

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS!

Winners of the "Why I read the Fe-Mail" contest have finally been chosen.....and here they are: Coastie James Ige of the CGC Tuckahoe; Pfc. Tak Kosakura of Fort Geroge Meade, Maryland; and Cpl. Lloyd Esaki of Corozal, Canal Zone.

The entry that caught the eyes of the judges for the first place spot was Ige's brief but punchy "I read the Fe-Mail because I believe in females...Wow!"

For the best serious entry: I read the Fe-Mail because--"I as a Nisei serviceman, appreciating the activities and being interested in the future of the NSO, find the Fe-Mail highly inspirational, as well as informative."

In the same light vein as Ige's, Esaki quotes: I read the Fe-Mail because Fe-Mail keeps me informed about females." Cash prizes for the above three will be sent by mail.

Others who turned in good entries were: Pvt. Lawrence Muraoka, Beale Air Force Base, California; Korean vet, Tak Nishimura, Chicago; and A/lc Hank Yoshikawa, Tsuiki, Japan.

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TWENTY-SIX CANDIDATES FOR NSO OFFICES

The annual election of new officers is now taking its course. The following girls have been nominated for the respective offices.

President: M₁ckie Oishi, R₁iko Kinoshita, Frances Nakamura and Josie Jarm.

Vice-President: Gladys Pang, Rose Kaneshige, Ruth Eto, and Sumi Young.

Treasurer: Liz Yee, Mickey Kashiwabara, and Kathleen Koazuma.

Executive Secretary: Kathy Eddy and Pat Iwamoto.

Social Chairman: Jean M₁ock, Edna Yoshikawa, Lolita Fernandez, and Juanita Rodriguez.

Secretaries: Jane Nishimura, Betty Lou Lung, Janice Kurozawa, and Florence Matano.

Historian: Sylvia Mizuno, Betty Lee, Elizabeth Garcia and Delia Leong.

Ballots will be accepted up to May 10th. Installation of the newly elected officers will take place on May 15th at the MacBurney YMCA. A short ceremony with the retiring cabinet handing over their duties to their successors will be officiated by Reverend Alfred Akamatsu of the Grace Methodist Akamatsu of the Grace Methodist Church.

INSTALLATION DANCE SLATED AT MACBURNNEY

May 15th is the "big nite" for the NSO. It will be installation-time, and marks the third year of the existenc₂ of the organization. A dance will be held in honor of the occasion on that eve from 8:00 p.m. til the witching hour. The place will be Room No. 202 at the MacBurney YMCA, 215 West 23rd Street, New York City.

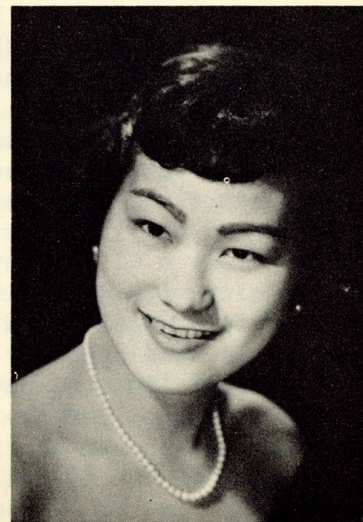
There will be tasty refreshments galore, lots of cool music and smooth dancing, and a door prize to some lucky someone. So reserve this date and everyone come on out!

PIN-UP FROM MAUI

Here's a pretty Maui girl, but not from Waikapu. This gal is from the city....Wailuku!

Babs Komine is a senior at Julie Richman; a mermaid who can swim like a fish.

Seen at most of the dances, Bab's stagline indicates she's as adept on a dance floor as in the water.



**DIDJA READ WHAT WE WROTE?
BE SURE AND VOTE!**

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.
Fe-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! SERVICE! HOW?

In June of 1951, a group of girls who saw the potentialities of catering to the needs of servicemen, organized for that purpose. Now, three years later, though there has been stale-mates, the effectiveness of such an organization can be seen with wider perspective.

Although most of the NSO's activities has been limited to the social and entertaining side only, those affairs in itself, have provided an important outlet for young people--fellowship and fun.

When one stops to think of juvenile delinquency, vandalism, and rowdiness among Orientals in other large cities, we feel that the many open social activities here are factors which have helped to utilize time and energy of young people in a beneficial way.

Besides, New York can be a very lonely place as many of us have found out for ourselves at some time. This reason alone, could be an incentive for those connected with the NSO to do all they can to bring warmth to newcomers and help orient them to this fast-paced environment. We have seen much of this done by hostesses and discharges and GI's on their own, and we feel proud of the role they are trying to carry out.

At this time we would like to also thank the girls who have been cooperative in making themselves available as dates to GI's on furloughs and leaves. If it were not for them, many a GI may have come and gone from this city with very little to look back upon.

A friendly hello can go a long ways whether it is at a dance or a church. Fumi Takaki and Pat Iwamoto, have time and time again been mentioned for their combination of sincerity and warmth to strangers.

A city of transients like New York has a constant flow of newcomers each year from Hawaii and the West Coast. Their immediate

DONATIONS STILL COMING IN

The NSO Treasurer, Charko Nakamura, reports that recent donations have come in from two GI's and two discharges.

Larry Talisayn, whose letter appears on the following page sent in his donation from Korea. Lt. Hamami Fujii, who was transferred from Fort Monmouth, sent in his contribution from Fort Bragg, No. Carolina.

Tak Nishimura, a three-time donor, sent his latest gift-money from Chicago. There was also an anonymous donation from Hilo, Hawaii.

ANCHORS AWEIGH FOR 29 COASTIES

During the month of April and May, some 29 Island Coasties will be leaving the East Coast area for their discharges.

Those who have already left are: Isaiah Kini, Ed Yagi, Henry Tsuha, Eddie Chung, Wally Nakagawa, and Take Iwasaki.

Twenty-two others who are slated for discharges are: Masa Nakamura, James Ige, Curly Horiata, Henry Obayashi, Donald Paik, Asa Yoshimoto, Richard Hashimoto, Tom Ageno, Joel Hamasaki, Harry Watanabe, Kenneth Imada, George Gabriel, and Bob Nitta from New York; Preacher Okawa, and Tom Ajimura from Conn.; Benjamin Vea, Richard Kanemaru, and George Domae from Boston; and Tom Uyehara, and Richard Yamauchi from Maine.

These boys will certainly be missed at future NSO dances. The support they've given the NSO will be remembered always. We hope the Coasties will leave their home-addresses that Fe-Mails may still reach them.

**DONT MISS THE BOAT
THIS TIME PLEEZE VOTE!**

SERVICE! HOW? (CONT.)

needs would run the gamut from housing jobs, contacts, and friends. The last item is important, and each of us, could do our part in encouraging, providing, and becoming that last item of usefulness.

Thus, if we, as associates of the NSO, could develop a consciousness of the needs about us, whether directed towards servicemen, civilians, or the community, we will be accomplishing something worthwhile, and can truly say that we are an organization organized for service.

A GRATEFUL G.I. WRITES:

We are printing the full context of a letter recently received from Korea by an Island G.I. who spent a few months in the New York area. Many will remember Larry Talisayn, the friendly Bla who was known for his sharp dancing. Such a letter should be a warm encouragement to the NSO to continue its program of service in the atmosphere of friendship.

Madam Chairman:

Through your organization, my short stay in New York City, at the first part of 1953, had been a very pleasant one. Through it, I have acquired many wonderful acquaintances. I am very grateful indeed and I praise the efforts that you and the members of the organization had made so many times, in the attempt of making the impossible possible. What I am talking about is that, the difficulties your organization had faced in making the lonely wanderers like myself, feel at home, being so far away from their loved ones. I want it to be known that, all of your endeavors in making the occasions possible, are being very much appreciated.

Enclosed you will find my contribution of \$25.00. Though small my donation may be, I sincerely hope that it may help you a little in your next coming dance or gatherings.

Upon closing, may I wish you a great success in all of your planned activities and may your future difficulties be small. I remain as always,

Sincerely,
Larry S. Talisayn
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DIDJA KNOW THAT..

BY PAT + REIKO

- ...Alice Moy and Shirley Mock are coming back this summer. Of more recent date, Sumi Suzuki Tochiara is coming into town within the month. She's bringing a gal-friend too.
- ...Flo Kozuma, headed for the Golden Bear State in April 30. Stella Jack has also disappeared to Cal.
- ...Smoky Nagao has been transferred to Aberdeen, Maryland; Nob Okumura to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Hi Fujii to Fort Bragg No. Carolina; Joe Chin to Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida; Tak Iwamoto to Fort Totten, New York; Richard Tomiyasu to Tampa, Florida; John Nakamura to Georgia.
- ...Lt. Raymond Naito is in Korea with the 226th Sig. Corp. He said he bumped into his pal, Doug Homma. He also mentioned that Walter Sur should be back in Honolulu soon.
- ...Ken Ikeda and Ken Kawashima of West Point may be in some of the scenes in a movie picture now being filmed there.
- ...A sweet newcomer to the city is Gayle Yoshimoto, '52 Farrington grad from Honolulu.
- ...There is a new Japanese restaurant on 105th Street off Broadway.
- ...Mickey Kashiwabara's enthusiastic response with NSO activities is a good booster-shot to this group. The cute, hard-working, Miss is a nurse from Bayonne, New Jersey.

- ...Ceyda Noboa, Grace Futa, and Juanita Rodriguez's dancing ability have been noticed by sharp-eyed G.I.'s.
- ...Sylvia Mizuno of Japan and Elizabeth Garcia of Puerto Rico, two eye-catchers, graduated together from a mid-Manhattan hi-school.
- ...Valley Stream lassies are keeping the Manhattan males hopping and hoping. Jane Nishimura and her chums, Mercedes & Amy are welcome sights.
- ...Frances and Mas Matsuoka's bundle in blue arrived in New York in March, as did Lily and George Nakamura's bundle in pink, in Wa-hiawa, Oahu.
- ...NSO and fellows miss Becky Kojima, Pinky Higa, and Doris Kaneshiro who went back to Hawaii. Come on back, please!
- ...Yuri (Iwanaga) and George Yamasaki are on the stork list for July. So are Slim and Kay Kiyabu.
- ...Roger Kozuma received his commission, and will be reporting to Samson on June 1. Doris will be coming back to New York.
- ...NSO has started a record collection. Contributions will be welcomed.

**JUST A MEMO-NOTE
REMINING YOU TO VOTE**

EASTER WEDDING FOR JOHN AND CATHY

Easter Sunday was chosen as the wedding day for Johnny Shigemoto and Cathy Nishimura who exchanged wedding vows in Los Angeles.

Both former East Coasters and well-known to NSO circles, strangely the two never became acquainted with each other while they were living in New York. They heard of each other, and saw each other at a few of the NSO dances. Soon as they returned to California, by sheer coincidence they found themselves living in the same rooming-house.

From that lucky beginning, the two became inseparable. Now as Mr. and Mrs. Shig, the coo-some two-some will be more inseparable than ever.

**WHY BE A GOAT
COME ON AND VOTE!**

ALERTING ETO GI'S

For all you Island GI's in the ETO, please watch for notices in whatever publication you read--of the 442 Goodwill Ambassadors who will be touring Europe for the next six months. They are a top musical troupe with two of the best hula dancers anywhere. This group includes: John Taikano, Jiro Wahana-be, Kas Tojio, Ato Umeda, Charlie Taketa, Emmaline Aki and Myrna Tilton.

Don't miss their performances!

The NSO sends warm regards to Mrs. Iwamoto, the mother of Pat, Mary and Tak. Hoping for your recovery.

TWO HITS, TWO MISSES



The two smiling GI's above are former Fort Monmouth-men who were recently transferred, John Nakamura (left) and "Hi!" Fujii (right). The hostesses are Reiko Kinoshita and Phyllis Kusumi.

MALE CALLS FOR FEMALES

From far-off Eniwetok, Robert Hamashige sends an enticing list of names (including descriptions) of GI's who would like something feminine to correspond with. The guys are: Albert Fukunaga, Raymond Narahara, Dennis Uyehara, Walter Hayase, Richard Kuwaye, and William Urada. Of course, Robert wouldn't mind mail too.

For further particulars, check the letter with detailed info's on the boys.

Please respond, huh gals? These guys deserve more than Fe-Mails. They want females.

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