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YE OL' EDITOR'S NOTE PAD....

By M. Frank Fukuzawa

While homeward bound from our vacation, we stopped overnight in San Luis Obispo, and took the liberty of calling Dr. George Aki. The former 442nd Chaplain and his gracious wife, Misaki, dropped by the motel after their weekly church meeting had concluded. Needless to add, it was certainly the pause that refreshed us, and we had a wonderful chat.

Knowing that there are many 442nd members who have come to know Chaplain Aki personally, ye ol' editor thought he would pass the good word along.

It seems hardly possible that Dr. Aki is beginning his sixth year serving as the minister of the non-Oriental Congregational Church in San Luis Obispo. What began as a bold new experiment and experience has been most interesting and rewarding to Dr. Aki and his family. He seems to thrive on the many activities and challenges that have come his way. Among the touching events he has been personally involved in was the "capping" ceremonies for nursing students at Cuesta College, and his participation in the Commencement Exercises at Cal Poly University.

Recently, he served on the hearing board of the city as a member of the Qualification Appraisal Board for Ex-

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PART 3 - GEN. WEYAND'S ADDRESS

(Conclusion of talk made at the Nisei Veterans Reunion in Hawaii on July 1, 1973, by Gen. Fred C. Weyand, Pacific Army Commander.)

Many who have analyzed modern attitudes of Americans have concluded that patriotism has gone out of style. You and I know that this would be tragic if true, because no nation can survive if it does not have the lasting devotion and allegiance of its people.

President Calvin Coolidge once said: 'Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for your country.' Americans of Japanese ancestry never have had any difficulty in understanding that definition and your example is the best reassurance our nation could have that patriotism is still our great strength.

As we conduct these Nisei Veterans Memorial Rites at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, I look to the National colors which are the symbol of our country. As we honor the flag we honor the United States of America and the precious freedoms that are its foundation.

We saw patriotism displayed with deep emotion by our former prisoners when they returned from Vietnam as they told of the faith in their flag and country that sustained them through years of torture and deprivation.

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PUKA'S HUDDLES
By B. Y. Mamiya

General Meeting

The 442nd General Meeting was held at the 442nd Hall on Saturday, September 15. There was a nice turn-out of approximately 200 persons. Our club was in charge of the steaks. The following were in charge of the various details: Tom Kasai, purchasing; Henry Sakato, butchering; Bill Miyagi and Henry Hayashi, barbecue, with the help of Kenji Yoshino, Joe Hironaka, Lloyd Seki and Douglas Tanaka; Monte Fujita and Kaz Furuto, bar; and Ben Tagami, "loose ends."

All chapters came through with their assigned tasks and the party went over very well.

Monte and Al Takahashi showed their slides and movies taken during this summer reunion in Hawaii.

Visitors

Stanley "Tak Tak" Takahashi, Honolulu, and Muggsy Morikawa, Kauai, were recent visitors in town. We had a dinner for both of them at Mishima's on Sept. 28th. Muggsy brought with him a lovely color picture album taken during our visit to Kauai this summer. Mahalo to the boys in Kauai.

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EASY DOES IT
By Robert S. Ichikawa

General Meeting

Saturday night, September 15, members of E Co., with the rest of the 442nd, attended the General Meeting and Steak Dinner at the Association Hall. Excellent steaks were served by Club 100, plenty of rice by E Co. and assorted delectables by the rest of the group. Those there to enjoy the good food, fun and fellowship were the Ed Goyas, R. Ichikawas, H. Kaneshimas, H. Kawaratanis, Jied Nakana, Jou Okitsus, T. Shiomichis and sis-in-law, M. Takamines, and

B. Yamanakas. Thanks to all responsible, for an enjoyable evening.

Vacation Time

Presidente Okitsu and family really had a ball in the Mammoth and June Lake area. We hear they really slayed the trout.

Seen Around

"Good Sam" Kitagawa was visiting during the Nisei Week Carnival. Really nice to see you again, Sammy.

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FOX HOLE NEWS
By Mas Tamayei

442nd Steak Fry

The second 442nd Steak Fry was held on September 15, and it was another success. Fox was responsible for the liquid refreshments, and we want to thank Frank Fukuzawa for making all the arrangements, and Hiroshi Takusagawa for transporting it, and Mas Tama-

yai for taking care of the bills, as Frank was on vacation.

Those in attendance included Mas and Jean Chomori; Tak Fujiwara; Yuke Iguchi; Mitsu and Emy Mitsueda; Mas Tamayei; and Roy Yamada.

Two Fox Chapter Offsprings Wed

The month of August found two offsprings of Fox Chapter personnel joining the ranks of the married set. The first one was in Honolulu, where Julianne Mikasa, daughter of Kei-ichi and Jean Mikasa, became Mrs. Francis Shinsato on August 19.

The second marriage took place on Maui, where the son, Glenn, of Ike and Florence Ikeda, married the former Jeanne Oshiro, on August 25. Mino and Haru Imai were fortunate to attend the wedding in Maui, and they mentioned what a real fine affair it was. Congratulations to the two parties involved.

Gourmet's Delight

Our President, Roy Yamada, wanted the Fox Company gang to try unusual and exotic Chinese dishes not served in the regular chop suey houses, so he selected the Golden Dragon

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Restaurant. The nine course dinner was everything Roy said it would be. The following members and friends turned out for the October 13 gathering: Mas and Jean Chomori; Tak Fujiwara; Yuke Iguchi; Mino and Haru Imai; Yas Kawashima and guest; Taka and Emy Mitsueda; George Nakamura and guest; Frank Sotelo and guest; Jimmy Sotelo; Hiroshi and Emy Takusagawa; Mas and Thelma Tamayei; Roy and Helen Yamada; and Mas and Marge Yoshida.

Note of Sympathy

Bob and Sadako Honda of Hilo wrote to the Imai's to mention the passing of Sadao Nishida's mother. Fox Company extends their heartfelt sympathy to the Nishida family at this time of sorrow.

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HOWE IT'S DONE
By I. Tsuji

September Meeting

The September meeting was held on the evening of the 29th, Saturday, at Memorial Hall with the following people: President Ted Ujiye and Emy, Tom Shimazu, Lloyd Toda, Ken and Martha Yamaki, Angela and Masa Honda, Uta and Al Kuba, Molly and Toe Yoshino, Mas and Kik Fujii, Wally Nakashima, Terry Suzuki, and Duke Ogawa.

First order of business consisted of all of us looking at Duke Ogawa's finished prints and enlargements of the many, many wonderful NVR Reunion photographs. All in color. Those wanting reprints for your own albums, etc., can order them from Duke.

Emi Ujiye reported on the correspondence from out-of-town H Co. friends. They included Mitsu Saito, St. Louis; Hon Hamada, San Francisco; Charles Murakami, Chicago; Shig Takahashi, French Camp; Frank Kitagawa, Stockton; Sus Satow, Sacramento; Dr. Paul Shimizu, Minneapolis; Sol Gledicher, Maplewood, N. J. Very nice to hear from friends. Our thanks to Emi, who very diligently responded to all with beautiful letters.

Other Business Discussed

The Paul Bannai Fund and the coming L.A. Kanaka Club Luan, October 20, 1973 (My private Bruyeres Anniversary). Toe Yoshino has tickets at \$6 per.

Also announced: Tom Tanakas and the Mamo Sadakanes are enjoying a vacation in Japan! We wish them well.

Next Meeting

Saturday, October 27, 1973. See you then.

Best Wishes to the 442nd RC's



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LOVE NOTES
By Chickie Sumida

In Memoriam

"L" Company lost a good member, Joe Wakamatsu, who suddenly passed away while vacationing in Seattle. Memorial services were held at the Hollywood Independent Church on September 6, 1973. The following "L" members paid their last respects to their beloved comrade who lived a full and rich life, unselfishly devoting his life for betterment of the community and young people: Aiko and Tee Kiyono, Aki and Tacky Minamide, Hiro Nishikubo, Ruth and Tak Hashimura, Reed and Tave Sadahiro, Willie Fujimori, Sud and Shinobu Itonaki, Mino and Mary Kaminishi, Marye Oda, Jun and Bev Yamamoto, Ben and Kitty Kitagawa, Roger and Joanna Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miyoshi, M. and Yasuko Miyoshi, Steve Sakai, Min and myself. We're all going to miss him -- he was living every moment to its fullest, even on our recent reunion in Hawaii. Our most heartfelt sympathy to Betty and his family.

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Love Notes

Visitors From Hawaii

On Tuesday, September 11, 1973, "L" had the pleasure of dining at Rudi's with Toyo and Tom Mizuno, who were on their way back to Hilo after a trip to London, the prize he had won from his Ford and Mercury dealer. Told us all about his interesting trip and talking it all in were Mary and Mino Kaminishi, Aiko Kiyono minus Tee who was working, Marye Oda, M. and Yasuko Miyoshi, Sud and Shinobu Yonaki, Aki and Tacky Minamide, Tak and Ruth Hashimura, Willie Fujimori, Hiro Nishikubo, Bev and Jun Yamamoto, Hank Yagi (Bush joined us after dinner), Min and myself, and Roger and Joanna also came later to greet the visitors.

Meeting

"L" had their regular meeting on September 22, 1973, but Min and I were too late as we had been busy painting and got to the meeting too late. Those in attendance were Hiro Nishikubo, Tak Hashimura, Aiko and Tee Kiyono, Tacky and Aki Minamide, Sud Yonaki, and Ben Kitagawa. "L" donated to the "Sing Out Maud" group for their

fine performance during the recent reunion in Maud. Scheduled for next month is clam digging and Tacky and Aki will be in charge of this event. See you all there! Details will be mailed to the members.

THE 93RD CONGRESS RESPONDS TO VETERANS' NEEDS SAYS MATSUNAGA

Honolulu -- The 93rd Congress will probably go down in history as "The Veterans Congress," Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) told members of the American Legion recently.

The Hawaii lawmaker, a veteran of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion, which later became the First Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of World War II fame, addressed a joint meeting of the Legion's Committees on Rules, Legislation, and Internal Affairs. In his prepared remarks, he pointed out that two major new laws affecting veterans have already been enacted this year, and that many less sweeping measures are pending in the House and Senate.

The National Cemeteries Act, signed into law in June of this year after President Nixon had "pocket vetoed" a

similar measure passed by the 92nd Congress last year, will make possible the maximum use of limited space in national cemeteries, including Hawaii's own National Cemetery of the Pacific, Matsunaga said. The new law creates a National Cemetery System, administered by the Veterans Administration (VA), which combines the cemeteries operated by the Department of the Army. Under the provisions of the new law, the VA is directed to recommend a new national burial policy.

The National Cemeteries Act also authorizes a special \$150 burial allowance for veterans who are not buried in national cemeteries, in addition to the existing \$250 allowance for veterans' burial and funeral expenses, Matsunaga said.

Congress also acted to improve and strengthen the veterans health care system, Matsunaga told the Legionnaires. The "Veterans Health Care Expansion Act of 1973," enacted earlier this year, directs the VA Administrator to maintain enough beds in VA hospitals to insure the immediate acceptance of every eligible veteran who applies for care, and authorizes outpatient care

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for veterans who do not need to be hospitalized.

"No veteran should ever have to go without needed medical treatment, once this law is fully implemented," Matsunaga said.

The 93rd Congress has also been considering the subject of veterans' pensions, Matsunaga continued. The House already has passed legislation which would increase VA pensions by at least 10 percent.

"The 20 percent Social Security increase enacted last year actually penalized some of the 2.3 million veterans, widows, children and dependent parents who rely on VA pensions for their incomes," Matsunaga explained. "The Social Security increase raised their incomes enough to reduce their VA pensions, in some cases by more than the Social Security increase."

Another major objective of the 93rd Congress will be the development of a comprehensive program of drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation for addicted veterans, Matsunaga said.

"The urgent need for this legislation was demonstrated by the skyrocketing incidents

of drug abuse among Vietnam era veterans," he concluded.

SPARK COMMENDED BY PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE

Washington, D.C. -- Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has been commended by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) for his strong support of legislation to strengthen and improve the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In a letter to the Hawaii lawmaker, Ralph B. Rogers, Chairman of the PBS Board of Governors, said:

"On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Public Broadcasting Service, and the chairmen of public television stations throughout the nation, allow me to thank you for the excellent remarks you presented in behalf of the Public Broadcasting Act in the recent House debate.

"Your reference to KHET's programs on child care was especially thoughtful."

In his speech, Matsunaga had urged his colleagues to support increased funding for a stronger, more effective public broadcasting system. Increased public funding

would lead to an increase in private contributions to public television stations, he pointed out.

Matsunaga praised Hawaii's public television -- KHET. As an example of socially beneficial programming by public television stations, he cited KHET's recent "Rice and Roses" feature entitled "Working Parents Dilemma: Child Care."

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--Herbert N. Casson

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Executive Director of the City Housing Authority. Dr. Aki is treasurer and board member of the Board of Directors of the Family Services Center. He is registered with the State of California as a "marriage, family and child counselor."

He is a board member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, and is responsible for the advisory council for the United Church Care Center in San Luis Obispo for multiple handicapped persons.

Aside from his civic activities, Dr. Aki serves as the Vice President of the San Luis Obispo Ministerial Association, and is on the Nominating Committee, Faith Exploration Task Force for the Southern California United Church of Christ Conference.

Dr. Aki keeps in touch with the 442nd family by reading our Newsletter, and he wanted to be remembered to the Go For Broke families and friends. We can only add, continued good health, success, and happiness to former Chaplain George Aki and his family.

Gen. Weyand's Address . . .

Jim Yoshida described it vividly when in 1945 he saw the American flag for the first time in several years. He said, 'I gulped. I couldn't take my eyes off the flag. Such a beautiful sight it was. My skin tingled....' He spoke to the flag, saying, 'I want to salute you, but I don't know how the American soldier salutes. I never had a chance.'

That was the emotional response of a Japanese-American who had seen both sides. And it was the essence of the patriotism of the Japanese-American servicemen who fought

for their country and whom we honor in these ceremonies. It is a lesson in patriotism which generals and civilians of other ethnic origins should learn well.

And now I ask that you join me in a brief prayer: 'Dear God, thank you for having given us men such as these we honor today. Amen.'

Puka's Huddles

Family Nite

Our family nite is set for the evening of Oct. 20th. The hanchos for this affair is Henry Sakato. All and any member of the 100th and their family are cordially invited to attend this affair.

Golf Weekend 1974

Our golf tournament is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of the 4th of July. It will be held in San Diego and Las Vegas. So far, we have about 17 golfers from the islands planning to attend. Bill Miyagi and Chick Furuya will be the hanchos for this event next year. As more definite plans are de-

veloped, we will keep you all posted.

1975 Reunion

Our proposal to host the Club 100th Reunion in 1975 has been presented to the Board of Director in Honolulu at their Sept. 8th meeting. It is now up to all the chapters to act upon it.

See you all at our family nite.

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Courtesy is really nothing more than a form of friendliness. It is amazing what a warming influence it can have on an otherwise dreary world. It has been said that a rise of one degree Fahrenheit in the mean annual temperature of the globe would free both polar regions from their ice. It is thrilling to contemplate what frigidity might be dispelled in the world of human relations if people made just a little better effort to be friendly.

-- M. Bartos.

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