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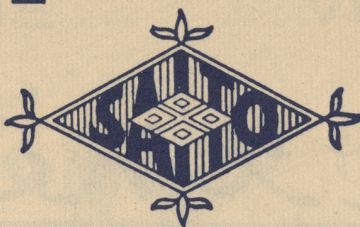


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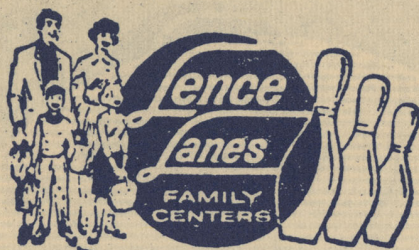
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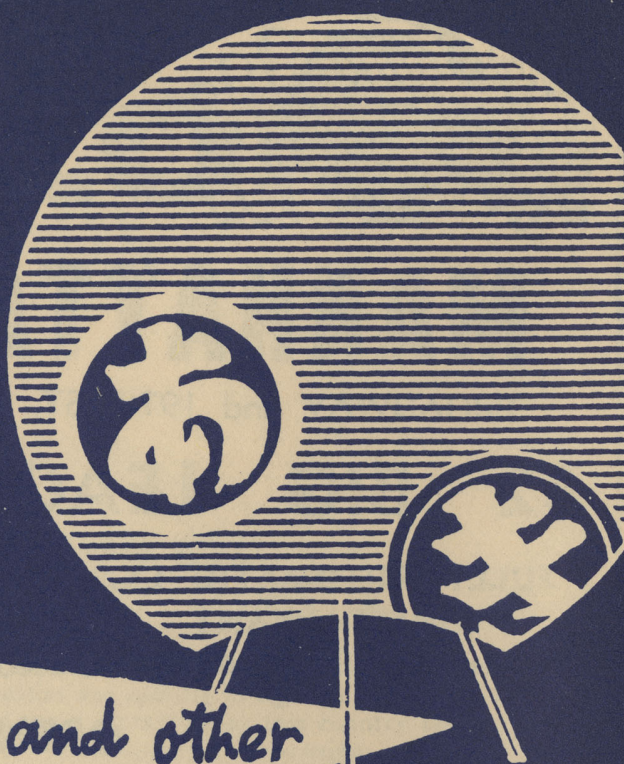
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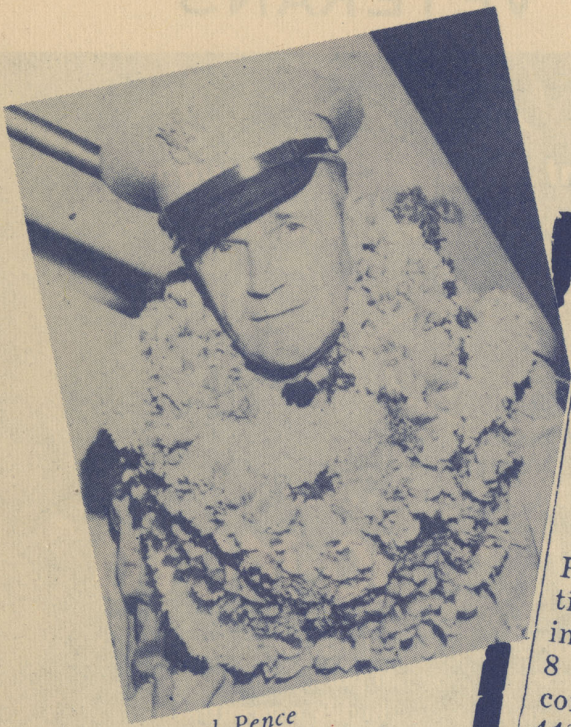
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We're POSITIVELY POGO'd by M'sieur WALT KELLY who has once again "POGOne for Broke" by granting us Oriental POGophiles permission to use his famous possum to grace the Journal cover. We are also grateful to his pilau assistant, HENRY SHIKUMA, who approached POGO's creator on our behalf. Arigato gozaimasu and Mahalo!





General Pence

## FINAL TAPS

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1961

### Wartime 442 Head Dies in Ft. Benning

Brigadier General Charles W. Pence, (U.S. Army, Ret.), wartime commander of the 442nd Regimental Combat team, died Oct. 8 in Fort Benning, Georgia, according to a wire received by the 442nd Veterans Association here.

Irving Akahoshi, president of the local organization, wired condolences on behalf of its members.

At the time of his death General Pence was an executive officer of the National Bank of Fort Benning.

Under his command the Japanese American unit, through its feats became the most decorated unit of its size in the history of the U.S. Armed Forces. Then a colonel, General Pence was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre from France, and Purple Heart.

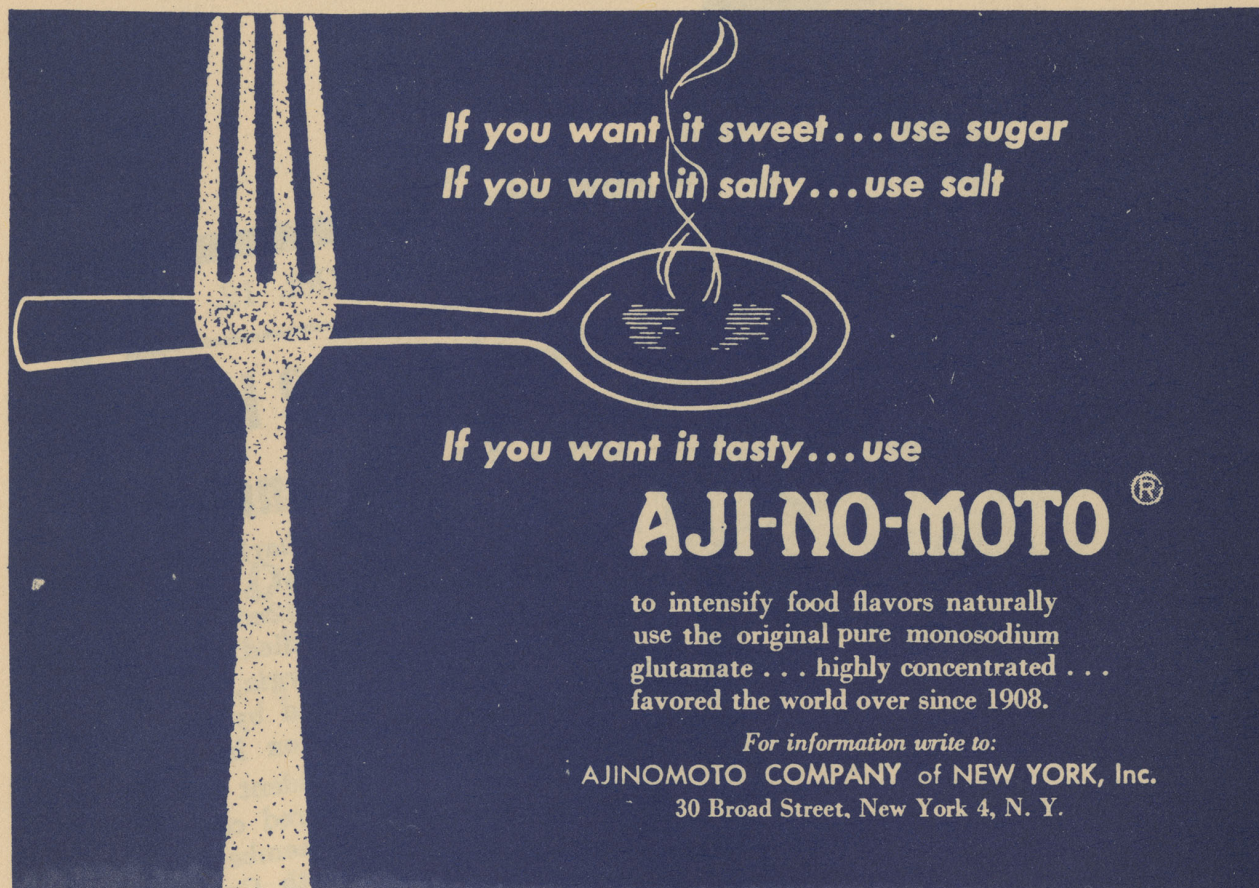
He was injured in action during the Vosges campaign in Eastern France, a battle which was climaxed by the relief of a battalion of the 36th Division to which the unit was attached at the time.

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General Pence was hospitalized, and his command was taken over by Col. Virgil R. Miller, executive officer.



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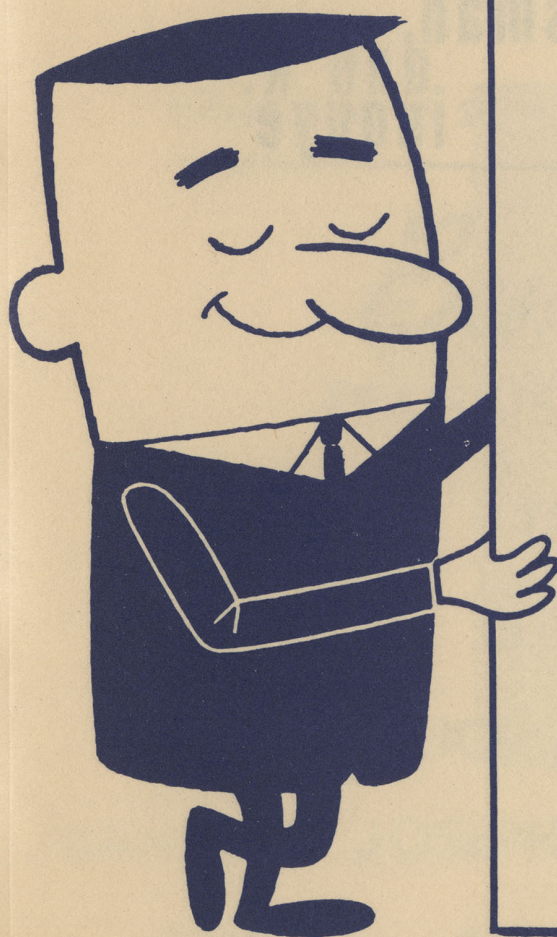
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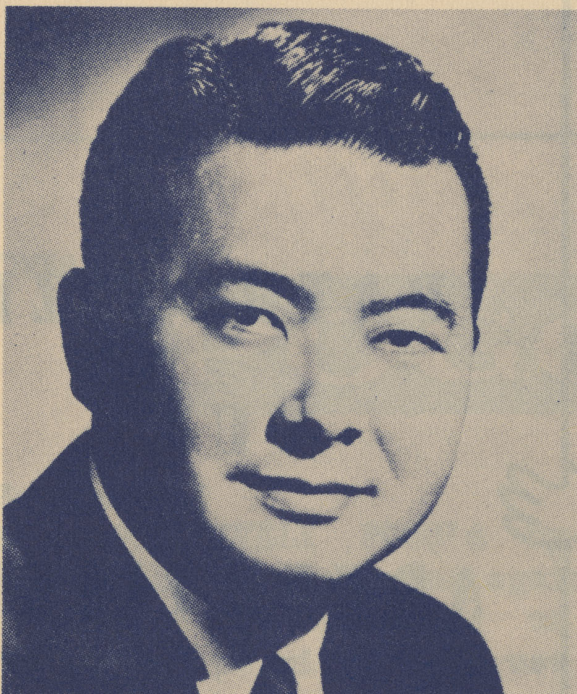
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