

THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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G.I.S SUPPORT HELPS FE-MAIL GROW

Servicemen, vets, and sisters of G.I.'s have gone 'all out' as Fe-Mail backers, generously contributing to the support of this paper. This past month's donations have helped this sheet grow into a four-pager for this issue.

Treasurer Flo Kozuma reports a new list of donors. The servicemen's contribution's include: Pfc. Kaz Nakagawa of Fort Dix, NJ; Sgt. Roy Namba of Fort Bliss, Tex.; Pfc. Hank Yoshikawa of Amarillo Air Base, Tex.; Pfc. Osamu Asato of the 1st Marine Division in Korea; Maxie Sakamoto, somewhere in the South Pacific; Pfc. Mike Murakami of Fort Wadsworth, NY; and Fort Monmouth's SCEL Det. boys, Pfc's. George Kasai, Eay Watanabe, Harry Kajihara, Suyeo Tomooka, George Hasabe, Sam Sakauye, and Nog Komatsu.

442 Association members who donated were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. Kei Yamato, Mr. and Mrs. Tito O'Kamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Munch, Haruo Yanagi, Irving Akahoshi, Gene Herbert, and Yosh Ito.

Two sisters of G.I.'s also sent in money, Kay Kitada of Los Angeles, and Riyoko Tabata of Clarksburg, California.

Photographers Gene Herbert and Tito O'Kamoto, 442 veterans, donated free service covering NSO activities.

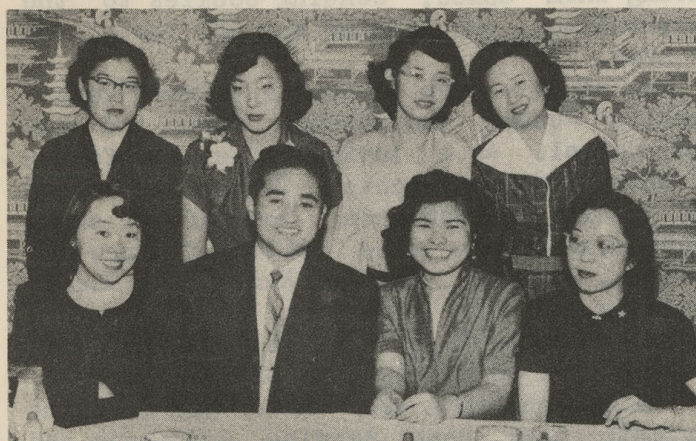


Photo by Gene Herbert

PRESENT NSO OFFICERS (l-r): Seated - Michi Teramoto, Hist.; Conrad Kuwahara, Dir.; Pat Iwamoto, Sec.; Georgie Sawahata, Soc. Ch. Standing - Sadie Kuratomi, Pres.; Sumi Young, Sec.; Flo Kozuma, Trsas.; Fran Kadowaki, VP.

HOSTESS CLUB PLANS ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

**SADIE KURATOMI, PAT
IWAMOTO, FLO KOZUMA
NOMINEES FOR PREXY**

Plans for a May election and a June installation of officers, were the main topics of discussion at the general Hostess Club meeting on April 11. Candidates were nominated from the floor, with further nominations to take place by mail. All NSO girls are urged to vote.

It was also unanimously approved that the presidency would be filled by an officer in the present cabinet.

Candidates names must be submitted by May 15 to the Fe-Mail Staff. Ballots will be mailed out the week following, with election dead-line stipulated.

Those nominated at the meeting were: Sadie Kuratomi, Pat Iwamoto, and Flo Kozuma for president; Fumi Takaki, Georgianna Sawahata, Pat Iwamoto and Frances Nakamura for vice-president; Ginger Nakamura, Lucy Chin, Alice May, Yuri Nakamura, Josie Jarm, Alice Lee, and Sumi Young for secretary; Florence Kozuma and Lucy Chin for treasurer; Margaret Kuniyoshi, Georgianna Sawahata, and Lucy Chin for social chairman; Michi Teramoto for historian.

The girls also made plans for a dance at the Chinese Community Club, which was given on April 26, headed by Lucy Chin.

New hostesses present were: Roseanne Iwanaga, Yuri Nakamura, Yuri Inouye, Edna Ho, Kris Kawaguchi, and Ruth Eto.

ANNIVERSARY DANCE SLATED FOR MAY 10

Marking one year's mile-stone in NSO activities, the "anniversary ball" has been slated for Saturday nite, May 10 at McBurney YMCA located on 23rd St. and 7th Avenue.

Sadie Kuratomi, her hard-working cabinet, and hostesses, extend their invitation to all G.I.'s in East Coast camps and those on furlough.

NSO OFFICERS

Board Director: Conrad Kurahara
 Hostess Club Officers: Sadie Kuratomi,
 Frances Kadowaki, Sumi Young, Pat Iwamoto,
 Georgie Sawahata, Florence Kozuma,
 Mich Teramoto

Fe-Mail Staff: Michi Teramoto, June Nobuto, Pat Iwamoto, Bill & Mary Kochiyama.
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EDITORIAL: LEST WE FORGET...

That May should happen to be the one year anniversary of the Nisei Service Organization seems fitting and timely in that May is the month that many dates are set aside in remembering those in uniform.

I-Am-An-American Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day are observed in May. "Go For Broke", the movie picture that focused much attention on Nisei G.I.'s of World War II, was also released in May of last year when the world premier was held in Honolulu.

But even with all these "special days", today's servicemen, as noted by Asst. Sec. of Defense Anna Rosenberg, are treated with lack of respect and oftentimes with contempt. Civilians engrossed in their personal problems seem oblivious what is happening in Korea.

"Casualties" so often pushed aside as 'statistics' or forgotten until national rites call them to our attention, have been in actuality the biggest factor in bringing about encouraging legislation to many of America's ethnic groups. A classic example would be the now-legendary story of the 442nd Combat Team. Their sacrifices were great, but thanks to those sacrifices, an entire minority group has reaped the rewards: recognition of the Japanese-American, removal of a stigma, and an upward trend in the fight for civil rights.

Chinese-Americans have also in World War II, gained naturalization for their parents.

In the present conflict, the War Dept. is well aware of the high casualties from Hawaii. Some day, it will be those "casualties" that will open the door to statehood and other benefits.

To those who are serving and have served, we owe more than a verbal thanks...and we cannot sit upon the laurels of past service records. Each of us, in and out of uniform, must in our own respective capacity, live up to those men that Gen. Joseph Stillwell said, "bought an awfully big hunk of America with their blood."

GAY NITE ENJOYED AT BAMBOO GARDEN

All those who joined the NSO'ers at the Bamboo Garden in Union City, New Jersey, returned home on the night of March 15, (or should we say, the morn of March 16), with a gay evening behind to add to their memory-books.

A crowd of 70 jammed the dance floors en masse and enjoyed the delicious free chicken dinner. Photographers Gene Herbert and Tito O'Kamoto flashed away industriously as everyone tried their darndest to look unself-conscious as possible. Proprietor Tom Lee and wife June, donated to the NSO, the \$1.00 charge they had previously set for the G.I's.

The "boys" came in from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and even as far South as Virginia. (The fella from Virginia was Masaji Hatae from Fort Belvoir).

New servicemen spotted by the gals were Harry Eng, Edward Hor, Warren Moy, Ken Murata, Masa Rikimaru, and John Uyeda.

The NSO was also happy to welcome new feminine faces as Kris Kawaguchi, Edna Ho, Yuri Inouye, Terry Oikawa, Marie Kurihara, Helen Moy, Kathy Asano, and Midori Tanaka.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIG HELP TO NSO

One of the most hep bunch of gals who have been helping the NSO, are the high school cuties who are not quite 'official hostesses' because of age. These are the gals who are doing the heavy bulk of correspondence with GI's, entertaining at home, dating when asked, sending cookies to the hospitalized, and keeping the NSO posted on GI news.

One of the most active is petite "Tebbo" Phyllis Kusumi who attends Music and Arts High School. As a letter-writer and foster of GI-gal correspondents, Tebbo has burned the candles at both ends. Some of her chums she's started in this writing-fad are Sue Chapman, Jo Miras, Lillian Kazim, and Eleanor Pacis.

From Hunter High, Etsu Itokawa and Emma Duchane have certainly done their share.

Julie Richmond's Jean Imazu and Madeline Sugimoto have been sending addresses and names of GI's from "back home".

Inseparable Liz Yee and Marjorie Chin have also stimulated classmates in writing.

And, three of the most "dated" teen-agers are: Shirley Mock, Josie Jarm, and Alice Moy. (All sharp stuff)...

What would we do without you!!!

PHI BETTA KAPPA HELPS OUT BUDDY

When Flo Kozuma received a letter from Tommy Tabata, a strange Honolulu G.I. now in Korea, she wondered how he got hold of her name and address.

Well, it was this-a-way. A Haole G.I. named Leonard Lapidus (a mere Phi Beta Kappa from City College) happened to be in the same 5th Regt. Combat Team as Tommy, and remembered that his wife, Dorothy, used to chum around with a Nisei gal at Hunter College...so, he wrote home for Flo's address, and like a good buddy, gave it to Tommy.

See, it's a buddy-buddy small world.

(By the way, Tommy sent her a pic of himself, and Flo was quite pleased. So were the other NSO gals that got to see it too).

HERE THEY ARE!

With the boys moving around so often and so rapidly, the gals are having a time keeping up with their whereabouts.

Finally located...(whew!)...are that early group of Kanaka's that entertained the NSO last fall. They were "tracked down" through the help of their buddy, Bob Takeshi Abe. (Thanx, Bob!)

Here they are -- remember them: Bernard Adrian, Kaz Nitahara, Bernard Oili, and John Nagasawa.

Bernard, the piano player, recently went to Fort Richardson, in Anchorage, Alaska. (He played for the Captain's ball on the way over). Kaz, one of the singers, is in Northern Honshu at Camp Sendai, Japan. Bernard O. is overseas with Co. B, 532nd EB and SR (whatever that is). And, John Nagasawa, who married the cute hula dancer, May, is in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

Robert Pai, who's been popping in and out of NYC, left for the ETO in the early part of April with George "Crooner" Miyake.

Pfc. Sam Akioka left for FECOM in March. Pfc. Kiyo Goto, who was in Aberdeen, is also at White Sands along with Tosh Moriya.

Pfc. Wilbur Fong's address seems to have changed again. He was last at Eta Jima.

Coast-guardsmen Jackie Ong and Carl Aldridge are in Alameda, California. Their buddy, Roy Shiraishi is still down South in Georgia. (Thanks to their "feminine faithfulness", we can keep up with them).

But someone, tell us.....where is Fumio "Angel" Akage, Marvin Tsutsui, Roy Yamagiwa, Raymond Chan, Richard Akahasu, Nori Aragaki, Eddie De Lima, Hugo Shibahara, Homer Meyer, and etc. others we're not sure of).

DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By Mich

...the last of the "original" G.I. gang has left New York vicinity. Doug Doi is in Sandia, Tosh Moriya in White Sands, and George Gee in Austria.

...just last year at this time, there were about 16 NSO girls hostessing. Now there's over a 100 girls on the list.

...we're loaded with talent, what with Lucy Chin's sultry voice leading the roster among the fairer sex, and George Miyake and Matsy Furuya amongst the masculine 'pulchritude'.

...Kou An (Robert) Pai is also a top mandarin and harmonica player.

...we can't locate Eddie De Lima. Where is he? Pleeze send info' quick!

...Tomu Suzuki is now at Officers Candidate School in Fort Monmouth. Closer to "home".

...Toshi Sato is engaged to a fellow from Sac'to. (Grape-vine news from Bill Sakurai).

...Betty Hee is married. (From Sumi Young).

...Our Prexy Sadie is considered to have the sexiest telephone voice. (But sorry, no can give out phone number).

...Josie Jarm was an April Fool's Day baby.

...Emmett Kuklock and Richard Yoshizuka were transferred to Oklahoma.

...Iwao Okuno of Army Chemical Center, Md., was mistaken for "sweet sixteen". Honestly, he just hit 24 on May 1st.

...Flo Kozuma just landed a job with Mutual Life Insurance Co. (So, if she approaches you....)

...George Gee enjoyed Casa Blanca...but...he lost his watch there. (What's Time to a guy like George).

...Bill Sakurai and George Arakaki crossed paths in Eta Jima and didn't know it.

...Kenny Kawashima, clarinet player of the West Point Band is now smoking a pipe.

...Milton Fukuda of the Navy was in town. (Gals, he's 5 feet 10).

...M/Sgt. Chiri Tsuji is an A-1 cook and dishwasher. That's just his domestic side.

...Interpretive dancer Mary Fumi Akimoto is one of the Whitney award winners. She also does a mean hula...and with a sarong.

...the China-town gals are sure popular with the Nisei G.I.'s. Also the most popular GI NSO hang-out is the Roxy Bowling Alley.

...Pat Iwamoto is strictly an Army gal. She works at Fort Jay.

...Kathy Asano is a Scene magazine cover gal. Blanche Jikaku is a model.

...Fe-Mail is a...a...curious, inquisitive...nosey gad-about...and would like lotsa news. So, people, here's the pitch; send in stuff to Mich!

HELP WANTED!

Original poems, cartoons, and lyrics are wanted. Also send in snap-shots.

So, c'mon, all of you writers, poets, artists, and photographers....send in your "Master-pieces" to Mich or Pat of the Fe-Mail Staff. They're looking for hidden talent.

All cartoons must be in black and white. Pics must be contrasting, preferably glossy, and not wider than $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The size also applies to cartoons.

Okay, people, let's go!

GALS, BE LOOKING FOR THESE 'BOYS.'

Grape-vine news has it that the following boys should be around NYC sometime in May: Jack Tom, Hank Shinmoto, Jin Kozuma, Wing Ong, and Chubby Yasui.

Jack should be back from Korea any day. Hank, who was in Operation Snowfall several months ago, will come in from Maryland.

Jin, Wing and Chubby are participating in Exercise Longhorn down in the Lone Star State, and should be through soon. This maneuver is claimed to be one of the biggest of its kind. (Incidentally, Jin is the brother of well-known George Kozuma of Fort Jay).

THIS -N- THAT

Bouquets to Lucy Chin and her committee for the Packed-house dance at the Chinese Community Club on April 26. Three cheers, too, to Buster Ota, John Shigemoto and GI's for the bang-up party they gave at the 3 C's on May 3.

More and more new GI faces have been seen at all the recent shin-digs. Two newcomers from Camp Kilmer are Albert Oda and Walter Niitani. (Walter comes from the same hometown as Henry Hirozawa. Hope you-Eleele boys get together before Walter leaves).

Also gals, have you been noticing all the new Bell-Bottoms? One of these is Jun Ogi-machi who hails from the same home-town as Bill Sakurai, Sun Valley. Doggie Frank Yamamoto from Arizona is doing OK too. (Guess Akio and Monty are helping out with phone numbers).

(Just as this sheet was going to press, David Tanoura called in from Coast Guard Base, St. George, Stanton Island, informing us that he and 10 other Islanders had pulled in recently. We hope to meet them soon).

FE-MAIL WELCOMES NEW G.I. NAMES

Through the cooperation of all the GI's and girls, new names are still coming into the Fe-Mail Staff thick and fast. Here are some: (Gals wishing to correspond, may inquire about more info'. GI's wishing correspondence, may do likewise).

From the 1st Marine Division, Cpl. Osamu Asato has sent in the name of Melvin Ishihara of Hawaii. Pfc. Herman Choy, another leatherneck with the 1st Marines, has sent in 5 names--Frank Chang, Walter Hoy, Gilbert Quong, and H. Wong.

Pfc. Ben Takeshita stationed in Tokyo sent in the names of Pfc. Tsutomu Sawamoto who is in the same vicinity; and also that of Pfc. Akira Kamiya in Korea with the IX Corp.

From the Pacific Citizen, came the following--Cpl. William "Killer" Hiraga, Cpl. John "kid Knocker" Fujinaka, and Pfc. Allen "Kanaka Boy" Lau. All airmen, presumably in RECOM, they would like to write to girls about 21. (Several gals have already taken their names, so fella's, you should be hearing from them soon).

Etsu Itokawa sent in--Pfc. Katsu Marumoto now in Japan with XVI Corps, and Pfc. Akira Asakawa of Fort Monmouth.

Air Force S/Sgt. Joseph Barner up in Newfoundland is also a newcomer to our list. (Gals, he's 23, a blue-eyed blond, and 5'9". Sounds awfully interesting, huh?)

The names of Ham Louie of Fort Tilden, and Jack Chin of the Norfolk Air Station have been turned in by Lucy Chin.

Kaz Shintani at Fitzsimmons Hospital sent in his buddy's name, Jim Koyasako of the 729th Bomb. Sq.

Maxie Sakamoto, somewhere out in the So. Pacific, has started a correspondence with our circulation manager, June.

NSO REGULATIONS

To familiarize NSO regulations with hostesses and G.I.'s, following are rules stipulated by most service groups at social functions held in Y's, churches, and public halls:

1. Dances must close at time specified by respective house regulations. (Usually between mid-nite and 1:00 a.m.).
2. No liquor on the premises.
3. All social affairs must be chaperoned.
4. General conduct rules must be observed.