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SACRAMENTO

By Paul Bannai

This column will serve as my appreciation column to all those in the Association who made what was a most memorable year a success. First, my thanks to the many who helped in my election as president of the Association during the past year. Especially, to my comrades in "A" Battery who have been my best supporters.

As most of you know, my election to the State Assembly resulted in my moving most of the time to Sacramento, and I have to personally thank Ken Yamaki for taking over the reins and doing such a good job for the balance of the year. To the others who filled in because of my absence, I send sincere appreciation.

To the many chapters who extended me the courtesy of invitations to their installations and other social functions, my wife and I wish to express our gratitude, for being able to join with each group.

The 1974 Installation Banquet was a huge success and my apologies for not being able to be present during the entire program due to prior commitments. However, many thanks for the plaque which is now in my office here in Sacramento for all to see.

Sincerest thanks for all members of the 442nd Associa-

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TOM KINAGA INSTALLED PRESIDENT

Tom Kinaga (I) was installed President of the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California...by Honorary Member, Col. George B. Morse, Retired....in an impressive ceremony held at the Sheraton Inn Airport Hotel on February 2. Those installed with Kinaga were: Roger Smith (L), 1st Vice President; Bill Davenport (I), 2nd Vice President; Mac Motonaga (A Batt.), Treasurer; Douglas Tanaka (100th), Secretary; Sterling Suga (E), Hiro Takusagawa (F), Roger Smith (L), Trustees. The following men were appointed to the various offices: Rusty Urasaki (E), Historian; Chick Furuye (100th), Lloyd Toda (H), Ken Yamaki (H), Ways and Means; and Art Yoshimura (A Batt.), Blood Bank Chairman.

Sterling Suga (E) served as the Master of Ceremonies with Program Coordinators Ken Yamaki (H), Lloyd Toda (H), and George Karatsu (G) contributing to the overall banquet setting.

Honorary Member, George Izumi, introduced the Keynote Speaker, Miss Stephanie Edwards, of the KABC Ralph Story's A.M. television show. Her candid and inside observations interviewing an assortment of personalities from all walks of life was most entertaining, much to the delight of the audience. In short, Stephanie really related....told it like it is....and perhaps for

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

By Tom Kinaga

Apparently, it's an Association President's prerogative or duty to write a column for the Newsletter. In either case, I am not one for passing up such an opportunity when one can sound off without having to worry about instantaneously answering rebuttals! So here goes.

This is not my first venture into the columns of the Newsletter. Those people with long and good memories may recall something headlined "Of Mike and Men" which ran for several months some years back. That literary effort was a joint affair by my wife and me to organize an "M" Chapter in this area. I assure you that you aren't missing anything if you forego going into your libraries to search through your back copies for those columns.

Joint Chapter Affairs

It seems to me that one of my most important duties is to work toward improving the solidarity of the Association. I believe one of the best mechanisms is the joint chapter affair that some of the chapters organize. (You "Love" Chapter folks will agree with me that one of the more memorable events of last year's Hawaii Reunion was the joint affair with "M" Company in Maui). I hope you will

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By Roger Smith

For the past few months, I've been working Tuesday and Wednesday nights with the adult sports leagues in the Santa Monica Recreation Department, and haven't been able to make many executive board meetings. But now that

we're holding forth on the first Monday of each month, I'll be back in the saddle again, which is where I was on Monday, February 4. And let me tell you, it's as rough as ever out on the range.

The more things change, the more they remain the same. Tom Kinaga got the customary baptism given incoming presidents, when he was caught in the cross-fire discussion of Federalism vs States Rights -- the Association vs the Company Chapters. And as usual, both points of view were ably represented by Sterling Suga, our present day (Nisei) Alexander Hamilton; and the champion of the common man from Santa Barbara, Thomas Jefferson Hiro Takusagawa -- also second generation Japanese. We were also barraged with the old bromides of "what is the Association doing for the members?" and "what we need is a little more recognition in (or for) the projects or organizations which we support!" It looks as if this might truly be the Year of the Tiger.

One relatively new item was discussed and then placed on the agenda for a follow-up: the continuity of cabinet officers. It was pointed out that the incoming cabinet, in only twelve meetings, was just

getting its feet on the ground when it went out of office. Of course, this suggested the two year term, and, as an alternative, moving up in the ranks year by year as many VFW and American Legion posts do. I leave it to your imagination what this last plan would wrought, regarding political turmoil, if put into practice this year. With me as the 1st Vice President and Bill Davenport the 2nd Vice President, the Association would have a white dynasty which would lead to a Civil War. Then everyone would long for the good old days of the Federalism vs States Rights arguments, when we at least had Freedom of Speech.

Yes, this may indeed be the Year of the Tiger.

1974 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Formal education is but an incident in the lifetime of an individual. Most of us who have given the subject any study have come to realize that education is a continuous process ending only when ambition comes to a halt.

--Col. R. I. Rees

RESOLUTION

Relative to commending the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California

Whereas, the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California is deserving of special recognition on the occasion of its 13th anniversary for continuous services to its community and promotion of the understanding and acceptance of the American way of life among the members of its community and,

Whereas, the 442nd Veterans Association is one of the coordinating organizations to the C.Y.C. sports program for youth, and it extends active assistance to the Keiro Home for Aged, and

Whereas, it is one of the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Councils participating in the annual Memorial Day Services in May and in visitation to hospitals in the area, and the Association established a speaker's bureau for different community organizations on the history of the 442nd Veterans Combat Team; and

Whereas, the 442nd Veterans Association publishes a monthly newsletter for the members of the 442nd and 100th Battalions in the Pacific Theater and sponsors annual ROTC Awards to the Los Angeles high schools and the Pasadena ROTC; and

Whereas, the 212 members of the Association have been honored by the State of Texas, the city of Angels, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; now therefore, be it resolved by Assemblyman Paul T. Bannai, That the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California be commended on its outstanding record of dedicated service to its community and congratulated upon the occasion of its 13th anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be transmitted to the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California.

/s/ Honorable Paul T. Bannai
67th Assembly District

100TH

PUKA'S HUDDLES
By Y. B. Mamiya

Movie

Our benefit movie, "Yellow Ribbon Medal" and "Little Adventurers" was opened for showing on January 16 through January 30 at the Toho La Brea Theater.

There were quite a few of our members at the opening. President Col. Young O. Kim thanked everyone for their support. His speech was beautifully translated in Japanese by Ted Kojima of Pan-Am.

Jeanie Furukawa, daughter of Harry Furukawa, picked the raffle tickets. The 1st prize was an Olympic Camera, and there were many more other prizes.

This affair was co-sponsored with the Pan-Am Airways and the Olympic Camera Co.

We would like to acknowledge the support we received from the First Presbyterian Church of Altadena, who plugged our benefit movie in their newsletter, the Clarion. We understand they sold many tickets for us through Frances Hiraoka. Mahalo to them.

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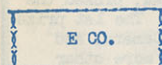
Puka's Huddles

New Members

Two new members from San Diego way: David Hara (B) and Bert Tanaka (C). We welcome you all.

442nd Installation

There were about 35 from our group in attendance at the installation at the Airport Marina Hotel, Saturday, February 2. It was a nice affair with a large turn out. Where we were sitting in the back, the "mike" was so bad we couldn't hear a word of the speakers -- other than that, we all had a good time.



EASY DOES IT
By Robert S. Ichikawa

Annual Installation

January 12, 1974, the Annual 442nd Installation Dinner and Dance was held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. E Co. was out in force, namely: Ben and Yuki Aihara, Kay and Rose Akiyama, Robert Ichikawa, Hoppy and Kay Kaneshina, Kaye Okitsu, Tok and Carol Shiordchi, Sterling and Kay Suga, Mike and Nani Takamine, Rusty and Lillie Urasaki, Ben and Hisa Yamanaka. Fine food, excellent entertainment and good fellowship were enjoyed by all, thanks to the coordinating team of Ken Yamaki, Lloyd Toda, George Karatsu and MC Sterling Suga.

Sorry To Hear

That Jou Okitsu broke his knee during a family snow outing at Frazier Mountain and is now recovering at home.

Also Sorry

That Mike Takamine and

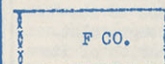
Nani were victims of a rear-end accident, involving a drunk driver. Glad to hear that everyone is okay.

Scholars

We hear that there are more boys than girls at Stanford U. Good luck, Gale Yamanaka!

Greg Yamanaka is hard at it in his second year at Yale Medical. Go, Greg! Grin and Bear it.

Robert Kiyomura is now in his second year at Washington U. Medical at St. Louis. Keep up the good work, Robert!



Fox Hole News
By Mas Tamayei

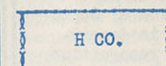
We are sure most of the Chapter scribes will cover the 442nd Installation Banquet highlights with all of its glory and color...which it should be, as it was one of the better affairs to date. If there were any contrary comments heard, it would have to be about the bar set-up.... it was no big deal personally, for I don't partake of liquid refreshments....however, I can sympathize with those involved.

Thanks to George Higa for his extra promotional work in securing added door prizes, aside from what was allotted to him by our Chapter budget. George coordinated the door prize drawings with Mas Tamayei and Toe Yoshino (H).

In the Service Awards department, we were happy to see Frank Fukuzawa and Hiro Takusagawa among the many recipients acknowledged by the 442nd Association.

Those Fox personnel in attendance included Frank and Nami Fukuzawa; Hiro and Kazie Hasegawa; George and Judy

Higa; Yuke Iguchi; George Nakamura; Jimmy and Sharon Sotelo; Hiro and Emy Takusagawa; Mas and Thelma Tamayei; Roy and Helen Yamada; and Mas and Marge Yoshida.



HOWE IT'S DONE
By Mike Tsuji

1974 started out with gusto, as they say, for H Co. with the installation of the new year's officers at a special Dinner Meeting on Saturday evening, January 19, 1974, at the King's X Restaurant in Inglewood. Gathered for this meeting were: 1973 President Ted and Emy Ujiye, Lloyd and Michi Toda, Tom and Michi Shimazu, Dawn and Wally Nakashima (1974 President), John and Katey Shiotsu, Roy and Terry Mitobe, Ken and Martha Yamaki, Tom and Hideko Tanaka and son Sgt. Don, Hank and Hannah Kusunoki (Hank was back for the weekend from San Jose), Paul and Rowena Hirazawa, Toe and Molly Yoshino, Kik and Mas Fujii, Hatsuye Saraye, Duke Ogawa, Terry Suzuki, Masa Honda, Lily Uchida, Kaz Matsuda and new member Butch Kasahara and better half, Patty. Was nice to see the Mitobes from Orange County, and also Hannah Kusunoki, recovering from recent surgery.

Installation functionary was 1973 Vice President Tom Shimazu, who did a very professional job proclaiming the following people the new officers: President, Wally Nakashima; Vice President, Toe Yoshino; Secretary, Mike Tsuji; Treasurer, Lloyd Toda; Delegate, Tom Tanaka. The last three are carry overs. Officers' terms have been extended to two years. Official welcome was extended to new member Butch Kasahara, and also to Sgt. Don Tanaka, who was to depart for Hawaii and

Howe It's Done

Hickam Field later that evening as a member of the Eighth Airborne Group.

News of the untimely passing of Sol Gleicher of Maplewood, N. J. was greeted in disbelief. Many of us had shared our good time at the Hawaii Reunion only months earlier. Our sympathies to Florence Gleicher and daughter Dana. December also saw the passing of Emy Ujiye's and Hatsuye Saraye's mother, Mrs. Ichikawa and Dorothy Ogawa's mother, Mrs. Wakita. Our sympathies go to them also.

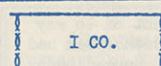
Ted Ujiye reported on Papoose Sadanaga's recent proposal to organize a tour to Europe in 1975 with a side trip to the San Francisco-Reno-Tahoe areas. Inquiries have been sent to Seattle. The dinner, by the way, included our choice of Prime rib, steak or lobster, and was enjoyed by all.

The Association Installation Dinner on Saturday, February 2, 1974, at the Airport Sheraton Inn was also well attended. Ken Yamaki did a wonderful job organizing the dinner and the entertainment and dancing for the Association. Our group was enlivened by the presence of Mits and Sadame Kojimoto, our favorite people from San Francisco. All enjoyed their company, as usual.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 23, 1974, at Memorial Hall.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Mental trouble was never known to arise from such quarters. Though they do not cost much yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.

-- Pascal.



ITEM BY ITEM
By Jim Yamashita

Fishing & Clamming Derby

Tony Harabuda was in charge of the Fishing and Clamming Derby at Huntington State Beach on January 20, 1974, assisted by Harry Yoshimura, Casey Matsunami and Frank Kinoshita. The day started out overcast, but dry. Helen Harabuda, Tami and Diane Kinoshita were breakfast chefs. Boy, how good bacon and eggs with hash brown potatoes can taste, especially in semi-darkness and the early morning chill!

The men broke up and went fishing, while the women waited arounded the fire for more people to show. Jim and Amy Miyamoto with daughter Sharon, May Yoshimura, Dorothy and Bill Davenport with Marla and Danny and Bill Morita made up the balance of the gang.

When the tide got low enough, the gang went clamming. Clamming was pretty bad, but coming back to the hot food sure was good.

Fishing prize was won by Tony Harabuda. He snagged it. Clamming prizes were won by Dorothy Davenport for the women. She went into the water all the way. Harry Yoshimura won it for the men.

All the time the activities and the gabbing were going on, it was either drizzling or raining. Thanks to all who were crazy enough to show up and help put this event over.

442nd Veterans Assn. Dinner-Dance, Feb. 2, 1974

The following members and wives attended the 11th annual installation dinner to witness Tom Kinaga, President, and Bill Davenport, 2nd Vice President, installed: Fred and Kathy Shigaki, Enro and Yoneko Okada, Jim and Sakai Kawaminami, Frank and Tami Kinoshita, Tony and Helen Harabuda, Bill and Sada Morita, Nobo and Rose Ikuta, Phil and Jean Hodgetts, Jim and Amy Miyamoto, Jim and Marian Yamashita, Fred and Evelyn Oishi with guests Kenso and Michi Osaki, Mrs. Shukuko Shimatsu, Mrs. Ann Kodama and guest. From Santa Barbara were Henry and Mitzi Nakada. With the newly installed officers were their wives, Rose Kinaga and

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Item By Item

Dorothy Davenport.

A very excellent program featuring TV personality, Stephanie Edwards of KABC "Ralph Story's A.M." program. Entertainment, followed by a dance, was enjoyed by all.

1974 DUES ARE DUE

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LOVE NOTES

By Joanna Smith

The first event for "L" Company in the new year was the Installation Dinner held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel on February 2. We had an estimated crowd of 200 and everyone seemed to agree it was a most enjoyable evening. Sterling Suga was Master of Ceremonies with Ken Yamaki, and the delightful guest speaker was Stephanie Edwards from the KABC Ralph Story's show. After declaring this was the loosest but most enjoyable banquet she had ever been to, she went on to tell us some of the incidents on the show regarding the predictability of politicians and the unpredictability of animals, which were exceedingly funny.

George Morse swore in the new officers and various awards were then made for outstanding service to the Association. Our own Hiro Nishikubo was one of the recipients. Congratulations, Hiro.

Paul Bannai, the outgoing President, and his wife, arrived later in the evening having had a previous commitment in Culver City. Paul handed over the President's gavel to Tom Kinaga of I Com-

pany and then went on to say that being an Assemblyman had its advantages. He had been able to get a Resolution passed by the General Assembly in Sacramento on behalf of the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California in recognition of their services to the Community on their 13th Anniversary. The scroll will be put in the showcase at the Association Hall.

Those attending the Installation Dinner from L Company were Sada Yonaki--our own 1974 President and his wife Shinobu, Mino and Mary Kamishiro, Bush and Hank Yagi, Min and Chickie Sumida, Hiro Nishikubo and Roger Smith. Guests at our table were Colonel Joseph McMullen and his charming wife Caroline. Colonel McMullen was one of the few men at the dinner who could look our 5'10" (in stocking feet) guest speaker straight in the eye. Sad to relate, Aiko Kiyono ended up in the hospital for the evening, with Milton looking after her, having X-rays taken. Aiko's car had been rear-ended earlier that afternoon but thank goodness, nothing was broken (on Aiko). Hopefully, she will wear her new dress to the L Company Installation Dinner, which will be held on February 23. We are not yet sure where it will be held, but there will be a flyer in the mail with all the information. Hope to see you all there.

MATSUNAGA: IS THE ENERGY CRISIS REAL?

Washington, D.C. -- The 93rd Congress will conduct investigations early in the second session to find out whether or not there is really an energy crisis and, if there is, its exact nature and extent, Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) predicted in recent remarks at a luncheon meeting of the Washington Representatives of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc. (GMA).

Citing a dramatic 24 percent rise in the cost of food in 1973, the Hawaii lawmaker, a Deputy Majority Whip of the House, also called on the GMA to act to check "the rising cost of America's food basket."

"The energy crisis has heightened the demand for the impeachment of the President, which I found to be still the most talked about issue in my congressional district," said Matsunaga, who has just returned from Hawaii. "The mood of Americans across the country is such that they will be satisfied with nothing less than the most searching probe of the Nation's energy resources."

"Millions of Americans have responded to the Administration's call to conserve energy," Matsunaga continued, "but the credibility of the White House has been strained almost to the breaking point by the recent revelations of

Energy Crisis

large political contributions from the oil industry to the President's re-election campaign."

Matsunaga, who earlier introduced legislation providing for a House investigation of the oil industry, said the lack of any reliable set of oil inventory figures has also undermined public confidence in the existence of a true energy crisis.

Energy Chief William Simon has found unreliable the figures disclosed by the oil industry under the existing voluntary disclosure system, Matsunaga told his audience. While testifying before a Joint Economic subcommittee on Capitol Hill, Simon announced that he plans to seek legislation to enable the Federal Energy Office to collect first hand energy data.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Congress, with grass roots sentiment ringing in its collective ear, will enact such authorizing legislation," the Hawaii lawmaker said.

The worst may still be ahead, Matsunaga warned, pointing out that the energy crisis has cost thousands of Americans their jobs already.

"The Administration is forecasting that the average rate of unemployment in 1974 will reach 5.7 percent. Many predict a six percent rate of unemployment," Matsunaga said. "At the same time, figures released by the Joint Economic Committee show that food costs rose at the rate of 24 percent in 1973 -- more than six times the rate of increase in the 1966-70 period."

"According to the same study, the average middle-income family earning \$12,614 per year had to pay \$154 more for housing, \$30 more for transportation, and \$57 more for clothing and personal care in 1973 than in 1972," he said.

"We must find jobs for the swelling ranks of the unemployed; we must find within our borders new sources of energy and learn to increase the productivity of our existing resources; we must find ways and means to prevent rising prices from becoming the cause of frustration and despair to millions of Americans who are unable to maintain their former standard of living; and we must act to restore faith in our government among all Americans."

"By voluntarily checking

the rise in the cost of America's food basket, GMA members can make a significant contribution toward easing the national crisis," the Hawaii lawmaker concluded. "By a show of leadership in this area, rendered in America's best interests, GMA members will earn the unceasing gratitude of all Americans."

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HOUSE BILL PROVIDES FOR INVESTIGATION OF OIL INDUSTRY

Washington, D.C. -- The U.S. oil and gas industry could be investigated by the House of Representatives under legislation introduced December 21, 1973, by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and other House members.

The measure provides for the establishment of a Select Committee similar to one already established in the Senate to investigate the role of the oil and gas industry in contributing to the current energy crisis, Matsunaga said. The congressional effort coin-

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tion for the generous donation to cover the deficit in my campaign. It is warmly appreciated with heartfelt appreciation.

Again, my regrets in not being able to serve the full year as planned. However, I am sure that in the future, my desire to assist the Association will not diminish, and I shall have the opportunity to serve you again.

Installation Banquet

the first time, the women really felt a part of our annual banquet.

Past President, Paul Bannai, currently the Assemblyman of the 67th District, presented the 442nd Veterans Association of Southern California with a beautiful Resolution. (Details on another section).

Service Awards were presented to William Davenport (I), Frank Fukuzawa (F), Robert Ichikawa (E), Satoru Nakamura (100th), Hiro Nishikubo (L), Henry Sakato (100th), Sterling Suga (E), Ben Tagami (100th), Hiro Takusagawa (F), Lloyd Toda (H), and Art Yoshimura (A Batt.).

Raffle and Door Prizes were handled by Mas Tamayei (F), George Higa (F), and Toe Yoshino (H). Dancing music was ably supplied by Arthur Nakane's Combo.

President's Notebook

respond to my urging and include in your calendars at least once a year an invitation to another chapter to join in your activities. One of you mathematicians can check me on this, but our eight Chapters could conceivably organize 56 joint affairs without repeating.

Acknowledgment

I hereby make a very grateful acknowledgment to two of our chapters for their very generous cash contributions. "A" Battery contributed funds earmarked to support the Association's ROTC activities. "Easy" chapter contributed to the Association's general fund. Thank you very much.

Announcement

It is 442nd Bowling Tournament time again. Although no official Association connection exists with the tournament, many of you are actively involved. My moral support goes out to those involved, and I hope that there are others who will be helping out more substantially as individuals. The tournament dates are on three weekends: March 16-17, March 23-24, and March 30-31.

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House Bill

cides with an attempt by the Nixon Administration to get the nation's large oil companies to reveal certain information needed by government planners dealing with fuel shortages.

"In the absence of hard facts, rumors have proliferated about huge profits and price gouging in the oil and gas industry and about the supply of fuel," Matsunaga said. "Many citizens who have complained to me believe that the energy crisis was contrived by the oil industry for the purpose of increasing the price of fuel."

The proposed House committee would be required to report on its findings before the adjournment of the 93rd Congress.

BEST WISHES
TO THE 442nd RCT

Laughter and tears are meant to turn the wheels of the same sensibility; one is windpower, and the other waterpowered, that is all.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

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