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DAT IWAMOTO NEW NSO PREXY

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YURI IWANAGA, EXEC. SEC.

In an impressive candle-light ceremony conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Akamatsu, Pat Iwamoto and her new staff were installed to office as the NSO marked its second anniversary at the McBurney "Y" on May 30. Some 200 servicemen, hostesses and friends attended the celebration and dance.

Installed with President Pat Iwamoto were cabinet members Frances Nakamura, Vice President; Yuri Iwanaga, Executive Secretary; Ruth Eto and Ginger Nakamura, Secretaries; Charko Nakamura, Treasurer; Shirley Mock, Social Chairman; and Phyllis Kusumi, Historian.

Shirley will be assisted by Alicia Andaya and Rose Kaneshige. Yuri Iwanaga's position as executive secretary was the only new office added to the cabinet. She was unanimously selected at the nomination meeting.

MC of the installation was NSO Co-Director Haruo Yanagi. His colleague Jimmy Konno also took part in the ceremony. Kelly Kuwamura, former NSO Director, was among the interested observers.

A delicious foot-long and three-tier anniversary cake was baked for the occasion by ex-navy-man George Yamasaki.

THIS IS THELMA!



Smiling at you at a lovely angle is radiant Thelma Hiranaga, a Honolulu Maid turned dress-designer. A graduate of New York's Traphagen School of Fashions, she draws "designing looks" in a bathing suit. She swims just as well.

A Pratt art student, Henry Kam chose this subject matter with art-ful taste.



ANCHORS AWAY FOR JAMES AND ALBERT

These are few of the Coasties who converged from neighboring states to bid "aloha" to ship-mates James Nakamura and Albert Yamazaki, (second and third from right) who were reassigned to home-waters in Hawaii. In front row, are (l-r): James Ige, Sleepy Okawa, Curly Horihata, Muscles Yoshimura, James, Albert, and Bob Nitta. Second row: Tom Ageno, James Yazawa. Standing: Herbert Wong, Tommy Nakamura, Tommy Wong and Akio Asato.

NSO OFFICERS

Directors: Haruo Yanagi and Jim Konno.

Hostess Club Officers: Pat Iwamoto, Frances Nakamura, Yuri Iwanaga, Ruth Eto, Ginger Nakamura, Charko Nakamura, Shirley Mock, and Phyllis Kusumi.

Fe-Mail Volunteer Staff composed of hostesses, GI's, and veterans. Work-nites are held on Fridays at 50 Amsterdam, 3E, NYC. Staff headed by VP Frances Nakamura. This issue's volunteers were: Josie Jarm, Rei Kinoshita, Ruth Eto, Barbara Komine, Phyllis Kusumi, Pat Iwamoto, Bill and Mary Kochiyama, and Coasties.

EDITORIAL: "GROWING PAINS"

As years go, the NSO is a healthy, active, robust youngster. But like all organizations, the NSO has been feeling its share of headaches and undergoing the throes of growing pains. These symptoms are common and not alarming in the least if they are checked in time.

Preventative medicine, in this case, is recommended. The NSO has a safety-kit of cure-alls, namely--"rules and regulations". Major curbs are prescribed against: alcoholic beverages at NSO functions and unbecoming social behavior.

These two sore spots can reflect unfavorably also in public places outside of NSO activities.

Two other minor, but all too frequent causes of "pains" can be eliminated by prompt attendance and punctual closing of dances; and participation in helping to clean up the premises after use.

Also, any GI, hostess, or dischargees, may volunteer in NSO projects. Help in addressing and mailing is always welcomed by the Fe-Mail Staff.

The out-going cabinet, under the tactful leadership of Sadie Kuratomi, did a commendable job in trying to maintain the club's high ideals and purposes, and working together with many different groups of people. Each of the officers in her own capacity, fulfilled her duties and did much of the behind-the-scene work.

Thanks to all the erstwhile leaders: Sadie, Pat Iwamoto, Sumi Young, Charko Nakamura, Florence Kozuma, Mich Teramoto, Lucy Chin, Ginger Nakamura; and board members, Georgie Sawahata, and Fumi Takaki.

May the new cabinet continue receiving cooperation from all, that each "growing pain" of development may be coped with as the NSO moves on into its third year.

REUNION IN CAL?

Rumors to the effect that there may be a reunion of ex-East Coasters some time this summer in California has been circulating with "potentialities".

Key men such as John Shigemoto, Bill Sakurai, George Gee, and Monte Minami may be the responsible parties in this project. According to file cards, here are some of the other vets now back in the Golden State: Doug Doi, Sadao Emoto, Wilbur Fong, Milton Fukuda, Mas Hatae, Roy Hirai, George Iseri, Akio Itamura, Tom Kariyama, Shu Kitahata, Nog Komatsu, Ken Kubota, Elmer Lee, Tosh Moriya, Harry and Mike Murakami, Shurei Matsumoto, John Nakabe, Mich Nakamura, Yosh Nakatani, George Nakayama, Bob Oka, Frank Okabayashi, Mits Omoto, Tom Osato, Gilbert Quong, Frank Sasaki, Henry Shinmoto, Kaz Shintani, Tick Sonoda, Roger Tamaki, Jack Tom, John Uyeda, Joe Uyeminami, George Waki ji, Jim Yaji, Frank Yamamoto and Gene Yee.

And...of course; don't forget the girls: Barbara Abe, Kathleen Asano, Tai Fujimoto, Kay Kitada, Caroline Makita, Dolly Nagai, Cathy Nishimura, Terry Oikawa, Toshi Sato, Sumi Tochikara, Emma Suzuki, Ryo Tabata.

**JANET WONG BECOMES
MRS. WARREN MOY**

Janet Wong and Warren Moy, both familiar figures in NSO circle, have joined the ranks of the newlyweds when they recently exchanged vows in a Catholic ceremony in Philadelphia.

The handsome couple will make their home in Camden, New Jersey, when Warren becomes discharged. He is now stationed at Fort Jay on Governors Island.



DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By Frances Nakamura

...Jim Maeda, who was visiting from Chicago over Easter holidays is an architect student at PGU, Champaign, Illinois.

...George Nishimori, Air Force-man from Santa Maria stopped in on his way to Labrador.

Herby Nimura of L.A. came in the same time enroute to ETO. (Thanks, Tom Yanagi, for sharing your many friends with NSO).

...Johnny Shigemoto, civilian, seems to be reforming. Says he's leading a clean life. But the halo is slightly askew.

...Kats Kaneshiro sends regards from Korea to his buddies at Dix, and also to the NSO. Good luck to you, Kats!

...Nori Watanabe, Ray Naito, Charlie Jarm, Hideo Toyama, Melvin Onaga, Harold Slate, Mas Hatae, Akira Kamiya, and Richard Endo, have also taken the time to thank NSO for its service here. (Thanks, fellows....for letters like yours build our morale too).

...Frank Ura, who's been serving in Korea is back home and will soon be "Mr." again.

...Luther Nakamura returned from Europe with his wife, Constanca, and two little ones, Luther Jr. and Constanca Jr.

...Pat Wong, Sylvia Fujiwara, and Barbara Komine, Reiko Kinoshita, and Gladys Pang, have caught the eye of many a GI.

...Buster Ota is in New Mexico counting the hours.

...Richard Nishimura of Honolulu is headed back to Korea and combat for the third time. Please take care, Richard. Also, could you tell us what happened to Norman Okamura?

...Pfc. Bill Mukai from Cal-way is stationed at Fort Devans, Mass.

...Ken Takaki, brother of Fumi, was inducted and is at Fort Dix. Their cousin, Eugene Inouye, just went in too. Pat Iwamoto's brother, Tak, is at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Barbara Komine's brother, Mino, is stationed in Chicago. Phyllis Kusumi and Flo Kozuma have brothers soon to go in too. Brother, who's next?

...One of the most refreshing girls in the NSO is little Betty Lee.

...Chiri Tsuji is still on Formosa. What's the latest from out there, Chiri? Cheery?

...Kathy Nishimura is working at the L.A. County Hospital as a medical secretary.

...Nog Komatsu is in L.-. too, and going in-to television biz.

...Fred Takahashi is now stationed in Camp Roberts, Calif.; Raymond Naito, at San Luis Obispo; Walter Sur, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

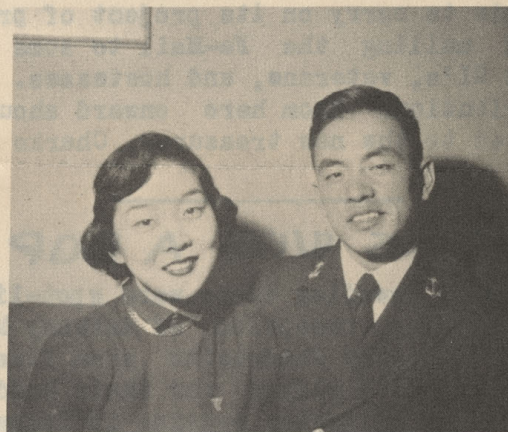
...Fumi Takaki, NSO's loveable gal, will be vacationing in Cal' this July. Good reason

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

442 President and former NSO Director, Conrad Kurahara, and personable Columbia education major, Jane Yanagihara of Honolulu, surprised their New York friends with the happy announcement of a June wedding.

The popular couple flew to the Islands on May 31st and are now honeymooning on Oahu. Both have jobs waiting for them in New York.

ANNAPOLIS WEDDING



Elva Uyeno, lovely John Hopkins graduate-nurse, and Takeshi Yoshihara, first Nisei midshipman, were married on June 5th at Annapolis following his graduation from the naval academy.

Tak, a native of Washington, won his appointment on his outstanding scholastic ability, leadership, and personality. Elva is from Honolulu, and at John Hopkin's was one of the most popular students there, serving this year as vice-president to the student body.

for a reunion, huh West Coasters?

...Stanley Sotsuda came in for a short landing in his fly-out to Maui. After his discharge, he may be out this way.

...Recent visitors to New York from DC were Gladys Takemori and Helen Hayashi.

...Lily Nakamura is one of the most photogenic gals around.

...Tito O'kamoto printed the Coastie pic on the front page free to all the boys shown.

...Two "small town" vets who have recently hit the "big city" are Tony "Junior" Tanji and Mits "Humpty" Oda.

...George Gee, Bill Sakurai, Monte Minani, Doug Doi, Akio Itamura, and etc. others are still "the ole' faithfuls" to the NSO.

...The anniversary cake served at the installation was baked by none other than ex-swabbie George Yamasaki. Did you help too, Yuri?

GI'S, VETS, STILL GIVING

Recently discharged veterans and GI's have continued to support the NSO with their contributions by mail.

Following are those who donated during March, April, and May: Cpl. James Nakagawa from Germany; James Tsuruda from Washington D.C.; Cadet Ken Ikeda from West Point; James Nakamura and Albert Yamasaki of the CG; Mas Hatae from Los Angeles; and Pfc. Hideo Toyama from Fort Benning, Georgia.

Thanks to these donations, the NSO has been able to carry on its project of printing and mailing the Fe-Mail to some seven hundred GI's, veterans, and hostesses.

Contributions from here onward should be addressed to the new treasurer, Charko Nakamura.

WEDDING WITH A BOP

Bopped up Hawaiian tunes were spot-lighted at the wedding reception of Anthony Maniscalco and Dorothy Jandrasitz when five Camp Drum Island GI's played for their buddy and his bride at an Easter wedding in Yorkville.

Uke players extraordinary were Harry Dalapo of Maui, and Seth "sai" Sakai of Honolulu. Assisting with their vocal chords were: Eddie Shiroma, Donald Hayashi, and Clifford Nakatani.

The five have sent letters of appreciation to the NSO hostesses who accompanied them for this occasion. Thank you's also go to Miss Mitsu Yasuda of the Buddhist Church for her role in helping the groom and the boys in meeting their request.



Co-Director Jimmy Konno is wearing a big smile since he is flanked by two NSO attractions, outgoing social chairmen, Lucy Chin, and Ginger Nakamura.

NSO SCRAP-BOOK NOT SCRAPPED

Historian Mich Teramoto, who kept the hostess-gals in suspense for two years, finally broke down in a meeting in May to "unveil" the club scrap-book for the first time.

Early clippings, letters, dance notices, news-sheets, cartoons, Korean money, and snap-shots were unfolded as "gosh, ya really did it!" "Hey, this is nice!" "Mich, ya got something there," were voiced in turn.

A phonograph record made by Kaz Shintani while convalescing at Fitzsimmons Hospital, was one of the featured items.

GI's and hostesses are welcomed to see the scrap-book at 50 Amsterdam Ave., 3E. NSO is asking all the servicemen and girls to contribute pictures to this collection. The club would especially like to have the snaps of the boys in Korea and other overseas areas. All items and letters should be addressed to the incoming historian, Rhyllis Kusumi.

A job well done, Mich!

And it's now all yours, Rhyllis!

HAWAII CLUB ON CAPITAL HILL

That New York's Hawaii Club has created interest in other parts was displayed when James Tsuruda, recent dischargée, notified NSO that Washington D.C. also has begun a Hawaii Club and would like to contact the chapter here.

Leaders in the D.C. area are: M/Sgt. Aki-na of Fort Meyer, Va.; Phillip Konohia, and Sammy Samson. "Hang-outs" are located at 1141 - 12th Street, N.W., and 14th and Rhode Island Avenue N.W., with Konohia and Samson Island Avenue N.W., with Konohia and Samson as hosts respectively. Interested parties may call Hudson 3-4460. Jam sessions are held on week-ends.

According to Tsuruda, non-Islanders are also welcomed to join their gatherings. "We have some Haole's coming from all parts of the states to make it merrier," he writes. Tsuruda may be reached at the first-mentioned address above.

NSO hostesses will recall Tsuruda as the key-man from Fort Devans who brought in Island Korea vets to the big city, introducing them to the NSO and Roxy. (Keep up the good work, Jimmy. Organizations need men like you who will go out of the way for others).

Mabel Murakami, Doris Miura, Sgt. Ken Kawashima, George Kozuma, and Charlie Cabico, are the main figures in the New York club.