

THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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Nisei Service Organization

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NSO CALENDAR "INAUGERATED"

The thirty-fourth President of the United States was sworn into office last month. "Inaugerated" the same time in January was the Program of Social Events, drawn up at a general open meeting by NSO officers and hostesses.

Tentatively scheduled are the following events:

Jan. 31 - Dance at Mariners' Temple, 3 Henry Street, N.Y.C., or Japanese Methodist Church, 323 West 108th Street, N.Y.C.

Feb. 14 - Valentines Dance at MacBurney Y.M.C.A., 215 West 23rd Street, N.Y.C.

Feb. 28 - Dance at Japanese Methodist Church, address above.

March 21 - Talent Show at Mariners' Temple, address above; and

April 4 - Sadie Hawkin's Dance at McBurney Y.M.C.A.,

Sandwiched between the NSO-sponsored socials are two other events on Feb. 21 - JACL banquet-dance at McAlpin Hotel, Broadway and 34th Street, N.Y.C.; and March 7 - 442nd Association Pre-Spring Dance at Whitehall Hotel, Broadway and 100th Street, N.Y.C. Servicemen in uniform will be admitted to all 442 functions at half price.

FORT ORD-ERS ORDERED EAST

A population shift from Fort Ord, Calif., to Arlington, Va., was reported recently by Pvt. James Sakurai. Jim's brother is the celebrated Bill Sakurai, well known among NSO hostesses.

Following are some of the names of the re-assigned linguists: Mitchell Cnota, Takashi Kubota, Game Lau, Wing Lee, James Nishikawa, Tip Mar, Teruo Nishimura, James Tanaka, Sam Tabuchi, Ed Kuwada, Howard Kuwada, Teu Lew, Mutsuo Hamada, Sakaye Matsuda, Hisashi Daijo, Kanji Hitomi, Joe Gin, Kumiaki Iinuma, Shuzo Inouye, Kazuo Kakishita, Yoshio Kozono, Kay Takashiba, Cherk Quan, Henry Soga, Yoshinari Tsukahara, Chester Wong, Masumu Nabeta, Yosh Fujimoto, Izumi Fajimoto, Walley Wong, Leong Wong, Tom Fukuda, Sam Chung, Wah Lum, Kaoru Wada, and Git Pon....and of course, Jim Sakurai.

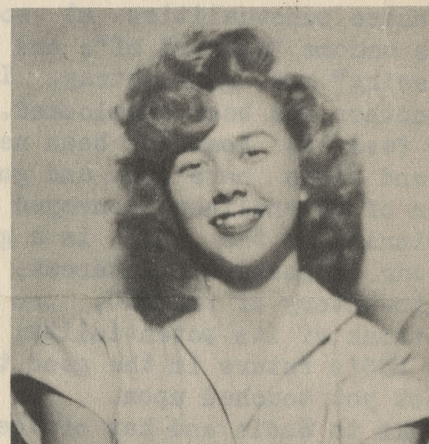
XMAS MAIL FLOODS FE-MAIL MAIL-BOX

Mail during the holiday season may not have come in from the North Pole, but they did pour in from FECOM, EUCOM, Greenland, Hawaii, and all quarters of the states. Thanks to all who sent in greetings, as busy as you were.

The first of the Yule messages came from Tomu Suzuki, an exceptionally early, early-bird, who sent his card in October. (Yes, October). Not far behind were Harold Slate, Hugo Shibahara, and Keith Lee.

Cpl. George Kobayashi of Lejeune, No. Carolina, sent in a lovely-scented card saying: "With all my love at Christmas-time" and with kind, personal thots. Other letters of appreciation were sent in by Tsutomu Sawamoto and Richard Endo of FECOM. Interesting mis-

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The fair maiden above is Arline Fairly. An NSO newcomer, she was introduced by her chum, Liz Yee, who's a cutie herself.

Statistics reveal that Arline is 5'5", blond and blue-eyed. B-W-H measurements, were not disclosed. Her age is also classified a "military secret". But anyone can fairly see that Fairly is more than fair.

A recent grad of Industrial Arts H.S. in NYC, she does clerking in a downtown office. Painting and sculturing are her hobbies.

And, here's the let-down, boys! Arline is "going steady". However, she has the approval of the US Navy to attend NSO functions.

NSO OFFICERS

Board Director: Haruo Yanagi
 Hostess Club Officers: Sadie Kuratomi,
 Pat Iwamoto, Alice Lee, Sumi Young, Yu-
 ri Nakamura, Florence Kozuma, Mich Te-
 ramoto, Lucy Chin and Ginger Nakamura.
 Fe-Mail Staff: Yuri Iwanaga, Ruth Eto,
 Josie Jarm, Jean Mock, Mable Murakami,
 Thelma Murakami, Flo Tanaka, Bill and
 Mary Kochiyama, and etc. volunteers.
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EDITORIAL: TOGETHER

Together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Thinking together is unity.

Working together is success.

Somewhat in the vein of that maxim, the NSO first began with some definite purposes, a few dreams, much eagerness, and deep sincerity of doing something worthwhile in meeting the needs of servicemen. Through the interest of the hostesses, the GI's, and other individuals and groups, the NSO was able to expand and become more useful and available to a greater number.

There has been, however, as in any organization, a stale-mate, where our enthusiasm has flagged; where meetings have been unattended; where punctualities at social affairs have become "unheard of"; and the idea of "hostessing" has gone astray. Introducing one another has been overlooked. Making newcomers feel at home has been neglected. New GI's and girls have come and gone without a sign of friendliness conveyed to them.

The beginning of the year is a good time to renew our purposes and interest; take in a mental inventory of the NSO, pro and con; stop and think of its potentiality; and consider the NSO's future in the good that it can do, not yet touched upon.

Our thanks to Sadie and her officer-staff, and the many, many girls who have given whole-heartedly of their time and effort, despite school and studies, work, home obligations, and a multitude of interests. Our thanks, too, to the servicemen and veterans, whose enthusiasm and appreciation has been our most potent stimulus.

May we continue keeping together and working together, not for NSO's recognition, but that these "three letters"...N S O may truly be worthy of those it serves.

Haruo Yanagi of Wailuku, Maui, is back again as Director of the NSO. He will continue the position held by Conrad Kurahara.

**TO THE NSO
FROM CONRAD**

Printed in full is the context of the letter of resignation turned in by NSO Director, Conrad Kurahara. Our thanks to a sincere and conscientious leader, who helped the NSO when his guidance was most needed.

The letter reads:

Dear Sadie and hostesses of the NSO:

As the weeks pass by, it becomes more apparent to me as my new jobs at two group work agencies increase and as my role as the newly elected Pres. of the 442nd Assoc. take on more responsibilities that I will have to resign my position as Director of the NSO at the end of 1952.

I would gladly stay with the organization if I did not have so many other duties. It has been a pleasure to have worked with all of you. An everlasting happy memory for me will be the camaraderie that we had together.

This does not mean that I am ending relationship with the NSO. My friendship with each of you means too much to me. If I can help in any way in the future, I will gladly do so if I have the time.

You have always been kind, considerate, and understanding. This is why it was difficult for me to reach this decision.

At this period, concentrate on doing everything possible to increase the hostess membership. I know that all of you will continue to carry on the good work of sponsoring socials and dances for the many servicemen and civilians that come to us from this area.

Respectively submitted,
 Conrad Kurahara

**GI SANTA CLAUSES
KEEP CLUB-FUND GOING**

Playing Santa Claus roles at Christmas time, were GI's and sponsors who remembered the NSO even while rushing home on holiday furloughs and discharges.

Treasurer Flo and the hostesses thank the following for their contributions: Lt. Isami Kimoto, Newfoundland; Frank and Agnes Ochs, New York; Cpl. Nori Watanabe, FECOM; Pfc. M. Nishikawa, Belmont Harbor, Illinois; "Mr." Monte Minami, Los Angeles; "Mr." Geo. Iseri, Long Beach, California; and "Mr." Mike Murakami, Gardena, California.

(The last three were recently discharged. Thanks for thinking of us).

DIDJA KNOW THAT...

By Mich

...Sueo Tomooka is back in this New York area. Good to see you again.

...Shirley Mock was one of five finalists in the beauty contest held at NYU.

...Coastguardsman, Henry Isara, is attending school now in Baltimore.

...Lucy Chin was cover-girl for the January 8 issue of the Chinese-American Weekly.

...Ken Kawashima has a G I brother named Charlie, who was in the big city recently, and who never heard of the NSO, and who on New Year's Eve spent the night walking in Times Square by himself. Shame on you, Ken-ny, not giving out any addresses. Thank God he found Roxy Bowling Alley.

...Robert Nakasone is finally bound for the Caribbean. Adios, amigo!

...George Gee, Buster Ota, Doug Doi and Tosh Moriya had a reunion in Los Angeles during the Xmas holidays.

...Herb Kawahara was the first CINO (California Intercollegiate Nisei Organisation) prexy. Herb is now in FECOM.

...The brother of NSO's Bill Sakurai, is stationed at Arlington Hall. Another personality-guy, James S. has already provided himself a staunch NSO supporter.

...Jean Mock was born on Feb. 14. Many happy returns to a real-life Valentine.

...Ruth Eto, one of the most popular and singing-est hostesses, will soon be Cal-bound. Aloha, Ruthie...and thanks for all you've done!

...Plans for a big Hawaiian party is underway. Details will be given later.

...Kelly Kuwayama, former NSO Director, and 442 leader, may soon be back from Tokyo.

...Thelma Murakami, Honolulu's Roosevelt-grad, is teaching Be-Bop to interested "students". Wanna learn?

...Willy Kang, who has been attending NSO dances, was a former Portland U football star.

...George "John Garfield" Higa is back in the states. He's in Chicago.

...Phyllis Kusumi was recently in the hospital. Hoping you're coming along well, Phyllis.

...Lt. Walter Sir has been transferred to Texas. But where in Texas???

...We have lost contact of GI's who have shipped out from this area or who have been discharged. We miss all of you one-time East-coasters.

WANT TO CALYPSO? WRITE.....AWAY!



The inviting-looking mermaid at the left, is Daisy Chin of Jamaica, British West Indies; a good example of what the Southern climate produces. She is one of several girls who "wish to correspond with GI's."

Three others whose names have been obtained are--- Dorothy Chin and Cynthia Lee and Mavis Chin.

Who knows....some day YOU may be down that-a-way too, and won't you be glad that you have such "interesting" correspondents to check up on.

These welcome contacts in the Caribbean were made through the effort of NSO's own live-wire sweetie, Josie Jarm.

Daisy's address, by the way, is: 40 East Queen Street, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Let us know if you learn to Calypso, boys!

ON HAWAIIAN CASUALTIES

According to a recent report in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Hawaiian casualties at the end of 1952 totaled 1,337. Of this number, 339 were killed; 879 wounded; 79 missing; and 40 taken prisoner-of-war.

DIDJA KNOW THAT...

...The NSO Christmas cards were all done by Georgie Sawahata. Thanks, Georgie, for your painstaking work.

...Credit for the January 17th Dance at the MacBurney Y goes to Social Chairman Ginger Nakamura.

...The Railroad YMCA may be the location of many a coming NSO affair. It's located on 47th and 3rd Avenue.

...A Hawaii Club may soon be organized in New York City. Those interested, contact George Kosuma.

...If the NSO notices start showing a little more zip, it's because of the "brain-storms" of happy-peppy Frances Nakamura.

...More and more new Island gals' faces are showing up at the dances. That's what the boys want. So, c'mon, more of you!

GI'S HOLIDAY IN "BIG CITY" ENROUTE ELSEWHERE

Servicemen from all parts of the country 'Decembered' in the big city while waiting overseas shipment, and enroute to discharges and home furloughs.

Following are a few whose names were obtained: Jin Kozuma of Wahiawa, and James Nakagawa of Honolulu; Herbert Oda and Mas Kato of Wahiawa; Roy Kiyana of Maui; Herbert Iwaida of Honolulu.

Three California Korea vets home-ward bound were: Shu Kitahata, Yosh Nakatani, and John Nakabe.

Cpl. Henry Arakaki of Honolulu and Lt. Kenny Lang of Minnesota came here on leave from Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Fort Fort Benning was Henry "Jeff" Takeshita of Honolulu; from West Point, Cadet Ken Ikeda and bandsman, Ken Kawashima.

John Shigemoto of Fort Monmouth spent his two weeks furlough clerking for Macy's.

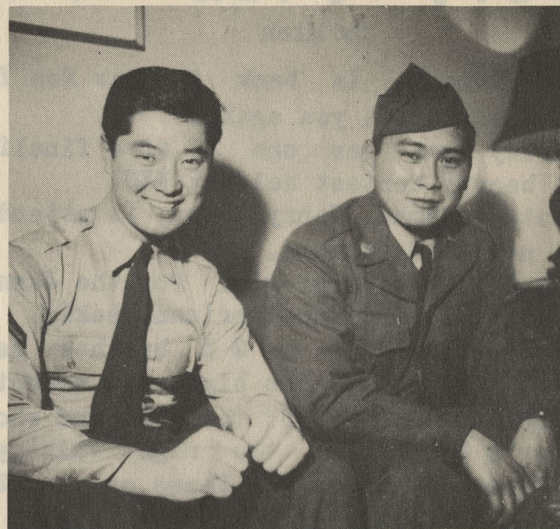
Between Christmas and New Year's were: Charles Kawashima, Charles Tsutsui, Bob Shibuya, Sei Oshiro, Melvin Onaga, and a host of Connecticut and Massachusetts Coast Guards plus Kilmer EUCOM enroutees.

January visitors were: George Nagaishi, James Nakai, Willy Han, Rookie Nakasone, Tommy Wong, Joseph Brumbelow, Pete Chan, Wei Louie, Jack Matsumoto, Roy Namba, Frank Yamamoto, James Yozawa, Albert Yamazaki, and a good dozen Arlington boys whose names have been mentioned elsewhere.

HAPPY HOOLIGAN



Outnumbered but not exactly "at sea", is Herbert Wong of Cambria, Calif. From port to star-board are four 'admiral-ble' pearls: Ruth Eto, Reiko Kinoshita, Yuri Iwanaga, and Shirley Fukuyama. (But where are you..Josie Jarm, Gladys Pang, and Sumi Young???)



Smiling away just before shipping to EUCOM are two GI's from Honolulu, Pfc. Raymond Mizushima and Pvt. Haruo Matsuura.

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sives were penned by Clifford Char and Lawrence Engoring from EUCOM; Ben Takeshita, Sadao Emoto, Wilbur Fong, Bernard Oili, Fred Bones, Nori Watanabe, and Mamoru Kanda from FECOM; Isami Kimoto from Newfoundland; M. Nishikawa from Belmont Harbor; and Masaru Higa from Fort Devans.

"Our boy", Asa Yoshimoto, also wrote from a patrol "somewhere near the Northern lights. (Thanks, Asa, for those new addresses of yor buddies).

From Thule, Greenland, came a hand-drawn pen-and-ink picture from Albert Oda.

The lone NSO hostess who sent in a greeting to fellow-hostesses, was Josie Jarm. (Very thotful of you, Josie).

Following are others who sent in cards, in the order they arrived: Frank and Agnes Oches, Maude and Kei Yamato, Pvt. Marvin Lee, Fred Takahashi, Mike Sakamoto, Harold Otake, Bill Sakurai, Frank Sasaki, Gene Herbert, George Wakiji, Cpl. Pat Arakaki, Kaz Shintani, Masaji Hatae, Monte Minami, George Iseri, Mike Murakami, Akio Itamura, Stome Tani-ta, Isamu Sakauye, and Shu Kitahata.

THANK YOU, TENNIS CLUB

NSO wishes to thank the Nisei Tennis Club for welcoming the GI's and hostesses to their sport dance held in December. It was one of the most successful affairs given, and the first big open social by the Tennis Club. Congratulations, Ken Shimizu, Kuni Sumi, and others responsible.