

# THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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Nisei Service Organization

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## BAMBOO GARDEN SELECTED FOR INSTALLATION-DANCE

An installation dinner-dance to introduce the new officers is scheduled for September 13 at Tommy Lee's Bamboo Garden in Union City, New Jersey. Conrad Kuwahara, NSO director, will install the new officers.

The entertainment will include vocal numbers by talented NSO hostesses, and possibly the Hawaiian instrument players.

The price will be approximately \$2.00 per person. In order to estimate the number of people attending, Pres. Sadie Kuratomi is asking everyone to respond through RSVP.

Sadie has also announced the following tentative socials: Open House Dance at Shudowkai on Sept. 27; a hay-ride at Staten Island on Oct. 11 or 18; and a Hallowe'en Party on Nov. 1.

## BELLS RING FOR NSO BELLE



A GI named Norman Okamuro met a gal by the name of Josie Jarm just before leaving for overseas duty for the second time. This GI, a Korea vet, said he would promise to keep in touch. **HE CERTAINLY DID.**

He first called her from Chicago. Then, he wired and called her from Seattle, Washington. A few weeks later, he cabled her from Japan, topped off by a trans-oceanic telephone call.

Yes, Josie is well envied by the rest of the girls. What other belles can rate bells like that? Quite a jingle, huh?

## GI ESCAPES BUS DISASTER

Pfc. Donald Mita, stationed at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland, was one of the survivors in the head-on collision of two Greyhound buses which brought death to at least 28 persons. He received a leg injury but was able to continue on, at a later date, to be with his family in Los Angeles.

Don, who has attended many of the NSO activities, was a student at University of Denver prior to service.

## MANY KOREA VETS REASSIGNED AT DEVENS

Scattered throughout 10 East Coast camps, some 25 or more Island Korea vets have recently been reassigned at Fort Devens, Mass. according to our "on-the-ball" hustling reporter, James Tsuruda.

Ten who were sent to Camp Edwards, Mass. are: Cpl. George Murakami, Sgt. Kenji Akazawa, Pfc. Satoru Shimono, Cpl. Joe Sakurai, Cpl. Raymond Fukuoka, Cpl. Harold Fujita, Pfc. Richard Nakanishi, Cpl. Fred Saito, Pfc. Takashi Ito and Pfc. Tatsuo Tsujimoto.

Four were assigned to Fort Banks, Mass: Cpl. Charles Sunahara, Cpl. Eric Toyama, Pfc. Herbert Fukumae, Pfc. Chilu Ichimura.

Pfc. Solomon Makakau was sent to Fort Hancock; Sgts. Frank Arnise and Wallace Yamada to Fort Dix; Pfc. Isami Kondo to Fort Hamilton; Cpl. Elmer Loo to Fort Wadsworth;

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Boys! Here she is!

The NSO is proud to introduce the first of many pin-ups you'll be seeing. This pic was taken through the courtesy of one of the top New York photographers, Wellington Lee.

To find out more about this luscious young Miss, (drooling, boys?) turn to page 3 for a little more info'.

**NSO OFFICERS**

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**EDITORIAL: KOREA VETS**

Welcome Korea vets!

We notice that hundreds of Korea vets have recently come into this area for reassignment. We are happy that we are having this opportunity to meet many of you.

We cannot imagine what you have undergone but we know you have seen and endured much. You do not show it as we meet or see you at our socials. In fact, there may be many of you who are Korea vets that we do not know. You do not talk of your combat experiences or what war is like, except to other combat men who have had mutual experiences, or those who are sincerely interested or might understand.

You went to the war-front as a "boy"; you came back as a "man"....and you are still very, very young as far as age is concerned. But those months of dangers, privations, and insecurity have made you 'grow up'.

The toughest part, perhaps, is that many of the boys you started out with, will never come back.

You have also been disillusioned by many of the home-fronters who seem to be completely unaware of what is going on in the far East.

Because the Korean situation is called a "police action" and not an all-out "war", there have been little or no fan-fare for you; no recognition. Not at all like the recent war before. The casualties, as heavy as they are, haven't dented some of the public. As of July, there are 19,604 dead, 79,605 wounded, 9,613 missing; (and in the first 6 months, 1 out of 3 were Island casualties).

To you Korea vets and those still 'at the front', we can only say humbly, "thanks, boys, for what you've done and are doing."

**WE NEED MORE YOSHIE'S**

NSO was happy to receive the letter of Yoshie Shiratsuki who asked for addresses of servicemen she may write to. The Fe-Mail hopes that more girls will also write in asking for oversea addresses.

**GINGER SPICES  
NSO SHEET FOR GI.**

There is nothing like seeing familiar names in any news-sheet.

Quoting Cpl. Bernard Olli, the uke player: "George Iseri who hails from Washington --correction, Oregon, is here in the same company with me. I let him read the paper and he got a bang out of it because he knows Ginger Nakamura. Yes, he's quite a guy. He'll be going home on rotation soon and I promised I'd write to the Staff for next months edition and hope you have something saying whether Ginger recognizes the name or not."

Unfortunately, Ginger had just left for her vacation when Bernard's letter arrived. Since she won't be back till after the deadline for this issue, the sequel to this will have to be in the November paper. Okay, Bernard and George?

**SHIPPING NEWS  
EUCOM-WAY**

Here it is, time for more "hello's" and "good-bye's".

Our "good-bye's" to: Harold Slate, Tak Okabayashi, Tak Miyasaki, Mickey Nakano, Tats Nobuto, Yas Tomita, Stone Tanita and Tomu Suzuki. (We're sorry we don't know the names of all the fellows leaving, but our best to all of you....and please send in your new addresses).

Our "hello's", soon we hope, to: Frank Sasaki, Ed Nishimura, George Gee, Mas Jinde, George Nakayama, Bert Loo, Harry Kugiyama, Homer Meyer, Don Iyeki, and etc. GI's who will be hitting the East Coast.

**POPULAR G.I. KANAKA  
DONS MUFTI FOR KHAKI**

George H. ("H" for Heavenly) Kozuma is just an erstwhile Corporal of the U.S. Army. He was discharged on August 20th, two days after his twenty-fourth birthday.

Once a small town (Wahiawa) boy, George, now a man-about-a-big-town, has made his rounds from Ozone Pk. to the Canadian border.

With all his muscles, George is also versatile in the domestic field as demonstrated by his ability at baby-sitting, dish-washing, ironing and cleaning house.

Asked to comment on his new status, he wiped the smile...er...uh...beer off his face, and muttered, "just call me vet, pet."

## EX-HOSTESS SEEKS MOSTES'

Barbara Abe, one of the five finalists in the Nisei Queen Contest in Los Angeles, was a charter NSO hostess here in New York.

Barbara is well-remembered by the GI's and girls who attended NSO functions last summer. She also worked here as a cashier at the Miyako Restaurant. Now a student at UCLA, she is one of the most popular coeds on the campus.

## STOP! LOOK! GLISTEN!

(Caught your eye, didn't we?) Well, guys and gals, there's a lotta nice things to be looking forward to, that we thot we should remind you of:

Like the pic of the next pinup, Charko Nakamura...and an illustration by one of our donors, Mr. Frank Ochs.

There's lots of new gals who'll be seen at the coming NSO functions too,...like Sylvia Fujiwara, Eleanor Pacis, Marian Lauh, Barbara Sands and Helen Demydchuk.

There's all those new college gals too, from Hawaii and the West Coast; also gals like Ruth Kamuri and Michi Masugi who will make some of the events.

And for the girls, there's a handsome six footer by the name of Ray Mendez who just came into this area. But gals, remember, you can only stop!...look!...and glisten! No kissin'. He's married.

## FIRST PIN-UP NEEDLES EYE

The gal on Page 1 is none other than one of our active cuties, SHIRLEY MOCK. (And, she has a sister just as eye-catching).

Shirley is a hep, curvaceous oomph-gal whose measurements are 34, 23, 35....(which means she looks good in anything). With a "come-on" twinkle in her eyes, she is well adept at flirting.

She is, however, no slouch in school, having skipped several grades, and is now entering CCNY this fall.

She loves swimming, dancing, bowling, and BOYS...in plural. (We are sure the boys.... in plural...love her too). She emphasized she likes the "boyish" type the most. The College Joe's will be ogling her plenty, but she says her heart belongs to the GI's. Her biggest dream is some day going to Hawaii. (Well, Islanders, whaddaya say?)

For more particulars, meet this gal yourself.

## DIDJA KNOW THAT..

By Mich

...Bruce Shiroma is one of the top GI golfers. He was runner-up in the Army Golf Tournament last year.

...Clinton Skinner is back in Monmouth.

...Ben Fukumitsu is home from Korea.

...Cookie Butte blew into town one Saturday nite in August with some dream by the name of "Freddy". What happened to your hair, Cookie?

...John Shigemoto, Bob Oka, Akio Itamura, & Hank Shinmoto were all home on furlough in California. Didja have fun?

...Doug Doi is life-guarding in Arizona...on the side. (Some side-line, eh?)

...Tom Kariyama is an A-1 commercial artist. How about some of your work for the Fe-mail, Tom?

...Bill Sakurai is now a Sgt. Congrats--!

...Frances Kadowaki and Mas Matsuoka, our board members, tied the knot.

...Another pair that said "I do" this summer was Sharon Nagatoshi and Adam Lim.

...Kaz Yamashita was transferred to D.C.

...Shurei Matsumoto was in town on a three day pass. T'was good to see you, Andy.

...George Nakayama saw the Follies Bergere in Paris. His comments were "the most wonderful show I have ever seen." We certainly don't doubt that, George.

...Kaz Shintani is getting out of the hospital. Three cheers for you, Kaz.

...Sohan Park is now in paratrooper's training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

...Violet Arima was one of the top Japanese blues singer in Hawaii before coming to the states. (Info' from Harry Fujiwara)

...The gals have been raving about "tall, not-so-dark, but han'sum" Harold Slate. Too bad, girls, he's leaving for overseas.

...Kris Kawaguchi's pic appeared in "The Pulse", the newspaper for the N.Y. Hospital.

...Keith Lee is stationed at an Air Force Base in French Morocco. Albert Oda and Walter Niitani are in Greenland. Chiribi Tsuji is in Formosa; Joseph Barner in Newfoundland.

...Teruo Fujii knows Milton Fukuda; Jack Moriguchi knows Kathy Asano; Joe Miyake knows Roy Hirai; and Karen Nakamura was a classmate of Hank Yoshikawa.

...Richard Nishimura is back in Korea again; this time with the 23rd Inf. Regt.

...Buster Ota, of Monmouth and China-town, left for White Sands, New Mexico. We all miss you, boy.

...Herman Choy's picture, (which is in the possession of his pen-pal) is being swooned over by all her chums.

## GEORGE REPORTS FROM KOREA



Packed with news of former Monmouth-men, Pfc. George Arakaki sent in the following newsy letter:

"I ran into Johnny Nagasawa who married the lovely hula dancer, May Higa. It happened when some 2nd Div. Sig. officers and EM's were checking the radio relay teams. My team was out at Regt. and these officers came over and I was really surprised to see Johnny. The last time I saw him was in Fort Monmouth sometime in July of '51.

"Maeda left for Hawaii on the 10th of Aug. Hank Kukono and Young will be rotated two days from now. Johnny Nagasawa should be leaving now.

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"As for me I should be leaving this month but since there are no replacements in sight I may be here until mid-sept.

"Here are the whereabouts of many of the former Monmouth-ites: Sgt. Paul Miyasato is with Radio Co. 304 Sig. Opns Bn in Wonju, Korea; Sgt. Andrew Chung is in the same outfit but is in Seoul; Sgt. Harry Tadashiki is in Yokohama, Japan; Sgt. Richard Kanbe, ex-Cav. soldier is stationed in Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Sgt. Tom Nishimura, ex 3rd Div.-man, is also at Shafter; Sgt. Tsutomu Abe, who was with 9th Corps is on his way to Hawaii and Cpl. George Lum is with the 8th Army in Korea.

"Also, here are some addresses of some buddies of mine who would like to receive copies of the Fe-Mail: Pvt. George Hatae of the 45th Inf. Div.; Pfc. Robert Furukido of the 31st; and Pfc. Thomas Hong of the 101st Sig. Corp."

## KOREA VETS REASSIGNED

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Pvt. Mas Higa to Brooklyn Army Base.

At Fort Jay and Camp Kilmer are Pfc. Lawrence Engoring and Pfc. Henry Sakamoto, and Cpl. Takeshi Ochiai and Cpl. Ernest Wong respectively.

Still at Devens are Cpl. Harris Yamamoto and Sfc. Jimmy Tsuruda.

## NEW YORK TRANSIENTS

During the Fourth of July weekend, four 'Leaflet and Loudspeaker' boys breezed in from Fort Bragg, No. Carolina....: Jin Kozuma and Clancy Takano of Wahiawa; Mits Nakamoto, Makaweli; and Slim Shig Kiyabu of Waipahu.

Also from the "South" were four officers, Charlie Furuya, Tony Kalahui, Eddie Tanaka, and Bobby Nakamoto, all of Honolulu. An Air Force man, Bill Taniguchi and his buddies.. Hank Okada and Shigeo Tanaka were here too.

Mits Owara made a quick-visit with Frank Nakama while waiting overseas shipment.

Four former Peabody Institute clarinetists, now playing in Army Bands had their reunion in New York. They were Ken Kawashima, Gabriel Baltazar, Ronny Shimokawa, and Harry Fujiwara.

Pvt. Masao Kuniyoshi visited his sister, Margaret, with a group of his chums, and also took in the Hawaiian Room.

Kaz Yamashita and Hank Yoshikawa came in from Bainbridge Island, Maryland, and Amarillo, Texas, respectively.

John Kadowaki visited his family nad was Best Man at his sister, Fran's wedding.

Newcomers at the July 26th Mariners Temple dance were: Suekichi Higa, Henry Kong, Kuni Takeoka, John Ong, Jack Ung, Sam Uyehara, George Maeda, George Matsuo, Rodney Yamada, Tsutomu Takata, Herbert Aoki, Jim Tsuruda, Joe Sakurai, and Tom Uyehara.

New faces at the August 9 MacBurney Dance were: Luther Nakamura, Tetsuo Yoshinaga, Paul Nakamura, Tsuyoshi Yamashita, Isami Kondo, James Watanabe, Joichi Okano, Ray Ikeda and Akira Toma.

## FLO AND NSO GIRLS THANK VET DONORS

Flo Kozuma, treasurer, reports that sixty six dollars were donated through GI's during the past two months. The NSO gratefully acknowledges the following:

Island Coastguardsmen at Staten Island; Pfc. George Arakaki of Honolulu now in Korea; Cpl. Clancy Takano of Wahiawa at Fort Bragg, No. Carol.; Cpl. Sam Nakamura of Kirby, Wyo. now in Korea; 12 Island Korea vets who were reassigned at Fort Devens, Mass.; Takashi Nishimura of Hanalei, Lauai, also back from Korea, and now stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.; an H. Haramura; and two anonymous donors.

The Korea veterans are: Solomon Makekau, Isami Kondo, Lawrence Engoring, Herbert Fukumae, Elmer Loo, Charles Shnahara, Eric Toyama, Tom Uyehara, Harris Yamamoto, Frank Arnise, Wallace Yamada, and Jim Tsuruda.