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BAMBOO GARDEN INVITES NSO GIRLS AND GI'S FOR CHICKEN DINNER

Tommy and June Lee, genial proprietors of the Bamboo Garden are inviting all the NSO hostesses and GI's to a chicken dinner at their Union City bite-club and restaurant on Saturday, March 15. The girls will be admitted free. The GI's fee will be \$1.00, which is less than half price. (Where else can one have a chicken dinner with a bunch of cute chicks for a dollar?).

Gals and fellas' are asked to be at the restaurant around 8:00 p.m.

Buses for Union City may be taken at the new terminal at 42nd and 9th Avenue.

For any further info', phone Michi Teramoto at Mo. 5-4465; or Pat Iwamoto at Tr. 6-9473.

"WOULD LIKE TO WRITE TO SOLDIERS"

Thanks to the response of enthusiastic and interested girls, several letters have come to the organization saying, "they would like to write to soldiers". Their sincerity, warmth, and personality shown in their notes have been one of the most welcome bit of good news to hit this sheet.

Three from the West Coast who have recently responded are: Kay Kitada of Los Angeles, Calif.; Yoshiko Nakayashiki of Seattle, Wash.; and Emma Suzuki of Menlo Park, Calif. Thanks, girls! You're "all right!"

FUND DRIVE BEGINS

A fund drive has been launched to help defray cost of the Fe-Mail. Florence Kozuma, treasurer, reports that donations have come in already from several quarters.

The first donors in the order of their contributing are: Mr. and Mrs. Sho Onodera, Mr. Chik Aoyama, Mr. Atsuyoshi "German" Mito, Mr. Wilson Makabe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Koga....and Pfc. Kaz Shintani, who sent in his "share" (a mighty big one too) from the Fitzsimmon Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

MAIL RESPONSE SHOWS FE-MAIL MAKES GOOD WITH MALES. (AH-MEN)

Ever since the first edition of the Fe-Mails were distributed in mid-January, the NSO's bag, (mail-bag, that is) has been well filled with appreciative responses from GI's everywhere.

First to write was Pfc. Ray Shigemasa, formerly of Monmouth, now at Aberdeen: "A few lines of appreciation for your wonderful paper, Fe-Mail; and I shall look forward to it every month."

The second writer, Pvt. Tomo Suzuki from Indiantown Gap send in news that Pvt. Wilber Fong was now at Fort Lawton, Washington, waiting overseas assignment.

(Fong was sent to Camp Drake, Japan).

The first overseas mail came from Cpl. William Edralin who was full of info' we've wanted....namely: "Hank Kukona is in the northern combat zone. Homer Myer is somewhere in Germany. I'm in South Korea so 'no sweat'. Five other boys just left for home on rotation. They were Cpl. Malcom Akina, Chang, Arita, Tanaka and Tokoshiki. Those left here are Cpl. Shinji Oshiro, Pastana Shioishi, Nakahama, Young, and myself.

Takeshi Abe sent in a "welcome to Hokkaido" pamphlet, and said he was stationed in Camp Crawford, Hokkaido, Japan. Pfc. Mike Sakamoto is also there, and wrote: "This island is situated so near to Soviet territory that it is said that when one climbs a high hill he can see the Russky on their drill field."

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Meet "Mich" and "June" OF the Fe-Mail Staff

Two lively cuties have been appointed to the Fe-Mail staff in their respective capacities, Michi Teramoto and June Nobuto.

Mich, a Hunter College journalism and English major, will be the "club reporter", and June, a steno, will take over the circulation department.

Mich is also handling all NSO write-ups for the Pacific Citizen and Hokubei Shimpō.

NSO OFFICERS

Board Director: Conrad Kurahara
 Hostess Club Officers: Sadie Kuratomi,
 Frances Kadowaki, Sumi Young, Pat Iwamoto,
 Georgie Sawahata, Florence Kozuma,
 Michi Teramoto.
 Fe-Mail Staff: Michi Teramoto, June Nobuto,
 Bill and Mary Kochiyama.
 249 W. 62nd St., N.Y.C.

FEMALE G-2 DEPT.

Teen-age "sisters" of the NSO gals think that Monty Minami and Akio Itamura are "just wonderful---basketball players!"....And as for more court talent, George Tamaki and George Kasai represented Fort Monmouth in the First Army Badminton Tournament at Fort Benven in Massachusetts last month....And talking about other "courts", wonder who George Gee is "a-courtin'" now....

We also finally found out that Roy Hirai and Bruce Shiroma are bowling for the 442 Team. Nice going!....And, Tom Osato, Bill Sakurai, Sadao Emoto, George Arakaki and etc. Korea-boys are still "bawling" the gals over with their lively gift-of-gab via letters.....Another top correspondent is Kaz Shintani, ambulatory patient at Fitzimmon's Army Hospital. (Kaz, you certainly get the fan-mail, don't you?).

Back to sports, did you know that George Kozuma boxed in Alaska?....Another sports-minded guy is Joe Tani, a new correspondent from Camp Carson. He was a YMCA weight-lifting champ in '39....Another muscle-man, Harvey Kitaoka, recently hit the news as one of the first Nisei to win his wings in the Navy Air Corp.

Eye-catchers at the 442 Semi-Formal Dance were: Blanche Jichaku, Island 442 Queen of '48 (who came with cute George Higa); Kathy Asano, Scene magazine cover girl; "Charcoal" Yuri Nakamura (escorted by a good-lookin' DC bowler, Jimmy Takemori); Bea Seetsu, tiny kid sis of David and Ronald Seetsu; and a host of other new faces.

To remember during Leap Year---
 The saddest words of
 tongue or pen:
 "Why did I marry that
 ole hen!"

OPEN HOUSE MARCH 29

Gals, refreshments, and dancing will feature the Open House Nite for GI's only to be held in the basement of the Japanese Methodist Church at 323 W. 108th Street on March 29, from 8:00 til mid-nite.

MAIL RESPONSE (Continued)

From Chunchon, Korea, Pfc. Sadao Emoto conveys: "I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful work you are doing. If you only knew just how much it changes our feelings."

Bill Sakurai came out with: "Right now I'm giving a toast to you gals with Pabst Blue Ribbon. I could truly say that not only myself but all the boys in Korea who have received Fe-Mail are really happy." He also sent postcards of Korea, Korean money, and the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

Jack Tom, also in Korea penned: "Received your newspaper and was very grateful. It was very surprising to find my name mentioned in it."

Cowboy Sam Nakamura surprised us with: "You got a little ahead of me. I'm just on my way to Korea." (We had mentioned that he was probably already there). Oops!

From maneuvering grounds at Camp Drum, Hank Shinmoto typed: "My greatest thrill in reading the Fe-Mail was to find the names of some of my friends, and to learn of their whereabouts."

Cpl. King Ngai, now in Korea, writes: "I think your organization has captured the interests we are all seeking."

Another G.I. in Korea, Cpl. Ronald Nakahara, a newcomer to the list, suggests a pen pal column.

And, from the Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago, comes a hep note from Sgt. Mino Asato, which in part says: "Thanks---and to George Kozuma for the mentioning of this 'bum's' name."

(Others who wrote after this article was printed were: Joe Tani, George Nakayama, Tats Nobuto, Jack Ong, Wesley Wang, Robert Pai, Hank Yoshikawa, Wilbur Fong, Kaz Shintani, Ernest Tsuji, George Arakaki, Harry Kugiyama, Thomas Osato, and Casey Orikasa). Thanks, guys, for writing!

WELCOME NEW GI'S
LET'S SEE MORE OF YOU

Welcome to all the new GI's who have been coming to the last several dances. New faces were spotted at the MacBurney, Chinese Community House, True Light, China House, and the 442 Dance at the Vanderbilt.

To name a few: Yoneo Tsurudone, Yas Shimizu, Sat Ichikawa, George Yoneyama, Jr. Okada, Frank Nishiguchi, Don Mito, Mich Nakamura, Ronald Yee, Iwao Okuno, Morris Kanda, Marvin Lee, Ralph Kikuchi, Frank Ura, Mino Minakada, Shig Terakawa, Dick Yamamoto, Emmet Kuklock, Richard Yoshizuka, Robert Pai, George Higa, and Arthur Tom.