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NORTHWEST

NISEI HEROES TO BE BURIED IN WAR AREA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12—Nisei war dead interred in new permanent military cemeteries in Europe will be buried near the very areas which their magnificent courage helped liberate from Nazi control.

One of several cemeteries in France will be at Epinal, a small community near the village of Bruyeres, scene of one of the most valiant campaigns of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Smashing through to the rescue of the "Lost Texas Battalion," the 442nd liberated Bruyeres in their bloody but successful fight to free the Texans. This was one of the most costly battles of the war for the 442nd. More than 1,000 casualties were suffered by the Regiment.

Another cemetery will be located near Nettuno, in Italy, 32 miles south of Rome. Nettuno is on the Anzio beach where the 100th Battalion of the 442nd fought so brilliantly.

Another cemetery is six miles south of Florence, Italy. It is in the vicinity of the hard-fought campaigns of the Arno river, Po valley and Appennines.

The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee office in Washington has been advised that Nisei who died in the extreme south of France will be reinterred at the Florence military cemetery.

Groups Here Get Conclave Bid

Neighborhood House and the Jackson St. Community Council will be among scores of youth organizations which will send representatives to the first Youth Conference Tuesday, Feb. 22, in Eagleson Hall, the University of Washington YMCA-YWCA.

The conference, which is an outgrowth of the Sept., 1948 celebration of Youth Month—Saluting Young America, will be conducted under the auspices of the recreation division of the Council of Social Agencies. Theme for the party, which will be from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., is "How Youth Can Build a Better Community."

The meeting will include sessions on what youth can do to improve recreation, housing, juvenile delinquency, inter-group relations and social agencies, according to co-chairman Herb Reinelt, University of Washington student.

Mrs. W. H. Weaver, Jr., a member of the board of directors of the YWCA, Camp Fire Girls and the Ruth School for Girls, is adult chairman.

Family of 7 Lives in Voting Booth



DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 12 (Soundphoto)—Mrs. Raymond Ole pictured with her five children living in a discarded voting booth which is, and has been their home since last July, although Mr. Ole is a \$60 a week factory worker

and could pay good rent. The Ole family is one of three families living in the discarded voting booths because they are unable to find anything at any price.

Jackson St. Community People Asked To Name 'Man (or Woman) of the Year'

People of the Jackson St. community have been asked to submit nomination for the district's own "Man (or Woman) of the Year" award by the end of this month, according to an announcement by James M. Matsuoka, president of the Jackson Street Community Council.

The award, officially designated as the Chairman's Award for Outstanding Community Service, was given to the Council last year by Mrs. Lela Hall, first Community Council chairman, on the occasion of her retirement from that office. It was conferred last year on Lew G. Kay, Chinese business man and civic leader.

Any person who lives or works within the Jackson St. area or who is a member of an organization identified with the district is eligible to receive it. Anyone in the district may nominate whoever he feels has made an outstanding contribution toward promoting health, welfare, civic improvement or human relations.

All that is necessary to submit a nomination is to write a letter or postcard to the Council at 414-5th Ave. So, naming the person you wish to nominate and stating why you think he or she deserves the honor. Nominations should be signed but the name of the person making the nomination will be kept confidential upon request. No petitions are necessary, and the recommendation of an individual will be given the same consideration as that of a group.

Selection of the award winner will be made from the nominations by a representative committee of five named by the Council's Board of Trustees. Presentation of the award will take place at the Council's annual meeting in April. The recipient will receive an engraved certificate and his name will be placed on the permanent plaque which hangs in the Council office.

"A few nominations have already been received," Matsuoka said, "but we feel sure that there are other people who have intended to suggest someone but just haven't done it as yet. Nominations must be postmarked not later than January 31 to be considered by the committee 'his year.'"

Plans to Assist Disabled Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 12—An elderly woman, blind since an accident when she was only two weeks old, is now en route to Tokyo to help Japan's physically handicapped help themselves.

She is Genevieve Caulfield, 59, former movie actress Joan Caulfield, and an outstanding authority on political and social problems in Japan and Siam.

PUYALLUP C. L. BOOKS SOCIAL, ELECTION FRI.

By MRS. ART YAMADA
TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 12—Puyallup Valley Citizens' League will ring in the new year with a basket social and a dance this Friday, Jan. 14, in the Tacoma Buddhist temple.

Preceding the social-dance, an election of officers for the coming year will begin at 8 p. m. Present cabinet members are Kaz Yamane, president; Daichi Yoshioka (Pife), Dr. Kasuga (Tacoma) and Tad Sasaki (Summer-Orting), vice presidents; Mrs. Amy Hashimoto, corresponding secretary; Miki Fukui, recording secretary; Tom Takemura and Kimi Fujimoto, social chairman; and John Fujita, treasurer.

All girls are asked to bring baskets which will be auctioned off to the highest bidders at the social.

The public is cordially invited to attend this affair.

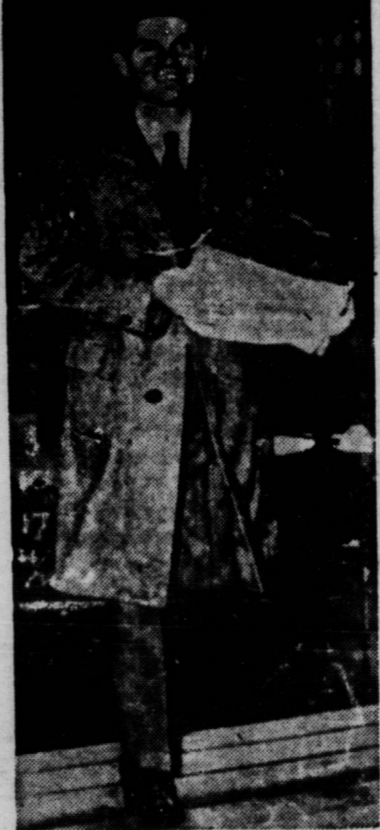
Snake River Picks Itami President

ONTARIO, Oreg., Jan. 12—Thomas T. Itami, president, was unanimously re-elected by the Snake River chapter of the Japanese American Citizens league to fulfill the term for 1949.

Others elected with Itami to fill the different offices are as follows: Vice president—Ted Nakamura. Treasurer—Thomas Iseri (re-elected). Recording secretary—Mrs. Toshi-ko Ogura. Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Yoneko Kanetomi. Social chairmen—Sunshine Takami & Larry Saito. Official delegate—George Sugal.

House-to-House

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 12—A house-to-house membership drive is now being launched by the Puyallup Valley Citizens' league in this area.



NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 12 (Soundphoto)—Alger Hiss, former employe of the U. S. State Department, is shown quite serene as he arrives at the Manhattan Federal Grand Jury, which is investigating communism and espionage. The investigation has been given added impetus with the discovery of a microfilm of top secrets in a pumpkin on the farm of Whitaker Chambers, and admitted former Communist.

Dimes Campaign Opens Friday

With the March of Dimes scheduled to open this Friday, all telephone subscribers in this community will receive their March of Dimes cards within the next few days. Sam G. Lamping, county chairman, announced yesterday.

Appealing to recipients of the cards to increase their contributions this year if possible, Lamping said the soaring costs of hospital care and record number of patients in the care of the King County (Continued on Page 4)

JACL Aide Notes Indignities Suffered by Many Nisei Despite Decided Change of Sentiment towards Us

(Editor's note: Following is a release from Joe Grant Masaoka, regional JACL director of Northern California area, anent "Unfinished Business on Erasing Discrimination Toward Japanese-Americans.")

By JOE GRANT MASAOKA

Within the last three years the decline of discriminatory practices directed against Japanese Americans has been truly remarkable. The combination of individuals, organizations, press and radio focusing their pressure has substantially cleared away most anti-Nisei incidents. The difference between wartime hysteria and present sentiment toward Japanese Americans is like night and day.

Though much of bias and downgrading have been removed there are flare-ups of discrimination when democracy is short-circuited. The following check list indicates where shocks still hit Japanese Americans. If at these points the corrective power of goodwill is brought to bear these violations of fair and equal treatment will disappear. The force and moral sanction which organized public opinion can concentrate on unwholesome situations are most effective. Injustices which are continually challenged must give way eventually. Organizations such as the Japanese American Citizens League can be a spur to the American conscience.

The following are illustrations of disparity treatment.

While these examples pertain to California, Nisei in many parts of the West suffer these same indignities:

- 1. Cemeteries and columbaria discriminate in either refusing desirable burial plots or locations or segregating burial sections.
- 2. Swimming pools deny admission to the public plunges.
- 3. The American Bowling Congress limits league play to members of the Caucasian race.
- 4. The alien sport fishing fee is \$25 as compared to a citizen's \$3 fee. Aliens "racially ineligible to citizenship" are frozen in the higher fee class.

CIVIL SERVICE

- 1. Height and weight requirements bar Nisei from jobs even when such physical measurements are not essential. Such positions are listed in the Federal Civil Service Handbook.
- 2. Loss of seniority due to arbitrary military evacuation from jobs is not recoverable.

INSURANCE

- 1. Not more than a few companies will write casualty insurance on the theory that in a jury trial the matter of race would be a prejudicial factor.
- 2. Some major life insurance companies will not write life insurance at term or standard rates on the theory that the Asiatic table of mortality experience requires boosted rates, although the applicant may be American-born.

PROPERTY

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BUSINESS

- 1. Hotel leases are almost impossible to negotiate in desirable sections except at premium levels, and
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Take Advantage of Job Opportunities In This City, Minato Urges Nisei

By GEORGE MINATO
The end of the war found the returning Nisei worker in a different position on the labor market than before the war. The jobs the Nisei were able to land in their "new locations" were, in most instances, quite a contrast to those they had ever held.

Due to manpower shortage, opportunities ordinarily barred to us were open and unions barring us from membership were admitting us in order to collect dues.

Today, we find Nisei in great numbers in offices and plants that previously had refused to hire us.

Boeing's, for example, has Nisei men and women spread throughout its enormous plant—from engineering department down to common labor.

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work for tolerance. And labor organizations, both in the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O., have set up committees to fight discrimination in employment. Fair Employment Practices Acts are being pushed in many states and in the United States Congress.

This trend toward favorable acceptance of the Nisei and other minority groups did not come about accidentally; it was forced mainly through the valiant record of the Nisei GI and the untiring efforts of our numerous friends.

The Nisei should take advantage of gathering momentum for equality to all peoples by taking active steps to show our friends that we also will try to help ourselves in the betterment of our lot.

In the past, our friends have been asking about our lack of interest in the program to give us our birthright.

An A.F. of L. union executive once said that there were more than 300 persons of Japanese ancestry with membership books in his local and commented on the higher than average scholastic record they had attained. But, he said, they refuse to participate in union activities and shun expression from the floor.

This same union, in the fall of 1945, felt unfavorable towards some Japanese employees because they were reluctant to join in the organization of a hospital union. Addressing "All Trade Unions of Seattle and Vicinity", the union, in an open letter, made such remarks as these: "The management has threatened to use Japanese as scabs" and "Japanese have refused to join the union."

The International Association of Machinists, Local 751, which returned to work after a losing strike at Boeing's, noted a few non-union Nisei crossing its picket line. Nisei members of Local 751, however, loyally supported the union strike.

Then Dave Beck, in his strike-breaking role, organized workers behind the picket line into one of his locals, 451, Aeronautical Workers & Helpers, which accepted the Nisei who were employed during the strike. It seems ironic, indeed, that the picket-line crossing Nisei should join Beck's group and ignore the I.A.M. 751 which was one of the first international unions to lower the racial barrier. Beck has always enforced the race line in his unions.

To the 30 or more labor organizations, both A.F. of L. and C.I.O., supporting Local 751 during the Boeing strike, people working behind the picket lines were "scabs". To the unions, the word, "Scab", leaves a bad taste in their mouths, to say the least.

If much more negative impressions are made upon these unions, they may some day wonder whether the slander against our first generation should not be applied against the second generation.

The leading role that labor groups play in the fight against discrimination in employment and bettering of working conditions, puts them down as one of our greatest allies.

We should not cross their picket lines; instead, we should join with them in their fight which is our fight.

We should join unions and take active steps to strengthen them, for only with the support of a strong labor movement can we expect to attain our goal for equal treatment.

(Editor's note: Opinions expressed by the writer are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Contraband Bill Again Presented

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12—For the second time, Senator Pat McCarran, (D. Nev.) has introduced legislation to indemnify owners of contraband articles lost or damaged while held under custody of the Department of Justice or its agents.

He introduced the same bill in the Eightieth Congress. It was approved in the Senate during the final days of the session, but Congress adjourned before the House acted on the measure.

Curiously, the bill was introduced as S29 in the last session, and again has been assigned the same number, S29.

The bill has been sponsored by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee for the last two years.

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Nisei Calendar

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27—Skating party, to be sponsored by Bellamis from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in Rollerland Skating Rink.

29-30—Annual Northwest Nisei Classic in Main Bowl

30—Northwest Nisei Classic dance in Trianon Ballroom.

29—NVC Community Basketball league will sponsor a mixer from 8 p. m. to 12 midnight in the Seattle Buddhist auditorium to raise funds for an official scoreboard.

FEBRUARY

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18, 19 and 20—Tentative dates for Northwest Times' third annual Northwest Invitational Basketball Tournament.

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From 8:30 p.m. to 12 midnight.
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Everyone Welcomed

\$1.50 per person. \$2.50 per couple.