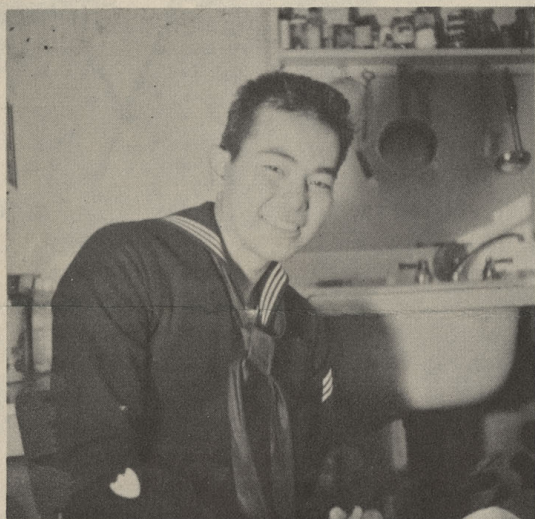


# THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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## GALS SALUTE COASTIE



The nautical but nice buoy you sea above is Coast Guardsman James Ige of Honolulu, who was sighted by landlubbers as the first "pin-up boy" of the NSO.

Cute-looking in his pinafores, James is the kind of guy that can sail forth and win friends in any port. He cruises well, navigates expertly, and escorts mermaids with charming ease.

Whether in high or low tide, he's never stern, never rows, and knows when to drop anchor. He's tops with his shipmates, and "semper fideles" with the gals.

## DANCE SET FOR NOV. 14 21

High-lighting the current fund campaign, the NSO is sponsoring one of their biggest dances on Nov. 14 when a court and queen will be chosen from among those who attend this affair.

Open to the public, the NSO hopes this event will break attendance record of all their previous dances. Tickets are being printed, and the NSO will appreciate veterans and GI's to also help in this sale.

All hostesses are urged to attend the Oct. 16 meeting to help with dance details and the fund campaign.

A "get-acquainted" tea following the annual Nisei Soldier's Memorial Service is scheduled tentatively for the afternoon of November 1. NSO girls are asked to invite any recent newcomers to New York.

## NSO LAUNCHES MAJOR FUND DRIVE

Lack of funds in the treasury has prompted NSO hostesses to begin its first fund-raising campaign on a nation-wide scale.

This in itself is explanatory why the Fe-Mail has not been printed for the past several months. Each issue, which entails the printing, envelopes, and postage expenses, has now reached \$80.00 per publication.

This current campaign will be aimed primarily to continue the news-sheet, and also to defray costs in sponsoring dances and other activities, purchasing office equipment, and enabling NSO to be of greater service to GI's, veterans, and East Coast college students in general.

Those wishing to send in contributions may do so by addressing their donations to Treasurer, Charko Nakamura, 50 Amsterdam, Apt. 3E, New York City, N.Y.

Contributions that were made this summer, all came from Korea. They were sent in by: Harry Takane, Thomas Hong, and Tak Nishimura.

## CHEERS FOR PAT



Picture taken by Tito O'Kamoto

Or is it "cheese"? The happy smiles above were snapped at the June Installation Dance when Sadie Kuratomi (right) passed on her Presidency to Pat Iwamoto (left). Beaming in the center is Co-Director Haruo Yanagi. Good reason to smile, huh?



**NSO OFFICERS**

**Directors:** Haruo Yanagi and Jim Konno.  
**Hostess Club Officers:** Pat Iwamoto, Frances Nakamura, Yuri Iwanaga Yamasaki, Ruth Eto, Reiko Kinoshita, Charko Nakamura, Josie Jarm, & Phyllis Kusumi.  
**Pe-Mail Volunteer Staff** composed of hostesses, GI's, and veterans. Work-nites are held on Fridays at 50 Amsterdam, 3E, NYC. Anyone welcome to join in.

**EDITORIAL: TRUCE**

The truce in Korea marked the temporary cessation of the fourth bloodiest conflict in our nation's history.

A preliminary total of 142,277 American casualties was recently announced by the War Department. Included in this tragic tabulation were 25,604 dead, and 103,492 wounded. Of this figure there were 706 Nisei casualties, of which 151 were killed, 438 wounded, and 94 unaccounted for. From this last group, 22 were later reported killed-in-action, 21 listed as prisoners-of-war, and 51 still unaccounted for.

From the 151 who gave their lives, 116 came from Hawaii; 35 from the mainland. Of the wounded, 201 from Hawaii; 136, mainland.

We are sorry we do not have the casualty list of those of Chinese-American, and the Hawaiians-other-than-those-of-Japanese background.

But why all the statistics?

Statistics are facts, cold and hard, and the facts above in particular deal with the N.S.O.

Since the Korean armistice there has been a marked psychological "let-down" on the part of many members within the Nisei Service Organization. Cooperation has faltered and waned, and a paralysis of disinterest has attacked the structure of the hostess body. Figuratively, the N.S.O. faces the danger of "falling apart at the seams".

Much of this indifference to things N.S.O. is understandable. The war in Korea was never a "popular" war in the first place, and now that it is over there has been a general tendency to relax and forget.

But is the war really over in Korea? To paraphrase a definition from Webster's Dictionary, a "truce" is a suspension of arms by agreement; a respite, or brief quiet.

Moreover many admit that an uneasy truce exists in Korea today. No one can fortell what will happen there tomorrow. On this unfortunate premise, the ranks of the armed forces of the United States must be maintained at its present level of strength.

**THEY TAKE THE CAKE**

Picture taken by Tito O'Kamoto

Proudly displaying the cake that George baked, is Mr. and Mrs. George Yamasaki. The lovely bride is the former Yuri Iwanaga, executive secretary of the NSO, a talented violinist, and a former member of the Hunter College orchestra. Baker George, an ex-Navy man is now attending NYU.

(This cake shot could have been taken at their recent wedding, but it was snapped in June at the Second Anniversary of the NSO).

Despite the belated news pic, this is one 'sweet' couple who certainly 'take the cake'.

The instant-mix which was whipped up last November, had its final touch this past September 20th.

So, here's Orchids (of Hawaii) to a perfect confectionary recipe.

**EDITORIAL: (CONTINUED)**

Therefore as long as the threat of war remains, whether in Korea, Indo-China, Germany or elsewhere, young men will continue to be drafted into military service.

Are we, the members of the N.S.O. to ignore these new men in uniform? Are we, the members of the N.S.O. to forget so quickly the sacrifices of the men who fought and died in Korea? Or rather, will the N.S.O. continue to render "service" to servicemen?

The answer is up to YOU.



## 'EAST COASTERS' REUNION HELD ON WEST COAST

Through the initiative of Bill Sakurai, John Shigemoto, Buster Ota, and other former 'New Yorkers', GI-turned civilians and ex-NSO hostesses met on August 8th for a nite of dining, dancing and renewing friendships. San Kwo Lo in Little Tokyo, and the Penthouse on Western Avenue were the "happy haunting grounds".

George "Atomic" Gee and Tosh "Old Faithful" Moriya came some 600 miles down from Sac'to via plane and Greyhound Bus. George "Paris" Nakayama drove all the way in from Delano, Central California.

Visiting from the East Coast were Mich Teramoto and Bill and Mary Kochiyama. Fumi Takaki missed the reunion by two weeks.

Others who attended were: Dick and Sumi Tochiwara, Kim Omotani, Ken Kubota, Monte Minami, Mas Hatae, Hideo Watanabe, Virginia Tachibana, Douglas Doi, John Shigemoto, Nan Sakemi, Frank Okabayashi, Caroline Makita, Barbara Abe, a "Skippy" (was it Tanaka?) and Albert Tsuji.

This may be the beginning of future Ex-East Coasters get-together.

## UP THE HUDSON



Picture taken by Dick Komine

Pictured on the deck of the Hudson Dayliner are: Betty Lee, Bob Nitta, Herb Kochi, Sai Sakai, Jin Kozuma, Ellen Kumai, Sonny Makita, Ruth Eto, Jim Konno, Kathy Eddy, Lily and George Nakamura, Clancy Takano, Jean Mock, and the head (?) of Humpty Oda.

## TENNIS CLUB PLANS SPORT-NITE

The Nisei Tennis Club which has been one of the active organizations during the past several years, has extended an invitation to the NSO to join them on Friday evenings for Recreation Nite at Joan of Arc High School.

Details of the program have not been relayed as yet, but particulars will be given soon. Volleyball, basketball, and badminton are some of the games that may be enjoyed.

These sessions will be a mixed affair, and anyone is welcomed. Let's have a big turnout of GI's and hostesses!

## GALS. NSO NEEDS YOU!

For the past 2½ years, the officers and active hostesses of the NSO have worked tirelessly and faithfully, planning the many activities of the NSO program. However, these girls have been so few in number.

Many girls have attended dances and NSO affairs for a full year or even two years without bothering to be present at a general meeting. It's more than discouraging to the officers who send out over a 100 cards and see only 10 faces on meeting nites.

Looking over the list of NSO hostesses in the files, there is a wide variety of interests, talents, and individuality in this group. How much your help could mean to this organization.

We hope that more of the girls will take the responsibility of coming to the meetings to meet and befriend other girls; become familiar with NSO problems; and respond where help is needed.

Girls, we need you; more of you; all of you! This is NSO's SOS!

## GEORGE STILL BUZZING

George "Busy Bee" Gee of Sacramento is a busy man. Here's the 'buzz': He's an advisor to a hi-school boy's club; chaperone for a girls club (they trust him?); vice-president for the 20-30 Club (a civic group); and an assistant sergeant-of-arms for a bowling club. He also works for a living.

A typical and sparkling picture of George Gee himself was enclosed in a recent missive "to show to all the old girl-friends who left a wonderful sore spot in my heart."

A leader by nature, G.G. recently directed three young Sacramentoans, girls of course, to NSO members in New York. The visitors were Jean Nakatani, Terry Enkoji, and Rita Nikkaido. The boys here enjoyed them too.



## DIDJA KNOW THAT...

...Kaz Shintani, one of the "original GI's" that began the NSO is back in New York. He is now attending RCA.

...Two other old NSO chums who recently came back to the Big Town are Tomu Suzuki and Sueo Tomooka. Tomu returned from ETO, while Sueo hit here from Greenland. Jonathon Shirota from Hawaii also returned from civilian work in Greenland too.

...Hank Yoshikawa, the first NSO treasurer, has a very cute kid sister who has recently come in from the Island to study at NYU.

...John and May Nagasawa are going-to-be or have-become "parents". Their little replica was expected in September.

...Roy Namba has brought his attractive bride with him to Brooklyn. She is the former Arlene Abe of Salinas and Los Angeles.

...Dorothy Tonai, cousin of Beautiful Babs Komine, was a cheer-leader for Baldwin High in Maui. Bab's was a clarinetist in the band.

...Myrna Kawamoto, who was in New York before going on to Smith College, was also swinging the pom-poms for her Alma Mater.... Punahou!

...More and more Wahiawa-ites are invading the East Coast. The latest find is personable Willy Morioka, a footballer from Punahou, now attending Princeton. Recent GI's from there are: Henry Yoshimura, Albert Lee, Charles Carvalho, and Larry Nishimura, a DSC winner in Korea.

...In Spring a young man's fancy turns to thots of love. For Hairless George and Lily Nakamura, it'll be a new love for both this coming Spring: Yup, for Hairless George Jr!

...When the ex-East Coasters met for the reunion in Cal, Michi Teramoto was taken for an under-ager, and almost refused entrance. Were you flattered or embarrassed, Michi? (Caroline "teen-age" Makita did her best to look grown up).

...Dick Tobhihara, Sumi's other-half, is a 442-man like Bill Kochiyama (which classifies him in the "old men's" dept. according to Kinsey--but for 'that age', he's as hep as his pert wifie, and quite a "man-about town".

...George Arakaki may soon be in New York with his Emeline. He will probably attend school. Bert Loo is also in the mainland studying at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

...Abo Keikoan (that's a girl's name) is a newcomer from Sac'to who could do a lot for the NSO. She's here in New York, but...er.. uh...could someone tell us "where".

## CUPID WORKS OVER-TIME

Somebody must be paying time-and-a-half to Dan Cupid. The love-bug is getting good bites or the male and female beings are succumbing faster.

Roger Kozuma and Doris Miura announced their engagement in New York this August. John Shigemoto and Kathy Nishimura did likewise in Los Angeles in September.

George Yamasaki and Yuri Iwanaga were married on Sept. 20 in Jackson Heights, N.Y. (See story elsewhere). Alicia Andaya and Bob Gascon said "I Do" Sept 27 in New York.

Lorraine Miyahara announced her intention to wed Frank Hong on October 17 at the Riverside Church in Manhattan.

George Arakaki of Honolulu also announced matrimonial plans with Emeline in November.

John Kadowaki was married recently to a Philadelphia Miss.

Ah, love! Nice, isn't it?

## DRUM PINE-APPLES SAY ALOHA

Camp Drum "Pine-Apples" are shown here with their beloved officer, Lt. Chuck Wilson at one of their last "shindigs" before saying "aloha".

The boys are left to right: Jack Hayashi, Clifford Nakatani, Eddie Shiroma, Sai Sakai, Haole friend, Mike Yoshida, Yas Asato, Geo. Kimoto, and Ernest Chow. Chuck is at the mike.



Wilson, who affectionately nick-named the Islanders' "Pine-Apples", first met Kanakas in World War II while he fought alongside the 442 with his 45th Division. Since then he as gone overboard for anything that resembles "Pine-Apples". The boys too, will never forget "the officer who won their respect, admiration, and their hearts".