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"Kodomo No Tame Ni..." This phrase is familiar to most of us, I'm sure. Dennis Ogawa used it as a title for one of his popular books on the Japanese-American experience in Hawaii. Kodomo no tame ni, was brought home to me recently when my daughter graduated from the U. of H., thus ending more than twenty years of toil on the part of her parents to see her through school. This obligation of ours, to do everything in our power to give our children an education, is shared by many of us, and for the most part, we've done it gladly ungrudgingly, and without regret. For what else, of lasting value, could we have given our offsprings?

I think it's fair to say that each of us, whether consciously or not, lived and worked -- struggled through hard times, for the sake of our children. Upon serious reflection, even the fact of our having volunteered to enlist in the Army was done, not for selfish reasons, but for the sake of a generation of children yet unborn. And now, almost 40 years later, that generation of young men and young women is well on its way to being established, the fulfillment of our fondest dreams.

In increasing numbers, we the dads and moms of these young tyros, are entering a well-earned retirement, somewhat contented with what we see and have around us, including another generation of off-springs, our grandchildren. And this is what brings me to wonder about the future of our club and all that it has stood for as a reminder of our patriotic zeal, "kodomo no tame ni." Will some of our children see for themselves the symbolism of the flaming torch as it represents the ideals, the hopes and the dreams for which their fathers and mothers had toiled long and sacrificed much in trying to provide the things which they never had for themselves, the opportunities that were denied them?

As I recall that first day in combat in Italy, while we were preparing to move up on the line, I mumbled to myself, "This had better be for something good." Thirty-nine years later, I can justly say, "Yes, for the sake of our children, it sure was."

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

Honoring the Medics at Punchbowl National Cemetery this year were Janet Onaka, Ed Onaka and Tom K. Nishikawa. Janet substituted for Ramon Wasano who was hospitalized. The three placed flowers on the graves of thirteen veterans.

Howard Kozuma is now well enough to continue his work at Tripler Hospital. His father, old time sumotori Nageishi, passed away recently.

Ed Onaka has retired from the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association where he worked for almost forty years.

Former paramedic Lionel Ikebe has unretired and is now employed by the Kaneohe Marine golf course.

Charles Hillinger was the main speaker at this year's 442/100 anniversary banquet in Los Angeles. Hillinger, L.A. Times human interest reporter, specializes in articles about Japanese-Americans. He acknowledged that Kay and Hoppy Kaneshina were the inspiration for many of his articles and asked them to stand up and be recognized at the banquet.

The Kaneshina's younger daughter sued one of America's Big Three auto makers. She received a satisfactory settlement for faulty transmission after a prolonged litigation.

Nellie Saito sent us snapshots that were taken during their party here at Natsunoya. It was March and the weather in Oregon was still like Mid-winter. She and Joe were planning to go to Seattle to see the Mariners play the Oakland A's. Because of the bad weather they were still using studs on their auto tires. They were looking forward to some clam digging on the Washington coast later when the weather eased.

Dick Nomura wrote about their trip to New Orleans and Baton Rouge. "We just got back from 4 days in New Orleans and a couple of days in Baton Rouge.

It seems that Masa had remembered all the stories we had told about New Orleans and wanted to see for herself. So she prevailed on a couple of our friends to go with us.

We stayed at St. Ann's Hotel on Conti Street just half block from Bourbon St. and in the heart of the French Quarters. It's an old and very elegant small hotel and it was terrific. We had a chance to hear a genuine jazz concert at Preservation Hall, had brunch at Brennan's, dinner at the Court of Two Sisters, a snack at a Mexican restau-

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by Joe Shimamura

VALENTINE BALL

The month of the cupid found the K-men out for a bit of country air as the Valentine Ball, minus the wives, were hosted by EVELYN & BOBBY HIRAYAMA, at their spacious casa in Haleiwa on the eve of February 27th. In attendance from the naked city were YAS AMINE, KENT KAJIWARA, TSUNE KANEMORI, BOB NAGATA, BOBBY NITAHARA, JAMES OURA and DICK UTO. From Kaneohe, YOSHI HIGA, from Wahiawa, YOSHIO OROKU, JAMES YANAGIDA and SATORU SAWAI, and from Pearl City, KATS IBARA and TED NAKATA.

Waialua, "TATA" IGARASHI who arrived a trifle late living so far away. As it usually is at EVELYN'S, "NEVER GO HUNGRY" RESTAURANT, the ogo-chiso was just too much with BOBBY'S Huli-Huli chicken still being the eaters delight. A rather tucked out hostess who must have spent the whole day over the hot stove on this, her day off. EVELYN was still that jolly, most hospitable individual, who can't help but make one and all feel right at home. Just can't see how BOBBY the "nonkibo" is the one losing his hair in the HIRAYAMA household. Taking it upon himself, BOBBY HIRAYAMA will be setting things up as far as the NVR goers are concerned. Questions in regard to this "Smog County" shindig can be answered by BOBBY, so call him at home during the early evening. Tickets for the annual anniversary banquet were then distributed and with all seats taken, it was time for the main event with the investors session being called to order. With the K-hustlers it's all "Smile and the world smiles with you" with the commencement of this monthly ritual. TSUNE KANEMORI the keeper of the Shobai-dogu would surely be in a lot of hot water should he ever forget to bring this blue bag of goodies to any of the gatherings. So she went for the second one as we extend our annual million and one thanks to EVELYN & BOBBY HIRAYAMA for making this gathering possible.

39th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

A 7 course chop suey dinner at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Ballroom on March the 27th found the barefoot boys from the country out in full force with the following making it for roll-call: CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, KA-CHAN & NORA IBARA, HELEN MAEDA and JEANNE PETERSON from Portland, Oregon, guest of the R. HIRAYAMA'S. HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, MARY KOSASA and our perpetual "Hancho" BOBBY & YUKI NITAHARA were the downtown Saturday-niters who helped to fill in the 2 tables that

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the K-men occupied. Winging in from Kauai to take in the golf tournament and this installation banquet was MINO TAKASHIMA who has been doing a lot of traveling lately to Alaska, the west coast and a short one such as to this naked city. We do extend our thanks to RICHARD ODA for the bottle of scotch and BOBBY NITAHARA for those 2 bottles of imported wine that were supplied this evening. BOBBY "VITALIS" HIRAYAMA who's now on the ginsen route claims that there's an out-crop of fuzz on his upper cranium. We'll be sure to bring along a magnifier to check out this phenomena at the next gathering. Replacing ED OGATA who could't make it for this one with that no-fowl diet and joining the mustard and rice munchers is Prexy CHIKA NITAHARA who has to contend with gout which he received as a retirement bonus. The funny thing about this millionaire's affliction is that somehow it never hurts when he has a golf club in his hands. Spilling a few young corn and camel meat, our ichiban server HIROSHI SUYOKA is still hard to beat as he continues to dole it out at these affairs in his usual efficient manner. We do hope that KATS IBARA who is getting to be a steady in this same capacity didn't forget to save himself a bowl of soup as he did last year. In good hands on their 2nd visit to this 50th state, ED & JEANNE PETERSON who have devoted their lives to the little leaguers were well taken care of by the R. HIRAYAMA'S, as they enjoyed their whirlwind schedule with their many friends here. Still going strong as he continues to put it away steadily, C. "TATA" IGARASHI kept the bartenders busy all evening arriving early enough to help and open up this refreshment concession. Happy hour found the Kingsmen talking it up with our good senior Senator DAN INOUE, as he continues to make his rounds from a busy Washington schedule to be with the boys. It has been a long winter as the last time we got to chat with DANNY was at the dedication affair of the "Go-For-Broke" exhibit in Presidio, California. So she went, for the third month, as the K-s suspended their usual monthly gathering to attend this annual mother club affair. Busier than ever since his retirement with a jam-packed schedule for the month of April, and nothing much to report in the way of business, our "ICHIBAN" BOBBY NITAHARA has requested that we take a bye for this month and continue on our merry way come May. Till then, keep 'em happy and it might be a good idea to take MAMA out for a well deserve night out on this month of R & R.

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by Kazu Tomasa

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Monthly Chapter Meeting for March was held at the Club House on Friday, March 12, 1982. Prexy Larry presided over the meeting and various items of interests were brought up and were discussed.

1. Each 442nd shirt will have a 442 logo on the left side pocket. If any member wants extra logos to put on other shirts contact Bob Sasaki at the Club House. Any logo after the initial one will cost \$1.25 each.
2. Annual 442nd Golf Tournament will be held at Hickam AFB on March 26, 1982. Anyone interested call Bob Sasaki for more details.
3. A check of \$380.00 was forwarded to the Rhower Relocation Memorial Fund from the 442 Mother Club. This check was given to show 442nd is interested in the memorial fund raising. 2nd Hq. voted to donate \$50.00 for this cause. Masa made the motion and seconded by Lippy.
4. If there is any Hq 2nd member interested in going to the Nisei Veterans Reunion this year, the advice is to "get on the bandwagon" with any chapter that is going. The package deal for this occasion only is on a first come first serve basis. Important thing is to send in your registration fee as soon as possible. For more details call Bob Sasaki at the Club House.

The above items were on the regular agenda for discussion.

Chapter members are asked to pay their annual dues of \$15.00 to Takashi as soon as possible. Before Christmas if possible, because December is the time when we use the most money!

Many chapter members are retiring from their occupations. This leads to more time for relaxation. It is encouraged that active members who come in contact with former members to "hipparu" them to come to the chapter meetings. We would most naturally feel "natsukashii" to see them and talk of old times. After all, we get old only once and during this "once time" it is always good to see old friends of yester decades. Already Lippy has started the ball rolling (ahem) and our good friend Sugi has become a regular among us kind guys.

Doris Muramoto has donated the "oishii Budweiser Biru" that we enjoyed at the meeting. Doris Muramoto "arigato gozaimashita--mata ooki ki de onegai shimasu". Joking aside, Doris, the members say "Thank you very much". We always

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feel Forty is with us.

Toshi, we are still waiting for this year's program. "Amari guzu guzu suru to mata rai nen programu no luna ni narasu yo!" ha-ha. Anyway pronto se vous play.

Violet your pupu was honto ni ono. Speaking of being ono, I know a story of a guy which for now I will call him Basa. Basa's mother realizing her son has to grow up into a fine young man fed him nothing but the best. Steaks, pork chops, fish of the best, weiners (we use to call soses in those days), and vegetables being of the greenest, you name it--he was fed the best. One day, Basa was with his friend Hika and being lunch time was invited to eat lunch at Hika's home. Hika's mother prepared a simple lunch of tsukemono and fried eggs. The story goes that he enjoyed eating every bit of the lunch. That afternoon Basa's mother was going through her regular routine of preparing dinner for Basa. Basa snapped at his mother, "You don't know how to cook, why don't you cook like Hika's mother". The thing what Basa didn't know was whenever someone prepared something, it is almost always the case that it will always taste good. Did anyone have this experience? Violet, story aside, the chapter members all enjoyed your soses pupu.

Chapter members who attended this March meeting were Larry Ishida, Sweeney Sugai, Dan Saito, Lippy Higuchi, Masa Yamamoto, Quanto Watanabe, Takashi Okemura, Yoshio Sugi, Tommy Saruwatari, Jimmy Sakamoto, Morris Masunaga, and Kazu Tomasa.

APRIL MEETING

April's meeting was held at the Club House. Prexy Larry chaired the meeting. The members present were Larry Ishida, Dan Saito, Morris Masunaga, Tommy (miss you) Saruwatari, Jimmy Sakamoto, Takashi Okemura, Toki Kaneshige, Toshi Hayama, Masa Yamamoto, Kazu Tomasa.

Chaplain Higuchi's thank you card was received. This card is an acknowledgement from Chaplain Higuchi's family to Hq. 2nd. Hq 2nd says thank you very much Hisako Higuchi and Family.

Toku is putting on weight, again! Whenever we see him in this shape, we know he is doing more "aruku than kakeru". His present ratio must be run 2 miles and walk 4 miles. Nah! whenever we see you Toku, you don't know how much envy with "yodare" we have for you. Keep up this healthy work.

Before the business part of the meeting began, Ernest Uno, our present 442 prexy, was introduced to us. Prexy Ernest says he wants

members to give his administration ideas to make the Mother Club a more functioning one. He wants to see more input from members.

The following reports were reported for discussion at this meeting:

1. The anniversary banquet was a complete success. It was reported that the food was really "ono".
2. Next year will be 442nd's 40th Anniversary. This occasion will be chaired by Past Prexy Ed Tamanaha. Luau dinner seemed to be the popular choice at this time. If members do have other suggestions, do not hesitate to inject your idea into the proper vein for proper channelling.
3. Club shirt should be ready at the ending part of April. Extra logos, as announced previously, will cost \$1.25 each.
4. The book, Go For Broke, will be delayed until further notice.
5. If interested in going to the Reunion this year at Los Angeles, contact a group that is going. Or else, contact Bob Sasaki. He has a complete list of what groups are going and he can help you.

The pupus we enjoyed tonight were courtesy of Violet Ishida and Grace Hayama. Thank you. Our beloved neighbor the Engineers "kara mo sasai pupu wo itadaite cookide arigato".

MAY MEETING

May's chapter meeting was held on Saturday, May 15, 1982 at the 442 Club House. This was a pot luck dinner and everyone, as expected, enjoyed it beyond description. The tremendous input exerted, especially by the wives, definitely made the May's meeting a complete success.

A meeting as this at times is good. Wives togetherness and exchanging experiences of many topics take place. In one instance, the wives thought the chocolate cake recipe Mitsue Sakamoto had was a must. The recipe had to be xeroxed was the consensus of the majority. I'm sure all will go well and every wife should have the recipe within the next few weeks or so. Male members as usual discussed their favorite topic of "How to Win the Next World War" (again).

The Larry Ishidas and Toki Kaneshiges are expecting to go to the 442 Reunion in Los Angeles this summer. After the fun festivities are over, both parties will be travelling further. The Kaneshiges are renting a car for a week and are travelling like real tourists and are doing sight-seeing by car. The Ishidas are flying to Alaska

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with other members of the 442nd and see Alaska at first hand. A town called Kotzebue itself is in the Arctic region. This area is surrounded by tundra. Cold, cold the year round and this makes us wonder how people make their living in a cold desolated place as such in the Arctic Circle. Anyway, Hq 2nd wishes you people to have a nice trip and hurry back and share your experiences with us.

For the serious part of the meeting there were couple of items that were of interest. Any Hq 2nd member who is interested in joining the ukulele, guitar, and singing group being formed now contact Bob Sasaki. Speaking of Bob Sasaki, the Retirees Golf Club has already formed. All those interested in joining this club, contact Bob Sasaki at the Club House.

Another topic of interest was brought up by Prexy Larry. This was about Pat Morita, (Actor and night club entertainer) with the financial backing from a group of Japanese in Japan, is seeking endorsement and participation from the 442nd and 100th. Pat Morita wants to make a documentary type of filming of the 442nd and the 100th. This filming will run into 5 or 6 segments of an hour each. The 100th Infantry has already approved and endorsed Pat Morita's proposal. 442nd is still in the process of waiting for the responses of the different chapters. The response is whether one's chapter is in favor or is opposed of endorsing this undertaking. If one feels adamant about his opinion, whether if you are for or against, call Prexy Larry Ishida and let it be heard.

This night had been enjoyable and relaxing for all of us. For those who didn't make it, hope to see you and your other half in future combined functions.

The members and wives who were at the meeting were Larry and Violet Ishida, Toki and Stella Kaneshige, Takashi and Jane Okemura, Yoshi Sugi, Dan Saito, Lipp "Yakamashi" Higuchi, Masa and Edna Yamamoto, Jimmy and Mitsue Sakamoto, Morris and Joyce Masunaga, Herbert and Sue Isonaga, TT and Aileen Yonemori, Toshi and Grace Hayama, and Kazu and Michelle Tomasa.

"Dewa ano toki made salaba".

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS by Alex J. Oko

HARRY FUJIHARA, Coordinator of the Institutional Ministry to men and boys---this was from an article in the local paper which described how Harry has devoted his life to Christ since 1976. His Youth Crusade involves going to the Youth Correctional Facility at Koolau, to the Halawa High Security Facility and to Oahu Prison. The article also mentioned that he served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II. Those of us in Service Company who served with him during the war were, at first, astonished with his change in direction. But now when we see him at Service Chapter functions we see a man who is happy-happy in the work that he is doing and we wish him many, many years to devoted service to his fellow men.

Another happy note is that George and May Mabe of Westminster (Denver) have joined the ranks of grandparents. We know she will bring George and May many years of joy. Could just picture her towing George and May into a store and emerging a few minutes later with a million dollar smile on her face. Enjoy her company, spoil her if wish--that's a grandparent privilege.

The monthly chapter meeting at Ralph Chinaka's home was attended by 16 members. Since plans for the Los Angeles Reunion began to jell, the attendance has been good. In attendance were: President KUROZUMI, Vice President YAMADA, Secretary HORI, Treasurer YAMASHITA and CHINAKA, MORIMOTO, YATAGAI, TANOU, TOMA, INOUE, ITAKI, OTANI, NAGASAKO, TANAKA, AWAYA and OKA. To think that only 5 amongst this group is still working full time. The others are either retired or in post-retirement employment. SUSUMU AWAYA who has devoted many hours on this reunion explained the various post reunion tours and took care of all the needs of the members. We are fortunate that Susumu was able to handle the travel arrangements for us.

This year's reunion will be the biggest and best for Service Chapter. Heard from HARRY KOMATSU of Gardena that response from comrades around the L.A. area is good. From Colorado we have already heard from the REISELLS, The KATSUMOTOS and The MABES, and from Hawaii there will be, at the last count, 32. All 32 will be going to Las Vegas and after that the group will split into several different directions. 15 of them will be visiting Seattle and the Canadian Rockies (Chinakas, Tanoues, Tanabes, Hashis, Kikutas, Saikis, and the Miyakes). To San Francisco (the Yamadas, Kurozumis, Otani and Awaya). Returning to Honolulu after Vegas are the Tanakas, Itaki and Inouye. And wandering around in the Big Country will be the Okas, Tomas, Yamates and Furuto.

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by Allen Nakamura

We had a tremendous turnout of 34 members at the May meeting. If the other 7 or 8 regular attendees had been present, it could have been a standing room only gathering. Without doubt, the chapter is alive and overflows with beaucoup fellowship!

Aoki, Cabral, Furukawa, Fujii, Gerlach, Hagio Haraguchi, Hashizume, Horimoto, Ishida, Isobe, M; Isobe, W; Jichaku, Kakesako, Kasadate, Kuramoto, Ogata, Ohashi, Oshiro, J.; Saito, Sakai, Shoji, Sumikawa, Takiyama, Kurokawa, Matsuda, Matsumura, Nakahara, T.; Nakamura, Nakayama, Nishimoto, Winters, Yamashita, Yamamoto, made up the members present. Pete Cabral was voted in as a associate member of 'L' chapter. We've had 2 transferees into our LIIM chapter from Oahu Chapter #1, Henry Ishida of 522nd FA and Bob Winters, VA Director. Welcome aboard fellows.

As the NVR at Los Angeles is nearing fast, the following will be attending. Yoshiji/Betty Aoki, Hapa/Mabel Fujimoto, Lawrence/Chiyoeko Fujii, Bill/Harumi Hagio, Casey Kasadate, Sueo/Edna Kuramoto, George/Mrs. Kurio, PK/Genny Matsumoto, Bobby Maeda, Donkey/Betty Nakahara, Allen/Emi Nakamura, Hide Nakayama, Kazuma/GF Ogata, Fumio/Michiko Ohashi, Joe/Nancy Oshiro, Freckles/Gloria Oshiro & his father & Gloria's sister, Edith Shito Isa/Hilda Takiyama, Yoshito/Pauline Tome, Jamieson, Claire Tani, will continue on to San Francisco post reunion. The following will be back to L.A. from Las Vegas, Wally/Mabel/Terry Kawamura, Whitey, Florence Saito and Tad Sakai.

There seem to be a mixup in the reunion itinerary as reported by our L.A. reunion correspondent Yoshiji Aoki. At the meeting on May 21, the group decided to honor the reunion committees itinerary. Yoshiji was directed to ask for specific answers to questions asked. We are a flexible group and we will accommodate to everyone's satisfaction if at all possible. On the other hand, as the correspondent with the Bay Area group, I had the good fortune to report a very favorable communique from Howie Hanamura of Oakland, my contact at the other end.

The Bay Area group of Howie/Mary Hanamura, Hide/Mary Kiyomura, Janet Mori, Tay Nobori, Jiro Nakaso, Ken Sakanashi, Mel/Kiyono Tominaga, Gary/Kimi Tojo, Tom/Fumi Tominaga, Bill/Miyo Tamura and the Sacramento group of Frank/Fumiko Oshita, Frank/Mitsue Mukai, Larry/Barbara Takai, Larry/Amey Tanaka, Feb/Amey Yokoi and Frank Uda have set up the following itinerary for us: Thursday 8/12, hospitality room at the Manx Hotel; Friday 8/13, Lobster & Steak dinner at the Spenger's

ger's in Oakland (we'll have to provide the after dinner entertainment as our fare of being invited) Saturday 8/14, Barbecue cookout at Sacramento, spending the entire day visiting with them. The Sacramento group were so impressed and enthralled by our hospitality at the '79 reunion, that they were determined not to let our visit pass them by.

Yoshiji our perrenial chairman for the Hale Pulama Mau annual visit & cookout, reported that this will be the 50th anniversary of the Kuakini Home and plans are rather sketchy at this point, in all probability we will have our annual cookout latter part in August. More info should be received at the next meeting.

"Lucky you come to Hawaii", is frequently heard in greeting visitors from out of state. Could it just be appropriate to change the phrase to, "Lucky us, to have a number of new members". Why? Because new members means new ideas and contacts. The golfers in our chapter are the first to gain benefits from these members. With the advent of Wally Isobe & Ray Sumikawa, (like the coming of Christ, the Saviour) the first ever annual 'L' chapter golf tournament was held on April 24, at the Makalena Golf Course. Heretofore, even with the number of golfers in our chapter, no one really seemed to take charge.

From information received thru chairman Wally Isobe, 14 members and one guest braved the chilly weather but still managed to appreciate the competition. The wintry weather may have affected some players but it didn't seem to bother Lily Oshiro at all. She'll have IRS problem, now that she's the winner of the first CASH prize for having the closest shot on the 1st par 3, a 18 footer by the way. She of the feminine appearance sometimes belie her athletic ability. Her performance is a true testament of mastering the principle of, patience. Who's patience? Bill or Lily's??? Others that were nearest to the par 3 were Ray Sumikawa & Wally Isobe. I'll let you in on a little secret fellahs. Lily said, "Concentration did it".

Others that did very well in the regular tournament was Bill Yamamoto with a sizzling net 66! Steady Whitey Saito came in next with a net 70. Third place was won by 36 hole player Kobe Shoji with a net 71. How come he's a 36 hole player? The info is that he played at the Ala Wai in the morning, thas' why.

The following retirees, oop's I got the wrong list. The following golfers played in the tournament: John Naganuma, Bill Yamamoto, Whitey Saito, Henry Oshiro, Bill Oshiro, Lily Oshiro,

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by Charles Watanabe

Trying to recall the minutes of the meeting held at the club house during the month of May. I just can't seem to remember or recall much of anything. So I just, like to say in poker, "pass". Called Erni to see if he can think of anything but he is worse than me, well let me think of something.

The club house needs a new TV for the retirees, the old one seems out of focus and they want a cable. On who's approval is that going to be, not on Hq3rd. Next on the trouble list is the 40th Anniversary of the 442nd. Planning on a big luau instead. Then Hq3rd is going to Kuilima for the Memorial Day weekend. What else, ukulele classes going on at the club house, also hula classes, interested parties contact club house. Pretty good eh! What next, the reunion shirts are ready so call David if you have one on order. The days are getting closer for those who are going to the reunion, must be counting the days, soon the hours.

Now for a little bit of da kine news, plenty of pupus with the compliments of Eddy Tsubata and David Kaiura, of course chef Bill Kuwata.

Lately Bill Kuwata seems to help a lot with the cooking around whenever we have a get together. Must be the retirement, trained to cook for his grandchildren or is it the other way around in his family. Wonder if Bill and Yaeko are still cha cha-ing.

Sam Sasai came up with another promotion, President of Bankoh of Guam. now I must ask him for more details on that. Does it mean we are going to Guam for the next holidays, hmmm, interesting question. I will be sure to come up with the answer at the next issue.

We should have fun at Kuilima, lots of fishing etc, mention that to Bill Kuwata that I am going to make it a Honeymoon style with my wife and give her a good time, and he just laughs at me, keeps on looking at me and just laughs. Wassamatter Bill you think I am too old for that kine stuff.

How come some of the usual gang are not going to this outing. Eddy Tsubata, I recall has been with Sam and I for many Memorial Days. I don't think Sam Sasai and I have missed one yet, ever since Punaluu. That goes back a number of years, 10, maybe more.

Enough said, must say Aloha, Mahalo, Arigato. All PAU. To Mo and Shig hope you are fine.....

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by Harold Fukunaga

When Tad Sakai, our 442 Bulletin editor, informed me that the news article deadline was the end of May, I started thinking about what kind of news could I write about. There were no recent chapter activities, such as dinner meetings, or parties, nor golf tournaments, nor other chapter activities.

Fortunately there was our monthly chapter meeting, which happened to be May 13th. Jack Kondo of Hilo was in town, to find out more about our chapter members' plans for the August reunion in Los Angeles. He will attend the reunion, along with Jimmy Komo, Mike & Lillian Shiraishi and Alfred & Helen Amii. Fred Ida and Seikatsu Kikuyama may attend the reunion, but they weren't sure, as of this date. Jimmy says that he is keeping in touch with Tets Asato of L.A. and the group from San Jose. According to Jimmy, they're planning to visit San Jose after the reunion. Golf and sight-seeing will take up most of the time for the travelers.

OUR CHILDREN

As I thought about our chapter activities, we used to have many parties where our children participated. They were young in the 1950's and 1960's, so they enjoyed such parties. Nowadays we have parties only for adults, because our children have grown up and gone on their own. It seemed like a good idea to pause here and see what our members' children are doing, now that they have grown up. I called some of our members, whom I could get hold of. It was quite interesting to see that they have gone into varied fields and are scattered all over the country. The limited survey showed the following:

TAKETO & JUDY KAWABATA

1. Son--Thomas is attending University of Iowa, and is working toward his doctorate in pharmacology.
2. Daughter-- Sylvia graduated from University of Washington (Seattle) with an engineering degree and is working with the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. Gov't) in Seattle, Washington.
3. Daughter--Jan graduated from University of Hawaii and is working as a para legal person for attorney Genro Kashiwa in Honolulu.

SPEED & EDNA TANNA

Daughter--Charlotte, whose married name is Araki, has 2 boys. They have lived in Yakima, Washington, for 9 years. She and

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her husband majored in chemistry and received their advanced degrees in Chemistry. She takes care of the family --plus works as a quality control chemist for a fruit juice firm, while her husband works as a chemist for the State Dept. of Agriculture, State of Washington.

JAMES & JUDY KOMO

1. Son--Lance, who received his civil engineering degree from University of Hawaii, is an engineer with General Dynamics Corp. in San Diego.
2. Son--Darrell, who received his business Administration degree from University of Hawaii, is working for Robert Leong, CPA firm. He also has his CPA.
3. Daughter -- Joy is in her last year at the University of Hawaii and is majoring in mathematics.
4. Daughter -- Laurie is also attending University of Hawaii, where she is in her second year and plans to major in Agriculture.

EDDIE & GRACE OCHIAI

1. Son--Dean graduated from Hastings Law School and is presently a deputy prosecutor in the City Prosecutor's Office.
2. Son--Kent graduated from University of Hawaii, where he majored in business Administration Marketing. He is presently working for Panasonic Hawaii as a sales representative.

HAROLD & JANE FUKUNAGA

1. Daughter--Carol received her law degree from University of Hawaii Law School. She is an attorney and a representative in the State House of Representative.
2. Daughter--Amy received her bachelor's degree from University of Hawaii and is working for her master's degree in Library Science.

The members whom I wasn't able to contact before the deadline will be contacted later and the information will be included in the next issue.

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by Eddy Sakai

NEWS FROM THE MAINLAND:

On March 20, 1982, Amy Sakimoto reported that the California Anit-Tankers had a Spring Reunion. Dinner and show was held at the Kona Hawaii in Anaheim near Disneyland. KIYO (Onion) FUJIMOTO and his wife MARY made all the arrangements. More than 30 members turned out to enjoy the event. "The Krush" from Hawaii were entertainers for the wonderful dinner show.

Sorry to report that MARY FUJIMOTO had a heart attack. MARY is recuperating with nearly all retired... ONION is doing all the household chores! (MARY, get well soon... our prayers and wishes from Hawaii!)

Now the Good News! It was a tough battle folks but JIMMY is winning! Go-For-Broke, JIM! AMY, ALAN and PHIL are waiting for you! We hope that JIM will be recuperating at home!

First to donate "A" positive platelet... following ALAN and PHIL (sons of JIM's and AMY's). CHILL's brother-in-law FRED OKAWA matched JIM's blood cells. Another gave blood by former explorer scout KEN MIYAMOTO. Our Anti-Tank group was ready to donate blood for JIM. JIM and the family thank all the volunteers and for the many cards and get well wishes! AMY is holding up... the two sons are taking charge.

JIM is starting to produce his own cells and in time should recover completely. Take good care of yourselves: JIM, AMY, ALAN, and PHIL!

News from HALO and KIYOMI. "Do desu ka? Boku ra u'a genki de su!" How's that for a start. True to form never of what we expected has happened... Beautiful Spring weather, sakura in bloom among other beautiful flowers. It's been quite chilly but not as cold as we imagined before coming over.

We are occupying a very spacious apartment on the top 3rd floor of a private home. All the conveniences of home has been installed, brand new. The only thing we miss is our Datsun and Mustang. After footmobiling to work I finally bought a bicycle. Imagine me on a bike? KIYOMI is not as game as I am.

Haven't seen much of Tokyo as yet except for a couple of exploratory subway trips to Sun City and to Shinjuku. We will go in time.

I will officially begin coaching on April 1st. The Club is named Mitsubishi S.C. but the

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name of the sports complex is called YOWA SPORTS CENTER located near the Sugame Eki about 25 minutes walking... 10 minutes via my new bike. Its a beautiful facility... swimmingly, over 4000 kids and adults are enrolled for lessons and for competitive swimming. Fortunately, I'll be handling only the competitive program. I'm looking forward to seeing some of my experience and expertise to the club. With luck I might find a natural among so many.

Much thanks for the going away party and gifts, leis and food. Please extend our thanks to all who attended and to the other tankbusters.

Our love and Aloha... HALO and KIYOMI.

DR. ABRAHAM AKAKA

Inadvertently failing to report our apology for LIZO and YVONNE HONMA'S March 27th new home blessing in our previous article. Due to Dr. ABRAHAM AKAKA'S heavy schedule, the HONMA'S open house event was scheduled for the same evening as our club Anniversary banquet and the Anti-Tank gang regretfully missed joining LIZO and YVONNE.

AKIRA and SACHIKO FUKUNAGA will go to the Reunion! After that they will be going to Tennessee. They will also visit Knoxville and see the World's Fair in Tennessee.

JACK KAGUNI is working part-time at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. He plays golf... MASATO and SACHI DOI also plays golf.

AKIRA FUKUDA went to Fresno. He participated in the Assessment of Adult Students and the Dissemination Program. This was an Adult Education Conference. He later went on to San Francisco and met EDDIE and Gladys MURAKAMI in Chinatown.

FAYE FUKUDA is working part-time at Kalihi-Waena School.

JIM and TOSHIKO KUSE stopped by for a week. The MIYAKAWA's took them around to different places. YUKI NAKAHIRA also took them around... they enjoyed the Arizona Memorial, the Diamond Head, and the Hanauma Bay. He also took them to the farm: he enjoyed the papayas, pineapples, bananas, and coconuts. Guess the KUSE's enjoyed Hawaii.

The SASAKI's have really trimmed down... IRENE has a girlish figure and TAKAYUKI has a boyish figure.

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by Ronald Oba

Dead as a door nail
But its members continue
to dance, golf and drink

Our reliable, dependable, danceable silent reporter was off to McKinley High School when this writer called desperately for Chapter News. "Well, Babe and Mary Morino came by, there was a crab buffet, oh yes, call May Tamagawa about John and Yoshio about his daughter. I guess that's all". As usual, Tad Sakai calls and leaves a message to call back, says my secretary. I know what he wants and the clock ticks on relentlessly to its deadline. We seek the penultimate news--hoping against hope that its members will suddenly become alive, go on trips to write about, do something newsworthy, win tournaments like Tom and Chic, get remarried, have babies, birthdays or become a grandfather all over again. But we wrote about all those things before. So, what's new?

OUR BREAKFAST HOSTS

Well, Babe and Mary Morino did drop by. Remember how gallantly they served breakfast for 50 as a parting Aloha on the last morning of the San Francisco Mini reunion? Well, they came back looking for 50 free breakfasts from us Hawaiians. We meekly offered to host Babe and Mary to a Chapter get-together at the 442nd Club House for a catered dinner. On short order, 20 faithful members and wives showed up and the Morino's again out hosted the members. They brought pounds and pounds of Dungeness crabs and those huge, delectable strawberries that grow only in California. Until the last claw was cracked and the meat sucked out no one dared to strike out a conversation. I was eminently satiated before the chow line was formed. Babe and Hank say that Bolo and I never looked up. In golf, 'tis said, "Don't look up, you'll miss it!"

Inevitably, a golf match was made between Babe and Bolo and Kats and Ron at the Pearl Country Club. They joined Ron's golf club for tee times and as predicted Babe and Bolo say they gave it away. Kats and Ron won by sheer skill even if Kats had to carry his partner most of the way. The previous day Babe played a much better game at the Kaneohe Clipper Golf Course with Mich Takata. Mich also shot a net 66 at the recent St. Francis Hospital benefit golf. Babe and Mary then went their merry way to Maui for more golf with island friends and forgot to come back for their going away chop suey at the Wo Fat Restaurant. The nine of us who ate enough chop suey for 12 people continued on to King's Bakery for a

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huge chocolate sundae. "Ta-be-ta, ta-be-ta, buta no yo-ni ta-be-ta." Grace says she'll call back after the dance class at McKinley Hi and I'm waiting to write if anyone sprained a toe while doing the twinkles. Anyway---

DINNER AND UKULELES

President Yoshio Shibuya convened a chapter meeting at the Hickam Officers' Club in order to add some jazz. It was well attended by 24 members and wives. They had a fare of crab legs, scallops, shrimps, and broiled steak. Kats is trying to enroll 100 ukulele players to register for classes so that he can present an ensemble of 100 strings for one of the functions at this year's reunion. Sorry, I'm tone deaf in one ear and can't hear out of the other -- but I can mimic -- don't mind being dressed as an ukulele if Grace would strum my stomach and scratch my back once in a while.

Yoshio Shibuya joined the group taught by two former 442nd serenaders, Joe Sato and Jiro Watanabe. The other instructor is Mr. Kawamoto.

TID BITS

Tommy and May recently completed a one and one-half week's trip in March to Memphis, Tennessee, to attend son John's graduation from one phase of avionics. He's now a corporal in the Marine Corps and the ceremonies were held in Millington, Tennessee. Tommy relates that they did a grand tour of Memphis and also visited New Orleans. But things have changed since 1943. However, I am sure the crypts that we saw during the war must have sunk further like the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Since New Orleans is built over marshy land the dead are buried above ground in crypts which are sinking. They also thought of going to Camp Shelby for sentimental reasons but did not have enough time. John is now stationed near El Toro, California.

Laurie Shibuya, daughter of Yoshio and Clara, graduated from the University of Hawaii in Home Economics during the May ceremonies. I asked him, "What is that?" He said, "interior designing," which is a type of job that is difficult to find. So presently she is job hunting. In the meantime she continues as a part-time receptionist at the great Kuakini Medical Center.

And, our daughter, Charlene, is getting married in November and no one is getting invited because this young generation wants to do their own thing. They are inviting relatives only. They are going to save their money and buy a new house which makes sense to me.

FOX TROOP (KAUAI) -----by Yuri Tasaka

The waiting game is the name of the game as the Fox people keep pushing the school year. The month of June and the month of July to get away from our beautiful but uneventful 'Rock'. Those who committed themselves for a glorious reunion in Los Angeles are still hanging in there and we'll have a contingent of the best in the West representing Kauai at the NVR in August. There will be a group of 16 Kauaians winging out of Honolulu come August 4.

GEORGE TERAOKA, self appointed General of all things, and ESTHER are itching to get into the fun of meeting 'old' friends. MASA AGINA is taking ASAKO, daughter GWEN and granddaughter KIRSTI BIGNO. With so many to chaperone him, MASA will just have to behave. MASA HIRANAKA and BERNICE will give son RUSSELL a chance to meet daddy's friends. YURIKO TASAKA and nieces LAURIE and ELLEN TATEISHI will see to uncle WALLY not getting out of line too much. So will his sister Mrs. K. MATSUNAGA on the trans Pacific flight. JIMMY TAKENAKA and MASA YOTSUDA are the two guys who are singling their way through. But, no matter how, all of us eagerly and anxiously look forward to gathering with all of you in Los Angeles.

The other Fox fellows who are traveling or will be traveling under other auspices are GEORGE KAWAKAMI, SHIGE MURAMOTO and Honorary member BOB KOKAME. As far as the reporter can ascertain HIRO IWAMOTO, ARTHUR ZAIMA, SANDY YOSHIMORI, KENSEI HIGA and Associate member STEVE TAKENOCHI will keep Kauai anchored in its beautiful best-in-the-West location while all the heavyweights are gone.

Keep well, stay cool, and happily we'll reunite, as in wine, in August!

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by Terry Thara

Easy Chapter gathered by invitation to honor two family celebrations during this reporting period. The first was the wedding of Alan Hajime Yamada, son of Mitsugi and Rose Yamada, and Cindy Ying Woo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ping Sing Woo. The nuptial ceremonies were performed at the Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church and reception followed at the China House Restaurant. The event took place on April 17, 1982.

The ceremonies at the church and the program at the reception were both unique in that it involved active participation of the bride and the bridegroom in the total scheme of things. The exchange of nuptial vows involved strong oral commitments to each other by both the bride and the groom to each other. The program at the reception reflected the spirit and mood of the ceremonies which were conducted earlier in the church.

Alan's younger brother, Wesly, served as Master of Ceremonies at the reception. Both brothers certainly have that gift and with it they could, if they ever decide to run for office, mesmerize the voters and become a factor in their campaigns for a better society. Wesly returned from the Philippines for his brother's wedding. In the Philippines Wesly was a missionary with the Youth With The Mission organization. He is presently working to earn more money to go back on the mission trail. Brother Alan is presently working at St. Francis Hospital. Chicken and Rose also have a daughter and another son.

Twenty four Easy Chapter members and their wives attended the reception at the China House Restaurant. They were Masami/Maryin Doi, Waichi/Chiyono Takemoto, Saburo/Tokue Ouchi, Noboru/Hideo Uesugi, John/Bea Tsukamoto, George/Haruko Oyama, Shige/Ellen Tamashiro, Ralph/Dorothy Yagi, George/Doris Tando, Lefty/Kay Sugihara, Raymond/Laura Shigenaga, Maui/Hazel Okamura, Don/Alice Masuda, Naka/Hazel Matoi, Kozun/Mildred Nakata, Hiroshi/Rose Okada, Tadao/Sakae Yoshimoto, Roku/Mae Imaka and Teruo/Kuulei Ihara. Maui Okamura represented Chicken's family to offer the 'Banzai' for the family to the guest.

The second event of moment to Easy Chapter members was the 'kanreki' hosted by two of Prexy Shige Yoshitake's daughters and sons-in-laws at the Natsunoya Tea House on May 17. Here again presence of Easy Chapter members and wives was most evident. Unlike other dinners where guests are seated ten to a pre-assigned table, a teahouse dinner is like a Luau and you sit where there is an open seat. Easy Chapter members therefore were seated throughout the hall although generally in

clusters. Most of the members present at the Yamada wedding reception were also at this celebration including at least three who were not at the Yamada affair and they were Darryl and Chiyoko Yamauchi and Bobby Maeda. As is the custom Shige donned his red cap and jacket and enjoyed the company of his friends and relatives as he walked throughout the tables. His brother gave a very interesting and unique presentation of Shige's past dialogue between he and Shige's daughter. Sally, Shige's better half was not overly in evidence but you can rest assured that she was there and in control.

Nobu Yoneda was on sick leave from his position with the City's MTL maintenance shop. His bones are not as pliable as in his younger days, resulting in a couple busted ribs after a tussle with automotive parts in the shop. All he needed was rest to mend the bones but even that took more time than usual.

The 1982 Nisei Veterans Reunion is but a little over two months away. Received word from Kaye Okitsu that L.A. Easy will be subsidizing the chapter's participation in the Chapter Night festivities at the Bonaventure Hotel. Unlike reunions held here, chapter night activities in L.A. will be held all together in one place--Bonaventure Hotel. It looks like a dinner/dance affair with chapters sitting together in the Hall.

Craig Sugihara, number one of the Lefty Sugiharas is getting to be a business tycoon. He's opened another Town & Country Surf Shop, this one at 465 Kapihulu Avenue, across the 6th tee of the Ala Wai golf course. So if you need anything to do with surfing and swimming and other sea sports, drop in the shop and Craig will fix you up.

Over the last few months several wives of Easy members have called it quits--from work that is. One is Alice Masuda, wife of Don. Another is Hazel Okamura, wife of Maui. Others mentioned in earlier reports are Rose Yamada, Chicken's better half, Sakae Yoshimoto of Tadao Yoshimoto, Chiyono Takemoto/Waichi, Laura Shigenaga/Raymond, Bea Tsukamoto/John and Kaye Sugihara/Lefty.

Debbie Shigenaga is a gal with lots of heart and adventure. She is now in her second year in the Federal Civil Service training to become a Contract Specialist. She is with the Department of Navy with offices in Arlington, Va., and lives in Alexandria, Va. A graduate of the University of Hawaii she gives Raymond and Laura good reasons for taking extended trips to the East Coast. Incidentally for any enterprising young man or woman from Hawaii, if you have the qualifications, you will be welcome in the Federal Civil Service in the Washington area.

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

UP FRONT

The largest group ever of B Chapter members and spouses to attend a Reunion, 48 in all, will board a Western Airlines plane Wednesday night August 4, 1982, and head for Los Angeles. This should be a memorable one. Activity highlights, according to Chapter President Rocky Tanna, are as follows:

- Thursday: Arrive L.A. 6:45 a.m. and register at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Socialization to follow in various hospitality rooms. In the evening, the Battalion Reunion hosted by our mainland buddies, will be held at the Okada Restaurant.
- Friday: A special B Chapter luncheon from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. hosted by James Mizunos', with charter buses to residence. NVR welcome dinner in the evening at the Hyatt which will be a coat and tie affair.
- Saturday: A special Battalion golf tournament for golfers and optional tours for others. In the evening, it will be the 442nd Combat Team Reunion at the Bonaventure Hotel.
- Sunday: Memorial services at the Hyatt, Nisei Week Parade to follow and then the Sayonara dinner in the evening at the Hyatt.
- Monday: Off to Las Vegas in the morning via Western Airlines again for most of the group, with three days of shows, gambling, gourmet eating, more golf, etc.

Members and spouses that have already signed up for this trip are as follows: SHOSO/KAY KAGAWA, JEEP KOBASHIGAWA, ALLEN MEKARU, SHOZO KAJIOKA, KENZO OKUBO, TOSHIO/BEATRICE NISHIZAWA, LARRY/GLADYS NAKAHARA, WALTER/MARTHA INOUE, HAROLD/JANE UEOKA, HENRY/DORIS ISHIDA, MITS/ELLEN KUNIHIRO, STANLEY/HILDA KANESHIRO, ROCKY/LEATRICE TANNA, KATS/LAURA MIHO, LESTER/OTAKA KATO, ROY/HARRIET FUJII, AKIRA/MRS. NAGUMA, KIYOSHI/MRS. OKANO, JOE/PEGGY OYASHI, WILLIAM/FLORENCE HORIE, HIDEO NAKAMINE, FRED/KAY HIRAYAMA, BIGGIE/JESSIE NAKAKURA, JOE/CHIEKO TAKATA, TAD NAGASAWA, DANIEL/KIMIYE TADA, SHIGEO WARASHINA and JERRY ISHIMOTO.

Chapter activities after the Reunion will include among others a Battalion golf tournament, another spouses night and you may also look forward to an exciting Xmas party which is already being funded for.

THINGS HAPPENING

For those who don't want to reach old age too soon, there are many Club activities.

The 442nd Ballroom Dance Club still meets every Wednesday night at McKinley High School cafeteria. The Obayashis, Nakakuras, and Kunihiros are always there assisting Mich Takata, so you won't be a stranger if you decide to join this group.

If you don't care for ballroom dancing you could join the hula class that meets at the Clubhouse every Monday (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.). Ellen Kunihiro and Hilda Kaneshiro will be there to help you get started in the fundamentals of hula.

For those already too stiff for ballroom dancing or hula, drop in at the Clubhouse, again on Monday's (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.) and watch, if not join, the 442nd ukulele, guitar and singing group getting started to eventually play for the hula dancers. Quite a few talented musicians such as Joe Sato, Jiro Watanabe, Yoshito Tome and Ed Kawamoto are leading this group of two dozen or more and they should be ready to perform anywhere anyday soon.

If golfing is your bag, join the growing 442nd retiree golf club. You don't even have to be a retiree to join this one, just call the Clubhouse to get in on the next game.

And if you want something else or maybe a repeat of something of the past such as lei making, corsage making, plant show, ukulele or guitar classes, call the Clubhouse, 949-7997, and let them know what you're interested in.

The first 442nd ukulele class had its graduation on May 3rd. There were 24 certificates issued by instructor Art Wong. A nice party followed after graduation with some entertainment by soloists Joe Sato, Jiro Watanabe and Diana Yamashiro.

Spouses night on May 21st turned out to be a feasting, eat all you can, affair at the Empress Restaurant. At least forty B Chapter members and spouses turned out for this pleasant social which was co-chaired by Laura Miho and Gladys Nakahara. Of interest were some of the unusual white elephants that were turned in for the auction by auctioneer Rocky Tanna. Cherry tomatoes from Tannas, eggplant tsukemono from Obayashis and Nakakuras, cucumber tsukemono, bread and crochet towel from Kunihiros, prune moi and pound cake from Inouyes, Cookies from Hirozawas, brownies from Nishizawas, cookies and orchid from Mihos, napkin holder with napkins from Kaneshiros,

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popcorn maker and diaper bag from Hories, tapa wall hanger for Ogatas, ring holder and coasters from Oides, tote bag from Nakakuras, dozen golf balls from Chapter and last but not least orchid and fern plants from Uchigakis (Uchi) who haven't been around for quite some time. Welcome back Milton. The auction netted the Chapter \$185 which will be added to the already growing Xmas fund. A strip show nearby created some extra excitement as the brave ones stood up and watched while others just craned their necks.

For Chapter meetings, more and more members are showing up as the Reunion trip nears. Good to see Kiyoshi Okano back after many moons. Activities, schedules and details for the trip and Reunion are firming up. Travellers are being reminded of the two baggage 70# each limit and the precheck system. Again, if you need more details on travel and transportation, call Shige Warashina at Pacific Travel Service. The hotel in Las Vegas will be the Las Vegas Hotel and a free dinner, compliments of Shige will be in the Gourmet Room on Tuesday night. Don't forget to attend the July Chapter meeting for final details and instructions and to also pickup your luggage tags.

Another meeting announcement was the Club decision to have a luau for the 1983 anniversary banquet which could be at the Blaisdell Auditorium. If you have a better place in mind call the Clubhouse or Bob Tamanaha who is next year's banquet chairman.

Club shirts have been received and are being distributed. If you haven't received your shirts yet, call Rocky Tanna.

THIRTY EIGHT YEARS AGO

After 26 days on a Liberty ship the Battalion disembarked at Brindisi, Italy on May 28, 1944. From Brindisi, the Battalion rode box cars to Naples, reaching staging area N-4 in Bagnoli just before noon of Memorial Day. On June 6th (D-Day in France) the Battalion was aboard an LST, which docked at Anzio on the 7th---scene of heavy fighting the past winter and early spring. The 100th Infantry (Separate), which had been fighting in Italy since September 27, 1943, became part of the Combat Team near Tarquinia in mid-June.

END



by Sam Yamao

BOY'S DAY

Regardless of where one travels to in the islands during late April or early May, colorful carps (Koi) in various colors and sizes may be seen floating in the breeze in observance of Boy's Day, May 5th.

I don't know how many of you purchased paper or plastic carps for your sons' or grandsons, however, we sent one to Maui for our second grandson.

Hope the grandmas didn't forget and prepared something special for the guys who were little boys some six decades ago.

MOTHER'S DAY

There may be some of you who are still fortunate enough to have mothers whom you were able to buy elaborate gifts for on Mother's Day. Those of us who couldn't take our mothers to fancy restaurants or buy gifts for, had to settle for treating our children's mother to dinner or getting a bouquet of flowers to show them our gratitude and appreciation.

We should pause at least once a year to reflect and think of the many hours of patience, kindness, love, tolerance, sympathy and security we received from our mothers and spouses.

We thank you very much mothers and spouses---we are sincerely grateful and appreciative of your endless toil, understanding and love.

APRIL 16 MEETING

The April meeting was attended by M. Nakamura, G. Suenaga, K. Shimizu, E. Ichiyama, S. Higa, J. Takasaki, Y. Hokama and the writer. Prexy, Kikawa was conspicuously absent---probably from too much vacationing in Japan. We'll excuse him this time.

As per usual the main event of the evening was the poker game and subsequent gathering at Zippy's for a midnight snack.

HOKAMA BACK TO WORK

I guess the U.S. Post Office Dept. can't get along without Kokomo as he was called back to work at the Ewa Post Office on April 17, after 4 years in retirement.

If you want to know the reasons and how he feels about working again, give him a call. I'm

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended April 30, 1982

Cumulative 1/1-4/30/81	Cumulative 1/1-4/30/82	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Feb 1982	Month of Mar 1982	Month of Apr 1982
OPERATING EARNINGS:					
18,486.37	20,096.46	Interest on Loans.....	4,664.95	5,223.69	5,252.74
11,128.00	13,031.98	Income on Svgs Accts.....	3,389.29	3,894.81	3,022.66
548.03	35.31	Income on ICU Securities..	9.00	8.68	9.28
2.75	4.50	Fees and Charges.....	1.25	1.75	1.25
30,165.15	33,168.25	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	8,064.49	9,128.93	8,285.93
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
	716.53	Conference/Travel Fees....	40.00		676.53
179.24	20.00	HCUL Association Dues.....			
200.00	225.00	Office Utilities.....	50.00	50.00	75.00
175.00	341.56	Postage/Communication....		221.56	120.00
92.57	251.81	Stationery & Supplies.....		240.68	
109.00	250.50	Subscriptions.....		152.50	16.00
269.26	539.67	EDP Accounting Services...	98.21	108.84	231.00
		Provision: Loan Losses...			
55.96	55.96	Depreciation-Equipment....		55.96	
369.40	415.40	Surety Bond Premiums.....	98.10	126.85	98.10
112.00	181.90	Members' Shares Insurance..		181.90	
1,048.62	433.15	Borrowers' Insurance.....	404.72	(794.71)	413.65
501.01	418.70	Life Savings Insurance....	195.73	(177.63)	204.52
292.61	328.40	NCUA Supervision Fee.....		328.40	
		NCUA Examination Fee.....			
420.00	356.00	Annual Meeting Expenses...	100.00		
1,270.65	1,367.31	Miscellaneous.....	300.00	467.31	300.00
5,095.32	5,901.89	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES..	1,286.76	961.66	2,134.80
25,069.83	27,266.36	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	6,777.73	8,167.27	6,151.13
(18,689.43)	(23,004.97)	Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...	(6,000.00)	(5,004.97)	(6,000.00)
6,380.40	4,261.39	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	777.73	3,162.30	151.13

We hereby certify, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that this statement and the related statements are true and correct and present fairly the financial position and the results of operations for the periods covered.

Treasurer

Officer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of April 30, 1982

Apr 1981	ASSETS	Feb 1982	Mar 1982	Apr 1982
5,891.73	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	1,225.83		2,529.69
2,500.00	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....		2,200.00	2,100.00
4,163.61	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More...	2,200.00		
12,555.34	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	3,425.83	2,200.00	4,629.69
617,522.63	Loans, Current & Not Delinquent.....	632,770.46	639,406.45	636,752.78
630,077.97	Total Loans Outstanding.....	636,196.29	641,606.45	641,382.47
(3,762.40)	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...	(983.46)	(983.46)	(983.46)
7,955.94	Cash in Bank.....	11,829.96	9,208.62	8,062.83
9,461.85	ICU Investment Securities.....	929.06	937.74	947.02
268,257.35	Savings Accounts in S&L and Bank.....	317,128.66	339,816.31	352,026.74
1,438.46	Furniture & Equipment.....	1,438.46	1,438.46	1,438.46
(407.48)	(Less Allowance for Depreciation)...	(575.36)	(631.32)	(631.32)
4,161.00	Accounts Receivable.....	5,298.00	5,170.00	4,627.00
1,624.70	Other Assets.....	153.14	153.14	153.14
1,751.56	Unapplied Disbursement Exceptions....	3,600.00		
	Deferred Expenses.....	2,041.21	2,264.99	2,264.99
920,558.95	TOTAL ASSETS.....	977,055.96	998,980.93	1,009,287.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
	Dividends Payable.....	12,698.55		6,000.00
6,849.43	Accounts Payable - (EDP Except).....	5,824.25	5,651.26	5,479.14
827,964.43	Members Savings Shares.....	866,748.07	898,382.28	902,710.21
44,364.69	Regular Reserves.....	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
6,380.40	Undivided Earnings.....	55,837.13	55,837.13	55,837.13
	Net Income/(Loss).....	947.96	4,110.26	4,261.39
920,558.95	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY.....	977,055.96	998,980.93	1,009,287.87
STATISTICAL DATA				
3	No. Accts. Delinquent 2 - 6 Months	2		2
1	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months		1	1
5	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months & Over	252	261	257
250	No. Accts. Current & Not Delinquent...			
515	No. of Savings Accounts.....	524	531	535
700	No. of Potential Members.....	700	700	700
55	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	12	23	33
3,579	No. of Loans Made Since Organization..	3,664	3,675	3,685
186,705.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	43,426.	74,305.	103,505.
4,310,145.	Amount Loaned Since Organization.....	4,440,090.	4,470,969.	4,500,169.
7,011.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization.	10,254.	10,254.	10,254.
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-Offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811.

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sure everyone in that area of the island must be receiving their mail a couple of hours earlier now.

Incidentally, for the info of you L.A. guys, Kokomo will now be unable to attend the reunion.

UKULELE CLASS GRADUATION

Some 20 plus members and spouses received certificates for the completion of the 10 session Uke class at the 442nd Clubhouse on May 3rd. In reiterating, it was really fun, challenging for some of us, but thoroughly enjoyed by all the students.

To celebrate the occasion Hilda and Stanley Kaneshiro prepared a spread consisting of sashimi, sushi, ogo namasu, salads, pastries, coffee, tea, etc.

Our many thanks to Hilda and Stanley for their generosity and effort and to Mr. Art Wong (instructor) for his patience with green-horns such as yours truly.

ICHIYAMA'S GRANDPARENTS

The Eddie Ichiyama's became the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, a boy, about a month ago. We understand that much of their leisure hours are now spent in Hawaii Kai with the grandson.

LETTERS FROM YONEDAS

A letter was received from Sachi Yoneda in April, which we have not acknowledged to date. Sorry about that.

Sachi wrote that Blackie is now bowling with his company's team and is averaging about 180. She is attending Law School on a part-time basis. Wish I was half as ambitious.

The Yonedas became grandparents for the 4th time, to a granddaughter. We finally had a granddaughter, Sachi says.

They had a good time at a get together with Sho & Yoshiko Doiwchi, Tad & Lily Tokuda and Toll Okazaki to discuss matters pertaining to the upcoming reunion.

Blackie, in his letter of May 17, says that they're getting along fine. Sachi manages a place that makes mirror doors and Blackie works for a company named Calsonic, which distributes Datsun air conditioner parts to all the states.

There was a meeting at Blackie's home recently for further discussions on the get together for the reunion. In attendance were Tad & Lily Tokuda, Toll Okazaki, Sho & Yoshiko Doiwchi and the Yonedas. Others such as Steve Takeuchi and Okamuro couldn't make it, he said.

At a later date Tad & Lily Tokuda invited Joe Hattori (Reunion Chairman) and wife Florence to a meeting attended by Tee & Kay Sugita, James Mizuno & wife Toshi, Manabi & Sumie Hirasaki, Blackie & Sachi. Blackie said they all enjoyed the 10 course Chinese dinner prepared for them by Lily Tokuda. Stanley Sakai is too busy making money and was unable to attend, according to Blackie.

It appears that the fellas in L.A. are really planning on a good time for all attending the reunion. You can rest assured Blackie, that we're really looking forward to seeing you guys and gals in about 2 months.

The Yonedas visited the Manabi Hirasakis farm in Oxnard and was impressed by his operation where strawberries are grown year after year on about 90 acres. Manabi Hirasaki is a "Big Wheel", Yoneda says.

Sachi and Blackie sends their best regards to all.

INVASION OF WHEELER FIELD

The 442nd Dance club members and guests (59 people) invaded Wheeler Air Force Base in Wahiawa and occupied the Officers Club without any resistance or casualties on May 22.

Members converged on the air base from various parts of the island and rendezvoused at the Officers Club at about 0630 for an evening of dining, dancing, drinking and B.S.

The chow consisted of Alaska King crablegs, steak, etc. (all you can eat) which was enjoyed by all.

The dance instructors, Mich & Shinako Takata, Joe & Peggy Obayashi, Biggie & Jessie Nakakura, Mits & Ellen Kunihiro performed the Jive (Jibe?) waltz, cha-cha, and rhumba respectively. The exhibitions were beautifully done and this reporter wonders if ever he'll be able to dance half as well as the instructors. Perhaps he will--- but only in dreams.

END



by Mino Suzumoto

The much maligned "light at the end of the tunnel" is for real, as far as the Nisei Veterans Reunion - Los Angeles version is concerned. It's here and I'm hoping you're all going to be able to take it in stride. Our travel-honcho BRUNO YAMADA, in his latest 'release' presents the Vancouver, B.C.-Seattle segment in more detail than ever. So take a gander.

July 28 - Wednesday

1:15 p.m. Leave Honolulu UAL 62
10:15 p.m. Arrive Seattle
Transfer to Airport/Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - Holiday Inn

July 29 Thursday

9:00 a.m. Depart for Vancouver via Grayline
12:00 noon Arrive in Vancouver
Lunch - Bus Driver's prerogative
1:00 p.m. Tour Queen Elizabeth Park
2:30 p.m. Check into Sandman Inn/Howe
Free to roam downtown Vancouver
5:30 p.m. Pickup at Hotel for drive thru Gaston.
6:00 p.m. Arrive in Chinatown---Roam around for 1 hour.
7:00 p.m. Chinese Dinner (Ming's recommended)
9:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

July 30 Friday

7:00 a.m. Pickup at Hotel for Golfers - Univ. B.C. Golf Course
9:00 a.m. Pickup at Hotel for Vancouver tour
" Grouse Mountain
" Capilano Suspension Bridge
" Lunch
to 2:00 Stanley Park/Nitobe Japanese Gardens at UBC
2:00 p.m. Pick up golfers
Balance of afternoon free to roam downtown Vancouver
6:00 p.m. Pick up for dinner ("Seven Seas" Seafood Restaurant recommended).
Balance of evening free

July 31 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Pickup at Sandman Inn/Vancouver for Seattle
12:00 noon Arrive in Seattle
Lunch at Captain's Table
Golfers will be picked up at Captain's Table (via private car)
1:00 p.m. Tour Hiram Chittenden Locks
Pike Street Market

3:00 p.m. Arrive at Kennedy Hotel
Balance of afternoon free to relax or roam downtown Seattle
6:30 p.m. Pickup at Kennedy Hotel
Barbecue Dinner at NVC Clubhouse
Social for balance of evening
(Complimentary - Seattle NVC and I Company group).

August 1 Sunday

8:00 a.m. Pickup for Golfers (via private car) Capital City G.C./Olympia, WA (Tournament w/Mint G.C. from 10:00 am)
10:00 a.m. All day tour for non-golfers to City Tour - including Uwajimaya, Chinatown, Pioneer Square, Seattle Waterfront, Lake Washington, over Floating Bridge to Bellevue, Evergreen Bridge to U. of W.
3:00 p.m. Transfer to NVC Clubhouse
7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner at NVC Clubhouse Social
10:00 p.m. Back to Kennedy Hotel
10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room at Kennedy Hotel. All of above activities from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Complimentary - Co. I., Group from Seattle.

August 2 Monday

8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room/Continental breakfast.
Open until noon.
12:00 noon Depart for Sea-Tac Airport.
1:50 p.m. Leave Seattle on United Airline 935 for Reno.
3:16 p.m. Arrive at Reno Airport Accomodations at the Reno Hilton Hotel.
Rest of day will be free time.
11:00 p.m. Depart for MGM Hotel & Casino for "Hello Hollywood Hello".

August 3 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Golfers depart for Wildcreek Golf Course.
Free day for remainder of group.
7:00 p.m. Optional dinner shows to be arranged later.
11:00 p.m. "Hello Hollywood Hello" for those who could not make it on Monday night.

August 4 Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Optional tour to Virginia City and Lake Tahoe.
More golfing upon request.
Evening will be free time.

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August 5 Thursday

- 1:35 p.m. Leave Reno on United Airline 1132, for Los Angeles.
2:49 p.m. Arrive in Los Angeles for Nisei Veterans Reunion.

An acknowledgement of some sort is in order here and Mr. YAMADA wants it understood by everyone, that he deeply appreciates the efforts of SHIRO & LOU KASHINO, WILSON MAKABE and those of JIM YAMASHITA, for all their help in bringing our Co. I itinerary to completion in the given time slot.

The names of 2 bonafide Itemites, that of KAZU TAKEKAWA and BILL NAGANUMA, both very much in the swim to the Los Angeles convention, were missing from our list the previous time around. And I apologize for the omission. BRUNO and I owe you guys one when we get to smogsville, U.S.A.

The RICHARD "Curly" KANAYAMA'S from Hilo have cancelled out. I'm sure their many kotonk aikanes who've been expecting the couple to show will be in for a big disappointment.

Incidentally, very conspicuous by their absence during this NVR will be ISHUP and SETS TANDO Chicago, IL. I've been hoping I'd get a call from ELLEN'S husband, telling me that their names have suddenly appeared on the Co. I list after all, but, to no avail, as this goes to press.

Just as I specifically promised in the prior "Bulletin," here then are the Itemites & Itemites-at-heart who upheld the honor of Co. I at the 442nd Veterans Club 39th Anniversary Banquet, Sheraton-Waikiki, March 27, 1982. 42 of them: RALPH ARASHIRO; HIRAM DOI; Treas. TAD FUJISHIGE; with guest ED LOPES; TOGO NAKAGAWA (his JANE stayed home hampered by "not feeling up to par"); DONALD and BARBARA KAMEDA; MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO; C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO.

KENNETH & BETTY OKUMA; CLARENCE & NANCY TABA; LARRY & MARION ISHIKAWA; SUB ITAKURA (Kauai...was persuaded to attend, by his buddy C.B., but, because of the over-flow situation, couldn't be seated with Mr. KAKAMOTO); SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA; JAMES & PATSY OKIMOTO.

Prexy TERRY & ELSIE ARATANI with guest JOHN & REI HAMANO plus HIDEO & ESTHER UENO; BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA; BILL "Ele" GONZALES and DORA CHUNG.

CHAMP SUZUKI with BELLA NAGATOSHI; STAN & TERRY YAMAMOTO; BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA; FRANCIS & JUDY SUGAI; JOE & ELAINE HANZAWA...A news flash has CHAMP shooting an amazing net 62 (sixty two)

at the Kaneohe Klipper Course on Sunday, May 23. Just a reminder here, to whom it may concern, the next time Mr. SUZUKI is tempted to ask for strokes. (Are you with us, FRANK SHIMADA?)

Heard at the Hawaii State Democratic Party Convention, Ilikai Hotel, May 28-30. "There are 2 reasons why you shouldn't unload your troubles on just anyone's shoulders. First of all, 80% of the listeners don't give a damn. Secondly, the other 20% is damn glad you've got problems and earnestly hope you'll be stuck with them forever! "Sounds like something that comes out of the mouth of STAN YAMAMOTO. Ha.

Also, "People now-a-days are placed in 3 category; the young, the middle aged and 'Hey! You're looking pretty good!' Maybe I should have saved this last one for the NVR.

Due mainly to the time element (deadline) and because I've given my word to editor TAD SAKAI that I'll keep my "draft" for this issue down to 3 pages or so I'll have to terminate it here.

My embarrassed apology to JAMES OKIMOTO for leaving out his name from our newest Co. I directory (pointed out to me by BOZO)...To people like TOMMY UEDA and MITS OSHIRO, who continuously make attendance at our monthly meetings a pleasure by their generosity, on behalf of TERRY ARATANI and us plain folks, "Mahalo nui-loa!"

END



by Hichi Matsumoto

LOS ANGELES REUNION

Like the old folks would say, the "nago-matte ita" Reunion is just around the corner. And like all past Reunions, the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter will be well represented.

Just to make certain that there will be no idle moment at any time, a full slate of doings are scheduled from day one to day last. The Reunion, no doubt, is the main event of this trip but the pre and post doings are just as attractive. For starters, the golfers will go at it for a couple of days in San Diego before heading north. For some it's Vegas first and then Westward Ho. For the majority of us Reunion ga sunda ato, it's on to Alaska to rub noses with the Eskimos. P.S. If no can do, then the good wife must do.

CHAPTER MEETING

If memory serves us correctly (we think da nomiso still yet pololoi) this April meeting was the first time in the history of our chapter, the mother club president paid us a visit. Dohmo thank you too much, Ernest Uno, for making time. It was our pleasure. For us deko ageta.

Much was accomplished this night. The all important Memorial & Welfare policy which was updated recently by the committee was presented by the Chairman, Walter Matsumoto, and approved by the members 100%. Other committee members, Eddie Kamikawa, Eddie Kawamoto, Hichi Matsumoto, Joe Sato & Barney Zenigami.

Ancora, the attendance was overflowing. The refreshments and pupus, all kinds and plenty, no need make any kind emryo. Like for instance, if you go beyond your limit, no more 'nuff for the next guy.

May's meeting was a repeat of the previous month.

ANNUAL BANQUET

If you didn't see the usual 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter crowd in the foyer during the cocktail hour....they were up in Suite #1802, our hospitality room for the evening.

If the guys and gals too, never eat too much and had more nokoris than usual...they were making darn sure get enough room in their stomach for ochazuke later in the hospitality room, the evening's festivities ga sunda ato. But some

guys no can wait that long. During the course of the dinner, the darn thing kini kakatte, they went take off upstairs no sooner than the formal portion of the program went pau. No can help, that stuff irresistible and some good.

The only way we can describe the conglomerate of tsukemono that was narabe totta on the table in the hospitality room was far out and totemo utsukushii katta. The beautiful and breath-taking sight (sigh) reminded us of the tsukemono department one whole floor in the Mitsukoshi store in Tokyo when we went Japan with the 442 kanko back in 1972. Just about all the wives nanika (rice, tsukemono, tea) teni sagete kita that's why takusan atta with no two alike. Just thinking about it as we write this article, yoo-dare ga koborete donkon naran bai.

Our ways and thinking are western (mostly) but when comes to certain things yappari nihon-jin and a perfect example of the old saying, you can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of him.

Johdan or not but some guys ga yaunoni, some people didn't know the hospitality room number (only the floor) but never get too much trouble finding it. You know how they went find 'em? Easy, like eating apple pie. What they did was atama wo tsukote used their noses and sniffed their way. To the last person, they said that the daikon no takuan no aroma was so piercing that it would clear up any clogged nose. Motte koi for guys with sinus. Like the old folks used to say, kusaka hodo umaka. Da kine no need taste, look 'nuff, you start drooling. Everybody went eat up but still nokori ga atta because you know our wives, no 'nuff nara iken to onote.

Oh, the banquet. Wuz da typical 442 kind. Dunno why but the crowd is getting less and less as time marches on. But you couldn't tell the difference on the dance floor. It was like a traffic jam on H-1 (freeway) during peak hours. We had our usual crowd and occupied all of six tables.

To ibaru is not our game but just wanna give credit where credit should be given. These 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members went shine up. Rodney Yamashiro was the General Chairman. Tommy Kiyo-saki was the Master of Ceremonies. Also, Walter Matsumoto and Ben Ono were on the steering committee. Hold it, no pau yet. The boys went kokua transport the band equipment and instruments.

The evening's music was supplied by the Molina Brothers. A very talented and widely known play-by-ear musicians from Maui. The best

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Part was they play da kine music everybody knows; ... '30's and '40's hit parade tunes.

Lilimo forget, the banquet was at Sheraton Waikiki, the site of the 1979 Reunion. More of our people kuru to ometa but only Roscoe & Barbara Haruki came from da tonari islands. Occasions like this, usually the Arisumis of Maui kara dete kuru.

Tommy K., him no okagede we got the Hospitality Room and the band.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Some may not realize it but our Chapter boys don don furui natte kiyoru. The exclusive Makule Club membership as the local old folks would say, One more futa. Masao Yamasaki considered to be on the wakaburi side when joining the army back in 1943 is the latest to be admitted. We still have a few more guys (maybe less we dunno because get some guys like women, never talk about age) on the sunny side of 60 yet. Dem mo nagonai. Boy, osoroshii yoni how time flies.

The newly inductee's birthday party was at Natsunoya Tea House up Alewa Heights. Saisai kuru mon like George Yamada (of LA) knows the place only too well. The chapter had numerous get togethers there. Anyway Masao was ready for this one (59 years, 11 months 3 weeks and 6 days). He never went hold back nothing and went bagaloose and go for broke. Nigiyakana party with plenty to eat and more to drink. Wife Yvonne, to make pleasant for the guests, yoh kowo kika-shite chanto had seats wit da kine backrest for yukkuri to you can relax and enjoy yourself. After all, had more guys more ancient than her danna san.

Masao is not the flashy type dresser but konban dake he went duke 'em up. None of that traditional mukashi wear like the chanchanko and da papale dat go wit 'em but colorful (very) red and white Hawaiian print aloha shirt. Loud? Was hadena. This party being in his honor, he was like the boy scouts motto, "Prepared", and had his repertoire of songs at the ready. Daibun secret practice seta daro.

Boo-coo relatives and hokano friends mo kitotta but seemed more like another chapter gathering. Just about the whole Engrs/Band members and wives were in attendance. To make it more so, the MC for this happy and festive occasion was K.K. of J.A.L. from L.A. Like always, he (Kiyo Kimura) was da main boy. Supporting casts were Joe Sato and guitar, Doc Kawamoto, Harry Fujii, Bob Ishikawa, S.T. Fujioka, Paul

Watanabe, Calvin Yasuhara and The Choir headed by Eddie Kanaya. These guys no need to be coaxed to go up on center stage and show their stuff. In fact, they were waiting in the wing for equal time. Anything for the happy birthday boy, they said.

Brother-in-law Whitey Sato puts it best: "The invitation for 6:00 p.m. but you (Engrs) guys here by 5:30." We took that as a compliment and not an insult. After all, dis kine stuff once in a lifetime thing that's why hayo kara kite stay until oidasareru-made. The boys wanna make damn sure he gets inducted into the elite club properly with all the fanfare.

The atmosphere and food was a good change of pace. Usually or safer to say, almost always, chopsuey dimmer. Nothing wrong with that but too much of the same, sugu agu, eh.

Masao recently retired from work, federal civil service. No worry about what he's gonna do in retirement because this is one guy who knows how to relax.

GUEST CORNER

Hisashi Kubota, 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's mainland correspondent reports to you from Tennessee:

"Having arrived at that uncertain stage of life when one lives from day to day not knowing what tricks his body will be playing on him, I made up my mind I would visit my old friends around the country particularly in Hawaii, as often as possible while my physical condition would permit such undertakings. Now that an excuse was established, the next step was in some manner or other, to inveigle the better half to go, or at the very least, obtain permission if I were to go alone. Over the past several years, it has been my practice to go alone on trips (mostly business but also events such as the Nisei Vets Reunion) not because I was tonosama but because the frau felt obligated to stay at home and keep watch over the kids. Of course, I did very little to discourage such an attitude. Now that the last of the kids is out of high school, I thought it might not be too difficult to persuade her to make such a trip to Hawaii, so I prepared what I thought was a rather good selling job and approached her with it. After what I considered to be an eloquent delivery on my part, I waited for her reaction, but there was neither yea or nay. Well, that shoots my Hawaii trip for this year I thought, however, a few days later she asked 'when would be a good time to go?' Being confronted with what seemed like a reprieve, I answered, 'anytime you feel convenient.'" So it

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turned out that the trip was arranged which incidentally coincided with her high school class reunion and one of her kinfolk's wedding. Even after more than thirty years of married life, I had not learned that the other half is always ahead of you. She had comed me into thinking that this trip was entirely my own and that she was just accommodating me. It brought back memories of a small booklet which was picked up from a dead Japanese soldier and brought to my attention. It was titled, "A Housewife's Premier." It started out to the effect that "let's face it, it is us housewives who run everything both in the home and in the country, however, the trick is to run the show while keeping things under control and let the menfolk think they are running the show and originating the ideas we put into their mouths." It made me wonder whether the wife who pretends not to be able to read Japanese is playing possum or somehow had gotten hold of a translation.

In any event, I found myself back in Honolulu the early part of August, so I dropped in on the clubhouse one morning to say hello to Bob Sasaki and also to inquire when the Engrs. would next meet. The date given was a couple days later, and I managed to remember the date and made it to the clubhouse on the appointed evening. I entered on a scene very unlike anything I had ever seen as far as conducting meetings was concerned. What I came across seemed like a cross between the Dai Isshiki and Dai Nishiki of Japanese gatherings. There was a semblance of a meeting taking place at the center of the hall while this business area was fringed by different groups attacking assorted pupus and being complemented by a bar on the fourth side. Needless to say, everyone was busily engaged, and it seemed such an efficient way to conduct a meeting, however, the poor officers did not get too much refreshment during the meeting, but they put dedication above everything else. What impressed me greatly was the number of guys present. I recalled meetings of the past when we had to almost shanghai guys to show up, and this seemingly spontaneous turnout of such large number surely was great. I should have simply said hello and retreated, but the lure of the old days was too great, and I stuck around for a while. I was to regret this in due time.

When I saw him approaching with a smile, I knew I was finished. First the usual greetings, then the buttering up, and then the gentle persuader. Now, it was no high powered pitch he hit me with, but before I knew it, I had agreed to write just one more account for the Bulletin. That Hichi is a sly one.

Now this occurred two years ago. It is the story of my life getting myself into situations from which I wonder how I ever got into such a mess and just how to extricate myself. There was no reunion that year. In fact, it was a time of letdown from the reunion of the previous year. What in the world could I write about sitting in the hills of East Tennessee which could be of interest to the people of Hawaii. A long time ago, I made the statement describing this area to be wonderful in April when the dogwoods are in bloom and in October when the leaves turn color, and back come the statement "but what do you have in between?"

The next thought was to forget it, however, the guilty feeling keeps creeping up all the time. Then there is the upcoming NVR, and I am sure Hichi is not going to forget that I had agreed to do this bit. What can be worse than becoming the target for his barbed comments. Meanwhile the months kept rolling along.

In the meantime, there transpired a major change in my lifestyle. I retired from my job of the last 26 years, and started an altogether different life. After several months of this new life, it suddenly dawned on me that here is something I have in common with many of the guys back in Hawaii and certainly this is an area of interest because most of us eventually will fall into this category.

The idea of retirement apparently is a rather recent development particularly where retirement with some sort of stipend is concerned. Where once the general rule was to die in one's boots while still working and only a lucky few who struck it rich could retire, today almost everyone retires at 65 if not sooner and collects some sort of pension.

The Roosevelt administration concocted the concept of social security. The way it was initially designed, it was a wonderful thing providing insurance for the family of the worker in the event of his death, a disability compensation in the event he became disabled, and finally a pension to tide over his final days once he reached his 62nd or 65th birthday. There was a time in the fifties when the social security funds were accumulating to such a high level that congress could not stand still and began loosening some of the requirements. Then came medicare. So now social security is in trouble and has become a sore point that is haunting the powers that be. On the other hand, the retirees who depend almost entirely on the social security check for subsistence are uneasy not knowing when the boom will be lowered. It does seem that most of the vet-

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erans in our category will be assured at least some return, and they will possibly be better off than the younger ones to follow.

Many of the larger companies have pension plans as has the federal government. Most of these plans have some formula which takes into account, age and company service to determine when and with how much one can retire. About ten years or so ago, there was a trend for people who became eligible for company pension even at some rather low level to retire early and either look for another job or just take it easy. I can remember many who just could not wait for that day to come, however, another fly in the ointment appeared. There was the nasty item of inflation.

Twenty-five years ago, one could pick up a magazine and find insurance company ads saying retire in 10 years at \$150 a month. Ten years later the same ad said retire on \$300 a month. If one had gone into such a plan 15 years ago and retired 5 years ago on \$300 a month, his would be a marginal existence at best. This unexpectedly accelerated increase in inflation is causing havoc among the ones who had planned to retire between 50 and 60. Very few can find another job anywhere close to the one he presently holds, and it is only a very few who can make it on just company pension plus something else he has stashed away. So there has been a temporary lull in early retirements, and it will be interesting to see whether the situation will change in the near future.

About 15 years ago an interesting item appeared from the industrial relations department at the plant where I used to work. It turned out that, at that time, the average number of pensions checks collected by a retiree was 17. In other words, the average retiree lived only about a year and half after retirement. This was an appalling statistic. At that time, most of the retirees were craftsmen, and they accepted retirement in the true spirit of the word. They retired. But it seems that retirement was not the heaven they had anticipated, and boredom, lack of incentive, and lack of activity drove them to early graves. Because of this situation, there have been many attempts to prepare people for retirement. Most of these efforts were disorganized and stressed some single phase of interest, however, the last few years have seen more planned programs, and there are some national organizations which aid in readying people for retirement.

So in February a year ago, my company organized its first seminar for retirees to be, and I was one of the charter members. Ideally, this course should be taken roughly 5 years before retirement so one can prepare for that eventual

day. This being the first class of this kind at this company, there were many besides me who were on the verge of being 65 or already past it. It is a 8-9 week affair meeting once every week covering various aspects of the life that was coming. There was an invited specialists each week, a doctor to discuss health problems, a lawyer for legal problems, a representative from social security, etc.

So now I should be all prepared to enjoy the next or rather the last years of my life. I have all the theory, but like any other area, theory is not much good unless there is some practical application to back it up. So I have spent the last five months trying to reconcile all the knowledge I acquired at the seminars with the practical side.

Some guys have the knack of adapting to new situations so easily you would think they had trained for it. Others like yours truly take a while to fit in with the new conditions. This is where it seems the engineers back in Honolulu have a big advantage. There is a substantial cadre of retirees already operating which can advise and even lead the new retiree by hand as he adjusts to his new found life. That is something I do not have, and besides, I do not golf, bowl, or fish. Traveling is OK, however, always being on the road takes a lot out of me. So allow 2 - 3 months out of year for travel. That still leaves 9-10 months more to account for.

What I really lack, I told myself after several weeks of self inquiry, is something of a long term nature which will keep me interested and occupied for a long period. One thought that occurred was to start writing a book about my experiences in the war. Not for print, but just for the heck of trying to remember many of the events that took place 3-40 years ago and which become more interesting every time I recall them. The big problem is that I made no notes, no diary. I cuss the damn military brass which took away my diary just before we boarded the Lurline in April 1944. They said they would return the diaries to us, but I guess they just chucked them away or burned them. They could have been honest about it and said no diaries allowed. In any event, many of my memories border on the thin margin between fact and fiction. So there ended the prospective accounts of the GI exploits of myself.

The weather warmed up almost to spring-like temperature a few weeks, and I got out in the yard to clean up some of the mess that winter had left behind. While clearing up one area, I came across a stunted maple plant only a few inches high. At

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least I think it is maple since there were no leaves this time of the year to insure this statement. No matter what it was, it was stunted, and there appeared a suggestion to my dilemma. I shall take up the ancient and revered Japanese art of bonsai culture. I know I am not going to be an artistic success, but the challenge was there to grow these miniatures which survive for up to hundreds of years. I don't think I will be around that long, and if I should, I don't think I will be able to afford it. At the same time, social security needs a break.

And so I have been reading what literature I can get hold of with the hope that I can grow these plants. At the same time, what available paraphernalia is being collected, and I will soon be roaming the woods in search of possible candidates for my collection. It would be nice if I could say that I have some specimens for people to see, however, this project still is in the blueprint stage. You may wonder why even mention something one has not yet started. The obvious answer is I have to get this account to Hichi before this year's NVR."

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So says the VA . . . BEETLE BAILEY

by MORT WALKER



Contact nearest VA office
[check your phone book] or
a local veterans group.



by Bruno Yamada

GOODWILL BASEBALL

Eighteen boys from the State High Schools have been selected to represent Hawaii in a series of five goodwill baseball games between Hawaii and the Fukuoka Prefecture Senior High School teams of Japan. The team will leave on August 17 and return on August 28, 1982.

The players selected are: MARK BEAVERS (Punahou), MATT BRIGHT (Iolani), KEITH VIERRA (St. Louis), DAVID MIYASATO and ROSS SAKAMOTO (Castle), RANDY OYAMA and ALAN HIGUCHI (Aiea), JASON MASUDA (Roosevelt) and GLEN NAKAMA (Kaiser). Others selected were: KYLE KOBASHICAWA (Waianae), MIKE HIMSL (Mili-lani), EDWIN WAKUMOTO (Pearl City), NELSON INABATA and DANNY KAPEA (Waipahu), KELSEY ISA and DEAN YAMASHITA (Maui), ROSS NISHI (Waikeke) and BULLY BULOCAN (Kauai).

The team will be coached by Masa Yonamine and Mike Sugai. Officials making the tour will be Club President Ernest Uno, Tom Kiyosaki, Robert Sasaki, Katsugo Miho, Bruno Yamada and Maui Senator Mamoru Yamasaki, representing the State of Hawaii.

AJA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 11th annual AJA Veterans Council golf tournament will be held at the Pali Golf Course on Saturday, July 24, 1982. Tee-off time will start from 9:00 a.m. and it will be limited to the first 120 golfers. An entry fee of \$22 will include green, cart and tournament fees and an award banquet.

Tournament chairman Stanley Takahashi of Club 100 plans to have a A, B, Guest and Ladies Flight if enough entrants are received. Deadline for entry is Saturday, July 10, 1982.

The four veterans clubs will also compete for a special team prize. The team will consist of 3 'A' Flighters and 3 'B' Flighters. Last year's team champion was the 442nd Veterans Club. The team consisted of Fred Ida, Mich Takata, Bob Hirayama, Terumi Kato, Francis Tsuzuki and Robert Tanna.

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11TH ANNUAL A*J*A VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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COURSE: PALI GOLF COURSE

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1982

TEE-OFF TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Report to the Starter at least 45 minutes prior to starting time.

ENTRY FEE: \$22.00 includes: Green and cart fees, tournament fee, and awards banquet.

AWARDS BANQUET: Will be held at the Club 100 Clubhouse. Proceed immediately following the tournament to Club 100 Clubhouse. Free refreshments starting about 4:00 PM. Awards to be presented after early dinner.

FLIGHTS: Tentatively -- A, B, Guest, and Ladies Flights. Flights will be determined by the number of entrants received.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. A & B Flights -- Paid-up members of the four AJA veterans clubs: 442nd, 1399th, M.I.S. and Club 100.
2. Guest Flight -- Adult sons (18 or over) of paid-up members of the four AJA clubs; guests invited by the tournament committee; and associate members in good standing of the four clubs above-mentioned. (Maximum - 20)
3. Ladies' Flight -- Wives and adult daughters (18 or over) of paid-up members of the four AJA veterans clubs. (Maximum - 20)

DEADLINE: The entry fee and entry blank MUST be submitted not later than SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1982. Only the first 120 entries will be accepted. Make check payable to: AJA VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF.

Mail entry blank and entry fee to:
AJA VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF
c/o Club 100, 520 Kamoku Street
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In case of withdrawal after July 22, 1982, only \$12.00 will be refunded. Full refund for withdrawal before deadline.

TEAM PRIZE: The four veterans clubs will be shooting for a special team prize. A team will consist of 6 golfers from each club (3 'A' Flight, and 3 'B' Flight), whose names must be submitted to the committee prior to tee-off time.

PRIZES: A detailed list of prizes to be awarded for each flight will be distributed prior to tee-off time.

ENTRY BLANK - 11TH ANNUAL OAHU A*J*A VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT ***

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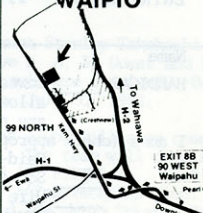


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May 20, 1982

AREA OFFICE LETTER NO. 82-11

SUBJECT: 30 Percent Disabled Veterans: A Quick and Simple Way to Fill Positions

TO: Appointing Officers, Hawaii, Guam and the Pacific Overseas Area Veterans Organizations, " " " " " "

There is a quick and easy method to fill positions using the special hiring authority for disabled veterans who have compensable service-connected disabilities of 30 percent or more. When an agency finds a veteran who has left active service with a disability of 30 percent or more or has been rated by the Veterans Administration with such a disability, the agency can hire the veteran under a temporary appointment of more than 60 days and then convert the veteran to career or career-conditional appointment at any time.

This special authority for disabled veterans is greatly underused, as data from 1981 shows that during the first half of the year, only 163 appointments under the special authority were made worldwide. Nearly all of the 163 appointments were made in the Department of the Army and the Veterans Administration. Other Defense and civilian agencies made almost no use of the authority.

Information on appointment of 30 percent disabled veterans is contained in FPM Chapter 315, Subchapter 7-8 and in FPM Letter No. 300-27. Agencies are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this appointing authority as it can be a prime way to meet goals for the employment of veterans. When OPM assumes full responsibility for affirmative action for disabled veterans in 1983, Federal agencies will be asked to establish annual affirmative action plans and to report accomplishments for reporting to Congress. Agencies are, therefore, being encouraged to start planning now by establishing routine procedures for the consideration and hiring of disabled veterans through the special authority.

Kay Frances Dolan
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Area Manager

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The Hawaii State Employment Service has provided two veterans employment representatives on a full time basis to provide job counseling and job placement to veterans who visit the Veterans Administration Regional Office, PJKK Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana, Honolulu, and the Veterans Center, 1291 Kapiolani Blvd., Honolulu.

These employment specialists are available to provide a full range of employment services to eligible veterans who visit the Veterans Administration Regional Office as well as the Veterans Center. Their duties include providing job applications and labor market information, including selection and referral to job openings. They will make every reasonable effort to place rehabilitated veterans and other "job ready" veterans who visit the Veterans Administration in positions consistent with their respective vocational training and skills. They will assist veterans in locating employment in the private sector and federal employment.

Priority will be given to disabled veterans, however there are no restrictions on veterans without disabilities regarding the same service. Employers wishing to hire veterans may call the following places:

1. State Job Bank, phone number: 548-4110
2. Veterans Administration, phone number: 546-8962.

Veterans are encouraged to visit the employment representative located within the Veterans Administration or at the Veterans Center.

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PATTI SAKAI is busy... she received her Bachelor's degree in May. And she is planning to get married... to LEON LABA, JR. So, she is busy! She and LEON has made plans... they will get married at the Parker United Methodist Church and will have a luau at Waimanalo!

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rant, a shrimp dish at the Fish Market, etc. We took a city bus tour and a riverboat tour through the bayous. And wandered up and down the French Quarters in the evenings. The weather was with us and all in all it was a very pleasant time. And as we ate dinner one evening, I remembered the time we invited ourselves to dinner with Kozuma at an elegant restaurant and after dinner we told the waiter to give the check to him and walked out. It's a good thing he was a good sport (and also had the cash). He was a corporal and we were privates.

We spent a couple of days in Baton Rouge with friends of ours, formerly from the Seattle area--the husband Kimi Watanabe was with K Company (2 purple hearts, etc.). And among other things he prepared a genuine Creole Shrimp Dinner with 20 pounds of large shrimps for a total of 8 people. We couldn't eat it all but we all tried and were we stuffed!

And all the while as we vacationed in 75 degree and 80 degree sunshine, we kept watching the news on TV where Chicago had 33 degrees and snow. "Ce la vie!"

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Timmy Yamashita, Isa Takiyama, Ray Sumikawa, P.K. Matsumoto, Kila Haraguchi, Kazuma Ogata, Wally Isobe, Kobe Shoji and guest Richard Enoka. It was such a great tournament that the next one is already scheduled for June 8 at Navy/Marine Golf course thru the courtesy of Ray Sumikawa. I've been told that it's quite a feat to schedule playing on this course. Aren't we the lucky one's to have these associates! To prevent deluge of requests, a certain unnamed executive is recognized for his donation.

Just want to mention here that our monthly meeting place seems brighter with a new paint job by Jacob Jichaku, Casey Kasadate, Cowboy Matsumura, Kila Haraguchi, Tad Sakai, Yoshiji Aoki, Pete Cabral, Charley Gerlach, P.K. Matsumoto and Allen Nakamura and Ray Sumikawa.

Congratulations to the following families: Kazuo & Kazuko Fink on becoming grandparents when Mel & Susan Cup Choy presented them with a 6# 7 oz grandson, Daniel Joseph Kulani Cup Choy (what, no buddahead name? ha!) on April 8, 1982. To Bill & Harumi Hagio for being grandparents to their first grandson after five granddaughters.

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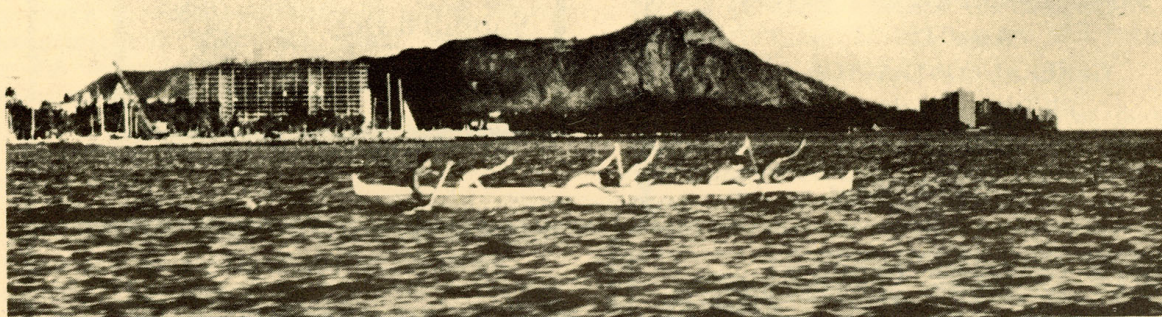
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