

# THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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Nisei Service Organization

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## HOSTESSES WID TH' MOSTES'S INSTALLED



Photograph by Dick Komine

NSO officers for '54-'55 line up for a pretty display with Director Jimmy Konno following the installation. They are: Pres. Frances Nakamura; V.P. Ruth Eto; Exec. Sec. Pat Iwamoto, Treas. Mickey Kashiwabara; Histor. Sylvia Mizuno; Exec. Sec. Kathy Eddy; Soc. Ch. Edna Yoshikawa; Sec's. Jane Nishimura and Betty Lou Lung; and Soc. Ch. Lolita Fernandez.

## MOON-LIGHT CRUISE SET FOR AUG. 14

Counting on the all-out support of hostesses, servicemen, and friends, the NSO has chartered an entire ship named the "Islander" for a four hour moon-light cruise around Manhattan on Saturday, August 14.

The fare per person is \$1.75. Passengers are advised to assemble promptly at Pier 83 on West 43rd Street by 7:45 P.M.

"The NSO has gone to considerable expense and risks a serious loss if the turn-out is poor," explained Edna Yoshikawa, social-chairman, who made the arrangements.

(So, let's help to make this moon-light cruise a complete success with all you NSO-er's and servicemen sailing enmasse with your friends and buddies).

Lolita Fernandez, social co-chairman, added that a "nautical" good time is planned with dancing, perhaps some Hawaiian entertainment, cold drinks, and oh yes, cruising.

## BETTY LOU LUNG TWICE HAILED QUEEN

Betty Lou Lung, NSO's attractive secretary from Honolulu, recently earned the distinction of being crowned twice within two weeks.

Her first coronation took place at a NSO dance on June 26 when she was chosen queen representative of the Nisei Tennis Club of New York. The five other pretty finalists were incidently, all Island girls. They were: Melvina Tasaki, Grace Futa, Jane Nishimura, Janice Kurozawa, and Dot Tonai.

Betty Lou's prize was a free trip to Toronto over the July 4th week-end, where she again ascended the throne by approving notes of the Canadians. She also entertained there with the Island Musical Troupe.





# FUJIO SAITO OF THE TENNIS CLUB WRITES:

"Words cannot express our sincere appreciations for the wonderful cooperation the NSO gave to our club. Your enthusiastic acceptance of our last minute request to hold a queen contest at your dance, and the smooth running of the contest were indeed a godsend to us. We are delighted by the choice of Miss Betty Lou Lung to represent New York City in the queen contest to be held in Toronto in conjunction with the tournament over the July 4th week-end.

"Please extend our warmest thanks to the members of your organization and especially to Jim Konno. We hope that in the future we can be as helpful to the NSO as you were to us.

## NSO OFFICERS

Directors: Dick Komine and Jim Konno.  
Hostess Club Officers: Frances Nakamura,  
Ruth Eto, Pat Iwamoto, Miki Kashiwabara,  
Silvia Mizuno, Kathy Eddy, Edna Yoshikawa,  
Jane Nishimura, Betty Lou Lung,  
and Lolita Fernandez.

Fe-Mail Volunteer Staff composed of Hostesses, GI's and vets. Anyone welcome to join in. Contact Ruth Eto, Wa 5-1106.

## FROM THE BAG -- THE MAIL-BAG

Two of the strongest links in Operation NSO are Mail, Mail, Mail, and Males. And thanks to the males who wrote the mail, here are some excerpts from recent letters.

From Midland, Pennsylvania, Joe Yee pens: "Just a line to let you know that Uncle Sam gave me the long awaited release six months ago and am now wearing civvies again.

"I want to thank you all for the wonderful times I had in NYC through the NSO when I was wearing OD's. May your wonderful work continue."

Also from the Quaker state, James P.H. Ige writes from somewhere in the Pocono Mts: "The only thing that's good out here is the swimming pool but it's too crowded during the day so we use it only at nite. The gals here aren't anything that would make your eyeballs spring out. Over half of 'em are fat, and I mean FAT."

Ige, who spends a good twelve hours a day peeling potatoes and washing pots and pans would like to hear from the "outside world". His address is--Willow Dell House, Minisink Hills, Pa.

Dick Higa and Herbert Karimoto, now en-route to who-knows-where, says: "This is to tell you we had wonderful times in New York. We want to thank all of you for what you did to make our week-ends a success. After meeting all you folks, leaving here will be hard for us. You know, it's like leaving home."

## FROM THE MAIL BAG

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To show what a small world this is, Joel Hamasaki relates an incident on the West Coast: "You know what happened to me in San Francisco? Well, I was waiting in the lobby at the airport when I was bumped into, literally speaking, from the back. I turned around, apologized, and I recognized the girl but couldn't think of her name. Anyway she walked five paces, turned around, looked at me, and I did the same. She came over and asked if I was Joe. Then I knew that it was Rose. Wasn't it a coincident? (But Joel, ya better get your Roses straight. The Rose you bumped into, was Louise Louie. She wrote to us about the same incident).

Another ex-Coastie Herbie Wong, who incidentally gave the NSO the "knockdowns" to June and Louise Louie, writes: "No, I didn't get to see Curly (Horiata) for I wasn't home when he called. Joel Hamasaki didn't call but I wish I could have seen him too. How about telling some of my old buddies to call for I'd like to see all of them before they go back to the Islands. Girls, too!!!"

The musical troupe, the "Islanders", who have been gaining recognition in New York, also sent their thank you's thusly: "Your generous contribution which made our trip to Canada possible is greatly appreciated by each one of us. Signed---Lightning Uyehara, Jin Kozuma, Tony Tanji, David Louis, George Kozuma, Larry Kam, Melvina Tasaki, Frace Futata, and Betty Lou Lung.

A note from Fred Toyama now transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland, reads: "Thank you very much for sending me "Fe-Mail" and all the events of N.S.O. while I was stationed at Fort Monmouth. Your organization sure made my stay at New Jersey and my visits to New York more pleasant."

Others also wrote, but no more space for this column. Guys, please keep writing! We're louzy correspondents, but thanks to your letters that Fe-Mail can keep going.



## DIDJA KNOW THAT..

...Ethel Higa, "kid sister" of George Higa of Laupahoehoe "Where-is-it", Hawaii, is here, and now residing with Grace Futa. A grad of Honolulu Business College, the lively gal is known to be a real hep-cat dancer.

...Gladys Pang is back from her five-week vacation in Hawaii with a beautiful sun-tan to show. While there, she visited George Lily, and Baby Lori Nakamura; and also met the parents of the "Wahiawa gang" here.

...Roland Shim, Barbara Kominé's school-day chum from Maui, has also migrated to New York. Coincidentally, Ethel Higa, Gladys Pang and he were on the same plane coming over to the mainland.

...Tommie Arakawa of Waipahu, now attending Oberlin College, is spending the summer here with sister, Teddy, and Bob Mukai.

...Alice Moy, Shirley Mock, and Stella Jack are also back from California with plenty of good tidings of former East Coasters. They saw Joan and Cathy Shigemoto, Buster Ota, Doug Doi, Tosh Fujikawa, Nan Sakemi, Mich and Mitch Teramoto, George Gee, Herby Wong, Tosh Moriya, Monte Minami, and etc. others.

...Another summer-vacationer here is Tomi Kamasaki, student of Antioch College, Yellow Spring, Ohio. She is bunking in with Helen Sasaki and Melvina Tasaki.

...David Eto, brother of Ruthie, will soon be leaving for Case Institute, also in Ohio.

...Thanks to Charlie Cabico, the last NSO jam session was held at a new site, the Star Bright Studio at 106 E. 14th Street.

...The posters plugging the Moonlight Cruise, which has been getting commendable raves from many sources, were done by Henry Kam.

...Jean Mock is now in the "sunshine" state; as are Florence Kozuma, Sadie Kuratomi, Yuri Inouye, and Georgiana Sawahata.

...An eye-catching new face around here is a gal from Kapaa, Kauai—Kay Kutaka. She is rooming with Norma Izawa.

...Male newcomers here are: Jack Lee, Eugene Matsuda, and Ken Ko, all of California; nice potential escorts too.

...Naka Nakamura and Obie Obayashi are hard at work in the kitchen of the Ila Hotel, way out in Long Beach, L.I. (How about giving a surprise buzz, gals? Phone number is: Long Beach 6-2522, or Long Beach 6-6500).

...George Wood, the Scotsman who sings Japanese songs he learned in Hawaii and who went to France to teach English, is back again. Turkey may be his next stop. He sends regards to his Kauai buddy, Sus Miyashiro.

...Many of the GI's who were stationed in Monmouth have been sent (Cont. on Page 4)

## VISITORS RUBBERNECK IN SKYSCRAPER-TOWN

A change of scenery to outside New Yorkers have brought visitors from many parts to view the skyscrapers and visit their "big city" friends.

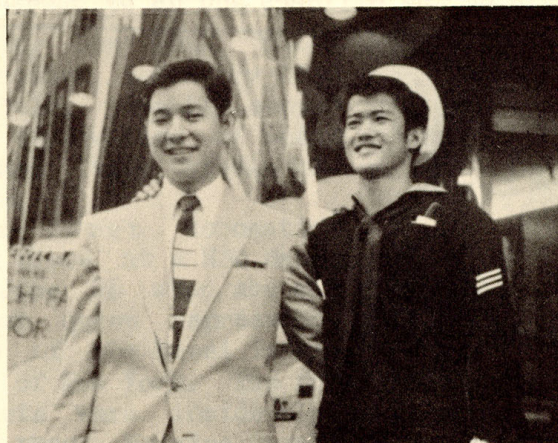
In the latter part of May, June and Louise Louie of San Mateo, Calif.; Reg Kimura of Toronto; Scotty Koga of Wash. D.C.; and Mildred Morita, Helen Tanaka, Lillian Pang, and Jeanette Nakatsu, all of Honolulu, visited.

June vacationers were: Ko and Janet Hata, a 442 duo from the Islands; Jane Kochi and Tomi Shiota, former Maui girls; Misa Asakawa and Aiko Masada from Fresno, Calif.; Mabel Takimura, Alice Morihara and Elaine Miyamoto from Chicago.

July brought the 442 Good-will Ambassadors homeward bound after a successful two-months stint in Europe. Mr. Zenichi Nakamura, father of "Hairless George" came to New York with the Hawaii contingent for the Lion's Club convention. Alice and Irene Endo visited from Philadelphia. Another Wahiawa-an, Sadaichi Higa, brother of Kay Kiyabu, also was in the city following a YMCA convention, in Detroit. And, there were beaucoup GI's, especially from Kawai, during the Fourth.

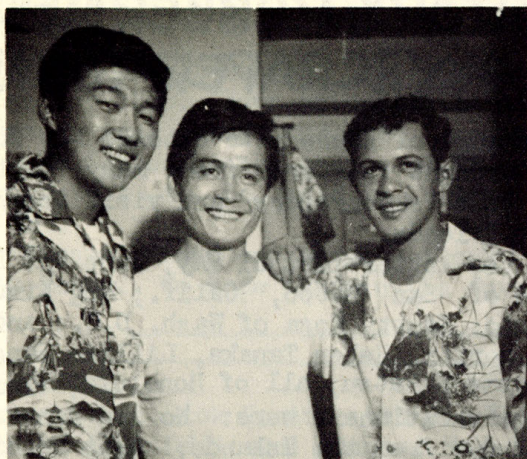
100 Infantrymen who were here in July were: DSC winner, Alan Ohata from Milwaukee; Stu Yoshioka and his wife Grace, and son, Glen, and former boxer, Richard Sasabe.

Many more vacationers are expected despite the city's sweltering heat. Guess New York is a good place for a hot time.



Harold Hamano (right) is bidding aloha to fellow-Coastie and Hilo-an, Curly Horiata, just before Curly boarded the North American Airline bus to La Guardia in June. Curly, who was a popular figure around here, is going to attend Hilo Commercial College in Sept.





Seiji "Sugar" Sugawara (left), and Roland Banua (right), flank Advisor Bill Kochiyama in this farewell pose before the duo left for Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Charlie Wong and Stanley Sur are also there. The four transplanted Hawaiians send their regards to all NSO'ers, especially, they quote, "to the girls".

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elsewhere. The Aberdeen boys were also given the "go" sign. So would any of you readers please help us locate them.

...The Island musical troupe who went to Canada with the Tennis Club, wowed the people with their hula dances and singing. They helped to put Hawaii on the map when they played before a crowd of 3000 at a picnic.

...Friday, August 20th, is an NSO hostess's meeting night. How about some of you gals surprising the officers and us by showing up.

## IWAMOTO FAMILY "SLEEPY" AND "DON" GIVE TO NSO

The Iwamoto family, composed of Mr. Iwamoto, Pat, Tak, and Meri; Cpl. Don Kamemoto, a GI enroute home from Germany; and loveable ex-Coastie Sleepy Okawa, sent generous donations during the past two months.

The Iwamoto's letter reads: "In behalf of our Mother and Wife, we would like to make a small donation to the NSO and your work.

"It is but a small token to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses you have extended to Mom during her long illness. We can never tell you how much your thoughtfulness had meant to her. It is indeed our privilege to be able to help you in your doings."

Donald Kamemoto writes: "I would like to express my heartiest appreciation to you and your staff for your efforts towards making GI's feel at home through your wonderful paper, "The NSO Fe-Mail".

"I have been receiving your "Fe-Mail" for nearly two years, thanks to Jim Yaji, a "swell guy" from California, who introduced the paper to me when I first arrived in Germany. I only regret my not having knowledge of your organization when I spent a few days in New York in May, 1952.

"With great exultation I inform you of my rotation to the states and to Honolulu late this month.

"Enclosed herewith is a small sum of ten dollars which I hope will be of help in your future activities."

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