

# THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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Nisei Service Organization

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## SADIE KURATOMI REELECTED PRESIDENT BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED FE-MAIL STAFF GROWS

Sadie Kuratomi has again been unanimously chosen to lead the NSO Hostess Club for its 1952-53 term of office. Florence Kozuma and Michi Teramoto are also continuing in their past positions as treasurer and historian, respectively.

Other newly elected officers are: Pat Iwamoto, vice president; Yuri Nakamura, Sumi Young, and Alice Lee, secretaries; and Margaret Kuniyoshi, social chairman. Assisting Margaret will be Lucy Chin and Ginger Nakamura.

Board members appointed by Conrad Kurahara and charter officers are: Mas Matsuoka, Fumi Takaki, Georgianna Sawahata, Frances Kadowaki, and Mary Torii, who was also asked to serve as executive secretary.

Social chairman Margaret Kuniyoshi and her committee are planning a variety of events which will include beach parties, outings, open house dances, and informal dinners. Notices will be sent out to GI's and hostesses in traveling distance. All servicemen on furlough are welcomed to all NSO functions.

The NSO also encourages any spontaneous get-togethers among the hostesses and GI's on weekends when regular activities are not planned.

June Nobuto, circulation manager, will soon be participating actively again. New members to the Fe-Mail staff are Rose Ng, Jean Mock, Ruth Eto, and Yuri Iwanaga.

## INSTALLATION DINNER-DANCE BEING PLANNED BY CABINETS

An installation dinner-dance to introduce the new officers is being planned by the old and new cabinet for sometime in July or August. Tentative hall considered for the occasion is Tommy Lee's Bamboo Garden in Union City, New Jersey.

Notices will be sent out with detailed information and instruction to RSVP.

## GI'S RESPONSE WARM WITH PICS, CARTOONS, ADDRESSES AND CHEERS

With overseas snaps, change-of-addresses, and other data coming in continuously, the Fe-Mail wishes to thank all who sent in any correspondence.

From Korea, King Ngai and Bill Sakurai sent in interesting on-the-spot shots while Kow An Pai responded with postal pics from Germany. Its Endo, of the 51st Sig. Bn. Photo Section, has also notified NSO that pictures are on the way.

New addresses were sent in by Jack Moriguchi, Osamu Asato, Ed Nishimura, John Shigemoto, Josie Jarm, Margie Chin, Terry Kusumi, Jin Kozuma, and Fumio Yoshinaga.

Change-of-addresses were notified by Milton Fukuda, now on the USS Ault; Suyeo Tomooka, transferred to Yuma Test Station; Henry Lyum, FECOM; Henry Sang, in Huntsville, Alabama; and Dick Yamamoto in APG, Maryland.

Interesting letters were sent in by Fumio Akagi in Hawaii; Bill Liu, now a Lt. in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Tak Abe, Wilbur Fong, and Ronnie Fukuoka from FECOM; Harry Kugiyama and Ken Kubota from Germany; Tosh Moriya in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Sottan Park in APG, Maryland; James Kakumu in Fort Dix, New Jersey; and Melvin Ishihara in Korea.

Apologies from the Fe-Mail staff where and when response has been slow, or requests have not been complied with. Letters from the "boys" have been an incentive.

## DONATIONS KEEP FE-MAIL A FOUR-PAGER

Because of the donations that have continued, Flo Kozuma, treasurer, has announced that the Fe-Mail may permanently stay as a 4-pager.

Almost all contributions this past two months have come from servicemen. Following is the new list of donors: Sgt. Bruce Shiroka of Fort Wadsworth, N.Y.; Cpl. Jin Kozuma of Fort Riley, Kans.; Milton Fukuda of USS Ault; Cpl. Ed Nishimura stationed in England; Lt. Bill Liu of Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Itanaga of Long Island City, New York.

## NSO OFFICERS

Board Director: Conrad Kurahara  
 Hostess Club Officers: Sadie Kuratomi,  
 Pat Iwamoto, Alice Lee, Sumi Young, Yu-  
 ri Nakamura, Florence Kozuma, Margaret  
 Kuniyoshi, Michi Teramoto.  
 Fe-Mail Staff: June Nobuto, Michi Tera-  
 moto, Rose Ng, Pat Iwamoto, Jean Mock,  
 Yuri Iwanaga, Ruth Eto, Bill and Mary  
 Kochiyama.

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## EDITORIAL: FRIENDSHIP

With many of the overseas servicemen re-  
 turning and becoming discharged, we cannot  
 help but become aware of the deep friend-  
 ships that must have been made in each GI's  
 service days.

Perhaps more than any other group, the  
 combat GI's who have undergone mutual dan-  
 gers, privations, and sufferings, and have  
 seen death around them, share the strongest  
 bond of unity.

It is this kind of mutual experience that  
 has solidified veterans after each war and  
 helped them to fight for the rights of their  
 fellowmen.

Thus, we wish to encourage more than ever,  
 for each serviceman to meet and make friends  
 with those of as many different backgrounds  
 and locales. Service offers young men and  
 women the chance to brush shoulders with  
 those they would not have had the opportuni-  
 ty to work with in their more limited per-  
 sonal life. The wider perspective and deep-  
 er insight that can be gained with varied  
 associations can be taken with them always,  
 and add to their growth and maturity.

We also hope that this particular organi-  
 zation has offered new friendship channels  
 amongst the girls through working together,  
 entertaining, corresponding, and participat-  
 ing in social activities.

We are especially pleased that we have  
 such a varied, yet cooperative group of  
 girls. How boring, cliquish, and unappeal-  
 ing the group would be if the girls were all  
 alike in personality and background. Also  
 because of age and interest differences,  
 each girl has stimulated the group in her  
 own way.

We wish to thank all the GI's and hostes-  
 ses for their part in carrying out the NSO  
 program, for it has been their spontaneous  
 friendships that has made this venture suc-  
 cessful and worthwhile. May these friend-  
 ships and pleasant associations not just be-  
 come "memories", but continue where it can,  
 long after the NSO is something of the past.

GEORGE HIGA SAYS ALOHA  
TO "BIG CITY" FRIENDS

George Higa who was recently stationed at  
 Fort Dix is now enroute as a civilian to his  
 home-town, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii...(incident-  
 ly, the same port town as Sachi Terada).

George became known to NSO circles just a  
 few months ago, and in a short time, has ac-  
 cumulated a fanfare of friends all over the  
 city. His closest are the 110th and 108th  
 Street bunch, the Roxy crowd, and the China-  
 Town gals and guys, especially one cute Miss  
 on Mulberry St.

A shy, modest guy, with the resemblance,  
 and impact of John Garfield, George was also  
 a Korea vet who went through the ruggedest  
 part of this "conflict"..the first 12 months  
 with Hawaii's 24th Division.

We all miss you George, and hope that the  
 GI Bill will go through that you'll come  
 back here for schooling.

## RIFLE INSPECTION By Bill Sakurai



Above is the first cartoon submitted.  
 Being shy about turning it in, Bill sent it  
 first to a gal-pen-pal who immediately re-  
 layed it here. Okay, GI's, how about more!

## BEAUCOUP ISLANDERS AT FORT DIX

Through the interests of civilians as well as GI's, whereabouts of more East Coast servicemen are being located.

Following is a list of Fort Dix Islanders from GI Mas Higa who was introduced by Fumio Yoshinaga, Maui-New Yorker: Ronald Ching, Benito Corpos, William Koa, Masayuki Kato, Kats Kaneshiro, Edmund Heo, Ronald Fukuda, Larry Garcia, Arthur Miyashita, Ernest Lai, Marciano Cabigas, Walter Kikuchi, Yas Yamashiro, George Nakama, James Kakumu, Fujio Hayashida, Kenneth Hoshino, Harold Otake, Walter Hironaka, Henry Kaneshiro, Henry Hyun, Kenichi Kimura, Frank Nakama, Henry Akagi, Ralph Itoku, and Yukio Igarashi.

Albert Helliangao, who was with this group, left for FECOM a few weeks ago.

## PROFILE . . . SADIE KURATOMI

The gal with the sexy telephone voice--that's our prexy, Sadie!

She is also one of the sweet, modest, almost shy but always cordial, unassuming young ladies who has won the esteem and high regard of both the GI's and hostesses.

Born in Sunny (?) Cal in the rainy-est month--April 7, to be exact, Sadie spent her "childhood" days in Long Beach; her "adolescence" in Jerome and Rohwer; and graduated from New York's Julia Richman High School in 1946.

She is now an experienced X-ray technician for a radiologist and has also been taking pre-med at NYU. But don't be fooled by her intellectual pursuits. She's a "regular gal" that loves to dance, can swim well, bowls (?), and can out-eat and out-sleep (if time permits), any of her male or female chums.

As for "men", she likes 'em intelligent--(but not too much), cultured (wat's zat?), and a good dancer. Looks are immaterial.

Her domestic talents are many as people claim she's an A-1 cook and baker, and she loves children, (teaches Sunday School), and plays the piano. Hmmm, sounds good, huh?

Oh, by the way, it's Leap Year too!

## SYMPATHY TO NOBUTO FAMILY

The NSO wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of June and Tats Nobuto on the loss of their father. He passed away on June 16 after a long period of illness.

## DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By Mich

...Hank Yoshikawa, who was the first NSO treasurer, is home on a 15-day furlough.

...Tom Osato, one of the "originals" is on his way back to the states from Korea.

...Toshi Sato, former NSO gal, is getting married on Aug. 17. (From Bill Sakurai).

...Yo Ito and "his Island musicians" have been teaching some "interesting" songs to the NSO girls.

...Kaz Yamashita, New Yorker, is in the Navy. His ole M.E. bunch say "hello".

...Sottan Park has the most beautiful printing; and Jin Kozuma, the most beautiful hand writing. (How about helping us address the next batch of Fe-Mails?)

...George Gee paid George Nakayama and Mas Jinde a visit in Germany.

...Don Iyeki is leading a Parisian sort of life....in Paris, no less.

...Johnny Shigemoto used to be manager of the San Jose Alpha Basketball Team. (That's a girl's team, y'know).

...Keith Lee, who was in New York recently knew Audrey Yee, George Gee, and Raymond Chan from back in Sac'to.

...Marian Otsubo graduated Adelphi College with a B.A., majoring in journalism.

...Melvin Ishihara's father and Rocky Oriksa's brother were in the 100th Infantry.

...We finally got the address of Homer Meyer....thanks to his home-town buddy, Harry Kugiyama. Now, someone, find Eddie De Lima.

...Fumio "Angel" Akage was run over by a jeep.

...Skippy Suzuki McDiarmid entertained a group of girls with his "rendition" of "Shina-no-yoru" and "Kan-kan Masume".

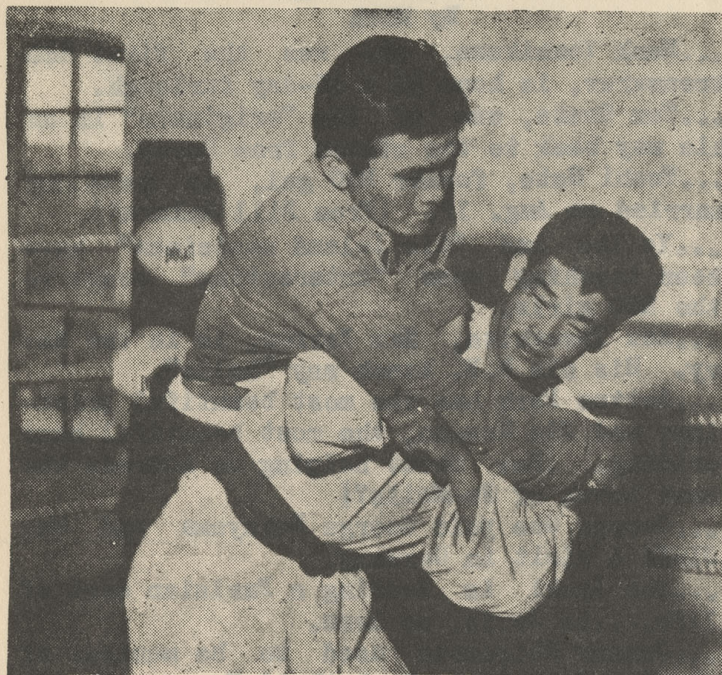
...Ken Kawashima appeared on TV when the West Point Band played on a program called "Guides Right" on June 9.

...Two of the most successful GI-gal get-togethers were Rose Ng's house-party and the Clove Lake Park picnic during Memorial Day week-end. How about more of the same?

...Just as we were typing this column, two GI's dropped in and helped us for several hours addressing envelopes...Richard Nishimura and Norman Okamuro, Korea vets who have volunteered to go back to FECOM. (Incidentally, they were buddies of George Higa).

WELCOME GI'S AND GALS  
TO SHIRLEY AND JEAN MOCK'S  
OPEN HOUSE DANCE  
AT MARINER'S TEMPLE  
3 HENRY STREET,  
ON SAT. NITE, JULY 5TH

## 63d Judo Star



Hostesses and GI's will recognize the familiar figure above (in judo robe) as that of Stanley Sotsuda who last year attended many of the NSO social functions. He pal'd around with Hank Yoshikawa, who is now in the Air Force; also with Cathy Nishimura. The picture-article was sent in by George Gee from somewhere in Germany.

According to the write-up from the Sentinel, Stanley is instructing Austrian and French athletic clubs in the Oriental art of judo, and making friends everywhere.

Quoting the opening paragraph, the clipping reads: "Goodwill ambassadors are hard to find in these tense times, but the 63rd Opn. Bn. believes it has a top flight emissary in 21 year old Pfc. Stanley K. Sotsuda. This 5'3", 122 pound dynamo has made quite a name for himself and the Army in Austrian Judo competition."

More power to you, Stanley! Keep up the good work!

## "WESTWARD HO!"

Elsie Miyamoto and Tai Fujimoto are motoring to Los Angeles....Georgie Sawahata and Pat Iwamoto are flying out to Cal on a vacation....Peggy Iguchi and Kay Zukeran left for the Island....Cathy Nishimura returned to Los Angeles. Her address is 5061 Borland Rd., Apt. 2, L.A. 32, Calif....Terry Okawa signed up for two year's work at the Leahi Hospital in Honolulu. She left on the 20th via Florida, Mexico, and the Panama Canal. Midori Tanaka also vacationed in L.A.

Bon voyage and aloha....hasta la vista!

## NEW GI'S ALWAYS WELCOME

Since those last dances at the CCC in May to the recent Open House Nite, new faces have been appearing. Welcome, all of you!

CG's include: William Miyakawa, Eddie Kong, Tommy Nakamura, Tom Ageno, Frank Hanashiro, Manuel Banglos, Martin Viveiros, Albert Matsuno, Albert Okawa, Clarence Tanaka, Albert Okawa, Wallace Mitsunaga, David Tanoura, Henry Isara, James Nakamura.

From Arlington, Va. came: Sam Quock, Poy Lee, Wing Hong, and Frank Chan.

APG boys were: Philip Rumia, Marcelo Perros, George Maylosang, Sottan Park, Sidney Yicki, Gene Yee, Daniel Gin, Elmer Lee, Paul Sniffen, Pickens Crocker, Frank Funada, and Thomas Tokishi.

From Kilmer—Howard Cohen, Joichi Okano; and from Dix—Ronald Ching, David Yoneda, Kinishi Kimura, Yoshio Nakatani, and Hal Otake; from Monmouth—2nd Lt. John Nakagama; from Fort Bragg, John Murata; from Donaldson AFB—William Gin.

## GI'S, CIVVIES HELP GALS

Helping out in all kinds of ways, GI's and civvies have been popping in often to volunteer their time and talents.

Much of the past months addressing and mailing was done by Monti Minami of Frankford Arsenal; Sidney Yamazaki who was home on furlough and is now enroute to FECOM; his chum George Terasaki, CO; and Coastguardsmen David Tanoura, Tom Ageno and Frank Hanamura.

Assisting Jean Mock in the ballot-counting were CG's Eddie Kong and Tom Ageno, and 442 vet, Gene Herbert.

## MORE TALENTS 'UNCOVERED'

Through the "sleuthing around" by inquisitive hostesses, more 'new talents' have been discovered and uncovered.

Herta Butte, one of the most striking lovelies has a voice as equally tantalizing. And she sings in French.

Rumor from Maryland and D.C.—way has it that GI Hank Shinmoto has been "wow-ing" listeners with his vocalizing too.

Island cutie Sachie Terada's hula-ing has also been one of the latest topic of discussion. She did her stuff at the recent Chinese Bachelor's Club at Whitehall.

And two Coast Guardsmen who have been pointed out as uke-strummers are David Tanoura and Albert Okawa. We expect a performance from them soon.

THANK YOU — HUNTER COLLEGE CHINESE CLUB — FOR YOUR INVITING US TO YOUR "SPRING INTER-COLLEGIATE DANCE" LAST MONTH.