

THE NSO's FE-MAIL

11th Edition

Nisei Service Organization

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FUND CAMPAIGN NETS THREE HUNDRED

A "grand" total in more ways than one was raised by business firms, servicemen, and friends who contributed three hundred dollars for the Nisei Service Organization during its recent campaign drive for funds, reports treasurer, Yuri Nakamura.

Response came from all parts of the country, with former East Coast GI's, 442 Association members, and Japanese business firms contributing heavily.

Amongst the donors were: Mrs. Mildred Takaki, mother of NSO hostess, Fumi, and Ken who is now in Germany; Roy Okuno of Twixt, Inc.; Paul Higa, merchant marine; Smoky Nagao, paratrooper; Richard Tomiyasu, air force; Herby Wong, Coastie; George Maeda, army; and Tak Nishimura, GI in Korea.

Business firms that gave were: Okura and Company; Takata Television Lab; Owl Farm; Norwalk, Conn.; Bank of Japan; and Thomas J. Reed, Inc. (The last mentioned is a funeral parlor).

Former East Coast GI's who remembered the NSO during the campaign were: Mike Sakamoto, Frank Ura, Mas Hatae, Ken Kubota, and Frank Sasaki.

Girls who gave were: Kathy Eddy, Melvina Tasaki, Marie Oda, and Ruth Eto, all of New York; and Terry Enkoji, Jean Nakatani, and Rita Nikkaido of Sacramento.

442 Donors were: Conrad Kurahara, Rod Matheson, Dick Itanaga, Walter Bjork, Irving Akahoshi, Ted Sakai, Gene Herbert, Frank and Agnes Ochs, Dick Komine, Jin Kozuma, Cox Yamauchi, Leonard Nason, Tony Tanji, Bill Kouchiyama, Clancy Takano, Tom Inaba, Tooru Kanazawa, Gus D'Aloise, and Jimmy Konno.

Services have also been given by: George Yuzawa of Park Central Florist; Kei Yamato, Ted Uchida, George Yamazaki and Yo Ito of Orchids of Hawaii; Gene Herbert and Dick Komine, photographers; Rev. Alfred Akamatsu of United Church of Christ, Japanese-American; and Tom and June Lee of Bamboo Garden, Union City, New Jersey.

NSO wishes to also thank Mr. Toshio Kinoshita for his help in translating a fund appeal letter to the Isseis. The original in English was written by Jimmy Konno.

CABINET PLANS COMING EVENTS

To go along with unseasonably warm weather and early spring predictions by the ground hog, the NSO plans a "Springtime Hop" on the 27th of February at the McBurney Y, 23rd Street at 7th Ave from 8:30 P.M. to 12. Plans are underway on a St. Patrick's Dance on March 13, and a Pre-Easter Dance on April 17. Location of the latter two dances are still undecided, but as soon as they become definite, notices will be sent out.

At the last NSO meeting it was decided to hold a general meeting the third Friday of every month. The next meeting will be on March 19 at the home of Bill and Mary K. We're planning a party get-together strictly jeans and plaid shirts affair with a "no men allowed" sign tacked to the door. We hope that the girls really go for the idea and show their support by saving the date for us.

The girls have also decided to "transform" the NSO into a club with regular membership including dues and special privileges. The membership will be open to all; and any girl, with or without membership, is welcomed to attend any and all NSO functions.

NSO ROYALTY



Picture taken by Dick Komine

A crowning evening was capped last November when Thelma Hiranaga (second from right) was named "Queen for the Nite". In the picture with her are: Jimmy Konno, Director, James Ige, "Pin-up Boy", Dorothy Tonai and Pat Wong, attendants.

NSO OFFICERS

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

EDITORIAL: STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

We're holding no punches because too many punches, figuratively and literally, have been thrown; and the Nisei Service Organization has been "the innocent victim".

Three recent blows have hurt.

The first occurred on Christmas Eve at a dance given by a local tennis club. That night an asinine quarrel which few care to remember, touched off an embarrassing ruckus on the dance floor.

The second fracas happened several weeks later at a New Year's dance sponsored by a veteran's association. An evening planned for fun and gaiety was quickly marred by a series of fights.

Of more recent date, the third low blow was struck at a social arranged by the same association above. Here again, a minority element turned a pleasant evening into a fiasco.

The last brawl brought serious consequences. Ironically, the sponsoring group, which had been the only organization to heartily back up and consistently support the N.S.O. from the start, is now banned to hold further socials at the clubhouse in which the veterans had met every month for the past three years. What's more, the associations clean record had been blemished for the first time since its founding.

Fortunately, none of the above affairs directly involved the N.S.O. Unfortunately, however, all the frays involved servicemen. Thus, the Nisei Service Organization feels and shares some measure of responsibility.

Rowdiness of this sort must be halted. The time is now. Too great a reflection has already been cast. This is depressing because the N.S.O., including friends in civilian and G.I. ranks, have been working and striving hard to build up a solid program and well respected organization in behalf of the servicemen.

All of us can discourage disorderly conduct if we think before acting. Whether it be at

NEW AND OLD FACES LIVEN UP SOCIALS

Familiar old faces and welcome new faces have added zip and zest to the recent dances and get-togethers.

The past two months have brought back past key NSO figures as Jimmy Tsuruda, George Higa, Harold Slate, German Mito, and Harold Slate. Two of the discharged GI's, George Arakaki and Masao Kuniyoshi have returned with brides of several weeks. George's wife is the former Emeline Kakazu of Honolulu, and Masao's wife was formerly Helen Miyasato of Hilo.

Fred Toyama and Mits Yamaoka have both recently come in from Chicago. Dave Louis relocated from Washington D.C.

During the holidays, three Island college lasses who added cheers and attraction were: Myrna Kawamoto, Smith; Toki Kamasaki, Antioch; and Tami Arakawa, Oberlin.

Other holiday visitors were: Lt. Phillip and Terry Lee of Walter Reed Hosp.; Shig and Fumi Soma, and SFC. Paul Akamine of Aberdeen; Smoky Nagao and Nob Okamura of Ft. Bragg; James Nishida and Roy Ono, Coasties; Walter Ojima, Wash. D.C.; Ken Tasaki, Wisc.; Bert Kobayashi and Don Omura, Ind.

New girls here who have caught the eyes and ayes of guys are: Jane Nishimura, Mercedes Aguilar, Sylvia Mizuno, Elizabeth Garcia, Molly Matsunaga, and Joan Clark. GI's would also like to see more of Jean Eshima, Helen Eto, Sarah Kaneshiro, Lila Tom, Lillian Chang, Florence Matano, Florence Abe, Kameko Shimabukuro, Edna Yoshikawa, Janice Kurozawa, Elizabeth Hoe, Jean Imazu, and Kazie Kadota.

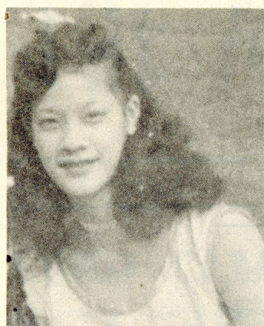
NSO has also missed May Mock, Stella Jack, Miriam Otsubo, Herda Butte, Mabel and Thelma Murakami, Marian Fong, Jean Mock, Lucy Chin, Mei Har Chin, and so many others. Let's see your faces again soon.

The NSO wishes to extend their sincere sympathies to the families of Slim Kiyabu and Betty Lee. Both Slim's father and Betty's brother passed away in January.

a private or public function, consideration must first be given to the host(ess) or sponsoring group. At these affairs servicemen are the honored and welcome guests. Together with such recognition goes the responsibility of the individual serviceman to the inviting organization, including the N.S.O.

Servicemen have many friends in this area, many known as well as unknown. Their friendship along with many others, are worth keeping as they sincerely want to keep yours.

INTRODUCING:

CHARMING
JARM

Here she is, boys, the Social Chairman of the NSO. Though strictly a New Yorker, this "disarm-

ing Jarm" has become quite "Kanakanized" by the number of Island GI's she's befriended. And though born on April Fool's Day, she is by no means a fool. She has something...besides "rocks in her head".

And since she's employed by Ethical Culture, she is both ethical and cultured. (?)

A spritely, vivacious gal, she loves to dance, bowl, and yak; and is good at all three.

She has been one of the most active NSO hostesses, and has probably attended more socials than any other hostess. She has also made practically every meeting.

And guys, don't be fooled by her 20-inch waist-line. THIS GAL CAN EAT!

ENHANCING
FRAN

Y'like her, eh?
Smiling at you here,
is Frances Nakamura,
the NSO's popular Vice
Prexy.

A gal with lots of "zip and go", Francie has more capabilities and abilities than is necessary for one lone fairer sex to have. Like her sister, Yuri who is an artist, Fran keeps "drawing" more and more 'objects....of affection'. How she tactfully knows how to keep the males at arms length shows her artful knack of knowing where to draw the line.

A Pasadenan by birth, the Veep has covered a lot of territory, but has found her 5 years in New York quite fascinating.

A CBS assign technician by day, a student by nite, her time is well taken up. But for the NSO, she has gone way out of her way. So creeps, what this Veep needs is sleep!.

DIDJA KNOW THAT.. BY REIKO + RUTH

...Mickey Oishi is now pinch-hitting as executive secretary for Yuri Yamazaki.

...Sadie Kuratomi left Feb. 12 for sunny Cal. Flo Kozuma follows in April and Georgie Sawahata expects to go in June.

...Ginger Nakamura and Herb Nakabayashi were married on Valentine's Day; also first anniversary of Kaz and Shirley Nitahara now in Germany.

...Mich Teramoto returning soon from Calway saw a lot of ex-NSO'ers there.

...Pat Iwamoto's sister, Meri, recently came back from Japan. Tak is here too.

...Doris Miura and Roger Kozuma married January 24. Their home will be in Indiana. Roger is an instructor at Purdue U.

...Phyllis Kusumi, Frances Nakamura, Reiko Kinoshita, Ernest Kawamura, and Muscles Yoshimura celebrated their birthday in February with Lincoln and Washington.

...Jin Kozuma is a real gone jitterbugger.

...Tak Kosakura is at Ft. Meade; and Jim Sakurai is in Japan. Sappo Emoto is in San Jose; Ted Kometani is in ETO; Seige Watanabe is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

...George and Lily Nakamura returned to Wahiawa to increase the population there sometime next month.

...Mits "Fatso" Yamaoka, Hilo's gift to golf, shoots in the low 70's.

...Herbie "Whirl-Wind" Wong went back to Cal and has already seen Alice Moy and Shirley Mock. (Gee, he's another George Gee).

...The best joke-tellers around are: Kathy Eddy, Ken Koga, and George Ige. If bored, see these jokers.

...Two of NSO's best bowlers are Babs Komine and Dot Tonai.

...The jitterbugging of Chinky Nishikuni and Willy Maeda is mighty sharp-stuff.

...Slim and Kay Kiyabu are on the stork list.

...Tommy Wong and Harold Hamano have identical twin brothers, both here on the East Coast.

...NSO is lucky to have such talented entertainers as Betty Lou Lung, Lolita Fernandez, Grace Futa, Melvina Tasaki, the Wahiawa-ans, David Louis, Ken Kawashima, and oh yes, our pin-up, James Ige.

...The 442nd Association in New York split their New Year's Eve Dance profit with the NSO. Sixty more dollars for us.

...Tony "Adorable" Tanji's kid sister, Hisako, visited New York in January.

...Horace Sukita, Lionel Aono, Ronnie China, Richard Abe, and Nobuo Kanemoto were also here during the holidays.

...Rough-and-ready paratroopers, Smoky Nagao and Nob Okamura are hep on poetry.

FINISH THIS SENTENCE WITH 25 WORDS OR LESS.

I READ THE FE-MAIL BECAUSE _____

(Cash prizes will be awarded to the best three entries based on originality and aptness of thought. Send your entry to Frances Nakamura, 420 E. 72nd Street, New York. Dead-line March 30. Winners will be announced at the April 17th dance. Judges decisions will be final!!)

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