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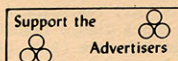
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EDITOR'S NOTE

This editor is making his first attempt in inserting a note of concern in the Bulletin.

As we all know in this age and time, where the cost-of-living is soaring to an unprecedented height, the cost of publishing the GO-FOR-BROKE Bulletin is no exception. Beginning last January, 1976, the cost of publishing the Bulletin has risen approximately 100%, therefore some means or solution in defraying this added cost must be found, that we may continue the bi-monthly Bulletin. At the April 1976, Board of Directors meeting, this subject matter was brought to the attention of the board for discussion. All board members are very much in favor of continuing the publication. They, the board members reported back to their respective chapter level meetings for discussions and obtain reactions and possibly some solutions from the membership at-large.

At the last Board of Directors meeting on June 29, 1976, the board moved and passed a motion for assessment of a \$2.00 annual subscription charge on all active and associate members, effective retroactively to January 1, 1976, and payable on a calendar basis thereafter, and for the publication committee to maintain the present bi-monthly schedule of publication.

This editor while screening the records of the Associate Members, find that many are areas in their yearly membership dues (\$2 per year). With each bi-monthly issue the publication committee mail out 1,150 copies of the Bulletin. Approximately one-half or 500 copies are mailed to associate members, throughout the mainland and the neighbor islands.

All associate members (mainland and neighbor islands) who are now receiving the bi-monthly publication, please send in your membership dues (\$2 per year) plus the publication (\$2 per year) and keep yourself up-to-date. There are many associate members who has sent us \$10, \$20 and even \$50, to keep themselves paid-up for many years to come.

Finally, we hope the Bulletin is giving you much added reading enjoyment. To all active and associate members may we ask for your "kokua."

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 7th Hawaii Bassho Goodwill Sumo Tournament is now history. There were memorable events.

Some things that I still vividly recall: the great performances of the professional sumo wrestlers; Governor George Ariyoshi declaring Sumo Week; Governor George and Jean Ariyoshi's lovely reception at Washington Place; our welcoming Aloha Banquet at Waialae Country Club; the courtesy calls to Mayor Frank Fasi and City Hall, to the National Cemetery of the Pacific, and to the Japanese Consulate where Consul General and Mrs. Masao Tsukamoto feted a sumptuous luncheon; the Izumo Taisha festivity; the terrific publicity; the chow-down at Furusato's after the evening's sumo matches; Takamiyama Fan Club hosting a picnic for Jesse; Mary and I hosting a Sunday brunch with Oyakata and Mrs. Futagoyama (the other Oyakatas Mihogaseki and Takasago had other commitments); and the "beyond the call of duty" responsibilities carried out by the Sumo Committee members.

I certainly appreciate the voluntary involvement of the Sumo Committee members and those who helped the Sumo Committee. "Honto ni yoku gambairimashita. Tsutsushinde orei o mooshi agemasu." They worked like Trojans and if our membership is willing to work half as hard as these guys did, we will have a club that would be the greatest. They took vacation time and their personal time to help; they drove the high ranking sumotoris every day; they stayed up late at night or till early morning with the sumo contingent; they entertained some of them on their own; they were available to help at anytime, day and night. Arigatoo!

Because 2nd Vice-President Tom Tanaka will be attending the Chicago Reunion, I have asked him to represent the 442nd Veterans Club at functions that request our Club's representation. Thank you, Tom, for accepting this responsibility. Hope all of you have a wonderful visit to the Chicago Reunion and to the many Bicentennial Activities.



by Jerry Ishimoto

Now that is what make promoters grin from ear to ear. Promoter SHOSO KAGAWA who promoted the Chapter dinner meeting at Pagoda restaurant was overwhelmed when 18 couples and 7 singletons showed up to put on the feed bag. Even BILL & TOSHIKO OSHIRO left their farm in Waianae to trek all the way downtown to make this wing-ding. According to TOSHIKO, BILL complains that digging potatoes is aching back. Still, he couldn't have come just to avoid looking at another potato in the eye. As for the others, they sure didn't come to ooh and aah the carps in the pond because after you see one carp, you've seen them all. So, its got to be something more fishy than that. Super promoter SHOSO had inserted that come-on sea-food nabeyaki as the piece-de-resistance in the meeting notice. Ha! As it turned out, the only time what we had come close to sea-food nabeyaki was when they printed beef sukiyaki & sea-food nabeyaki on the same menu. Those who were lured to the seafood nabeyaki were; GLADYS & LARRY NAKAHARA, JANE & HAROLD UEOKA, MARTHA & WALTER INOUYE. These world travelers are making the Chicago reunion as a group. LARRY to make spending money for GLADYS and also to build up his social security is busy alu-beit-ing as security guard for Daiei at Pearl Ridge.

SUE & PETE NAGUWA, GRACE & HENRY URADA, HILDA & STANLEY KANESHIRO. You should grace these occasions more with your presence, GRACE. And your idea of printing a directory of the 522 members so that the bachelors, widowers and widows can get together is a swinging idea, HILDA.

LAURA & KATS MIHO, TED TSUKIYAMA, FLO & BILL HORIE. KATS was tied for first with 83-18-68 at the recent 442nd golf tourney.

LEATRICE & ROCKY TANNA, JANE & NEIL NAGAREDA, MISSY & PUSSY NAGASAWA. You recall the recent incident where a fuzz and construction super were stabbed at the Makakilo project? Well--ROCKY was supposed to go but somehow as fate will have it, his fellow worker went instead and got stabbed. He's still making birdies out of a seemingly O.B.

ELLEN & MITS KUNIHIRO, MILDRED & MIKE HARA, PEGGY & JOE OBAYASHI, JESSIE & BIGGIE NAKAKURA. These swingers along with RUTH ISHIMOTO and a square ended up cutting the rug at King Hwa Lou after the dinner. Did you and KAY get lost, SHOSO? BIGGIE is hailed as the most improved dancer in that bunch. One must believe it after watching him glide thru the dance floor effortlessly, guiding his partner thru those intricate movements. Even Fred Astaire during his hey-day couldn't shine BIGGIE'S shoes.

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REUNION

by Hichi Matsumoto

Its that time again. Although its held every three years, it seems a lot sooner. All told, this makes our (and a lot others too) third Reunion away from home and it all started back in 1964 in Seattle. We could be wrong but probably only Walter Matsumoto and the Nakashiges attended all four, initial one being in Los Angeles, 1958.

Like the three last Reunions away from home, again we have a full house going. Our Headman here has been corresponding regularly with George Yamada and Kiyo Kimura, Los Angeles coordinators for many a moon now and word is that everything is all set.

This is the 8th Reunion but problems still exist. In fact, more work with more people participating and variations in travel orders. The Engr/Band chapter is fortunate in having a man like Walter Matsumoto taking care of things. Just about "hitoride" he does everything. If proof you want of how much work is involved, just take a peek at his correspondence, "daibun atsumattoru!"

Meetings, dinner and committee meetings we've been having right along with the finale a week or two before departure. The following is just a portion of the several different itineraries of who's going where after the Reunion pau in Chicago. As it has been written time and time again, Walter and his group will be going East taking in all the big cities and historical sites. Tommy's group will be driving to the West Coast via Canada.

S.T. Fujioka will be flying back immediately to the West Coast to look up old friends. Joe Sato will be going to Las Vegas and then home. Ben Ono will be staying in the DC area with relatives. Hide Nakashige will be going to school in Indiana immediately after the Sayonara banquet. Leatrice and Margie will leave the group after New York and head for Las Vegas. Charley Ijima will be heading for Alaska after the Kiyosaki Karavan end their safari in Seattle. Tommy will leave us too in Seattle for home. That will leave the Yamadas, Matsumotos, Yamasakis and Sue driving down to Los Angeles and then to Las Vegas, where else.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

We're not scraping the bottom of the "taru" nor running out of names but the reason for having Gary this late is because, like for example, when you go to a bakery, you gotta wait your turn.

Our "tomodachi" is an army man all the way.

During the war he served with Distinction in the army with "The Greatest Outfit." As though giving the best years of his life wasn't enough, he seeked employment with the army whereas the majority of the guys "defected" to the navy and after 30 some odd years, he's still with 'em. "Kanshinma" this guy, good company man.

232nd Engr/Band Man of the Month used to be a bowler. He used to be a skin diver. He used to be a ball player and don't forget he used to be a good soldier too. Now that's all behind him and likes to call himself a fisherman, but to us, we think of him more as an ogo man. Only "roasting" him because you'll never find anyone finer when you get to know the real Gary Kawate. Having countless number of breakfasts at his "maison" prior to going fishing may have some bearing for these kind words but our P.O.T.M., like our friends from the old country would say of his integrity, "kono ossan shinkara shojikina."

Not too many guys know, let alone remember, but Gary had one shaka nickname while in the army. Here is the round-about way how the nickname was acquired. It was in Italy, Pietrasanta to be exact, and it was immediately after feasting on another one of Chief Cook Hiraga's breakfast. And the most likely place to find anybody after any or all of Hiraga's "specials" was at the straddle trench. The more refined call it "otearai." Anyway, this guy nonchalantly comes along, slides his okole in and squats between us guys and "pansu wo hemo shite kagonda to omotara him tatte toot swet and andare via. And what's left is his "deposit" and believe it or not, just one paper, no more no less---thus the nickname "One Paper Gary." This guy shinbo suruno jozu as why today he lives in big house in Nuuanu Valley among the "kanemochi" haoles.

Gary didn't set the world on fire while with the 232nd Engrs overseas but likes to be remembered as a regular guy and one of the boys pitching in and doing his bit. Too bad the army didn't have enough stripes to go around because he was one of the few unfortunate guys that came out the same way they went in, no "kazarimono" on the shirt sleeve.

A little commercial-wife Ethyl owns and operates Roy's Beauty Shop on King Street, makai side and near Ewa corner of Keeaumoku Street.

KEKKON SHIKI

Masao & Yvonne Yamasaki are the latest members admitted to the "in-laws" club when "chojo" Cynthia got married to Steven Teruya at the First Presbyterian Church on Keeaumoku and Nehoa Streets

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Kid sister Terry, home from her second year at Colorado State University in Boulder was one of the bridesmaids.

Although this was the newest of father-in-law's first trip down the aisle, he held up well, everything considering. But Yvonne said when the "Bonsan" asked "who giveth the bride away," Masao stuttered and "koe wo furuete" instead of saying "her mother and I do" like he was coached, said "I do" and that was "yoyatto."

Reception was followed at Sheraton Waikiki with a good number of 232nd Engr/Band members and wives in attendance. We've said it before and we'll say it again, the parents of the bridal party that is, are looking younger and younger. We noticed when going through the reception line, mother and daughter just like "kyodai." The "yomesan" was beautiful, like the old Japanese proverb "Kowa oya ni niru."

The bride's father was so relieved after the "ordeal" at the ceremony that when called upon to take a bow at the reception, he just barely made it. He was out in the lobby with friends jawing and receiving congratulations.

There is an old axiom, "clothes make a man." Up until now, we didn't give it too much thought but not anymore. For one, Rodney Yamashiro could easily have passed for a Japanese "televi" celebrity in his red blazers, "mega mawaru yona." Another one was Yoshinobu Ando. He no fool around when he dresses, he dress to kill--brown checkered coat, brown slacks, everything brown even "kao no iro demo."

Hide Nakashige, once again was away on Navy business so daughter Karen sat in his place. Nora Yamashiro was there too, "honto, long time mindatta."

It wasn't too long ago it seems that the weddings we used to attend was our friend's but not, its our friend's children. Man, "osoroshihi-roni" time flies. For awhile going be sabishii for Masao and Yvonne but once naretara, going be okay. We look it this way, the Yamasakis didn't lose a daughter, but gained a son. And for Masao it couldn't be any better because the "Mukosan-nandemo kando yo tego suru gena."

DINNER MEETING (AGAIN) AT TRIPLER "O" CLUB

This was one dinner that had more on the kaukau table after we pau eating and that's after everybody, or just about, had their "pon pon" full of steak and crab legs. The beef eaters had their share but the crab eaters had a field day

and then more. The high pile of crab leg shells was a sight, "mentama ga mawaru yona." Every table and that includes the ladies tables "ippai atta" because everybody "enryo nashi tabeta."

Since it was dual meeting--regular chapter meeting and for those attending the Chicago Reunion, Chairman Walter Matsumoto went send "annai" to Masami Ohara of Cannon Chapter, Paul Yamashitas and Kiyomi Yamadas of Fox Chapter and Larry Ishidas of 2nd Headquarters. Lefty Sugiharas of Easy Chapter "kondatta." These are the people that will be joining the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter.

We had the pleasure of sitting, among others, with Paul and Kiyomi and found them amazed to the showing up of our members and wives. It was just another one of our usual excellent turnout. What still runs through our mind is that how did they take to our "samurai" style sitting arrangement of us guys over this side and them ladies on the other side. "Shiran monga mitara" they might think we are segregated.

As of late, we've been going only to Officers clubs. To be honest with you, we've forgotten how the inside of an Enlisted Men's Club looks like. Man, are we spoiled and most of all, how quick we forget.

President Harry Fujii, the akamai one, kept the Chapter business down to the minimum and let Walter and Tommy Kiyosaki elaborate on their respective tours.

CHAPTER MEETING

The amazing thing about our 232nd Engr/Band Chapter meetings are the number of guys showing up meeting after meeting. At times, there were some half of dozen regulars not showing up but that's when the "anmari hisa min" guys show up, picking up the slack. Dem guys just like "sodan-shita yona."

A couple of meetings past, a few die-hards left the clubhouse in the wee hours of the morning just beating the milkman home. The cause of the overtime meeting was some retiree showing up for the very first time. We still have guys coming out. Like the old saying, "better late than never."

For so long our Chapter meeting night was the third Wednesday of the month until our present regime took over. Adjustments had to be made due to Chapter president Harry Fujii's work schedule of 24--on and 24--off, as captain in the fire department. Everything will be back to normal again with Harry's recent retirement.

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By Allen Nakamura

"Cheez! haven't finished my piece of chicken and meeting pau already", said J. J. It wasn't exactly the way the June meeting went but it could have come close to J. J.'s comment with the new noise code of Oahu now in effect representing the Citizens Against Noise message, that noise is as pernicious a source of pollution as smog or raw sewage.

With a steep fine of up to ten grand for violation of the code and maximum noise level set at 55 decibels during the day (defined as between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.) and 45 decibels at night, and people carry on normal conversation at about 50 decibels, President Nakayama was faced with a grave problem. Fortunately our meeting is held at industrial area where the limits are 70 decibels for both day and night (rooms get vacuumed at 70 decibels) that we were able to continue our lively meeting and leisurely enjoy our....chicken.

Now that the 7th U.S.-Japan Goodwill Sumo tournament is over, things are back at normalcy at the clubhouse and our hardworking executive secretary probably deserve a short respite before what may come next. Should the tournament be a financial success, we can look forward to our share primarily thru Koberts efforts but preliminary reports indicate as of now, not too rosy.

The April-May issue of the "Go For Broke" bulletin had a reprint of a letter from the Blood Bank of Hawaii explaining the necessary changes made due to the acute shortage of blood in 1975. Because these changes affect all of us, further discussion was held on this subject and Robert Sasaki gave a comprehensive explanation on the changes to a captive attentive group comprised of Bill, Jake, Stanley, Wally, Tad, Yoshiji, Richard Whitey, Dyna, Hide, Mickey, Shinso, Donkey, Jiro, Fumio, Kazuma, Isa, Casey, Sueo & Allen. Altho' options are open for members to draw on the dwindling club reserve, he explained that it will be better if each individual member built up his own reserve by having blood donations from friends, etc., as well as your own credited to your account. By doing this you will not be confronted with delay when there is a need. He urged all members to enroll in the blood bank which they can do so preferably by blood donation (\$25 processing fee and \$15 replacement fee are covered) or by cash donation (only \$25 processing fee covered).

The latest on the Chicago reunion is that Roger and Joanna Smith of Los Angeles and Kenneth and Masako Inada of Buffalo, N. Y. will be joining the "Lovers" from Hawaii.

Kuakini Home project is now definitely scheduled for Sunday, August 22, starting at high noon with dinner at 4:30 p.m. All members are welcomed at this function particularly those we haven't seen for ages. You can partake not only in the fellowship but test your skill in the art of cookery with only preparation of the ingredients done by our wives, for the key in mastery of cooking is in applying the tastes. With repeated requests for this annual affair, it must be an indication of the success of this project. The cooking by the men with the added Hawaiian water Primo, have a big part in the achievement. By the way, Whitey has volunteered his wife Florence's service to make mochi dango for the residents again.

Prexy Hide would like to have a head count at the July meeting for those planning to visit Kauai with the group on Labor Day weekend. Because of the expected rush on holiday weekends, he already made reservations for 40 with the airlines, leaving Honolulu late Friday afternoon on Sep. 3rd and returning on Monday afternoon Sep. 6. Coco Palms, Waiua, Kauai will be headquarters. Hawaii and Maui group has been extended invitation to join us and as they say on Maui "Some late", their preference to come here were received too late. So like the musical airline ad, "Come fly with us, Aloha Airlines".

The "Wives night out" idea is still in the planning stage with chairman Ohashi undecided where to go. At the last meeting, he received many suggestions on places to go from the members and this probably increased the dilemma. Oh well, at least you wives can take solace in that it is being worked on.

Tom Fukunaga, captain of the aku boat was given a \$60.00 merchandise certificate for his housewarming in appreciation for the many aku we received for all our gathering.

It was reported by Yoshiji Aoki that there will be a testimonial dinner for Chaplain Higuchi on his retirement from active church services on Oct. 3, at Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village. This event is being spearheaded by the various church organizations and invitations are extended to the veterans group. Cost will be \$12.00 per person.

Deepest sympathy to Jacob Jichaku and his family on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Makoto Jichaku on May 11, 1976 which happened to be the memorial date for her late husband. Private family services were held.

On May 23, twenty six "Lovers" greeted Tom & Tsukie Teramoto of Fresno, California with a Chinese dinner at Hon Kung restaurant. It turned out that Tom is quite a photographer and he bro-

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ught his album to share with those in attendance. He has a cousin here Tad Sakai (not our Tad) and ended his visit with a trip to the other islands. A bit of humor was added that evening when the placard for reservation read "Al Company, 442nd".

Not all retirees are men as Betty Aoki with 29 years of service in the DOE Food Service has been in retirement for over a year now. Her last place of employment was at Liholihi School as cafeteria manager. Betty, not one to stay idle is learning the art of ceramic. In the near past, she had entered a nationally recognized contest and was awarded 1st place for her shoyu chicken recipe.

Claire Saito daughter of Whitey & Florence Saito was a winner of a bakery contest drawing for a trip to Kona for two. Share with us your wonderful experience later, Claire?

It's good to know that Genro Kashiwa our hard working attorney member occasionally are able to find time away from his rigorous schedule at his office to play a round of golf. In fact, he's getting to be quite a pro at this sport, having won a few prizes to boot for his efforts. On May 8, he visited Japan on a business and pleasure trip--yep! a round of golf!

Peter Kashiwa, son of Genro and Muriel Kashiwa is a June graduate of University of Washington with a major in Business Administration and will be continuing his education in the field of law at a law school in Oregon.

Hide Nakayama's children, Rodney graduated from Kaimuki High School and daughter Lynn from Stanford. She will further her education at University of San Francisco for her masters.

William C. Oshiro, regional director of Veterans Administration our highly articulate speaker is certainly in demand. He recently participated as one of the speakers at the services for the 23 Medal of Honor Winners buried in Punchbowl. He was the principal speaker at the Maui Memorial Day services.

New look department--Heard complimentary remarks on Fumio's finely combed mustache. By jove! it is becoming on you.

For three weeks this past March, George & Lily Matsumoto spent a most enjoyable time at home with their granddaughter Pamela, age 6 and their daughter Ginger and her husband Harry Miller, Jr., of Chicago. Harry and Ginger met while students at Chaminade college and later were married

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By Charles Watanabe

Meeting for the month of May was supposed to be held at Punaluu beach home of Dan Inouye during the Memorial day week end. It was to be a three day of fun, sleep and lost weekend. But somehow things did not materialize that way. Why? I don't know, it was just as well for Sam and I had a wonderful time relaxing with no traffic and snoring to worry about. Anyway no member showed except for Hajime and Yoshio who arrived on different days. All others had excuse of some kind to stay away. Sam had the downstairs bedroom and daughter Paige and I upstairs, with no Pappy Iwamoto snoring to worry about. And if Eddy Tsubata thinks he doesn't snore he better think twice. The guests slept in the living room, I said guests because with no others around we felt like it was a private vacation and others are guests.

The days seem like eternity out there. Sam takes an early morning swim when the water is like ice, have a delicious breakfast, lies on couch, reads a good book falls asleep and wakes up when it is time for lunch. How relaxing can you get. I spent most of my time outdoors, looking at the ocean or catching fish with my daughter Paige and opening rather doing the Filipino love call PSSST. If you know what that is...Bud. The refreshment never tasted any better. We practically finish a ---- and thanks for the extras by Hajime. Came just in time too.

Discussing the situation Sam and I decided the setup may be too rough for the members. Next time we will try to have a little maid service.

As far as food was concerned we had too much to eat. What with Sam's big pot of Portuguese soup which lasted three days, Hajime's venison meat and tsukemono, one gallon of them too. Yoshio's big pan of spaghetti and tempuras, and my wife Clara's pot of beef stew. It was no days for calories counters. On the side there were mangos, dried fish, fresh aku, yes! I said fresh aku for sashimi and poki with ogo which Sam made with his left hand and I must say it is quite a concoction considering the fact he devised it with his imagination. Also the best of all was the wine to wash down the food--what more do you want. One more thing for Irene Nakamura's information, otherwise, we had fresh cabbage, won bok, green onions, lettuce, etc, no fooling we did have all those.

Sorry Doris Iwamoto did not make the outing, had a big bag of ogo for her. Maybe next year.

What ever reasons for Eddy to miss this outing must have been valid. Hear he had another grandchild. Son, Daughter, which Eddy T.

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By Kats Nakamura

The 7th U.S.-Japan Goodwill Sumo Tournament is now history. This 442nd Veterans Club sponsored sport spectacular--was a success from the standpoint of cementing a closer relationship between the Japan Sumo Kyokai and our club. It was a flop, however, as far as attendance was concerned and lot of the sumotoris' expressed their concern about the poor attendance. The press was overly generous with their coverage of the 5 days event, so publicity was abundant. The ticket sales by the membership fell off considerably, and somehow for reasons unknown the public didn't buy it either at the gate. Fox Co. did real well considering what the other chapters did by selling more than \$1,600.00 worth of tickets. Rebate, this time is questionable so don't bank on it. Mich Takata and yours truly can sigh with relief as we were isogashi-katta. Mich squirmed around Takasago no Oyakata including a round of golf at Pearl Country Club, and I took care of the transportation needs of Yokozuna Kitanoumi. Both of our cars came out unscathed but with a slight sagging of the back seat.

The Chicago Reunion is upon us and as far as Fox Chapter is concerned the Yamashitas and the Takatas are the only ones who will be making the trip. The Tom Higas of Maui will be joining their Maui counterparts and will probably travel the northwest route. Both the Takatas and Yamashitas have already made their connections via Los Angeles and will no doubt see a lot of the Fox hole people there. Mich already is scheduled to play golf for 3 days straight. Even at this late date the Yoritans are making plans--at least Bolo that is. Frances says definitely no to Chicago and Bolo, maybe only to Las Vegas--by himself.

Tsuguo Imai, we learned just recently, was laid up in the hospital for 10 days in February. He hurt his back at work trying to lift something heavy only a youngster in his prime could do. He was in heavy supporting braces from his shoulder down to his ankle for 5 months, which must have been really trying for Florence and the children. On July 3rd his children will honor him with a birthday celebration at Kanraku on the occasion of his 61st birthday. I'm sure he will enjoy long life and health.

Joe Tanaka is recuperating nicely at home after a coronary bypass surgery. When we went to visit him I called him skinny because he now weighs a mere 140 lbs, which is good for him. He is getting restless and wants to go back to work which if he does it'll be only 2 months after the surgery. He is feeling that good.

In the month of June the busiest couple on earth, it seemed, was the Yoshio Shibuyas. On June 5th their children gave them a surprise 25th anniversary party with over 100 people in attendance. Needless to say the affair was a success. Then 3 days later Clara's brother-in-law had a fatal heart attack. On June 18th Neil Shibuya their eldest was married and the reception was held at the Ilikai Hotel's Pacific Ballroom. Imagine, Neil Shibuya all grown up and now married. If we don't know how old we have become just take a look at your own children.

Haru Imai, San Fernando's finest, vacationed in Hawaii recently. She stayed at Hotel Nakamura in Waialae Nui for 5 days from June 16, at the Ikeda's on Maui from the 22nd and Mansion Okutsu in Hilo from the 26th to July 1st. While in Honolulu she attended the wedding of Neil Shibuya, was feted by the Murashiges, Shibuyas and Glenn & Jeannie Ikeda (Ike's boy). She had nothing but left overs and chazuke at the Nakamuras and even had to earn her keep by cooking breakfast and cleaning up. The way I look at it, she wouldn't have enjoyed herself if she didn't do anything like that. She even went marketing one day and bought steaks, sugar etc, etc and, oh yeah a pack of coronet toilet tissue, which she said was to replenish the amount she used because of stomach disorder from eating too much rich food--that's what she said. Hon-too-yo. It was great having her here, even without Mino, not that we're wishing he would come by himself next, and we hope she will make a return trip soon.

DATELINE MAINLAND

Joe & Toshi Kadowaki wrote recently, wanting to know who will be attending the Chicago Reunion. Joe is so busy with his official business that he can only take off for couple of days to Chicago. He is looking forward to meeting some old buddies at the Reunion.

Dorothy Bianco wrote from Beverly, Mass. to let us know that Richard spent a good portion of last year and a half in the hospital. It all started with a fractured leg, then one complication after another had him confined to the hospital for quite a spell. He is back home now and working half a day at a time at his packaged liquor store so Dorothy can relax a little now. If some of you who are reading this column wish to send him a note of cheer, or just to say hello, his address is Richard Bianco, 14 Dartmouth St., Beverly, Mass. 01915.

Frank Sotelo sold his mansion and is living in Los Angeles. His new address is 535 So. Normandie Ave. Apt 304, Los Angeles, CA. 90020.

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by Mino Suzumoto

With the 442nd Veterans Club Sumo project out of the way, can the Co. "I" odyssey to the mainland U.S.A. (San Francisco, Reno, Chicago, Washington D.C., New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles be far behind? In passing, credit should be given to CLARENCE TABA, DONALD KAMEDA and BRUNO YAMADA, who among others were asked to serve on the steering committee. Never before were so many key committeemen plucked out of one single chapter, and carried on with distinction, as our did. (Could "yours truly" sneakily insert his name in here, somewhere? Thanks, Ha!).

Acquaintances of TERUMI KATO will be crying in their beers, on learning that he had decided to forsake the trip. KEN KANEKO, a 100th Infantry veteran and well known sports figure, have been added in his place.

A partial and composited list of those who're still hanging in there: "tour director" BRUNO YAMADA; KAZU & WINIFRED TAKEKAWA; SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA; WALTER & JANE FURUKAWA; JERRY S. & RUTH ISHIMOTO (522); BILL & PEGGY NAGANUMA; TOSHIO & BETTY NAKAHARA (L); C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO; ANDY KAWAMOTO (CAN); SIDNEY & YOSHIKO OSHIRO; HIRAM DOI; MITS & FUMI OSHIRO; TAD FUJISHIGE; WALTER "JOE" OKUMOTO; TOGO & JANE NAKAGAWA; MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA; MITS "Battleship" & YUKI YAKUMA; BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA; TED & DIANE OGATA (Liz' sister); MOTOMI SHINDO; MASAKI HORIUCHI; MINO & ARNOLD SUZUMOTO; DYNA & BETTY MATSUDA (L); KAZUMA & KAMA OGATA (L). Two more meetings will be held before departure time, come Sat., July 17, 9:30 a.m., BRUNO says.

Hopefully, there's no need to stress here that you travel "light". Try holding down your baggage count. Anything over 3 pieces per person could be asking for head-aches.

Can you imagine the havoc that'll be created during our invasion into Chicago? On the receiving end will be just 3 brave guys, ISAMU TANDO, VIC IZUI (Doctor, to you) and GANJI TANAKA! Not counting SETS and MICH, that's the sum total of their "reception committee"! Believe it or not!

Other names and landmarks that have been tossed about at our N.V.R. oriented sessions called by BRUNO: San Francisco, FRANK SHIMADA and his Northern Cal boys and the Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf; Reno, WILSON MAKABE and WILLIAM FRED "BILL" McELWAIN (visited Hawaii last year during the National D.A.V. Convention, Labor Day weekend); and the Mapes Hotel, located alongside the Truckee River, as WILSON would have it; in Los Angeles it's JIM YAMASHITA and his bunch of

guys from Southern Cal, with the Buena Park Holiday Inn, in Orange County, being considered as "headquarters". (As an aside, accommodation in Washington D.C. will be at the Ambassador Hotel; in New York, the Abbey Victoria; in Las Vegas, the Stardust Hotel).

In our zest to get our "moneys worth", let's hope that none of us will be put through the experience of embarrassing Co. "I" as a whole. More simply stated, "Don't be so demanding" of our host time! As BRUNO says, "Make your own fun, if you have to." And pray that on our return to Hawaii, we'll have filled our luggage, if not our hearts, with nothing but fond memories.

Back to the home-front and on an extremely somber note, our deep, deep condolence to Big Islander SADAICHI KUBOTA, who lost his mother recently (the Sumo tourney week). She had been residing here at a Kapahulu address, with her son-in-law and daughter (SADA's sister). Funeral service was held at Nuuanu Memorial Park, with Item Chapter members counted among those present. Coming on the heels of that serious (and tragic) Hamakua Coast Hi-way accident, involving their son (the ERSKINE case), it must have been doubly traumatic for AMY and SADA.

SETS TANDO too, came in for more than her share of heart-breaks. Jetted in from Chicago to attend her sister's and her brother-in-laws funeral. The result of that terrible accident on Kauai, wherein both husband and wife were killed instantly. In the wake of that tragedy she learned that DORIS TANDO'S (she's Mrs. GEORGE TANDO, "ISHUP'S" sister -in-law) mother had passed away, causing an extension to her planned brief abbreviated stay. Fate surely dealt SETS a stacked deck on this one. In a most inadequate way and on behalf of Pres. TERRY ARATANI, as well as all Co. "I" members, may I take this means to convey our sincerest sympathy to her and the respective families. (Initially, knowing she "was in town" but admittedly, not the circumstances, a hurried conference with her on N.V.R. matters was contemplated. Then, gradually as event unravelled, the highly inappropriateness of it all came to light, and that notion was laid to rest).

On a lighter note, would you believe some of our junior editions are still graduating from high school? (Did I hear C. TABA lamenting "Hey! Don't say that! Mine is still in elementary grades!"). Specifically, there is KEITH NAKAHARA, an important member of the SEIJI & JEAN NAKAHARA household.

Ditto, EDWIN & EDWARD NAKAMURA, twin sons of ALBERT "KURO" & LILLY NAKAMURA. (EDWIN is listed first, here, because he's the one I spoke to,

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for confirmation). Leilehua High School was the site of that happy occasion, for both families... "All of 'em, real bright!" assures my source KAZ OYAMA. Causes me to ponder, "Which side of the family tree do they take after?" Can't be their ole man. Didn't those guys VOLUNTEER for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, long time ago? Now, that was dumb! Ha!

And while still on the subject of "young-uns" JOY NAGANUMA (BILL & PEGGY'S), home for the summer and away from University of Washington chores, "working her way" in our local State Hi-way Div., Material Testing & Research Dept. And who heads that department? TERUO ARATANI, Engineer, it says here.

ALYNE SHINOZAWA (daughter of you-know-who and CAROL too) is also located in that very same division. She too considers Mr. ARATANI as her boss. ALYNE (pronounced Ah-leen) I hear tell, is striving for her Masters in Education at the Univ. of Hawaii. Now, there just has got to be a paradox between father and daughter, here, somewhere!

A dinner-meeting at the Camp Smith (Marine) N.C.O. Club, Halawa Heights, was held in May. Seen at that scene: CHAMP SUZUKI with BELL NAGATOSHI; MASA NAKAMURA; KAZU TAKEKAWA; BILL & PEGGY NAGANUMA with GAY & ERIC; C.B. & GAY SAKAMOTO; MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO; MOTOMI SHINDO with his guests SAM KEKUNA & VICKI; KEN & BETTY OKUMA; Prexy TERRY & ELSIE ARATANI; BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA; BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA; SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA; LARRY & MARIAN ISHIKAWA; MITS OSHIRO; STAN & TERRY YAMAMOTO and special guest ROBERT NAKADA, son of kotonk HENRY NAKADA (whom we'll be seeing at the Chicago N.V.R. SMITTY and STANLEY combined their talents to pull this one off. The "crab and steak" was delicious.

It was back to the comfortable, familiar haunt of our 442 clubhouse, in June. And those who cared enough to show: TOMMY UMEDA; MITS OSHIRO; KAZUMA OYAMA; BILL NAGANUMA; C.B. SAKAMOTO; Prexy TERRY ARATANI; MINO SUZUMOTO; JOE OKUMOTO; BRUNO YAMADA; BOZO NISHIOKA; CLARENCE TABA; KENNETH OKUMA; KIICHI KATO; MOTOMI SHINDO; CHAMP SUZUKI. As usual names are listed in their order or as they come in...Treas. TAD FUJISHIGE, very conspicuous by his absence during the last two meetings, but, only because he had been on "night shift."

WILSON MAKABE, a surprise visitor to the islands, on a official handicapped veterans' related seminar, representing the Northern Nevada district. To hear him tell it, the string of circumstances leading to his appearance here, sounded more like "something out of 'BILL' SHAKESPEARE'S 'Comedy of Errors.'" Hosting him to a "sudden-call" china-meshi at Hon Kung Restaur-

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by Ed Sato

To attain a balance after having a series of meetings devoted to discussions of very serious note during the past few months. Ladies Nites and parties were enjoyed by the Chapter members and their spouses during the months of May and June.

The MIKADO Restaurant, 1137 11th Avenue in Kaimuki was the site of the May 15 meeting. Yoshio Watanabe who was in charge of the evening outdid himself in arranging for delicious and original Japanese dishes to please the members and their wives. General remark by those in attendance was that the food was tasty, refreshing and a good change-of-pace from the usual steak and lobster and Chinese food. Anyone desiring Japanese dinner won't go wrong by going to the MIKADO where service is on a family style basis.

Those who were able to attend were JIM and MITSUE SAKAMOTO, TOKU and STELLA KANESHIGE, TOSHIO and GRACE HAYAMA, BOTCHAN and JANE OKEMURA, LARRY and VIOLET ISHIDA, YOSHIO and DORIS WATANABE, KAZUO and MICHELLE TOMASA, MORRIS and JOYCE MATSUNAGA, HERBERT and SUE ISONAGA, CHAPLAIN and HISAKO HIGUCHI, MASA YAMAMOTO and LIPPY HIGUCHI.

TOKU and STELLA KANESHIGE were the proud parents and host at a reception held at the Wai-kiki Sheraton on May 22, 1976. The occasion honored the marriage of their daughter SHARON to Mr. LEONARD SOON. Several hundred relatives and friends of the newlyweds and their families who were able to attend and join in the happy event were treated to a simple but very joyous party with good fellowship, food and entertainment. It was indeed a very memorable and festive evening, especially for TOKU and STELLA whose three of four children are now happily married.

Instead of meeting at the Club House as scheduled for the June meeting, KAZU and MICHELLE TOMASA hosted the chapter members and their wives at their home in Nuuanu on June 12th. KAZU who is also known as the "chef" of the chapter provided those in attendance with one of his special "cook-out" dinner. While the "joy-water" flowed freely, the variety of delicious food were being served continuously throughout the meeting. The occasion of the get-together was also to visit the TOMASAS in their new two-bedroom cottage which was completed recently as an addition to their already existing four-bedroom home. Those present to enjoy the TOMASAS hospitality were LARRY and VIOLET ISHIDA, JIM and MITSUE SAKAMOTO, TOKU and STELLA KANESHIGE, TOSHIO and GRACE HAYAMA, BOTCHAN and JANE OKEMURA, MORRIS and JOYCE MASUNAGA, ED and FRANCES SATO, YOSHIO WATANABE,

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MAMA'S NIGHT OUT

by Joe Shimamura

All dressed up in their Bicentennial Best, it was a night in Waikiki as the following came drifting in to make it Mama's nite out for the annual 442nd Installation which was held at the Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village, on the eve of March 20th: YAS & BETTY AMINE, WALT & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, ED & PAT OGATA, JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA, CHIKA & YUKI NITAHARA and the following country-ites BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, all the way from Haleiwa and KATS & NORA IBARA and HELEN MAEDA from the Pearl Country. Also in attendance was the dancing mistress from town MARY KOSASA dressed to kill in her red gown. Missed this evening was our chief chop-suey server H. "SUIKA" SUYEOKA who could not make it due to his maintenance boss MARYJANE being slightly under the weather. For a change of pace the 7 course went down real smooth with no combersome coat and tie getting in the way. FOWL or no fowl, ED OGATA was seen chowing it down with WALT HEIRAKUJI helping to keep the flies away with a most gaseous evening. It must have turned out to be a most merry night as the bottle of Cutty was bone-dry before the evening was over. KACHAN IBARA pulled the shocker of the evening as he stayed back to take in some ballroom dancing. With KATS, doing the Bon Odori, this we could see, but trying to make like FRED ASTAIRE, we'd never thought we'd see this day. Talking about hidden talent, this IBARA is sure turning out to be a winner. Y. "BIG JOHN" OROKU who for the first time was on the 'will be present list' had to cancel out due to his ailing back. So, she went for March and the 33rd Anniversary Banquet.

NEIGHBOR ISLE HOTLINE

Always ending up taking those fast ones, the best from Lahaina, T. "LEFTY" NISHIMURA & MARGE was a weekend tourist during the month of April to take in a birthday party for their grandson. For "LEFTY" it was a two nighter with MARGE staying a while longer. These speedy visits surely don't help that talk story situation not even being able to have TOSHI over for one night.

HARRY & KAY OKADA who was blessed with their first grandchild made it a fast one during the latter part of April beaming with pride. The Dream City "YASAI MAN" still looks to be in top shape despite a hernia operation recently undergone. Looks like GRANDFATHER HARRY better let the yardman do the harvesting hereon after, not being as young as he used to be. Grandson and Mother BEATRICE both doing OK and recuperating at home. Our congratulations and may you be

blessed with many more.

BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA

The HIRAYAMA OKAZUYA was thrown wide open on April 24th, as the K's gathered for their monthly meeting in Haleiwa hosted by EVELYN & BOBBY HIRAYAMA. This annual country gathering found the HIRAYAMA'S ready as usual with their endless array of food from chicken soup to tsukemono with BOBBY HIRAYAMA specialty, HULI-HULI CHICKEN being the main attraction. The Downtowners pooling cars and able to make it for this affair were STAN AKITA, YAS AMINE, Kaneohe's "Lone Ranger" YOSHI HIGA, Waialua's "Last Hope" C. IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, TSUNE KANEMORI, R. NITAHARA, RICH ODA, ED OGATA, JAMES OURA, Wahiawa's gift to the Kingsmen SATS SAWAI, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, DICK UTO, Supervisor Ichiban from the pine country JAMES YANAGIDA Pearl City's world traveler SANDY TAKESHITA and the newest addition to the K ranks GARY FUJIWARA, Customs Chief. The business end of things found the sumo tickets being distributed and a fast adjournment to the investors table where all the action is. An over flow of players found BOBBY being the good host and sitting this one out. It was an all night eat session with SUIKA taking his usual nap, later to be joined by STANLEY A., but the amount of food that EVELYN had sooo generously prepared, it seems as tho, hardly a dent was put into this feast fit for a King. To EVELYN & BOBBY goes our once a year, doo-mo-arigato for this delightful country visit which is just hard to beat. THANKS eh!

BUSY MONTH

Graduations, weddings and retirement parties find all the K-men just tied up for the month of May, so no meeting will be scheduled. With "TATA" IGARASHI leading the way, Y. "BIG JOHN" OROKU and ROBERT "VITALIS" HIRAYAMA are expected to join the Medi-Care Battalion come early June of this year. Envy, envy, envy. Till the next one, keep 'em smiling all the way.

SMALL TALK

Home for sister DEBBIE'S graduation all the way from the wilds of Seattle was PAULETTE UTO Med-Tech Ichiban who now calls that freezing Northwest her place of residence. A most happy reunion for IKU and DICK UTO.

The millionaire K-s expected to make that reunion in Chicago came July are KATS & NORA IBARA, SATS & BARBARA SAWAI and daughter, CHARLIE & KAY IGARASHI and daughter SHIRLEY, ED & PAT OGATA and that Hancho from Fisher-Hawaii HELEN MAEDA. Going all the way to Boston, Mass, we do wish them all a most pleasant journey. Got word that ETS & MAE KOHASHI from the big rock of Hawaii will also be making this trek. ET-CHAN

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sure looks good when last seen in early June, and we know that this will be a whoopee get-together with him around.

K. "FORT KNOX" KAJIWARA went on a much deserved vacation during the month of June most probably taking in his favorite holiday resort, Disney land and Las Vegas. Also getting away from it all for a spell was Prexy BOB NITAHARA and BETTY & YASU AMINE who made their annual pilgrimage to the city that knows no time.

FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO quietly went on a far East escapade during the month of April to catch up on their tsukemono and rice, with FUJIO looking fit as ever upon his return.

THE WARMTH OF SEATTLE

A 2 night stopover during the month of May found Seattle, Washington rather on the chilly side, but the warmth and hospitality supreme of the K crew there led by the T. OKAMOTO's melted all's that cold of this wild and wooly Northwest. Long time no see were TOSH & TOSHI OKAMOTO, JOHN & LILY MATSUDAIRA, FRANK MATSUDA, DICK NAITO, JACK & YO SHIOTA, MATT MIKAMI - F Company and that long lost Alaskan JIMMY TATSUDA who's boat just happen to be in drydock during this visit. Two nights of being royally entertained and bring them the latest news as to what's buzzing with the K-s in the 50th state made this short one a most unforgettable stop over. Thanks to the hustling of "HANCHO" OKAMOTO, we were able to spend a few moments with PAULETTE UTO and introduce her to a few of the K crew residing there in her adopted city. With that wild Alaskan J. TATSUDA doing the honors, got a grand tour of the ferry that JIMMY works on running between Seattle and some boondock town of the frozen north. Drydocked for repair with a big boulder lodged in the ship, JIMMY won't admit that he was at the helm on this bangup night??? Very happy at his new job, this rage of Ketchikan has really slowed down on his whoopee making but is still that lovable Eskimo that he's always been. Looking fit as ever and still carrying on with his witty sense of humor, that great "arteest" JOHN MATSUDAIRA is still getting lost whenever he drives into town. Were it not for his side seat driver LIL, for sure he'll end up in Canada and think nothing of it. The last of the original Seattle-ites who has never made it to Hawaii as yet, JOHN is always promising LIL they'll make it to these islands, but somehow changes his mind at the last minute. Looking forward to this big day when the J. MATSUDAIRA do make it here, Mount Kilauaea should really blow it's top off when they do set foot on this long lost continent. As for good old DICK NAITO he still continues to carry the honor of being the most eligible bachelor among

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By Terry Ihara

Hoppy and Kay Kaneshina flew in from Los Angeles during the last week in May. In the words of Hoppy the trip was a gift of their daughter who works for one of the airlines which flies between Honolulu and the mainland. Their visit was a good excuse for a pot-luck dinner which was held at the clubhouse on May 31. The ladies of the Chapter certainly conjured up some delicacies which were enjoyed by all. Not only that, the quantities prepared were something in the order fit for a battalion. Sharing the feast that night were Pakala and Betty Takahashi and their children, Chris, Audrey and Betty, Kay and Lefty Sugihara, Mildred and Kozun Nakata, Beatrice and John Tsukamoto, Haruko and George Oyama, Ruth and Harris Kauhi and son, Chiyono and Waichi Take-moto, Hideko and Noboru Uesugi, Hazel and Maui Okamura, Miyo and Glenn Nakasone, Sally and Shige Yoshitake, Tokue and Saburo Ouchi, Rose and Chick-en Yamada, Laura and Raymond Shigenaga, George Tando, Roku Imaoka and the Iharas, Kuulei, Terry and Carol. A few of the men folks retired to one corner for a friendly game of cards following dinner.

June 20 was the day the Hiroshi Okadas gained another daughter as their second son Edmond took as his bride Miss Carol Ibara whom he met while training to become a teacher at the U. H. Most of the members listed above were at the wedding such as the Takahashis, Sugiharas, Nakatas, Oyamas, Shigenagas, Nakasones, Yoshitakes, Yamadas Uesugis and singletons Roku Imaoka and Maui. Lupe Planas and son Peter, Alice and Don Masuda, Lillian and Raymond Shiroma, Marilyn and Masami Doi and Janet and Allen Tanaka made up the balance of quite a sizable representation of Easy Chapter members at the wedding. The Raymond Shiromas mentioned earlier recently retired from his position as a civilian worker at Tachikawa Air Force Base and has returned to Hawaii to spend his retirement years. Incidentally, I hope nobody's feelings are hurt if my memory for names plays tricks on me as I am really a scribe without a pad.

Congratulations to Donna Masuda and Wesly Yamada, children of Alice and Don Masuda and Rose and Chicken Yamada, who recently earned their baccalaureate degrees at the University of Hawaii. I understand both graduates received trips abroad as graduation gifts. By way of news, our son Michael also finished college in May from Chaminade. Congratulations are also in order for the Imaokas, Mae and Roku, whose son Russell just found it most convenient to get married and set up house. The bride is from Tokyo, Seiko Miya-

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By Harold Fukunaga

Many apologies for not writing in the last issue. Procrastination and pure laziness were the reasons.

After checking with the members, I see that many of them had either taken a trip or are planning on one.

Francis and Grace Ishii tried their luck again and visited Las Vegas in May. They had a good time. Sorry, they didn't break the bank in Vegas.

Hitoshi "Matsu" and Leatrice Matsumoto went to Las Vegas also in the spring, so that Matsu could participate in the annual JACL bowling tournament. I guess it was hard for him to concentrate on bowling, because of the gambling distractions found there. Anyway, Leatrice said that he didn't do too good. Matsu and Leatrice had their grandson with them, so they stopped off in Los Angeles, Anaheim, and San Diego to take in the sights normally enjoyed by children, before returning to Honolulu.

Taketo and Judy Kawabata went to see their daughter, Jan, graduate from Scripps College in Claremont, California. They decided to make it a worthwhile trip by visiting Tucson, Arizona, where Taketo has a brother in service. Taketo says that it was nice, but too warm during the day, although it cooled off quite a bit in the evening. They also stopped by San Francisco for a couple of days and later to Seattle, before returning. They saw their other daughter, Sylvia, who is attending Univ. of Washington. Taketo said he dug for clams on the sea shore and caught some. Judy's brother, who lives in Seattle lent Taketo some old jeans & jacket.

Loui and Carol Yoshiwa departed on June 17 for a three week tour of the Pacific Northwest, Canada, Yellowstone, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, among other places. He will tell us all about his trip after he returns in early July.

I went to the San Francisco Bay Area on a business trip. Jane accompanied me, since school was out. After all of the work was pau, I took a short vacation to Las Vegas, where we made the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce happy by leaving a few dollars there. I vow that before I go there again, I'll read up on how to play the games, so I can increase my percentage of winning.

Eddie Ochiai was mentioning at the last meeting that he was going to San Francisco for a business meeting during the week of June 21st. Hope he had an enjoyable trip.

Speed and Edna Tanna are planning to spend a couple of weeks in August to visit their daughter, Charlotte, in Yakima, Wahington. Speed says that he can't wait to see his grandchildren. Speed and Edna will visit Las Vegas and San Francisco or Los Angeles before returning. Hope you luck in Vegas.

We had some visitors from Los Angeles recently when Mary and George Karatsu came to Honolulu. Because of their numerous other commitments, they didn't let Speed Tanna know early enough so that he could round up other George chapter members and their wives to give them an Aloha dinner. Instead Speed and Edna hosted them.

We were informed that Taki Handa of Los Angeles, will be passing through Honolulu in early July, on his way back from a trip to the Orient. The chapter members will give him a Hawaiian welcome.

Jimmy Komo is planning to join the Item chapter when they proceed to the Chicago Reunion; however he will only go so far as the West Coast, around San Francisco, Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Monterey. Judy will be accompanying him.

Harold Guy Tokeshi is planning to be in Los Angeles in mid July. He and his daughter will visit friends and relatives there.

All this talk about trips by our members show that we travel a lot, as a group. It's too bad that our chapter members aren't going to the Chicago Reunion. We had about 30 who were interested initially, but, one by one, cancelled out, because of one reason or the other.

Mike and Lillian Shiraishi were planning to attend the Reunion, along with the Kawabatas and the Alfred Amis; however, Mike's illness and operation forced his cancellation, so the others cancelled out also. Mike's back at work, in spite of the serious nature of his operation.

As I talked to many members, I was surprised to hear that Fred Ida had not taken any trip recently. Usually he is traveling so much that he chalks 20,000 miles very easily during the year.



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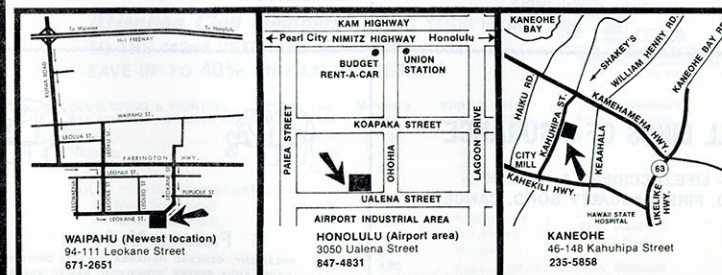


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VA NEWS

REVISED VA BENEFITS PAMPHLET

The newest edition of a basic VA pamphlet, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" (IS-1 Fact Sheet), has been distributed to the agency's field offices and is on sale by the Government Printing Office.

The 1976 edition of the 57-page publication reflects the latest information and changes in VA benefits programs, including medical care, pension, disability compensation, home loans, life insurance, burial benefits, education and vocational rehabilitation programs and dependents' education assistance.

The pamphlet also summarizes certain benefits for veterans administered by other federal agencies. These include Labor Department job finding assistance, Civil Service job preference and Small Business Administration loans.

The "IS-1 Fact Sheet" features a handy timetable indicating time limits on applying for benefits, and it contains a list of VA offices to which applications should be sent.

Addresses of all VA facilities, including hospitals and alcoholism and drug abuse treatment centers, are also included.

Copies are available for 95 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

VA BURIAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS' DEPENDENTS

Former service men and women have been urged to acquaint members of their families with the Veterans Administration burial allowances available for veterans. William C. Oshiro, Director of the VA's Honolulu Regional Office, said the benefits can ease the financial burden of the veteran's family.

For example, the VA will provide a payment of up to \$250 toward the burial expenses of eligible veterans. An additional \$150 is payable as a plot or interment allowance when burial is not in a National Cemetery or other cemetery under United States Government jurisdiction.

Burial or plot allowances are paid to funeral directors and cemetery owners if burial costs are unpaid, otherwise the proper claimant is the person who bore the expense of funeral and burial.

In case the veteran's death is service-connected, payment of an amount not to exceed \$800 will be made. This payment is made instead of the usual burial and interment allowance.

Burial is available for all eligible veterans at all National Cemeteries except Arlington. Burial in these cemeteries is also available to an eligible veteran's spouse, minor children and under certain conditions, to unmarried adult children.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1976

Tee-off Time: 10:30 A.M. (Please report to the course 30 minutes or earlier prior to tee-off time)

Entry Fee: \$17.00 (includes green fees (no cart), prizes, and awards banquet)
No cart reservation per Pali Pro Shop. Rental of cart is on "first-come, first-served" basis; therefore, each golfer is responsible to make arrangement for cart on the day of tournament.

Banquet: Awards banquet will be held at the DAIKOKU CATERING, 1085 South Beretania. Friendship Hour will start at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be at 7:30 P.M.

Prizes: See attached sheet

Division of A and B Flights will be based on the number of entries received.

Special Team Prize: The four Veterans Clubs will be shooting for a team prize. Team will consist of 6 golfers, 3 A Flight and 3 B Flight. The names of golfers will be submitted to the committee prior to tee-off time.

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ADDRESS _____

A participant must be paid-up member (check one) of the four AJA Veterans Clubs:

Club 100 _____ 442nd _____ 1399th _____ MIS _____

HANDICAP _____ Golfer will use the established handicap for month of July 1976. Maximum handicap is 24. Handicap will be subject to check with USGA or your club handicap chairman.

To help in setting up the foursome, please check one: _____ Will _____ Will Not Ride Cart

Name of Golf Club affiliated _____

Deadline for entry is August 7, 1976. Please submit entry to ARCHIE UCHIDA, 1431 Luinakoa Street, Honolulu, HI 96821, or to KIYOSHI HAYAMA, 1561 Kanunu St., Apt. 406, Honolulu, HI 96814, or to your club representative. Entry fee must accompany the application. Please make check payable to AJA COUNCIL GOLF.

In case of a withdrawal after August 7, 1976, only 50 per cent of the total entry fee will be refunded.

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PRIZE LIST

Identical prizes to A Flight and B Flight

1. Set of woods (donated by Central Pacific Bank)
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3. \$40 merchandise certificate
4. \$30 merchandise certificate
5. \$20 merchandise certificate
6. One dozen golf balls
7. Nine golf balls
8. Six golf balls
9. Five golf balls
10. Four golf balls

All tenth place ties will be awarded 4 golf balls.

Other ties will be decided on the flip of a coin.

In addition:

A contest "nearest to hole", not limited to flight, will be held on two par 3 holes, 7th and 15th. Winners will be awarded one dozen balls.

Jackpot is separate. Jackpot with handicap will be held for each flight at \$5.00 per golfer, pro-rated at \$1.25 for each nine and \$2.50 for 18 holes. The first place winner will receive 70% and 30% to the second place. A golfer can win more than one prize in the jackpot.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- Q. I have a \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance policy which I converted to a 20-payment life several years ago. I would like to assign my policy to my bank. Is this permissible?
- A. No. Government life insurance policies are not assignable by the insured, nor may the insured divest himself of ownership.
- Q. Does my VA compensation check, for a service-connected disability, include allowances for my children?
- A. If the service-connected disability is rated at 50 percent or more, the amount of compensation will include amounts for all qualifying dependents that have been reported to the VA.
- Q. Can a veteran receive community nursing home care at VA expense?
- A. Nursing home care service at VA expense is limited to veterans whose condition is service-connected veterans who are unable to defray the expense.
- Q. What monetary benefit is available to a widow of a serviceman who died on active duty?
- A. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation will be paid the widow based upon the military pay grade of her deceased husband. She also is entitled to educational benefits.
- Q. If I am hospitalized for treatment of my service-connected disability, how is my VA compensation affected?
- A. If you're hospitalized for more than 21 days, your disability rating will be increased to 100 percent until the last day of the month of hospital discharge or termination of treatment or observation for the disability.
- Q. How much will the VA pay me for enrolling in a correspondence course under the G.I. Bill?
- A. Eligible veterans may be reimbursed 90 percent of established charges for the number of lessons completed by the veteran and serviced by the school. Payment is made quarterly.
- Q. The VA has terminated my husband's pension payments, reason "whereabouts unknown." Is there any way I can be paid his VA pension

since I only receive Social Security payments?

- A. Possibly. After 90 days the veteran's pension may be paid to a wife if a claim is filed within one year following date of last payment to the veteran. The amount paid will be that received by the veteran or the amount of death pension, whichever is the lesser.
- Q. I served on active duty for two months. Am I eligible for admission to a VA hospital?
- A. A veteran who has served at least one day of active duty other than for training purposes and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is eligible for VA hospital care.
- Q. I have been advised that if I change the optional settlement of my G.I. life insurance policy from option four to option one, my wife who is my principal beneficiary will gain flexibility of payment that she does not have now. Is this true?
- A. Yes. Option one enables the beneficiary to elect that option for settlement or any other option that pays over a longer period.

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zawa, and she and Russell both are involved in the restaurant business.

A recent visitor to our shores was Thomas Crowley who came here from Chicago to witness Thomas Jr. graduate from the U. H's Law School--the first graduating class. Our deepest condolences are extended to Doris and George Tando on the passing of Mrs. Hiroshige, Doris's mother.

Just heard from Kiyo Yamate of the Los Angeles Easy Chapter. It looks like they have quite a plan to entertain us during our two day stop-over in L.A. on our way to Chicago. Besides the planned dinners they have assigned families to help each of our families enjoy Los Angeles.

Easy Chapter now has two new lawyers, sons of Dan Aoki and Ben Takayasu. Paul Aoki is with the Public Defenders Office and Jim Takayasu is with the Prosecuting Attorneys Office.

Chapter members should be informed that the mother club Board voted to assess each member two dollars per year to continue this newsletter in the same form. The feeling was overwhelming for the assessment although there was some sentiment for a reduced, fewer pages, newsletter.

3rd HQ/cont. from page 5

Takeshi Nakamura and Irene are on a trip to the mainland to see daughter graduate. which school I don't know, will report in the next issue.

Have you seen Yoshio's son lately? Did he grow -- just like a bean stalk. One is growing upwards and the other is growing ---you said it. Hope I don't make a mistake and call you Maxie. Pau.....

Received a letter from Ernie Uno which should be of interest to everyone...here it is in its entirety.

Report from Ernie Uno

"Dear Charlie: The COMMITTEE FOR INTERNMENT CREDIT, organized by some Nisei Federal employees on the mainland, is lobbying in Congress with the aid of Sparky, for new legislation which will grant Federal Retirement credits to AJAs for time they spent in relocation camps. It is recognized that not many AJAs in Hawaii today, working for any federal agencies, have the distinction of being a former 'evacuee' or 'internee'. However few they may be, my purpose in writing you is to publicize this committee -- CIC, and urge any of our member's wife, relatives, etc., who were evacuated during WW II, to write to them at the following address so they can be put on a mailing list for more information on the proposed bill and its benefits: CIC, 487 23rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121. For example, both of our wives spent time in relocation camps as minors (Naw, that don't make them "child brides") and they may qualify for some retirement credits. Thanks for your kokua."

FOX/cont. from page 6

He is strictly a bachelor now and is working in the same restaurant as his brother Jimmy.

DATELINE HAWAII

Roy Iritani and his family took off on a well deserved vacation to the mainland, Las Vegas included, in mid June. Although it was short one, it was very relaxing, according to Ramona. She is Roy's office girl Friday, head nurse and at the same time consultant and Surgeon General to Roy. Me thinks she deserved the vacation more than Roy.

Paula Iwanaga is still in the Air Force and has about 1½ years to serve, according to Mitzi. She will be stationed in Florida soon so the alligators there better watch out according to Warren.

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The singletons: FLINT YONASHIRO, GEORGE MAEMARU, JEEP KOBASHIGAWA, DOC ARAKAKI, STUMPY OZAKI, SHIGEO WARASHINA and GEORGE OIDE. FLINT and GEORGE--they're singletons because they're single. REIKO couldn't make it because their little boy was sick. Next time, you stay home and baby sit, DOC and let REIKO enjoy the dinner. ERICA OIDE wanted to come in a worst way but was taken ill. There'll be a next time, ERICA. STUMPY mentioned that he recently underwent surgery of the colon and is completely recovered now and doing fine--Thanks eh! He attributes his cure thru early detection, then getting to the seat of his trouble before the bottom dropped out. So now its "alls well that ends well" and we'll drink to that. Okole Maluna!

In spite of that false advertisement, it was'nt all that bad, SHOSO. We all enjoyed an evening out and chewing the fat with the other fats. So if you can smoke em out by saying sea-food nabeyaki, caviar or cadillac for door prize, more power to you.

ROY & HARRIET FUJII flew off to Canada and West Coast for 2 weeks making like tourists. ROY mentioned a place in Vancouver where he stuffed himself with all the seafood---shrimps, crab, lobsters, clams---as much as you can eat for \$9.95. Stop it already!

Well--gotta go and pack if I'm to make that phone to Chicago.

Where was that restaurant again, ROY?

2nd HQ/cont. from page 9

LIPPY HIGUCHI and MASA YAMAMOTO. HAROLD and AILEEN YONEMORI, who seldom miss a party were absent as they were off on a trip to the orient. We'll have "TI TI" tell us all about his trip which, I understand will take in several Asian countries and Guam.

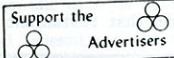
Another chapter member recently joined the Retirement Club. MORRIS MASUNAGA retired on March 19, 1976 after working for the federal government (Air Force at Hickam) for over 30 years. He doesn't look it but he says he will be 65 years old this year so he decided to hang it up. He is now actively looking for an easy job as the only prospect at the moment is working for his daughter which he foresees as a job that may be too demanding. Anyone willing to hire a 65 year old young man, please call MORRIS.

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ant were: MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA with CHARLENE & MAE; BOZO & LIZ NISHIOKA; KIYOSHI "C.B." & GAY SAKAMOTO; MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO with ARNOLD. For reasons still unknown to yours truly the NISHIOKA'S decided to pick up the tab. SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA dropped by for a after dinner chat.

In closing, I realize I haven't said "Mahalo" to KAZUMA OYAMA for sharing all the good news emanating out of that God-forsaken country call Wahiawa, and it surrounding environs. Haleiwa-Waiialua included. He never spouts about his or HELEN'S accomplishments, of which I suspect there are quite a few. It's always boosting the other guys achievements, or something similar. Just to be considered his friend gives me a good feeling. So, to the guy from the high-country, "Your kokua is gratefully and greatly appreciated!"

LIZ NISHIOKA has been "elected" to take over these columns at a future date. Something, everyone can be looking forward to. With DAN INOUE (my boss) assuming greater responsibilities in Washington, the pressure does mount on this end, too. That plus the fact that surgery on my left eye is not responding as well as expected, isn't helping matters any. Will try to fulfill my obligations for the rest of the year if not sooner. It'll certainly not go beyond that. Of that, I'm sure.



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the K-s in the S-town with his sincere, "shinsetsu" na personality and is happily plugging away piling it all up at RICHARD'S JEWELRY, same location, same hours, same old DICK, who's just hard to beat. FRANK "JOKER" MATSUDA, the pride of the fighting 3rd in Seattle still hustling about as usual in his jovial way with JACK & YO SHIOTA, the K-s adopted son from the northwest continues to be right in there pitching anytime a K visitor drops around. As for TOSH & TOSHI OKAMOTO mere words alone cannot do justice to compliment this "ICHIBAN HANCHO" whose sincere generosity and hospitality just overwhelms you as he continues to keep the K-men intact, busy schedule as he may have. As far as the Kingsmen in Seattle are concerned, they may not be the greatest, but they're sure hard to beat.

Let us be there for the June meeting come the 26th as MASA & DORIS NAGATA plays host to begin a long hot summer. Cheerio till then.

LOVE/cont. from page 5

at the Chaminade chapel. George is planning on a Chicago visit in July. They have another daughter, Mrs. Polly (Ray) Nishimura and son, Dick Matsumoto.

Richard & Chizuko Furukawa visited Japan on March 25 flying on China Airlines to see the blossoming of the "Sakura" and witnessed this event on their return from Hong Kong to Tokyo. Then on April 8, it was off to Las Vegas. As Richard said, "it's good to have someone in the family employed by the airlines".

It will be unforgivable not to mention a thank you to Betty Nakahara for her delicious pickled daikon every month at our meetings. But I noticed at the last meeting that the daikon was in tupperware container. Guess we'll have to bring our own jar if we want to take some home from now on?

Toshio "Donkey" Nakahara wants all "Lovers" to have the night of August 28 free of activities and as Jiro Watanabe stated, "he reserved this date one year ago!". You probably will be hearing from him before this news is published.

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RETIREES

Harry Fujii, Eddie Kawamoto and Robert Ishikawa have retired from their jobs and will be joining the already retired Walter Matsumoto, Howard Hirono, Rodney Yamashiro, S.T. Fujioka, Stanley Nakamura, Tomo Mitsuka, Edmund Ezuka, George Asuka, Walter Nakasone, Jimmy Nakamura and Yuso Iwane. Excuse if we miss your name because ima goro nandemo kandemo yo wasureruke.

Eddie was with the comptroller office at Fort Shafter and Harry and Bob were with the fire department stationed at Schofield Barracks. Eddie's job was primarily handling money whereas Harry and Bob broke the record of putting out cigarette butts. Only kidding because you'll never find another pair of more conscientious and dedicated smoke eaters than them two. Don't need to elaborate on their accomplishments because putting in 30 years at one job is an accomplishment in itself.

Question: Why golfers wear two pants?

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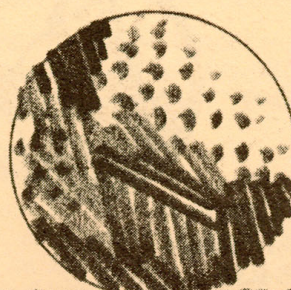
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