 76 miles in five days," the War Department noted, reporting that the 442nd took part in the capture of Genoa, Italy's largest seaport, on April 27, and then forged ahead to enter Turin, last great city in the Po River valley, on April 30.

The 442nd entered Genoa along with the 473rd Infantry Regiment, which then swung around in a southwesterly direction. Both regiments are attached to the 92nd Infantry Division, the War Department reported.

Noting that most of the soldiers of "this crack outfit" came for the most part from govern-

ment relocation centers on the mainland and from Hawaii, the War Department report added:

"Activated on February 1, 1943, in response to requests of many loyal American-born Japanese to serve in the Armed Forces, the 442nd set a high standard of training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The Japanese Americans arrived in Italy late in May, 1944. The famous Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion, already fighting in Italy and composed of former activated Hawaiian National Guardsmen, became the first battalion of the new regiment. The 100th Battalion was one of the first group units to receive the Presidential Unit Citation for fighting in Italy.

"This citation arose from the battalion's outstanding performance in the vicinity of Belvedere and Sassetta, when it was assigned to the mission of neutralizing a strongly defended German position. The men fought a numerically superior enemy, killing 178 and sending the remaining Germans reeling back in a demoralized retreat.

"The new regiment went into action late in June and distinguished itself in the bitter fighting for the approaches to Leghorn, Pisa and Florence. The toughest Wehrmacht SS units faced the Japanese Americans in their first engagement in the mountainous regions guarding the approaches to key German defenses in northern Italy.

"Before the regiment was relieved, it had liberated 11 towns and villages. The men stormed and took two major hills, Hill 140 known as Little Cassino, and Hill 132. Their forward movement enabled other elements of the Fifth Army to forge ahead. At the port of Leghorn the 442nd protected the entire flank of the Allied drive and permitted armored and infantry units to enter the city. Japanese American patrols were the first to penetrate into the historic and strategic city of Pisa.

"During this drive the regiment killed 1,124 Germans, captured 331 and wounded several hundred, figures which do not tell the whole story because they do not include the dead buried by the enemy nor wounded evacuated by him. At the same time the regiment swept up vast quantities of enemy material—cars, motorcycles, trucks, Mark IV tanks, antitank guns, self-propelled guns, field artillery pieces, mortars, machine guns and small arms of all types.

"A recapitulation shows that more than 90 per cent of the regiment won Combat Infantryman Badges for exemplary conduct under enemy fire. Four hundred had been awarded Purple Hearts, before the current campaign, for wounds suffered in action. Many have been decorated for valor.

"Individual units have been given high praise for their work. The combat engineer group cleared and neutralized many mine fields, built by-passes and cleared 100 miles of roadway. In a single day's operations this outfit alone removed 2,000 pounds of demolition charges from three bridges the enemy planned to blow up.

"During their first action, members of the field artillery battalion of the regiment established themselves as one of the most efficient on the front. In less than a month they fired 48,938 rounds, an average of 2,000 a day. One day 4,010 rounds were fired. The score of enemy batteries knocked out mounted steadily.

"On January 12, 1945, additional testimony to the heroism of the 100th Infantry Battalion was offered when the Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to seven members of the unit, one award being made posthumously."

DSC Winner To Return On Furlough

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Private First Class Kaoru Moto of Spreckelsville, Maui, Hawaii, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action, is returning home from the European battlefields on furlough.

Moto has fought more than 18 months through the Italian and French campaigns.

In a ceremony held in February in Menton, France, he was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by Lieutenant Colonel Virgil R. Miller of the Combat team, for extraordinary heroism near Castellina, Italy.

When his company was advancing on Castellina from the south, Moto who was first scout, observed a German machinegun nest which was holding up the progress of his company and the battalion. The enemy weapon was emplaced high on a ridge and covered the battalion's route of advance.

His action is described by a Seventh Army Citation which reads, in part: On his own initiative he made his way to a point ten paces from the hostile position, shot and killed the German gunner with his rifle. Immediately, the assistant gunner opened fire in the direction of Private First Class Moto. Crawling to the rear of the position, Private Moto surprised the German who quickly surrendered. Taking his prisoner with him, Private Moto took a position a few yards from a house to deny the enemy use of the building as an observation post. While guarding his prisoner, he observed a German machinegun section moving into position. His deadly fire forced the enemy to withdraw. An enemy sniper located in another house fired at Private Moto, severely wounding him. Applying first aid to his wound, Private Moto changed position to avoid the sniper fire. He then continued to harass the enemy and enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Finally relieved of his position by the arrival of a squad, he made his way to the rear for treatment.

After crossing the road, he spotted a German machinegun firing at his comrades, so he opened fire and wounded two of the three Germans occupying the position. Not satisfied with this accomplishment, he crawled forward to a better position and ordered the Germans to surrender. Receiving no answer, Private Moto fired two shots at the position, and the Germans surrendered.

Private Moto, who saw all actions in Italy and France in which the 100th Battalion participated, considers the fight for Cassino the most bitter.

"The endless cold, snow and rain—and the Germans who chose not to give up so easily made fighting pretty difficult," he said. "The Germans commanded all the high ground and were dug in in almost shell-proof dugouts and they had all the artillery and small arms fire zeroed in on the route of our advance."

Before Moto entered the service on March 25, 1941, he worked as a plantation worker for the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company of Puunene, Maui.

Inman Asks for Law to Deny Citizenship Rights to Nisei

AUBURN, Calif. — Describing the induction of Americans of Japanese ancestry into the Army as the "saddest thing that has happened in this war," ex-State Senator J. M. Inman of Sacramento told the California Preservation Association (formerly the Placer County Anti-Japanese league) that he wanted a constitutional amendment to deny citizenship to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Former Senator Inman, who declared that he was the man who originated "anti-Japanese" agitation in California, said that the bravery and fighting ability of Japanese Americans in the U. S. Army are being used as a "selling point" by "pro-Japanese" interests.

Inman was the principal speaker at the meeting at which time preliminary plans were made for the organization of a statewide body which would act against the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast.

Inman and Former Assembly-

man Ivan H. Bearn, who represented Placer county in the legislature when the Anti-Alien Land Law was passed, detailed the history of efforts to prevent the acquisition of land in California by persons of Japanese ancestry. They also described the efforts made by President Woodrow Wilson, through the then Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, to prevent the enactment of the law.

Inman scored the War Relocation Authority and other interests which, he said, are interested in seeing the Japanese accepted back into coast communities.

Chicago JACL Group Hears Horace Cayton

CHICAGO—Horace R. Cayton, noted Negro leader, was the main speaker at the May 11 meeting of the Chicago chapter of the JACL at the YWCA.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Kimura, 32-14-5, Manzanar, a boy, Toshio, on March 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Nakaji, 11-13-1, Manzanar, a girl, Aiko Patricia, on March 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Naritomi, 6-7-1, Manzanar, a boy, Yasuko, on March 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Takahashi, 27-6-5, Manzanar, a boy, Elmer Kaneme, on March 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Niki, 2-2-A, Gila River, a girl on April 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Urabe, 1926 Curtis, Denver, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moritaka Nagana, 1810 Arapahoe, Denver, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Watanebe, 1930 Champa, Denver, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Isoye, 7H-8A, Granada, a girl on April 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Nohara, 9L-6CD, Granada, a boy on April 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigemi Muranaka, 16-12D, Rohwer, a girl on April 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kisoto Ishida, 14-4-C, Topaz, a boy on April 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kinichi Kajita, 22-11-F, Topaz, a boy on April 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oishi, 29-10-D, Topaz, a boy on April 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitomo Hirabayashi, 6-2-F, Topaz, a boy on April 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsuichi Ogawa, 1917-C, Tule Lake, a girl on April 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Furuya, 5817-B, Tule Lake, a boy on April 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Izuhara, 5305-E, Tule Lake, a boy on April 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsunami, 1207-C1, Tule Lake, a boy on April 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kamakichi Yamada, 3903-D, Tule Lake, a girl on April 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisanao Kashiwada, 3917-A, Tule Lake, a girl on April 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsuchika Tamura, 813-B, Tule Lake, a boy on April 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nakagaki, 4912-E, Tule Lake, a girl on April 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeshi Taguchi, 326-12-A, Poston, a girl on April 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Nakamura, 4316-C, Tule Lake, a boy on April 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Teraoka, 1406-C, Tule Lake, a girl on April 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Masunaga, 4006-B, Tule Lake, a boy on April 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Takehana, 7016-A, Tule Lake, a boy on April 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Hayashi, 6915-E, Tule Lake, a girl on April 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazumi Tashima, 6905-D, Tule Lake, a boy on April 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teraji Nakamura, 6806-D, Tule Lake, a boy on April 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Oshima, 8302-H, Tule Lake, a girl on April 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Baba, 7-8-D, Hunt, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shuichi Hayashida, 55-6-D, Rivers, a girl on April 27.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Takeo Nakawata, 2-9-A, Hunt, a girl on April 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masaru Hara, 74-4-A, Rivers, a boy on April 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Masaru Makimoto, 56-4-A, Rivers, a girl on April 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moriyu Takubo, 74-14-D, Rivers, a boy on April 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Motoie Shiotani, 60-3-A, Rivers, a girl on May 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Tanouye, 25-10-A, Rivers, a boy on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Okada, 4-8-D, Rivers, a girl on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sechachi Sakamoto, 6-8-C, Poston, a girl on April 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Hayashi, 28-7-B, Poston, a boy on April 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Ogawa, 1726 Larimer, Denver, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nagata, 30-8-F, Heart Mountain, a boy on April 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Umemoto, 2714-B, Tule Lake, a girl on April 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toeji Furuyama, 2815-C, Tule Lake, a girl on April 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuma Kurosaki, 4505-C, Tule Lake, a boy on April 22.

DEATHS

Natsu Harada, 47-3-C, Gila River, on April 22.

Sumiko Yoshinaga, 35-4-2, Manzanar, on March 2.

Frank Sakaguchi, 65, 11-7-4, Manzanar.

Roy Sakawye, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sakawye, 2946 Humboldt, Denver, on April 22.

Kikutaro Kitano, 75, 1-1-E, Rohwer, on April 24.

Umeno Yamada, 44, 5917-B, Tule Lake, on April 24.

Masajiro Narasaki, 62, of 8312-C, Tule Lake, on April 17.

Keinosuke Tamura, 70, of 6901-F, Tule Lake, on April 20.

Masashi Yamaguchi of 45-13-A, Rivers, on May 3.

Masashige Takenaka, 72, 14-16-B, Heart Mountain, on April 29.

Hirokichi Inouye, 69, of 25-21-E, Heart Mountain, on April 30.

Shohei Tsuyuki, 61, of 21-2-C, Heart Mountain, on May 4.

MARRIAGES

Mary Shizuye Shimbayashi to Shiro Yoshikawa on March 17 at Manzanar.

Shizuka Ono to Pfc. James Yonekazu on March 24 at Manzanar.

June Sakazaki to Fusao Tanaka in Billings, Mont.

Mary Fujiko Fujimoto to Dick Toyoshima on March 21 in Chicago.

Emiko Hino to Hiro Tsuji on April 7 in Minnesota.

Shizue Sasaki to Kuniaki Nishio on April 14 at Tule Lake.

Kiyoye Hataye to Katsumi Uno on April 15 at Tule Lake.

Kiyomi Masui to Yoshio Ozaki on April 15 at Tule Lake.

Jean Kurosake to Joe Saito on April 21 at Tule Lake.

Carrie Shizuo Nakamura to Richard H. Okada on March 24 in New York City.

Hatsue Okabe to Akira William Yokota on April 28 at Poston.

Mitsuko Maekawa to Ichiro Kato in Cincinnati.

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New Statewide Anti-Evacuee Group Asks Confiscation of Property of California Nisei

State Organization Formed by "Anti-Japanese" Leagues of Northern California; Will Carry Out Program to Boycott Returning Japanese Americans

SACRAMENTO—With a program of refusal to sell, rent or lease land or property to persons of Japanese ancestry returning to the West Coast, and urging the confiscation of property owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry in California, the formal organization of the statewide California State Preservation Association was completed on May 7 in a meeting of Northern California "anti-Japanese" groups in the county courthouse.

Charles DeCosta of Auburn, Placer County, was elected president. Other officers are J. M. Inman of Sacramento, vice president; Mary Lou Miller of Auburn, secretary; and, Dr. George F. Beard of Sacramento, treasurer.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The bylaws include refusal to sell, rent, or lease land to returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry; confiscation of lands owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry; and amendment of Federal statutes to authorize such confiscation.

Dr. Beard said that Mrs. Earl Lukins and Ray Dore of Auburn and Roy Cothrin of Sacramento addressed the group.

The meeting, held in the county supervisors' room at the courthouse, was delayed in starting while the officers asked for credentials from a newspaper reporter and asked Henry T. Tyler, vice president of Sacramento Junior College, and Mrs. Lorraine Todd of 2695 U. Street, Sacramento, who are not members of the California Preservation Association, to leave because the meeting was organizational.

Mr. Tyler pointed out the meeting was held in a public hall and was allowed to remain.

Evacuee Girl Wins School Spelling Bee

PONTIAC, Mich.—After downing 25 opponents, Carolyn Ando, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ando of Pontiac, won the Oakland County District No. 2 spelling bee on the word "believe" after Peggy MacDonald, 12, misspelled it.

ANN ARBOR NISEI PLAN RITES FOR MEN IN SERVICE

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Japanese-Americans in Ann Arbor are holding a combined memorial and recognition candlelight service honoring Nisei servicemen and war dead at the Methodist church on Sunday, May 20.

The Rev. Ralph Dunlop of the Methodist church will conduct the service, while the Rev. William Lemon of the Presbyterian church will preach the sermon.

Col. Reginald Miller, army commandant, will speak.

All Nisei and Issei in the Ann Arbor area are invited to attend the service.

Miss Fujiye Yoshihara of Lane Hall is requesting the names of servicemen relatives of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Ann Arbor area.

Salt Lake JACL Beats Denver Stars In Bowling Match

An all-star team from the Denver Nisei Bowling League took individual honors, but lost a team match to the Salt Lake JACL squad during a visit to Salt Lake City last week end.

The Denver stars dominated the Salt Lake JACL tournament, with Nick Yoneda winning the men's singles with a 615, while Hooch Okumura and Saku Taketa took the men's singles with an 1111. Okumura's 244 during doubles play was the high game of the tournament.

The Salt Lake JACL five defeated the Denver bowlers, 2568 to 2236 in a match which found the Denver team off form. In another match, a Nisei team from the Tooele Ordnance Depot defeated Chuck's All-Stars of Salt Lake City, 2536 to 2488.

Evacuee Wives Sew For Russian Relief

MADISON, Wis.—Sewing for the Russian Relief Committee was the program of the evening when members of the Madison Friendship Circle met on April 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Okada in University Park.

Those participating included: Mrs. Shinji Yamamoto, Central Utah; Mrs. Takeshi Yamashita, Gila River; Mrs. George Caine; Mrs. Iwao Hara, Mrs. T. Okada, Minidoka; Mrs. William Mimbu, Rohwer; Mrs. Marian Jacobs, Mrs. Betty Ekvall and Mrs. Alice Wallace.

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New Yorkers Plan Services For Japanese American GIs

NEW YORK — The New York Hospitality Group is zooming ahead with their program of serving and entertaining visiting servicemen.

On April 22, a box lunch social was held at the JACD clubroom. Attractively wrapped lunch boxes prepared by the girls were auctioned. The auctioneer was Tommy Komuro, who with the help of Treasurer Kiyo Nakada, raised \$60 more for the group.

Young Ailyn Terada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Terada, entertained as a demure hula dancer at the group's first money-raising affair. Corp. Charles Yamase of the Army Air Forces volunteered three harmonica numbers. Enjoying the program were many soldiers, many of them from the "Thunderbolt" tank division of Fort Knox, Ky. There were also many civilians present.

Chairman for the affair was Isao Okajima.

The Hospitality Group plans publishing a general calendar of events in the Japanese-American community as well as choice entertainment in New York City as a guide for servicemen. This bulletin

will be edited by Sadae Iwataki, Grace Natsume and Aiko Iwataki, and mimeographed by Corinne Dohi.

Other projects and their respective chairmen are: Visiting hospitals, Cecelia Aoki; personal shopping and packaging, Alice Miyazawa, "Dutch Tours," every Sunday afternoon beginning May 6, Miki Kageyama; picnics, third Sunday of every month, Isao Okajima and Sadie Komae; tickets for broadcasts and recitals, Alice Miyazawa and Hoshie Yamada.

Letters were sent to New York residents, saying in part: "New York can be a mighty lonesome place for a Nisei soldier on leave—or for a returning veteran just back from the battlefield... this money (contributions) will indirectly reach that soldier lying alone in a hospital bed, being visited by Nisei girls bearing gifts... boys on furlough being guided through New York..."

The girls thank all those who have responded with donations totaling \$83, and ask that further contributions be sent to the New York Hospitality Group, care Chairman Margaret Stanicci, 335 E. 17th St., New York 3, N. Y.

Treasury Department Unblocks Frozen Funds to Aid Evacuees

WASHINGTON — To aid WRA in its relocation and liquidation program, the Treasury Department has informed the WRA that they will unblock all but a limited number of the accounts of evacuees on the Army clear list.

Through the Project Director, forms to request unblocking orders will be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. The bank will determine whether the statements on the individual forms are correct. Individual unblocking orders will be mailed in care of the Project Director, and private banks will be notified.

Evacuees in these categories are ineligible to apply for unblocking orders through this special arrangement with Treasury: (1) persons not on the Army clear list, (2) those who have been issued specific blocking orders, (3) evacuees who have represented or acted as agents for any person outside the continental United States on or since July 26, 1941, and (4) persons who now hold funds belonging to blocked nationals.

Those who are not eligible may,

however, apply for reconsideration of their cases by filing Form TPU-1 with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Business enterprises may apply for unblocking through the same procedure.

Unblocking persons and business enterprises are subject to specified reporting and other requirements.

Certain individuals may be denied unblocking orders. However, they will be permitted to withdraw sufficient funds to allow them to relocate. Former internees whose accounts remain blocked may upon application withdraw up to \$200 a month for living expenses. Other persons whose accounts are not unblocked may withdraw as much as \$500 per month.

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