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VETS DEPLOY IN NEW EMPLOY

Korea veterans are being acclimated to civilian life doing everything from making rice-cakes to herding cattle.

Edward Hor is here in the city working in a bank, but does not exactly have "banker's hour". He has the mid-nite shift.

Out in Los Angeles, Monte Minami found that studies and Post Office (not playing it, but working there) was making him a social Robinson Crusoe. Now, he's just studying.

Akio Itamura is attending East L.A.C.C. taking up art. (Fe-Mail is still waiting for some of your work). Mas Hatae is an engineer for North American Aircraft.

Cowboy Sam Nakamura is back in Kirby, Wyoming herding a 100 head of cattle.

Slim Yamayoshi was in New York til a few weeks ago waiter-ing in a down-town restaur-

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O'REILLY! KELLY'S BACK!

Living up to his name, personable Kelly Kuwayama, first NSO Director, made his return to his sod on -- you guessed it -- St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Kelly, who worked the past 14 months in Japan, slipped into New York as quietly as he left on New Year's Day, 1952.

Let's have more noise from you, Mr. Kelly-san. Welcome back!

HAWAII CLUB TO BE LAUNCHED

The organizing of the Hawaii Club of New York mentioned in the last Fe-Mail, is under way with Sgt. Ken Kawashima one of its prime movers. Others who are helping him are: Mabel and Thelma Murakami, Florence Tanaka, George Kozuma, Charles Cabico, Goro Arakawa, Lightning Uyehara, Sachi Terada, Jane Yanagihara, and Doris Miura.

The purpose and aims of the club is being written now in constitution form. Tentatively, their initial social will be in observance of the Island's May Day-Lei Day festivity.

All those interested are asked to contact any of the above-named people.

YAF AND 442 INVITE GI'S AND NSO

Besides the usual NSO Open House Dance, GI's and NSO hostesses are welcomed to attend the YAF and 442 Association's socials to be held also in April.

The NSO's affair will take place on the first Saturday, April 4, at the MacBurney YMCA on 23rd Street and Seventh Avenue.

A semi-formal dance, given by the Young Adult Fellowship of the Japanese Methodist Church, will be held on the 18th at Hotel McAlpin, located on 34th and Broadway. The fee will be \$2.00 per person.

The last Saturday, April 25th, will be the 442 Association's Spring Festival get-together at the 77th Infantry Regiment's Clubhouse at 28 E. 39th Street. The evening will be filled with entertainment, free refreshment, and dancing. GI's and NSO hostesses will be admitted for \$1.00. The well-known combo of Lightning-Goro-Kaz-George-Yoji will entertain with guitar and ukes. Civilians will be charged \$2.00 per person.



Chins up, boys!

This is Dorothy Chin of Jamaica, British West Indies. Refreshing, isn't she? And, she would like to correspond with any overseas GI. So you see, she's not only a "pin-up" girl...she's a "chin-up" girl.

NSO OFFICERS

Board Director: Haruo Yanagi
 Hostess Club Officers: Sadie Kuratomi,
 Pat Iwamoto, Alice Lee, Sumi Young, Yu-
 ri Nakamura, Florence Kozuma, Mich Te-
 ramoto, Lucy Chin, and Ginger Nakamura.
 Fe-Mail Volunteer Staff: Yuri Iwanaga,
 Ruth Eto, Josie Jarm, Gladys Pang, Rei-
 ko Kinoshita, Lillian Wong, Sumi Young,
 Mable Murakami, Shirley Nitahara, Bar-
 bara Komine, Jean Imazu, Terry Kusumi,
 Bill and Mary Kochiyama and etc. GIs.

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EDITORIAL: OUR DONORS

Every organization has sources of income to meet expenditures. The NSO has two such means---fund raising through socials, and voluntary contributions. Through these two channels, the NSO has been able to operate its treasury and meet such expenses as: rental of halls, publishing a news-sheet, mailing out notices, plus the smaller items, i.e., refreshments, decorations, services.

The heaviest financial support has come from servicemen, both from the East Coast area who attend NSO functions, and those overseas whom we have never met.

However, there has also been support from the civilians, most of whom are veterans. These are the folks we would like the GI's and NSO hostesses to know.

There are men like Mr. Frank Ochs, the illustrator who drew the illuminated scroll honoring Nisei servicemen of World War II. There are Caucasian officers of the 442nd Combat Team like Rod Matheson, Arthur Munch, and Norman Curlan, who have been three of our most earnest and interested sponsors.

There are also people like: Sho Onodera, former intelligence officer of the Tokyo war crime trial; Woodrow Asai, president of the N.Y. J.A.C.L.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, proprietor of Bamboo Garden in Union City; Haruo Yanagi and German Mito; ex-G-2 men; and Kay Kitada and Riyoko Tabata, two West Coast girls who are sisters of GI's.

Of the 442 members who gave, all were highly decorated or/and seriously wounded. They are: Irving Akahoshi, Chikao Aoyama, Gene Herbert, Dick Itanaga, Yosh Ito, Tooru Kanazawa, Dick Koga, Kelly Kuwayama, Wilson Makabe, Tito'O' Kamoto, and Conrad Kurahara.

At this time, Fe-Mail wishes to convey its appreciation to these folks for their interest in 'today's servicemen' and in the NSO, for it is moral support like their's that pushes an organization forward.

CUPID INFILTRATES NSO

This is an old story; the story of boy-meets-girl, and wedding bells chime. However, it is especially heart-warming to the NSO as it is the first of its kind where all the particulars revolve around NSO figures.

Like many a war-time romance where time is precious and overseas duty beckons, a three month acquaintanceship was culminated in a Valentine Day wedding for SFC. Kaz Nitahara of Maui and Shirley Fukuyama of New York.



The two met on November 21st at a house party given by Josie Jarm. "This was it" for both. From that day onward the bond grew stronger, and when orders to EUCOM was issued, Kaz wasted no time.

Acting as best man and maid of honor were Lt. Herbert Toyama and Gladys Pang, both of Honolulu. The happy couple is shown above.

**LOST AND HOUND --
OR HUNT-AND-BECK**

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following displaced or misplaced GI's, please notify Fe-Mail.

Richard Akahasu, Nori Aragaki, Bill Edralin, Jose Elento, Dick Eng, Eddie De Lima, Shoji Fujii, Milton Fukuda, Ben Fukumitsu, Henry Fukuda, Ray Haraki, Tad Hayashi, Ronald Higa, Albert Helliangao, George Hirata.

Sat Ichikawa, Herbert Inouye, Mas Jinde, Richard Keoloka, Frank Kimura, Tosh Kondo, Harry Kugiyama, Gary Lakelana, Elmer Loo, Shurei Matsumoto, Paul Miyasato, Warren Moy, Richard Nakanishi, Frank Nishiguchi, Takeshi Ochiai, Jun Ogimachi, Norman Okamura, Lawrence Onitsuka, Bruce Shiroma, Robert Perez, Sim Seki, Paul Sniffen, Richard Sonomura, Richard Takahashi, Thomas Takamiyashiro, Joe Tani, Katsumi Tanimura, Jay Tashima, Stan Tashiro, Herb Yomogida, Roy Yamagiwa.

DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By "Mr." John Shigemoto

...Doug Doi is working as a radar technician for Lockheed.

...Tosh Moriya is doing the same type of work for Sacramento Signal Depot.

...Fred Takahashi was transferred to Fort Ord; Lt. Hideo Gushiken to San Luis Obispo, and Lt. Walter Sir to Fort Bliss, Texas.

...Shirley Mock was cover girl for the February 20th issue of the Chinese Weekly.

...The son of Roxy's bartender, Bob, is in the Air Force. Gals, he's a good-looking six-footer.

...Sgt. Philip Ko is a photographer at Fort Jay. He's also a World War II vet.

...Something new...and nice...is Fannie Lai.

...Ken Kubota is back in Los Angeles. Tosh Fujikawa is also heading that way.

...NSO can use more hostesses like Frances Nakamura and Fumi Takaki.

...Betty (Hee) Chu's husband is in Korea. She and Cookie Butte sure' looked good at the 442 Dance.

...There's another Buddahead eatery in New York--the Tokyo Suki Yaki House located on 54th Street across from the City Center.

...Ruth Eto did not go to California. She's still "living" at the Roxy.

...Buster Ota may come out East soon.

(This edition's Didja Know column was 'tossed up' by none other than "the last of the NSO's 'originals'", John Shigemoto. Johnny, who almost became a permanent fixture of NSO, China Town and Roxy, bade farewell reluctantly, having left many, many close friends. Here he is, above right, leaving the big city.

...Elaine Leong and Richard Louie are on the No. 1 bowling team in the mixed league at Roxy.

...Newest "eyefuls" there are Bobby Singletary, Ann Soto, Alicia "Betty Hutton" Andala, and Juanita Rodriguez.

...Pat Iwamoto's brother, Tak, is now in service.

...Lots of NSO gals have better looking kid-sisters,...so you-guys still in service, keep your eyes open.

...Stewart Mock, (handsome brother of Jean and Shirley) is on the Chinese All-Star basketball team. He was offered an athletic scholarship, but he's planning on volunteering for the Air Force.

...Ken Ikeda of West Point was in town last week. The week before, his brother, Herby; wife, Grace; two infants; and buddy, Lt. Alan Richardson came through.

...Yours truly is gonna miss the ole stomping ground. Thanks to all of you people who made my stay in New York so pleasant--especially all my "sisters" who live around St. James, Pearl, Mulberry, and Mott.



Alicia Andala and Tony Carvalho, naturals at entertaining, are harmonizing as Sumi Young, George Nakamura and Joe Mochizuki listen appreciatively. George Nakama is playing the uke.

HELP FROM MANY QUARTERS

Donations, free services, paid tickets, and volunteer work on the Fe-Mail have been some of the varied contributions made by GI's, vets, and interested parties.

NSO wishes to thank the following GI's who donated during the past two months: Pvt. John Murata, Pfc. Frank Yamamoto, Cpl. John Shigemoto, and Herby Wong of the Coast Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Munch and John Endo of the 442 Association sent in paid tickets for last month's Whitehall Dance for hostesses and GI's to use.

Tito O' Kamoto again offered free services as a photographer. Jimmy Konno is helping. Haruo Yanagi as the new co-director.

Servicemen who have dropped in to help with file cards and addressing envelopes are Sleepy Okawa, Tommy Nakamura, James Ige, Curly Tonooka, Herby Obayashi, Richard Hidan, Jin Kozuma, Herby Wong, John Shigemoto, Ken Ikeda; and Korea vets, George Yamasaki, Cox Yamauchi, George Nakamura and wife, Lily.

KOREA RETURNEE WRITES

Following is a letter from John Nakabe, Korea returnee, who visited the "big town" several months ago with buddies, Shu Kitahata and Yoshio Nakatani.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the NSO girls for the wonderful hospitality while we were in New York City. Being strangers in town we had a hard time finding something to do. Through your organization we met guys and gals who were so friendly that we didn't feel like strangers any more. This NSO is a great thing. I hope it keeps on having success and expands out here to the West Coast. It sure is a treat for lonely servicemen. It gives them a great feeling knowing some people care about them besides the people back home.

"The two fellows who were with me in New York also send their appreciations. Hello to all the fellows and gals. Thanks again for everything."



Rookie Nakasone of Paia, Maui, is teaching John Bohannen of Jacksonville, Florida, the art of strumming the uke. The two buddies, left for FECOM last month via the Canal Zone.

BOUQUETS TO ETS AND EM

Etsuyo Itokawa and Emma Duchane, two petite and brilliant Hunter High School grads, were honored recently when they were selected as finalists in the 12th Annual Science Talent Research from a total of 2264 top science students throughout the country.

The two, along with 38 others, were given a free five-day trip to Washington D.C. last month.

As busy as they have been, both Etsuyo and Emma have been consistent correspondents to GI's overseas. The NSO is proud to have these girls in its group.

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ant, and attending upholstery school.

Bill "Smiling Boy" Sakurai is teaching Japanese School in Sun Valley, California. (Collecting apples as a hobby, Bill)???

George Tamaki was recently engaged to Kuni Sumi, popular member of the Tennis Club.

Sadao "Sappo" Emoto is back home in Cupertino, Calif. Glad you made it back safely.

George Kozuma, the talented (?) young man of many trades, is currently engaged in putting fortunes in Okuno's famed senbeis.

The NSO also recently learned that Tom Kariyama who was stationed in Fort Hamilton, was one of the top ball players there.

George "Hairless" Nakamura is working as a machinist. Cox Yamauchi is attending RCA and chauffeuring on the side.

Gene Yee is back in Chico, Calif.; Jack Tom in San Francisco; Frank Yamamoto in Glandale, Ariz.; Mike Sakamoto in Chicago; Harry Kajihara in Asbury Park, N.J.; Yoshinori Honda in Minneapolis; Chubby Yasui in Seattle, Wash.; Tak Kawasaki in Kahului, Maui; James Ito in Ewa, Oahu; Willy Hau in Hilo, Hawaii

ODDS-AND-ENDS

The newest singing ukelele-player is Cox Yamauchi. (The girls think he's "cute").

Sleepy Okawa with the "bedroom eyes" also has a nice singing voice.

Another new "find" is George Yamasaki, ex-bell-bottom with curly hair. He is a talented baker.

Recent visitors to the big city were mid-shipman Tak Yoshihara of Annapolis, and his fiancée, lovely Elva Uyeno, Johns Hopkins nurse.

Soon to make their appearance at the Roxy again, (not the theater, of course), will be Clancy Takano and Slim Kiyabu of Ft. Bragg. Their buddy, Mits "Sweetie-Pie" Nakamoto is in Hokkaido with the 8th Cavalry. Jin Kozuma is here now, again, and still.

Lt. Alan Richardson and Lt. Herby Ikeda, his petite wife, Grace, and two babies, also passed through here.

Lt. Doug Homma is headed for Ft. Benning. Something to look forward to -- will be the pin-up shots of exotic Cookie Butte of Shanghai, and radiant Thelma Hiranaga of the Hawaiian Islands.

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASH!!! The Hawaii Club is tentatively scheduling a dance for sometime in April. Details later by post-card.