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IN MEMORIAM

SHIGEMI NAKASU

Shigemi Nakasu an active member of 'G' Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on Jan. 7, 1986.

IN MEMORIAM

MAX ISARA

Max Isara an active member of 3rd HQ Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on January 31, 1986.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES MIMURA

Charles Mimura an active member of 232nd Engr/Band Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on February 11, 1986.

IN MEMORIAM

FRED MURAKAMI

Fred Murakami an active member of 'G' Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on February 19, 1986.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BOX

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

The pioneering spirit of going into the outer space is, to a larger extent, a true heritage of our American dream, the urge to conquer the unknown. Recently, this conceptual spirit was brought more closely to home when the spaceship CHALLENGER and its crew of seven astronauts failed to attain its flight pattern and burst into flame some 72 seconds of flight time. This aborted trip was part of the risk we all had to accept, banking upon the pioneering spirit of "It can be done and will be done."

Some 43 years ago, we, too, saw another batch of men who felt an urge to "pioneer" the notion of equating loyalty and honor in a military situation. And, in doing so, they accepted the risks involved as a "volunteer" AJA soldier. Like Ellison Onizuka and his fellow astronauts, many AJA soldiers gave their lives for the service of the Country... fighting for the very basic need... the freedom of "what was right..."

And so, it seems to me, as we greet the New Year, the Year of the Tiger, we should be mindful of the historical events, both of which required a touch of human sacrifice and dedication. And, as someone said, in continuing the many unfinished tasks before us, "Let's pick up ourselves again and press forward to continue the path of making our community and the world a better place to live."

ASTRONAUT

In tribute to Astronaut Onizuka, the 442nd Veterans Club made a contribution to the Ellison Onizuka Scholarship Fund. In addition, we joined other AJA Veterans clubs in presenting a Resolution to the Onizuka family, which in part read, "It is for us to carry on the vision of Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka... his reach for the stars... and rejoice that he is in the order of brotherhood of that group of Nisei soldiers... who, like him, gave their lives in the service of the Country..."

43RD ANNUAL BANQUET PLANS

Our annual event will be held at the
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by Stanley Kaneshiro

UP FRONT

Reminder to members and spouses, if this gets to you on time, 442nd Veterans Club annual banquet is at Fort Delicatessen (Mapunapuna) on Sunday, March 23, 1986. Cocktails at 5 to 6 p.m., with Japanese type dinner to follow. Other scheduled dates for the year are as follows:

Ladies Night Dinner---May 23rd at Flamingo
White Elephant Night---July 18th at Wisteria
Ladies Night---September 26th at Clubhouse
Christmas Party---December 12th at Victoria Inn

MEETING NOTES

1986 assignments by Chapter President Richard Ogata are as follows: Mits Kunihiro, chairman of the 1988 NVR Reunion at Reno. Toshio Nishizawa 1986 golf chairman. Walter Inouye, Chapter VP, chairman of Christmas party.

Victoria Inn was selected again for Christmas party. Treasurer Lester Kato reports bulging treasury of \$2,530.12. Maui artilleryman Kolly Nakamura (HQ) and Hisashi Yamagishi (Baker) have donated \$50 cash to Chapter.

Holocaust Center still searching for WWII GI's who participated in liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp (see article elsewhere in this Bulletin). John Tsukano's interesting book 'Bridge of Love' is available at clubhouse for \$39.50.

CHAPTER GOLF

A near perfect day with a slight Kona breeze had 18 golfers out teeing-off at HICC on Feb. 24th and with great anticipation in making this winner's list. Unfortunately for most, the greens were too fast, the ducks and ducklings in the ponds better targets than the fairways, the heat too much, ooles too heavy, legs out of shape: etc. and at the end of 18 holes, Rocky Tanna happily announced that there finally was a legitimate winner in these golf games. The winner was also exceptionally lucky, chipping one in the hole from a bunker and making birdie after being in two bunkers on the same hole. The results announced and dividende paid by Rocky and Toshi Nishizawa, thanks to them, were as follows:

Overall winner--Richard Ogata, 83-12=71
First nine--Don Yagami, 39-5=34
(tie) -- Roy Fujii, 42-8=34
Second nine--Roy Okubo, 47-13=33½
(tie) -- Stan Kaneshiro, 42-12=33½

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by Terry Ihara

Fifty nine members and wives celebrated the Chapter's annual "Shinen Kai" dinner and meeting at the Flamingo Chuck Wagon on February 11. Attending the first family get-together of the year were CHIC & PATSY TESHIMA, HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, GEORGE & HARUKO OYAMA, DON MASUDA, HIROSHI Otake, FLY & ELLEN TAMASHIRO, TOMO & MARY UYEDA, TERUO & KUULEI IHARA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, NOBU & BETTY YONEDA, CHICKEN & ROSE YAMADA, PAKALA & BETTY TAKAHASHI, JOHN & BEA TSUKAMOTO, TADAO & SAKAE YOSHIMOTO, DAN AOKI, LARRY & LOUISE IWASHASHI, SHIGE & SALLY YOSHITAKE, EDWIN & LEATRICE GOYA, MAUI & HAZEL OKAMURA, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, S.T. OOKA, ALLEN & JANET TANAKA, RALPH YAGI, BEN & DAISY TAKAYESU, YOSHIWO YAMAKI, BOBBY MAEDA, RAYMOND & LAURA SHIGENAGA, GLENN & MIYO NAKASONE, WAICHI TAKEMOTO, MASAMI & MARILYN DOI, NEKA & HAZEL MATOI, NOBORU & HIDEKO UESUGI, SABURO & TOKUE OUCHI and DANNY YAMAUCHI. As usual the all-you-can-eat fare was inviting to all but somehow the invitation was not so readily accepted. Perhaps it takes less to keep a retired senior citizen on the go as energy demands decrease with retirement and age.

Following the dinner President TOMO UYEDA had S. T. OOKA report on the deliberations of the mother club's February Board of Directors meeting. Among the items of business was the Mother Club's 43d anniversary banquet slated for Sunday, March 23rd, at the Fort Delicatessen Catering, Mapunapuna. The major item of business was the 1986 EASY COMPANY MINI-REUNION now slated for Sept. 1 to 5 at RENO, NEVADA. CHARLEY ARAKAKI of Maui is masterminding the whole affair. He has something like 80 rooms reserved at his friends COMSTOCK HOTEL & CASINO as well as arrangements for two days of golf for the golfers. He already has 16 of those rooms reserved for the L.A. group. A rough count of those likely or probably going at the dinner meeting indicated, as a starter, twelve couples and individuals from EASY HONOLULU going to RENO. It is hoped that as the summer approaches, more EASY HONOLULU members will want to go. Invitations were sent to TOM AKINS, JIM FINNELL, TOM CROWLEY and BYRON BURNS. As of this moment only TOM & ANNIE AKINS wrote that they will join us there. If readers of this column know of the whereabouts of other officers and men of EASY COMPANY please inform them about this EASY COMPANY ONLY GET-TO-GETHER.

The MINI-REUNION is a no-host affair so there is no work involved for anyone. The hotel will provide the usual tour and guide services but will also comp the group's WELCOME BANQUET slated for the evening of September 2nd. Hi Travel Services, Inc will make the travel arrangements. The Hotel will also provide REUNION with a HOSPITALITY ROOM.

PAKALA TAKAHASHI visited his old home country last month and reported having a session with our beloved POP TOSHI ANSAI. POP, PAKALA said, was in Honolulu last July as well as two other times when he came to Honolulu to visit the doctor at Straub Clinic. Like the rest of us old age is creeping up on him and being considerably older than most of us it is of course affecting him sooner. Whatever it may be EASY COMPANY veterans will never forget the ever helpful leader of men he is. Chin up TOSHI as EASY COMRADES expect to see you back like in the old days.

Easy Chapter members and wives made up a good portion of the reception that followed MICHELLE OOKA/STEVE KUNAYE wedding that took place Sunday, February 23. All the way from Alaska came the bride's brother NELSON to join the wedding party. NELSON has been teaching in Alaska for the last two years and next semester he will be teaching children of some Eskimos employed at a fish and crab cannery on one of the small islands off the coast of Alaska.

DANIEL AOKI won all the marbles at the recent KAUAI INVITATIONAL 442ND GOLF TOURNAMENT held during the extended President's Holiday weekend, February 15-17. DAN shot a net 67 at the Wailua County Course the first day of the tournament and came back with a net of 61 on the second day at Kiahuna Golf Course in Koloa. The net 128 for the 36 hole tournament broke all records and will likely be the standard all will be shooting for a long, long time. For that tournament DAN carried a handicap of 17, also participating in the Invitational from Easy Chapter were NEKA MATOI, MASAMI DOI, LEFTY SUGIHARA and TERRY IHARA, all also rans. Coming back to AOKI's performance at the Invitational, it must be said that the former top-kick planned his charge at least for a week in advance. Unlike most of those playing in the invitational, DAN did not play a round of golf the week preceding the tournament resting himself completely. The rest with some meditation did the trick. Too Good--DAN.

The EASY CHAPTER family extends its innermost prayers to BEN & DAISY TAKAYESU for the speedy recovery of son DAVID. DAVID has been battling cancer for some time and who like his father who had the same ailment at about the same stage in life is showing great courage and optimism in his frequent trips from Maui to see his doctor in Honolulu. Listed above as one of the golfers playing in the KAUAI TOURNAMENT is MASAMI DOI. It was only last July that MASAMI fell unconscious on the apron of the 9th green at Wailea, Maui. Today he looks very well physically but still needs to take off a few more pounds. His golf game hasn't been affected.

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by Tomomi Hamada

Hauoli Makahiki Hou 1986. Greeting in the Year of the Tiger Mikers will be led by the following officers: James Kanemori, President; Ralph Shishido, Vice President and Shigeru Inoue, Treasurer.

The Company M annual Christmas party was held on December 15th at the Club House. Again a record crowd of forty plus members attended. There was a lot of good kau kau, good company and general good holiday happiness. Grace Yamashiro led the Mikers in several rounds of Christmas carols to start the evening merriment. Bingo then followed. The Beppus were big winners. Tadao and Alice practically cleaned up the games when there was a tie it was broken and Tadao declared the winner.

We have received some sad tidings. The passing of Sue Yuriki of Gardena, California. She was the wife of Bob Yuriki. She had been in ill health for a long time. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Jack and Jane Izutsu were in Las Vegas in early December. Las Vegas it seems is a point of encounters for Mikers. The Izutsus ran into Sue Tabata from Los Angeles, Kaun and Sumi Onodera from Seattle, Walter and Dolly Tomita from Los Angeles. Thereupon they learned of Sumi Onodera's surgery after the Maui MVR. She had by-pass surgery. According to reports from Jane Izutsu, she looked very well.

Potpourri on letters and cards received from our comrades on the Mainland--kotonks, budda heads and 99 and 1/2 percent kotonks. Clarence Sawamura from the cold country writes that Maui was a little too warm for him but wishes he could have some of that nice warm climate in North Dakota. Dick and Sumi Tochiara, Bill and Toshi Okazaki, Tom and Rose Kinaga all send their best and urged all Mikers to contact them when in Los Angeles. Shiro and Florence Takei have been quite busy. Florence joined a ukulele class in September and is having fun. They are considering a cruise from Bangkok to Singapore in July. Shinko Obata has had a busy 1985. She went to Japan in October. Her older daughter and husband adopted a baby boy, Brent in Tokyo. So Shinko-san went for the adoption and spent six weeks there.

The 442 Ukulele Club's officers for 1986 are Hichi Matsumoto, President; Alice Tomei, Vice President; and Yoshio Teruya, Secretary treasurer.

The Ukulele Club accepts with gratitude the generous gift by Haru Obara. She gave the club

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by Charles Watanabe

MAX SEIKO ISARA, 66, HQ3rd Chapter member since its beginning died Jan. 31, 1986. He was born in Amaula, South Kohala, Hilo, and was retired co-owner of Honolulu Chromes.

HQ3rd chapter remember Max for all his generosity, good humor, wit, and telling of jokes which sometimes rolls you over. Sometimes his stories are so that you don't know if he is pulling your legs. I remember Max going on furlough with him in the army, the annual trip to Maui, Hana, Waianapanapa, the fishes he caught, always a Moi, he was the best.

I'll always remember the trip to Kauai Beach Villa, and almost missing the plane back home.

I'll always remember his tape of Japanese music which he can play and listen day and night.

Max always said life is not that long enjoy, he lived the fullest, I think...we will miss Max. I pray for his journey to wherever so for now it's "GOODBYE MAX, ALOHA" till we meet again.

HQ3rd wish Jane Isara and family a very heartfelt SYMPATHY.

HQ3rd had its meeting at the clubhouse for the month of Jan., and Feb. Not much news there so I will go on to the next on the agenda. It is the 43rd Anniversary of the 442nd at Ft. Delicatessen. "Yes", I said the 43rd, it has been that long. If you don't remember then you're getting old, you come a long ways, better look in the mirror and see if your face is getting longer and sexier.

Another thing of importance, David Kaiura is the new president for the year, and thanks to Frank Ishikawa for a very enduring year. Nothing more of importance, so I'll go on to the next subject.

Received a letter from Frances Tsubata to convey to members of HQ3rd. Following is the letter in its entirety:

As you know, Ed Tsubata underwent a coronary by-pass heart surgery on Aug. 8, 1985. In addition he suffered and survived cerebral vascular illness, a lengthy coma, and a long bout with pneumonia, among other complications. He has come a long way. He was hospitalized for 4 months and is now recuperating at Beverly Manors Convalescent Center. Frances says, "although every day was a battle for Ed, he has pulled through with God's help, sheer determination and fighting spirit."

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BY GEORGE NAKASATO

PREXY TANAKA REVIEWS '86 PLANS

Our first chapter meeting in January was centered upon our plans for the upcoming year. Basically, the prime activity for the year will be the 4-Day Fox Company Reunion in Hilo. We should expect a good turnout of company members in July and have another opportunity of fellowship and shared experiences again. Other important events are as follows: The 43rd Annual 442nd RCT Banquet on March 23 at the Fort Delicatessen; two monthly dinner meetings (with spouses) set for May 16 and September 19; Golf tournaments in May, September and November; and the Annual Christmas on December 6. All in all, it should be a great year, and greater yet if more members attend and participate in our meetings and activities, according to Prexy Tanaka.

FINALLY ROY KUBO WINS ONE

The Fox Chapter President's Golf Tournament at Milliani was a rainy and windy day. How rainy was it? According to some, it was a day to be indoors; however, the brave souls took this day as another challenging frontier and calmly set forth their clubs and conquered the course. ROY KUBO, the perennial runner-up of past tournaments finally made it as he shot a respectable net 66, leaving behind a whole group of great players. MICH TAKATA was the 2nd overall winner with a net of 70 while others trailed along... Bill Tanaka, Toshi Tsukayama, Tommy Tamagawa, Tsuguo Imai, Yoshi Shibuya, Shige Higa, Ron & Michi Oba and Joe Tanaka. The front-nine winner was SHARKEY CHIANG; the back-nine TOMMY TAMAGAWA. The closest-to-the-pin winners were BILL TANAKA (3rd hole), TOSHI TSUKAYAMA (6th, 16th) and SHARKEY CHIANG (12th).

Kubo's only comment after receiving the winning prize was "I hope it rains on Kauai..."

FOXY FABLES FROM HILO BY RON OBA

The New Year started with a roar of the Tiger. Firecrackers, rockets and screaming mimies lighted the sky from Hilo Bay to Kaumana to Waialea-Uka. As you know, there are no restrictions on fireworks in Hilo. We bought a box of assorted fireworks, and it was a box of surprises. It was a real "ole-fashion" New Year's eve. And, of

course, no fires because our homes have 'totan roof' which never burns.

Joining us in Hilo during the holidays were the James Mimuras, wife Trudy, daughters Carole and Sally and friends from Michigan, including Dr. and Mrs. James Fushman. All of them enjoyed the Hilo fireworks and, of course, their stay in Hilo over the holidays. We gathered at the Nishida's for the New Year's eve festivities and at the Okutsu's for the New Year's day celebration. There were so much food and drinks on both days that we stuffed ourselves for the rest of the year. Those in attendance were Sadao and Bessie Nishida, Robert and Sadako Honda, Wataru and Kikuye Kohashi, Yukio and Elaine Okutsu, and Ron and Michi Oba. A farewell dinner of a steak cookout, hosted by Dr. Mimura, ended our short visit with them.

A note of condolence to James Mimura, who lost his brother Charlie a few weeks ago. Many of Charlie's friends were at the Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament.

FOURTH OF JULY REUNION: It's reunion time again in Hilo. The program committee has completed its plans and mailed the application forms to all interested members. Fifty rooms at the Naniloa Hotel have been reserved, so please send in your 3-day room reservation of \$120 per couple or per room by March 15. Ocean Miyake was the first to mail his 7-day deposit. For additional information about hotel reservations or reunion program, please write to Wataru Kohashi, 19 East Palani, Hilo, HI 96720.

By popular request, I have reserved a set of starting times for Thursday, July 3, beginning at 11:00 a.m., for at least four foursomes to practice at the Hilo Municipal. Plan to arrive early and join us for this practice round. The jackpot should be enticing... and for the evening get-together, bring along your cassette tapes for the Karaoke sessions. You'll be asked to croak, oops, to sing.

AN AFTERMATH: 442ND ANNUAL GOLF

Rob Oba's observation about the Kauai tournament is rather interesting as he writes... Putt, Putt, Putt -- that's a three putt and possibly a four putt; no, it's not a putt-putt motor although most of the guys look like one nowadays. Their stomach looks like a gas tank and their

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legs don't move around too well, and thus, they merely "putt-putt" around the course. Gross scores of 110, 120 and 130's were quite common. I noticed that a missed short was followed by laughter and resignation as we hardly swear anymore; it's taken for granted. In spite of the high winds and sandy greens, some people played over their heads and held their respective ranks as top Fox Chapter players:

Waialea Golf Course: front nine (Tommy Tamaga - 36 net); back nine (Babe Marino - 35 net); overall (George Teraoka and Takao Ito - 70 net).

Kiahuna Golf Course: front nine (Daggle Tanaka - 36 net); back nine (Babe Morino - 34 net); overall (Mich Takata - 68 net).

Two-day Overall: Mich Takata - 143 net.

THIS AND THAT AND MORE

A number of activities and people appeared over the holidays and one way to recollect and remember them is to ramble along and say "what happened and why." So here it goes... THE ANNUAL XMAS PARTY brought forth a set of bright shining faces as grandchildren joined us at this festivity. From the looks on their faces, they must have enjoyed the spirit of thanksgiving during the yuletide season. Of course, our Santa was there, too, to greet and share the evening of "good feeling" with all of them. Mary Muranaka, Kimi Gusukuma and Chikako Shimada were there, too, and they added a ray of sunshine to the festivity. Let's all look forward to our '86 gathering of Fox Chapter families.

THE ANNUAL SHINNEN-ENKAI at ONSEN provided an opportunity for members and spouses to greet the New Year like a TIGER; and from what we saw, we did just that and more. The teahouse environment somehow seems to bring out the spirit of fellowship... and singing and dancing. Members in attendance were: Kimi Gusukuma, Rose and Shige Higa, Mineo and Sachiko Inuzuka, Roy and Ramona Iritani, Roy Kubo, Barney and Phyllis Miyagi, Kats and Grace Nakamura, George and Myrtle Nakasato, Hank Oyasato, Golchi Suehiro, Mich and Shinako Takata, Kiyo and Yukie Takeuchi, Tommy and May Tamagawa, Joe and Sharon Tanaka, Bill

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by Robert Sasaki

Yours truly is this edition's one-time substitute for our regular reporter, Allen Nakamura, and is in no way intended to be a permanent arrangement. Reason for Allen's temporary respite is spouse EMI's recent hospitalization. Although now recuperating at home EMI became suddenly ill during the holiday season and had to be confined for a rather extended period at Kaiser Hospital. Always so vivacious and energetic, it must really be hard for EMI to be sick. We all want to remind EMI of our love for her and wish her well.

Speaking of illness, Henry Oshiro got quite a shock recently when he thought a heart attack had stricken him. It turned out that his condition is not all that bad, but he is required to curtail his normal activities, meaning limited golf. Get well soon, Henry.

The year of the Tiger may not be a good omen for our greatest Tora, Jacob Jichaku. He too got quite a scare around Christmas time when he awoke one morning with partial paralysis in his limbs. The doctors at Kaiser diagnosed it as a mild stroke, treated him with medication and discharged him before he could be measured for his hospital clothes. The guys were all huhu with Jake for not being confined long enough to be visited. Our tiger friend is almost in normal health now, except the doctor's orders does not include any prescription for his favorite beverage, without which he looks so much better.

Members of our 4th platoon paid their final respects to a former comrade, Uezo "Paisan" Takayama, on Tuesday, February 18th. Although he was never able to be active in our Love Company activities, Uezo will always be remembered as a genuinely Good Guy, and we shall miss him.

GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT

All hail to our new President, Paul Matsumoto Paul, aka P.K. (or P.T.), after many years of management apprenticeship as Postmaster of our postal service, is now ready to administer his learned skills as our commanding officer for 1986. This guy, although only a few days removed from his "kan-re-ki" celebration and considered a junior by our standards, is a really gung-ho type personality. And so, we Lovers can expect a very eventful Tiger year, believe me.

Assisting Paul with the official title of vice-president will be Hideo Nakayama, likewise an apprentice leader. Hide just retired from his florist business and lucky for us, can now direct all his energies to us.

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Our only other Officer is the Treasurer, and if there ever was one born to be the perennial custodian of our wealth, that is Tad Sakai. Tad has been our treasurer for so long, nobody can remember the last other guy that used to handle our finances.

SHIN-NEN-EN-KAI

The new administration started the year with a traditional bang-up Shin-nen-en-kai celebration on Sunday, February 23rd, at our favorite place, the DAV Memorial Hall. Over 100 members, spouses, children, grandchildren and special guests joined hands for one full afternoon of Fun and Food. Chairman Nakayama, living up to his reputation as a real leader, delegated all the work to us and was observed enjoying himself all over the place. Hide appointed me as his Ichiban assistant to coordinate the steak dinner and program. I in turn enlisted the kokua of Dyna Matsuda, Wallace Kawamura, Yoshiji Aoki, Ralph Shishido, Whitey Saito, Isa Takiyama, Doc Miyamoto, Kuro Tomasa, Sueo Kuramoto, Bill Hagio, Kobe Shoji, Genro Kashiwa, Toshi Nakahara, Joe Oshiro, Casey Kasade, Fumio Ohashi, and everyone else that was sober enough to contribute their labor. To our credit, everyone cooperated like in Shelby days and everything worked out to the satisfaction of our wives.

While passing out the accolades, let us not forget the dear ladies for their contributions. Betty Nakahara not only donated three king-sized salmon that she brought back from Seattle (attended her son's wedding), but prepared enough Tsukemono to feed an Army. I been trying to incorporate her talent into a profitable tsukemono ship, but she is only interested in sharing her delicious pickled vegetables with us, her favorite people. Flora Watanabe's specialty, takuan and shijiri(?) daikon was, as always so Ono-licious. Donors of desserts that carried their trademarks of excellence were Florence Saito, Marion Matsuura, Chiz Shoji, Gloria Osiro and several other ladies that left their goodies on the dessert table unannounced. Mahalo, all you sweet girls. Mahalo also to Bill Oshiro, who procured the premium choice steaks.

Door prizes were again the expensive kind and so plentiful. The ones responsible for contributing them consisted of Lawrence Fujii, who spends the entire year cultivating and nurturing the collection of exotic plants to be given away every February. (He even supplied us with the correct fertilizer to be applied to the plants so we would not kill them). Tommy Kakesako and Kazuo Fink, who always donates so much jewelry and watches (all so expensive) to us at Shin-nen-en-kai time that we never need to patronize their

For Sale merchandise. Mabel Fujimoto's donation of a beautiful baby blanket was appropriately won by the Calvin Shojis, who are almost ready for their third addition to the family? Hide's donation of prized orchid plants was his way of thanking us for making him the chairman.

Music (great) was furnished by Jiro Watanabe and his professionals, including Yoshito Tome, to the enjoyment of everyone. Except for our president, who desperately wanted to be in the band, but unfortunately was preempted because of his yet amateur status. Special guests introduced included our dear friend, Hisako Higuchi and Tom Fukunaga and his gang. Tom is the donor of all the fish (aku & ahi) that we always enjoy. Oh yes, let us not forget Hide's haole friends from Oregon, who brought over more salmon than we could handle.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from Jun Yamamoto of Los Angeles couple weeks ago with some very interesting information. It seems the Southern Calif. gang is working out a two to three day get-together (mini-reunion) with the San Francisco area people to discuss several important events coming up in the near future. Jun says the Seattle gang have also been invited to participate. He will be writing us more on this matter that may be of much interest to us here in Hawaii.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Following Jun's letter, was surprised by a phone call from the better (looking) half of the Yamamoto family. Bev and her lady friend, probably sick of the smoggy condition that prevails in their neighborhood, jetted-in to sunny and beautiful Hawaii for a week of R & R. Maybe she just "En-ryo", but Bev was unable to accept Co. L's invitation to break Sushi together for dinner during her visit. We did get to see her "chotto" and she looks real good. Bev has promised to be back with the spouse later this year, at which time the Yamamotos will share some of their vacation time with us.

A REAL SCARE

Got a real scare just before deadline time for this news, when we got word that our Tad Sakai was hospitalized at Straub Hospital with what he thought was a heart attack (layman's language for cardiac seizure). After two days of extensive tests and ICU care, the doctors diagnosed his chest hurts as muscle spasms and he was discharged one day too soon to qualify for "Mi-mai" card from Love Chapter. Tad's okay now, much to the relief of us all.

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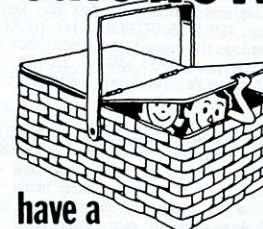
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by Mino Suzumoto

Our latest Christmas Party held at Victoria Inn on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1985, drew 80 Itemites & Itemites at heart. Considering we've been averaging 64 participants over the years, I'd say that was fantastic! KENNETH OKUMA, bless him, volunteered to serve as M.C. for the evening, thereby taking a load off my shoulders. As it turned out most of the program revolved around FRED OISHI, who with his guitar and musical box set-up kept us entertained throughout. Christmas carols interspersed with Italian songs, naniwabushi, plus nostalgic tunes of yester-year, he did them all! We even had a trio BRUNO, HIRAM DOI & yours truly, who came out with their rendition of what sounded like "Mama" (sol tante la vichi) with more than ample help from Mr. FRED. Skits, complete with authentic Japanese costumes, featuring the latter and KENNETH with an assist from ELLE YAMADA had us laughing in the aisles.

Door prizes, nearly \$500 worth, were put up for grabs. And we thank C.B. SAKAMOTO for making the time and effort of rounding them up for our festivities. (In the end, the guy wasn't even there to relax and enjoy things. He & GAY was off to Las Vegas for one of his annual commitments).

On behalf of Prexy TERRY ARATANI (who started things rolling with his "welcoming address") a special "Thank You!" to the many donors (monetary, bottle of wine, spirits, gourmet style pupus, etc) who, I say, we couldn't do without: LARRY ISHIKAWA, RALPH ARASHIRO, WALTER FURUKAWA, JOE HANZAWA, DONALD KAMEDA, KIICHI KATO, CAL LUM, DOT SUZUMOTO, KAZU TAKEKAWA, TOMMY TAMAGAWA (Co. F.) and GEORGE TANDO (Co. E).

Also KAZ MJTO (Suisun City, CA) a perennial contributor during the Holiday Seasons and I do mean "perennial." Ditto, SETS TANDO (Chicago, IL). And last but not in the bit least, coming through high wide and handsomely for us, were the TANAKA brothers, GANJI & GEORGE, also of Chicago (still remembering the royal treatment accorded them during the post 1985 NVR). To all of the above (except my wife, ha!) our sincerest "MAHALO NUI LOA!"

May I convey my personal "Mahalo!" too, as general chairman, to those who showed up at 9:30 a.m., that Sunday to help decorate and convert the 2nd floor hall into something more suitable, more conducive to a festive mood. And also without whose kokuu some of our equipments and especially the cases upon cases of liquor might still be in the municipal parking lot. Naming names: KIICHI KATO, RALPH ARASHIRO, RICHARD & NICKIE OSHIRO, FRED OISHI, KENNETH OKUMA and TERRY ARATANI. And

of course the same applies to those who stayed to clean up, and there were many. Your cooperation there too were certainly appreciated.

Back in November, I released the names of the 11 Itemites who I considered as "still working." Well, 3 of them decided that they were going to make a liar out of me. HAROLD WATASE and TERRY ARATANI promptly upped and retired at the end of December, 1985, very much to my surprise. TOMMY HARIMOTO too, have joined their ranks, as this goes to press (Feb. 1986). That leaves only 8 of us "Indians."

The above incidence reminds me of the time VIC IZUI last wrote (in Nov.). "Ain't the Bears' Great!" he says (meaning Chicago). And you guessed it. They promptly lost their very next game (their only). There's a parallel here somewhere.

KIM & MASSIE MURAMOTO (Bellvue, WA) were in town (mid Feb.) for rounds of golf, golf, golf, from Hawaii Kai all the way up to Makaha, so I hear tell (SIDNEY OSHIRO was my contact here). As you may have guessed I never got around to seeing them myself much to my regret. DAN just happened to be in from Washington, D.C. and too, all of the Item Golf Club-ers were unavailable, doing their thing over there on Kauai. Much less, entertaining the boys from San Jose. BRUNO himself flew straight out to Las Vegas immediately following. And he was one of them that KIM wanted to see. It was that kind of a week.

"That week" found us attending 2 funeral services. CHARLEY MIMURA, Regimental Band and a Co. I member until recently (shifted his allegiance to 232 Engrs., about an year ago) died of a heart attack.

MASA NAKAMURA's mom too, passed away rather suddenly. She broke her hips after suffering a fall and complications set in. She never recovered. She was such a soft spoken, gentle person. Their home on Date St. was one of my favorite "watering hole" many years ago. I, for one will miss her. Funeral arrangements for both CHARLEY and MASA's mother were through Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

Earlier during the interim, TAKEJI "BLACKIE" KINOSHITA lost his wife after a long illness. Her services were held at the Chapel of the Manoa Christian Church.

Services for SUGURU TAKAHASHI's mother in law were held locally, at Hosoi. BETTY's mom, Mrs. MIZUNO of Aiea, had been staying at SUGURU's place on Maui for the past 2 years....In all cases, we have the satisfaction of knowing that Co. I was well represented. With deep humility, we take

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this means to convey our deepest condolences to the remaining next of kins. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

In a relevant way, MASAMI ISO, San Jose, writes, he too was at SAM YOSHIHARA's funeral (see prior issue) and wishes us to know it. Glad to oblige, MASAMI. In our waning years it's rather comforting to know there are still some of us who cares. In fairness to ISO, he also wrote about SAM's demise at the time, but, it arrived "too late to classify."

By the time this periodical gets into your hands, in all probability, the 442 Anniversary Banquet (Sun., Mar. 23, 1986, Fort Delicatessen, Mapunapuna) commemorating the 43rd year since the founding of the "Regimental Combat Team" will be all pau. But in passing let me note that both BOZO NISHIOKA & RICHARD OSHIRO has volunteered again to be the Co. I representatives that Sunday a.m. They'll join the "reps" of other chapter and help convert that massive hall into looking more like a lush, luxuriant tropical garden. The same as last year.

It had been whispered in my ears that FRANK SHIMADA, San Jose, will be taking in this event (he passed up the Kauai Tournament). How come he got through CHAMP SUZUKI's censorship?...American Astronaut Lt. Col. ELLISON ONIZUKA supposedly had accepted our invitation to be the keynoter, just prior to that space shuttle disaster. I kid you not.

And now, I give you Mr. YAMADA.

KAUAI GOLF

Eighteen men and three women golfers represented Item Chapter in this year's Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Kiahuna, Wailua and plush Princeville golf courses.

Although this is the Year of the Tiger, it seems like the only tiger in the whole bunch was California's Slim Nakamura who shot a 66 at Kiahuna and a 74 at Wailua for a 140 total. Slim also shot a 66 at Princeville and would have been the winner but someone forgot to turn his card in before the prizes were awarded. A very unfortunate incident that shouldn't have happened. However Slim did win the Item jackpot and also a driver for the 36 hole tournament.

Even if the Oahu Item members did not score well, Kauai's Ken Fukumoto won the "B" Flight. Ken was a I Company replacement during the last Italian push. It was also nice to see Jane and Sadao Nakama at the tournament. It was their first and I hope we get to see them more often in

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by Toku Kaneshige

The unbelievable task of writing this column has again been tossed into our laps, so here we go again for another year. The Westsiders will again "run the chapter" for the year 1986. Railroaded into office (without an election) were the following: President Mike Sugai (a good choice), Vice President Jimmy Sakamoto, Secretary/Reporter Toku Kaneshige and Takashi Okemura our "permanent" Treasurer.

JANUARY INSTALLATION DINNER MEETING

This years installation dinner was held at the 442nd Clubhouse. Chairman Masa Yamamoto decided on Hawaiian food and all those that attended enjoyed the meal and had a good time. Members and wives present were: M/M Toshio Hayama M/M Larry Ishida, M/M Herbie Isonaga, M/M Kazu Tomasa, M/M Jimmy Sakamoto, M/M Kenneth Saruwatari M/M Mike Sugai, M/M Masa Yamamoto, M/M Katsuki Tanigawa, Sueo Higuchi, Morris Masunaga, Yoshi Sugi, Takashi Okemura, and Dan Saito. Also present were the following widows of our former chapter members: Mrs. Hiro (Hisako) Higuchi, Mrs. Hiroshi (Doris) Muramoto, and Mrs. Edwin (Frances) Sato. Doris Muramoto donated beer for the occasion and Frances Sato some salmon eggs. The Chapter members thank you for your thoughtfulness.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting was held at the Clubhouse on February 8th with Lippy Higuchi and Yoshi Sugi in charge of pupus and refreshments. Thanks very much, the pupus were delicious and the beer and sodas very refreshing. Members present and not paying much attention to most of the meeting were: Lippy Higuchi, Toshi Hayama, Yoshi Sugi, Morris Masunaga, Richard Nakamura, Dan Saito, Scully Shimizu, Takashi Okemura, Masa Yamamoto, Kazu Tomasa, Jimmy Sakamoto, Moriso Teraoka, Toku Kaneshige and Mike Sugai. During the meeting, Prexy Sweeny Sugai was heard saying: "Shadd-up you guys, I'm still talking". Now that's a sign of a good Chapter President with lots of authority. Members not present can call Sweeny if they want to know what he talked about that night. He may also assign you to say a few words in a new book to be written "Tales of the 442nd".

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The 43rd Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Fort Delicatessen Catering, Sunday, March 23rd at 5:00 PM. We hope to have a good big gang there. Lots of food and drinks and terrific entertainment

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by Harold Fukunaga

CORRECTION

In the previous issue, the reporter named BOBBY ITO as our Treasurer for 1986. It should have been FRANCIS ISHII. Excuse please...Francis.

ANNUAL SHINNENKAI

Since the reporter could not attend this event, Eddie Ochiai most graciously wrote the following piece on this event. Thanks, Eddie.

The "G" Company Shinnenkai was held at the 442nd clubhouse on Saturday evening, January 25, 1986. Attendees were as follows:

Taketo & Judy Kawabata	Jimmy & Judy Komo
Mike & Lillian Shiraishi	Francis & Grace Ishii
Harold "Guy" Tokeshi	Robert & Yoshiko Ito
Eddie & Emily Tamanaha	Alfred & Helen Amii
Fred & Dolores Ida	John & Clara Kikuyama
Bill & Margaret Yokochi	Toshimasa Kanai
Speed & Edna Tanna	Morris Masunaga
Eddie & Grace Ochiai	
Hitoshi & Leatrice Matsumoto	

Highlight of the evening was the exciting bingo games. Big winners were Clara Kikuyama and Bobby Ito.

Door prizes were also awarded, courtesy of Fred Ida. Winner of the top prize was Grace Ishii.

Fred Ida, Chairman of the "G" Company Reunion to be held (headquarters--Maui Beach Hotel) in Kahului, Maui, set a deadline for reservations as of February 15, 1986. He indicated that Fred and Dolores Ida, Harold & Jane Fukunaga, Bobby and Yoshiko Ito, Bill & Margaret Yokochi, Jimmy Komo, Jack Kondo, Mike & Lillian Shiraishi were pretty definite about attending. Probables were John Kikuyama and Alfred Amii.

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to see some of our buddies and relatives go. Our condolences to their survivors.

Shigemitsu Nakasu, a former 4th platoon member of 'G' Co., passed away in January. He was called "Sloppy" by his friends. He was a mason contractor for many years, before his retirement a few years ago.

Fred Murakami, a former member of the 2nd platoon, died in February. He worked for a number of years for the Navy at Barbers Point.

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS by Henry Kuniyuki

The Livorno Chapter News for this issue is prefaced with a note of sadness. Past Chapter President Paul Takaezu's beloved mom died on February 14th at the remarkable age of 96. Her Memorial service held on February 21st at Hosoi, drew a capacity "standing room" only congregation. It was a fine testimony to her goodness and how well she was respected by all in our community. Sincere Sympathy was expressed to Paul and his family by Chapter members.

The march of time has also taken the toll among Chapter members. Ronald K. Higa is convalescing well at home after a bout with a serious illness. Both Wilfred Watanabe and Jerry Yamamoto may be seen hobbling along these days as a result of rough knee operations. However, Beach Capt. Wata keeps on telling his many Japanese Tourist clients in Waikiki: "Daijyobu!" Jerry consoles himself by fishing expeditions here on the Island and other exotic places like Kauai and Saipan. Jerry and Ethel Doi flew over to the Mainland late last year to assist their daughter having a rather difficult pregnancy complicated by kidney ailment.

On a more happier note both Minoru and Mitsuye Nagasako are taking life easier now that they have closed their Ala Moana Shopping Center's Hotei-Ya. Mitsuye is totally retired and keeps herself busy putting around in her garden at home. Speaking about the luck of the "Budda-heads" at the last 442nd Veterans Club Federal Credit Union annual meeting Four Livorno Chapter members were present and all four were lucky recipients of door prizes. Topping the 100% win record Jituso Kawada hit the Jackpot as his was the first number picked. He opted for a VCR, rather than a microwave. The Chapter reporter, who moonlights as a tour director for Ala World Travel was the third prize winner of two Aloha Airlines around trip tickets to any neighboring Island. Capt. Wata and Saburo Takayasu were the other two lucky winners.

Clara and Shizuo "Maxie" Oide are again planning their semi-annual spring visitation to Las Vegas to check on their deposits thereat. Kikuye and Takamori Miyagi had similar vacations to Las Vegas and other points of interest last year taking in the National Park Tour. Mimi and Raymond Tanaka are into serious ballroom dancing which have taken them to Nippon on a dancing tour, now that their house remodeling is all pau.

The "Work Horses" of the Chapter, Morio Omori, Harry Sekiya, Shizuo Oide, Jitsuo Kawada,

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

George Minata wrote on his Christmas card "We had a good time at the Reunion and look forward to the next one at Reno."

Aiko and I just returned from Las Vegas where we lost our shirts but had a good time. At least we got away from this weather for a little while. Last week it was 23 degrees below zero here in Spokane but has since warmed to 20 degrees above.

I went to Alaska for one month, hunting and fishing from August 20 to September 20. Caught a lot of fish. Kept a few but released hundreds. We went 200 miles behind the Alaska Range into No Man's Land. We hunted caribou and moose. The weather was rainy and mild but the flies and mosquitos were so bad that they ate us up and kept the moose too high up in the range, preventing us from getting close to them. We shot our caribou and even had to pack them for two and a half miles to camp. Since moose were unavailable we flew back to Anchorage and continued to the Kenai Peninsula and Seward to fish for Silvers. We returned home from Anchorage by plane.

Our main recreation for winter now are winter fishing, ski (cross-country and downhill), snowmobiling, and goose and duck hunting.

My mother fell a week ago and fractured her left hip. She underwent surgery - steel ball to hip bone; socket was okay. She's getting along well - just starting to get around and we will have her home for a couple of months to recover. She is 86 years old.

Our regards to the Medics.

P. S. Tell Lionel and George N. I didn't get a moose."

Joe Saito's Christmas card from Ontario, Oregon, read "As we look back on 1985 and forward to 1986, we reflect on all the good things that have happened to us. How fortunate we are! Among those treasures is the friendship of the Medics."

As you are enjoying your wonderful weather we are suffering through one of the longest (not the worst) winters we've ever seen. Cold as it is, at least we've had protection from frozen pipes by snow on the ground.

Air rates are getting so good, a lot of people from this area are heading out for a few days some place in Hawaii. We'd like to too, but have priorities which won't let us. We are definitely including in our future plans though,

the next Reunion in Reno."

Genette and Jean Drahon wished us joyeux Noel and meilleurs souhaits pour la Nouvelle Année 1986. They said it's already over 40 years since termination of the war and they would be most happy to see us again in France. They stated it was foggy and tres froid - 15 degrees - in Bruyeres and raining much. Their fuel bill was escalating, combating the snow and cold. Some homes had burned from furnace fires. They envied our beautiful Hawaiian weather. They wrote "Nous vous embrassons de tout coeur."

We also received Christmas cards from mainlanders Kimi Imamura, Dick Nomuras, and the Vic Izuis and also Tom Matsumori.

Now that spring is approaching, Yoshio Kitsu has finally decided to move to Japan, the land that he has come to love. He will probably settle around Kanagawa prefecture, foregoing the killer snows of ancestral Echigo. The Medics are having a farewell gathering for him at the Maiko restaurant on March 8, a few days before his departure.

It was a fateful meeting for Kay Kaneshina and her father. She had just returned from a trip to Japan. She had flown from Honolulu to Kohala to see her father before returning to Los Angeles. Her father Shinshin Kise died the next day after the meeting. He was 100 years old. Mr. Kise told his story in the January 1986 issue of the Hawaii Pacific Press. He came to Honolulu in 1907 but it was too wet there so he moved to Kohala. He attributed his long life to eating and drinking in moderation, hard work, avoiding gambling and being happy with what he had.

Hoppy Kaneshina's friend Charles Hillinger came to Hawaii and covered in detail the recent Wahiawa, Kauai, reunion for the Los Angeles Times. The news article written in Hillinger's inimitable style featured Dan Inouye, Spark Matsunaga, and many others. There were pictures of Inouye and many former residents. Many people from all over Hawaii and the mainland U. S. came to the reunion. Wahiawa was once a thriving plantation camp but it is ready to be plowed under for sugar cane since the residents left.

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS by Alex Oka

To all the Maui Service Chapter members - HASHI, KIKUTA, INOUE, MAEDA, MATSUI and YAMATO - Mahalo for the most wonderful reunion. It was so good that we should have the next one on Maui again.

1985 was an eventful year for chapter president "SHADOW" KUROZUMI who was justly rewarded for many years of volunteer service to the club. "Shadow" was asked to accompany the Hawaii All Star Baseball Team on the Japan Tournaments. This trip was a deserving recognition for the many years of service in representing the chapter on all affairs of the club. When volunteers are needed for Sumo Tournaments, for Baseball Tournaments - we always called on "Shadow".

The annual Service Chapter Christmas party was held on December 14th at the Home of JAMES and MARTHA MIYAKE. Their beautiful Aina Haina Home -- Bangkok Palace - is the ideal site for the annual gathering. This annual party is becoming a mini reunion with HASHI and KIKUTA from Maui scheduling their Oahu visit to coincide with the party. Perhaps this year we can plan it early enough so that members of the other islands can make appropriate plans. Chairman for the party, for the last 20 or so years was SAM YAMADA, who did a splendid job. Members at the party were SUMU and KOZUE AWAYA, RALPH and GRACE CHINAKA, TOKUO FURUTO, MIKE INOUE, TERRY ITAKI, TAKEHI KAJIKAWA, JOHN LEONIDA, GEORGE and HISAKO MIYASHIRO, TADASHI and MARTI MORIMOTO, KIYOSHI MURAOKA, SHIRO NAGASAKO, TOSHIO and CLARA NAKANISHI, HIDEO and DOROTHY NIMORI, ALEX and JEAN OKA, ROBERT and CYNTHIA OTANI, MASAMI and MARGARET TANABE, TOM and CHIC TANAKA, NOBORU and MASAKO TANABE, BILL and BETTY TOMA, SAM and FRANCES YAMADA, TOSHIO YAMASHITA, YOSHIO YATAGAI. Mahalo to all the members for the generous donations for the door prizes. Special thanks to "Shadow" for his generous gift certificate and as it always happens, the richest guy in the chapter won this prize. Special mahalo to HASHI for the delicious Maui Sausages, to KIKUTAS for the delicious pickled cucumbers, and to MATSUI for the smoked tako. All homegrown Maui products. Come to think about it--no wonder Maui No Ka Oi -- Maui is Number One because its residents are always promoting their products and their Island. Keep up the good work fellows--pretty soon the Go For Broke, Inc will enlist all of you on its promotional committee. Also thanks to TANABE for the ono pineapples.

Received word that ROYAL MANAKA has recovered nicely from his hip operation and is looking forward to another reunion. Perhaps we should have one every year. Royal and Hiro has open invitation to all Service Chapter members to visit

Monterey and Seaside - the better part of California.

As time goes by more and more of the members are retiring from their jobs and entering the travel industry. The CHINAKAS and the MIYAKES are partners with SANDY HOLCK in Sandy's Adventure Travel. RALPH and GRACE are scheduled to escort a tour to Europe in June and in October the Hokkaido-Ura Nihon Tour. JAMES and MARTHA have Scandinavia and Southeast Asia on their schedule. The Hokkaido-Ura Nihon Tour has an interesting itinerary -- Tokyo, Sapporo, Tomokamai, Shiraori, Noboribetsu, Lake Toya, Hakodate, Aomori, Akita, Niigata, Sado Island, Naoetsu, Unazuki Spa, Toyama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Amanohashidate, Kinokuni, Tottori, Misasa Spa, Matsue, Izumo, Kaika Spa, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Osaka.

JAMES and MARTHA MIYAKES Asian Adventure starts in Seoul, then Tokyo, with Nikko, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Bali, Hong Kong. With 2 to 4 nights in each city gives ample time to visit all the attractions and do bargain shopping.

Also in the travel business is SUSUMU AWAYA and JOHN LEONIDA. Right now JOHN LEONIDA specializes in one tour -- LAS VEGAS

Our sympathies to the family of CHARLES MIYAJI of Hilo. He passed away on January 18th, age 72. CHARLES was a truck driver in Service Company and we remember the fun we had going to the 50 Caliber machine gun training in Port Lavaca, Texas.

In looking over the list of life members in the Go For Broke, Inc. I notice that HAROLD RIEBESell and RICHARD HASHI are from Service Chapter. In going over the list, I note that these people who care and who possess another admirable quality-- foresight. There are many more people in our community who have these same qualities and will be coming forth to, at least, triple the number of life members by the end of 1986.

During the Christmas party, HASHI mentioned that we, Service Chapter, should plan a tour to Washington DC when the exhibit opens at the Smithsonian in 1987. Others mentioned the desire to visit the Camp Shelby area and other areas where the training was done. We would like to have your input on this tour. Please write to chapter president MASAJI KUROZUMI in care of the 442 clubhouse.

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KAUAI 442nd VETERANS CLUB NEWS

Time Waits For No Man, it is said, and so it is that this Reporter finds no news was submitted from laid-back Garden Island to this prestigious Bulletin in all of 1985; therefore, let us recap. The officers who served last year were Albert Gokan, President; Paul Okamura, Vice-Pres.; Margaret Oshita, Secty.; Ichiro Okada, Treasurer; Barton Nagata and Charles Saiki, Director. Besides the annual Memorial Day Services, we participated in the Japanese Kanyaku Immin Memorial Services, which was inter-faith, to honor those who came from Japan a hundred years ago and struggled to set a foundation for us today. Kazuso Nishimoto, a devoted member, went to the home of the Almighty. Niki Iwai is home recuperating after a stint at the Rehab Hospital in Honolulu. It was a quiet Club year in 1985.

1986 began sadly as we lost Matsuki Arashiro after a long illness and Charlie Mimura, a long-time benefactor of this Club. He (and his orchestra) and Irene Sakakida (and her Matsudai Dance Troupe) many times have produced musical shows to benefit the coffers of this Club and to entertain the people of Kauai who welcome them with open arms, on their own time and energy with only expenses paid. Without Charlie (and Irene), we would have suffered to try to do our charitable work in this community. Mutt, Kazuso, and Charlie are sorely missed. Our deepest condolences to their respective families.

Another benefit performance with help from Charlie and Irene was being planned for the summer of 1986. With Charlie's sudden departure, we were sure we needed to plan a substitute, but devoted Irene says the show will go on in memory of Charlie. We will see to it that the efforts of these loyal friends will not be in vain.

The following will lead this Club in 1986: Paul Okamura as President, Steven Takenouchi as Vice-President, with the remaining offices filled by the same ones as in 1985. If not with exuberance, with the intention of keeping alive the memory of those members who went before us, and to perpetuate the history of the 442nd RCT, this Club shall carry on in 1986 and more!

* Tsuka Murakami, Past-President
** Albert Gokan, Past-President

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HOLOCAUST STUDIES

HOLOCAUST CENTER SEEKS INFO FROM WWII GI'S

The Center for Holocaust Studies, Research and Documentation, is dedicated to the collecting and preservation of material, documents, written and oral testimony of survivors of the Holocaust, and of GIs for historical research purposes.

The Center would like to hear from those who participated in the liberation of a concentration camp during the closing days of World War II, and from those who had post-liberation duty at a Displaced Persons Camp. The Center would like to record these wartime experiences.

The role played by American GIs in the liberation of camps and help given to survivors will be an invaluable testament for posterity. Such individuals are asked to contact:

Mrs. Bonnie Gurewitsch
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the future.

Last but not least thanks to the entire Kauai gang namely, Saburo, Bra, George, Ken, Lillian, Patsy, Grace and Joyce.

LAS VEGAS

The I Company Golf Club of Southern Calif. have now joined with the 442nd Golf Club of Southern Calif. and will be hosting a Las Vegas Invitational on June 6-7 & 8 of this year. Lodging will be at the California Hotel with limited accommodations. Please contact Bruno Yamada for more details.

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

Bruno Yamada's Northern and Central Europe Tour has been cancelled for this year and in its place a tour to Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, Australia and also South and North New Zealand is being planned for late July. For more information please contact Bruno at home.

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by Hichi Matsumoto

CHRISTMAS PARTY (1985)

KIYO KIMURA IS BACK. Yeah, Da Guy stay come back after a hiatus of some 25 years in some inagena place in Los Angeles that sound like one tropical flower name. He never say anything from his side but could be da akua went tell him, "Nuff fooling around brah, mo bettah come home, eh." Anyway with him back home again was just like old times and made it easy for Tommy Kiyosaki, the general chairman of this party. Tommy never need to tanomu but went makasu the entire evening's program up to Da Guy and if you know Da Guy, no matter what, for sure going he some good fun party.

Da Guy went steal the show again, you ask? No insult him, boy, he was The Whole Show. The likes of Mits & Millie Honda, Blanche Kimura, Hichi & Janet Matsumoto, Ben Ono and Rodney & Nora Yamashiro were more like "props" than supporting cast. Had two guests, Dick & Gladys Uye-mura of M Chapter. Guests yutemo not exactly because they were "props" too. All the above mentioned "props" and Da Guy went put on a well received Christmas skit. Hontoni yutara would be more appropriate calling it The Kiyu Kimura Show.

The kanshinna thing about our chapter is, we went without Da Guy for so long, yet yoh shinbo sete survive seta. Him no oran aida, guys like Hide Nakashige, Doc Kawamoto and others took over and even though a monumental task, gaman sete did as well as they could and did commendable jobs.

Calvin Yasuhara, the premier hustler supreme, like always, handled the evening's Grand Prize, the \$5 per ticket raffling off of Jewelry donated by Winnie (Bull) Namba. She's been doing this for years and years now. Maru mohke for the chapter, man, da loot (daibun atta) going into the treasury. You can say, she's one heck of a contributor. Winnie, dohmo thank you too much, the chapter appreciates it very much.

Akamai bugga da Calvin, he go put the Grand Prize on display, sort of teasing the ladies and make 'em drool. So when time came to sell raffle tickets, nambo try setemo, no can keep up with the ladies demanding tickets, the lucky one. Some reserved and lilibit yosha suru wives go hold back and go sasou their danna sans go for them. The first year of this "Fun Raiser", you had to go all out and do some real hard selling and made money the old fashion way. You had to "EARN IT." The Grand Prize winners were Margie (Chas) Ijima and Mary (Doc) Kawamoto. So far no more repeat winners. Calvin also took care of the boo-coo prizes donated by the members and their wives.

Tommy Kiyosaki (aka Santa Claus) went donate so much (not furui and iran kind but mada hito-tsumo tsukawan and all tameni naru things) that when he and his associates went unload and dump and hirogeru the complete works on the tables (plural) and with the over-flowing bargain hunters go size 'em up for size, for a minute we thought we were back in Etaewan (Seoul, Korea).

Finishing up with the most points, Yuso (Hole in One) Iwane got to keep the Kawasaki Perpetual Trophy for one year for being named 232nd Engrs Golfer of the Year. Yuso, you deko ageta no. The formula: Win one tournament, you get so many points. Everytime you show up, you get one point, etc. Was good winning, but now his problem and headache going be where he going show off his latest pride and joy, the hisashi burini katta hobi. Remember, he get a number of magos. The real humbug part going be is, no like demo he gotta polish 'em maybe once a month to keep 'em looking pretty.

The new 1986 chapter officers were introduced. President, Charles Mimura; Vice President, Tommy Hirao; Secretary, Masao Yamasaki; Treasurer, Monte Okamoto. Do we need to tell you the party was at Victoria Inn? This we need to tell you. Henry Nakama, the chapter's other Bonsan went bless the food. Oh yes, the same place already stay reserved for the next (1986) one.

KIYOSAKI KANKO TO JAPAN

Positively knowing that to the last man would concur 100% we never bothered to consult with anyone of the people that went on the Kiyosaki Kanko and took it upon ourselves to thank the Kanko Dancho for an excellent itinerary which made for a most enjoyable trip.

Like go again soon but first, got to be realistic about it and gotta take stock and a good hard look in da kinchaku. We like not to (no can no way) keep up with the "Gonbei." The "Jones" to you.

The following is just the Hi-lites of a most wonderful trip to wherever.

COUNTRY

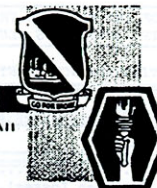
Japan's a beautiful country, more so this time of the year with the momiji's at its peak. Something like that says the Japan Travel Bureau's brochure. No bull there, we agree 100%. The weather for us was sukoshi on the nippy side but comfortable with a jacket. For the samugaris, maybe another sweater.

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FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The 442nd VETERANS CLUB

933 WILIWILI STREET HONOLULU HAWAII



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1985 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, 442ND VETERANS CLUB FCU

January 27, 1986

Your Board takes real pleasure in reporting that 1985 was another banner year of outstanding performance.

The National Credit Union Administration in early 1985 gave our credit union management a #1 Rating which means that (a) our credit union is financially sound according to ten examination criteria, (b) quality of management is excellent, (c) plans have been developed to correct area of weaknesses, if any, and (d) our credit union is not of any risk to the NCUA Share Insurance Fund.

The NCUA has for the past several years measured all credit unions for financial performance. The NCUA Financial Performance Report shows that we have been in the top 20 percentile for 1983 and 1984. Our actual rating for 1984 was in the 98th percentile—only 2% of all credit unions were rated higher. We have high hopes for a better rating for the 1985 year.

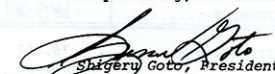
Our Manager-Treasurer's report for 1985 supports our confidence. Most significantly, we have not had any delinquent loan subject to reporting and don't expect any for the coming year. Our general reserves and undivided earnings now total more than \$185,000—equal to 11.3% of total savings.

Our Credit Committee report indicates that our loan activity has slowed down considerably from prior years. Even though our rates are considered to be "low" compared to other credit unions and financial institutions, we are somewhat puzzled as to the reasons why we have not made as many loans as in the past. With the slowdown in lending, we have had to make selective investments in insured money market accounts or guaranteed securities. Fortunately we have sufficient investments yielding between 10.00% - 13.75% scheduled over the next 4 years to assure continued high earnings.

Dividend on savings account was set at a very modest 7.00%. Because of our weakness in the lending area, your Board on 1/21/86 voted to reduce all interest rates on loans by one full-percentage point. Our loan "prices" have been rolled back 32 years to what the rates were way back in 1954!

We look forward to better times in 1986. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,


Shigeru Goto, President

Directors: Walter Matsumoto, Togo Nakagawa, Katsugo Miho, Minoru Suzumoto, Wallace Kawamura, Clarence Taba, and Shigeru Goto.

1985 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGING TREASURER
TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, 442ND VETS CLUB FCU

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR VARIOUS YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

Account Title	1982	1983	1984	1985
ASSETS OF CU MEMBERS:				
Loans to Members.....	664,708	680,254	694,247	702,320
(Less Allowance for Loan Losses).....	(983)	(983)	(1,183)	
Cash in Bank/Interest-Bearing Checking Acct.	4,875	217,636	150,994	308,384
Savings/Time Deposits in Banks, S&L's.....	507,506	434,381	609,480	769,714
Government Agency Securities.....	1,019	49,974	124,199	
Furniture & Equipment, Net.....	639	415	1,070	583
Other Receivables and Other Assets.....	11,065	16,229	34,423	45,348
TOTAL ASSETS OF CREDIT UNION.....	1,188,829	1,397,906	1,613,230	1,826,349
OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY OF MEMBERS:				
Accounts Payable & Deferred Credits.....	1,065	5,721	2,600	680
Savings of Members.....	1,091,284	1,284,192	1,468,217	1,640,015
General Reserves.....	35,000	50,000	50,000	75,000
Undivided Profits and Earnings.....	61,480	57,993	92,413	110,654
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS & EQUITY.....	1,188,829	1,397,906	1,613,230	1,826,349

COMPARATIVE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS FOR VARIOUS YEARS

Account Title	1982	1983	1984	1985
OPERATING INCOME FOR THE YEAR:				
Interest on Loans to Members.....	62,892	67,116	70,903	72,731
Interest on Savings & Time Deposits.....	43,470	57,357	70,241	82,007
Earnings on Investments.....	108	485	12,781	15,597
Other Income.....	260	171	230	127
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR.....	106,730	125,129	154,155	170,462
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR:				
Borrowers' & Savers' Life Insurance.....	1,231	2,736	464	2,374
NCUA Supervision & Operating Fees.....	1,314	1,318	1,012	799
NCUA Insurance on Savings Accounts.....	995	2,320	1,052	
Officers/Directors Fidelity Bond Premium....	1,368	1,751	2,137	2,347
Staff IRA/Other Benefits.....	4,287	6,622	7,058	8,959
Data Processing Costs.....	1,424	2,676	2,081	2,754
Conference-Workshops: Directors/Officers....	1,493	96	376	1,608
Office Expenses and Supplies.....	4,414	4,767	5,585	5,730
Other Miscellaneous Expenses.....	4,850	5,117	5,532	5,597
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR....	21,376	27,403	25,297	30,168
OTHER NON-OPERATING GAINS.....				5,694
NET EARNINGS BEFORE DIVIDENDS*.....	85,354	97,726	128,858	145,988

*Dividends Paid to Members' Savings..... 79,712 86,214 94,437 104,175

January 27, 1986

Clarence T. Tabo
CLARENCE T. TABO, TREASURER-MGR

LENDING POLICIES

442ND VETERANS CLUB FCU

Security Offered	Rate	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Amount
Savings Accounts in FCU.....	9.0	6 yrs	Equal to amount pledged
New Vehicle.....	9.0	5 yrs	*90% of invoice price or \$10,000
Used Vehicle.....	10.0	3 yrs	Low blue book value
Personal - Unsecured.....	12.0	5 yrs	Up to \$2,500.00
Co-Maker, if club member.....	12.0	3 yrs	Up to \$2,500; subject to credit check
New Household Furniture.....	10.0	5 yrs	*80% of invoice price
New Household Appliance/Eqpt.	10.0	3 yrs	*80% of invoice price
New Boat/Motorcycle.....	10.0	3 yrs	*80% of invoice price
Used Boat/Motorcycle.....	12.0	3 yrs	*75% of fair market value
Vacation/Travel, sponsored or endorsed....	10.0	3 yrs	Maximum \$2,500 (1)
Vacation/Travel, Others.....	12.0	3 yrs	Maximum \$2,500
Insured/Gtd Student Loans....	(as set by insuring/quaranteeing agency)		
Home Improvement, FHA-I.....	(as set by US Dept. of HUD-FHA)		

Loans not offered: jewelry, stocks, mortgages, life insurance CSV.

* = 90% or \$10,000 whichever is higher but manager is authorized to increase down payment requirement, depending upon competitive factors and on credit reliability of the applicant.

(1) Manager is authorized to increase the maximum depending upon the total cost of the sponsored/endorsed package deal.

(Adopted by Board of Directors on 1/21/86)

Honolulu Star-Bulletin Friday, December 6, 1985

A War Story for Posterity

THE YOUNG Japanese Americans of the 1940s who so deeply felt the need to prove their loyalty to the United States in combat are getting old now. They are almost all in their 60s or older.

To my generation — which is theirs — the story of what they did is well known.

It made news. It made a nationally famous movie called "Go For Broke." It ended all responsible debate about the loyalty of America's citizens of Japanese ancestry. It paved the way for Hawaii to become the 50th state. But the story stands in danger of getting lost, or boiled down to the point of being mostly lost, as the generations pass away and newer generations know less about it.

JOHN TSUKANO was a part of the story. He shares the fear of it being lost. And he has just done something about it by both writing and compiling a just-published book "Bridge of Love."

A rich collection of World War II history.

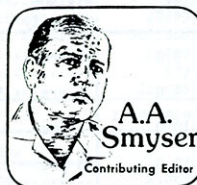
lished book "Bridge of Love." He says in a foreword: "I hope this book captures at least a part of that story for posterity."

I think he has succeeded well — very well. And one reason is that he has compiled the book as well as written it.

Tsukano is a beautiful, sensitive writer. The *Star-Bulletin* has published many of his pieces over the years on the very same subject as the book. And many more like them are in this book. But its 432 oversized pages also contain a rich collection of photos, war orders, newspaper headlines and stories, newspaper editorials, diaries, letters to soldiers, letters from soldiers, speech excerpts, military citations, unit rosters, summaries of decorations — and more.

Collectively they capture the flavor of those days now more than 40 years back in history far better than mere words in a historical narrative. People who never lived through those days should rather quickly "feel them" through this book.

Feel the prejudice of the era.



A.A. Smyser
Contributing Editor

Feel the challenge it posed. See the battles that were fought. And marvel at the way things were changed.

A picture of a blinded Nisei soldier socks the eye — as do before and after pictures of a wooded French hill denuded of trees by the fierce battle the Nisei units fought there. But those are a small part of the montage that goes into the suspicion and distrust that dogged the AJAs, the pain of the West Coast evacuation born of distrust, and finally the battles that overcame the distrust and the elation at victories along the way.

THE BROAD OUTLINE of the story is this:

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. military services banned enlistments by Americans of Japanese ancestry and put those already enlisted in non-sensitive assignments.

They were as American as Americans of German ancestry or Americans of Italian ancestry (to name two other enemy nations) but they simply weren't trusted. And some of them ached to prove they could be trusted.

Finally in early 1943, some 15 months after the Pearl Harbor attack, Washington changed its mind and re-accepted AJA enlistments for a special Army unit to be committed to combat in Europe, the 442nd Infantry Regiment. Enlistment quotas were vastly oversubscribed.

At about the same time it was also decided to commit to combat the 100th Infantry Battalion, made up of over 1,400 pre-war AJA soldiers from Hawaii who

had escaped discharge but had been moved out of the Islands to Wisconsin as a security precaution prior to the battle of Midway.

The 100th went into its first action in North Africa in the fall of 1943, then moved on to Italy and the bloody battle for Cassino. In June, 1944, the larger 442nd Regiment arrived on the scene in Italy. It absorbed the 100th as one of its battalions. The units participated together in the capture of Leghorn, Italy, then were transferred to southern France for even bloodier warfare that didn't end until some of them helped liberate the concentration camp at Dachau where Jews were exterminated by the thousands.

So good were the units, so determined, so loyal, so effective that the U.S. commanders for Italy and southern France (Gen. Mark Clark and Jacob Devers) waged a determined backstage battle over which commander would get them. France won out and thus Bruyeres, France, became a sister city of Honolulu



John Tsukano

because it was rescued from German hands by Nisei soldiers from Hawaii and the western United States.

"BRIDGE OF LOVE" fleshes out this story in human terms and with moving narratives by Tsukano — including some very grim combat descriptions. It also sets the story in the larger frame of what it did for Hawaii and Statehood. It pays especial tribute to the Issei, the original immigrants from Japan, who were the parents of the Nisei (second generation) soldiers and faced the trauma of a war between their original and adopted homelands. Quite a few were from Hiroshima.

While it focuses on the 100th and 442nd units in Europe, "Bridge of Love" also tells a bit about the AJAs who went into military intelligence with combat units in the Pacific and fought against Japanese as bravely and heroically as the 100th and 442nd fought Germans and Italians. And about the AJA unit, the 1389th, that was assigned to construction and engineering duties here at home.

Special vignettes capture individuals like Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, later to be U.S. senators, and more than a dozen others, including Caucasian leaders and friends. One of the most memorable offers what may be the first kind words seen in print about Gen. Walter C. Short since he was relieved of his Army command here right after the Pearl Harbor attack. He, too, was an AJA friend.

Star-Bulletin reportage from the Mainland training camps and the combat front in Europe is prominent in the book. We were the newspaper that was there. I'm glad to say.

Obviously no book can tell it all about such a vast, traumatic event as the Japanese American involvement in World War II. But this book goes far enough to capture much of the essence of the pain, the glory, the heroism and the love — even with the enemy in Europe as well as the enemy in Japan — that made it all so dramatic.

It is a beautiful historical record by a richly human participant in the events recorded.

BRIDGE of LOVE

BY JOHN TSUKANO

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A BOOK THAT'S BEEN WORTH WAITING FOR

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Vegetables gardens all over the place and was a common sight to see rice paddies between homes. Talk about making use of whatever they got. The supposed to be bimbona hyakushos look to be the best off. New homes with tiled roof and glass sliding windows and doors. The broken down roof ga moru type houses are mukashi no koto. And the well informed ga yuh noni, now get more two cars and two TV homes.

But the so called comfort stations, more like discomfort stations. Not much change from 1972, our first trip. Appearance wise, presentable and clean. But the 'nioi', broke the nose and hanashi ni naran. Gotta stop breathing until you pau doing your thing. Cigar smokers make out Tha akamai ladies go plug up their nostrils with Vicks.

The thing that caught the eye was dokosan itemo hardly any litter. At the most a few cigarette butts but absolutely no graffiti in the subways, train and bus stations. Talk about spic and span, reminds us of our company area in Camp Shelby, after policing the place.

Saw Fuji-san in real life for the very first time. It was late afternoon from the train and being a clear day, we had a picturesque view. To us it seemed half dressed with no snow. We had the impression it was snowcapped (never saw a picture without) 366 days a year. Stood out majestically and looked bigger and higher than we thought it to be.

Japan get boo-coo golf courses. We saw 'em while flying into Osaka from Honolulu and flying into Chitose, Hokkaido from Tokyo. All in the mountains.

PEOPLE

Tommy and Charley Ijima, the futoi guys in our kanko are no standout among today's Japanese people. Boo-coo of them big as well as tall and six footers a lot more than you can imagine. The guys shorter than us were the senior citizens and not too many.

Talked to many Japanese nationals especially in arcades and tour bus rest areas and found them easy to relate. Somehow they can spot us out from a crowd like we do them when they come Hawaii. We must all look alike to them. Usually, their first words, "Hawaii kara?" Our irome must be like one Dojin.

People in general are polite and friendly and even go out of their way to help you anyway they can. Like the two lady vendors that had

side to side stalls at the Niigata Furumachi Arcade. Ask 'em something and they can help you so they take you by the hand and waza waza lead you to the exact place what you looking for. As though that wasn't enough, go tell their fellow vendor, yasutete yarinasai. All the while go tanomu her tonari vendor to look after her stall, her ga oran aidani. Was easy conversing with them because they no use the no can relate "zuzu" language. In fact no trace of any accent or namari in any way. What got this thing going was our new found friends went spark our wives no diamond wedding ring (1974/7 model), not a rock, just a pebble. Coming over to get a closer and better look commented, kekkona, neh. Was a very enjoyable experience.

Underground crowds like in Tokyo, Osaka and Sapporo is frightening and you gotta see to believe it. When you stay above ground, you think the census count on the exaggerated side. But mama mia, you go underground, grossly under-exaggerated. You know what we mean.

At first it was alright. But the Japanese people's excessive use of "sumimasen" ni akirare mashita. Nandemo Kandemo, they mean it or not, it's 'sumimasen'. The young high school age male students in tamageta. Boo-coo of them had today's rage, punk hair cut. Charge that to progress. But their attitude and gyogi, we used to get our okole black and blue from the kocho sensei. Time to fall in when the excursion pau, they drag their behine when the Group Leader sounds, "Atsumare." You see da kine stuff, no can help but namida go deru.

It's a known fact that people in Japan travel lot within the country and abroad as well. They come to Hawaii by the plane loads too. The people in Hawaii maybe not quite up there with their distant 'cousins' but not too far behind and do their share of holo holo too.

Shittoru 442nd people we ran into in Japan on this trip; Lillian (Mike) Shiraiishi (G) at Lake Akan and Sado Park Hotel in Hokkaido. Jimmy Kane-mori (M) at Haneda Airport. Yoshi Sugi (ZHQ) at Lake Akan and Sho Miota (H) at Narita Airport. Two friends from the 100. One at Sounkyo Kanko and the other at Onuma Park. Hide Nakashige's brother at the Ainu Village. A calabash relative also at Sado Park. A since-intermediate school days min friend in doko datta kano. But the mind-bending one was meeting up with a couple from Molokai. They not from the "Big City" of Kaunakakai but from Maunaloa, a plantation camp in, of heart of the pineapple fields. We met them in, of all places, in the heart of Ginza. Sekai jude one of the most populated place. If that's not one

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for the book, what is. When we go to Vegas, no miss we run into people we seldom see at home. But in Japan, we see a whole lot more.

How they love the game of baseball in this country. While at Keio Plaza Hotel, we were assigned a room overlooking the Shinjuku Central Park, that have an area with four Little League size baseball diamonds. Four games were played simultaneously. Home plate at the four corners and the centerfielders far from touching back to back. But when the older and bigger boys play, one team's centerfielder would position himself way beyond the other game's (playing at the opposite field) playing field not far from their second base. And they play just like that. They make do whatever they get. The fields are used from sun up to sun down. All the while we making like a tourist and watching college baseball (Waseda and Meiji) on TV.

On the bus ride from Sapporo to Noboribetsu, although cold and some rain, a stop was made at a wayside fruit orchard for apple and grape picking. The deal was you can eat as much as you want but had to pay for whatever you took out. Even in da kind not too handsome weather, several groups (about 20 people per) were having a family kind picnic in the vineyard, cooking hekka over hichirins. To them da kine weather manini stuff. Takes a lot more to keep 'em indoors.

Coming back to Hide Nakashige's brother. The first person in our group that went spark him said, "Ats Hide or what." Second person, "yeah, what he doing here." Bambai when we went near, no was him. Kono futari only kyodai but they can pass for futago. Only thing, his ototo him yorimo, motto motto futoi.

The Molokai couple we met up in Ginza too. We were going dat side and they were coming dis side. When somebody went open da mouf and mention 'Molokai' their heads went turn around, just like they had whiplash.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations were good to excellent all the way. Going first class although lilibit than more kakaru and leaves the wallet flat, is the only way to travel. What a heck, arunara flaunt it

Like the Keio Plaza in Sapporo and Tokyo, Osaka's New Hankyu and Niigata's Okura were the bigger hotels. Rooms were more than spacious enough for comfortable living. Akita's View Hotel was a surprise. The only place with waiters in tuxedos waiting on you. Our thinking was this place still inaka, like you go furo the old plantation kind with just a partition separating the men from

the ladies. Baka naran, boy. How true of the old saying, travel broadens one's mind. We believe. Toba International, Lake Akan and Hakodate Kokusai were the smaller hotels but nevertheless, just as comfortable. The likes of Noboribetsu Grand (the setting reminds us of the hotel in Geradner near Bruyeres), Ohnoya in Atami, Sounkyo Kanko and Sado Park in Sado Island were the big favorites for the onsen ni iku guys. They all had a little something that makes you remember them by.

Noboribetsu had an all girls taiko corp, entertaining the hotel guests after dinner. Sounkyo turns off the hot water shortly after dinner so the guzu guzu and TV watch suru guys bambai furo hairu tsumori dattara went catch hell. Sado Park is a Peeping Tom's paradise. Get one big huge picture window the complete length and height of the furoba that can see from inside out and from outside in. They like to share their privacy.

How can we ever forget Ohnoya at Atami No Kaigan. We know that you know the history of this yumeina place so we'll skip the preliminaries. Entering this Spa/Hotel, one of the lady greeter in the lobby called out, directed to must be me and the good wife because looking around nobody nearby, "Otosan, okusan no tewo tsunaide hairu koto" or something close to it. But that "oto-san" we not used to, still ringing in the ear. Sensing that she made a boo-boo and hurting our feelings apologized, "Sumimasen" cupping her hand over her mouth and bowing.

The attention and personal services you get at these Spa/Hotels spoils you. None of that in the Big Apple. This says it all. You can chirakasu your zori entering your room and when you go out, all stay jun jun ni narabete all ready for you.

How the guys went to onsen baths, you thought every night was Saturday night. In contention for Mr. Clean title were, Tommy Kiyosaki, Mits Honda, Masao Yamasaki, Chow Shibuya and Roger Eaton. Other places where no more onsen baths, some guys asa yoh neruga, where get, even how early you go, they right there, scrubbing away. Not to mention, whooping it up too. But still yet nanbo suttemo, kawari wa nai, iroga kuroi. The ladies that can say, "I took an onsen bath," Millie Honda, Janet Matsumoto and Clara Shibuya.

Due to the World Banker's Conference scheduled for the latter part of the week, conditions at Koreana Hotel in Seoul, where we were guests for two nights was a first time experience for us. Security throughout the hotel was tighter than at Ft. Knox. Security people urusai hodo stationed

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in every nook and corner on every floor and in elevators too. You never was alone no matter what time of day or night. Huhbug but was good though and gave you peace of mind. I.D. became a part of you and had to be worn at all times.

Every one of the hotels in Japan had yukatas and zoris. Heavy haoris in Hokkaido. Some places had two zoris, one for regular wear and the other for benjo only. Toothbrush and toothpaste and writing pen and stationary was on the 'daily menu' for your convenience. They sure know how to take care of you. In fact, all this "baloney" was written with a pen we went "borrow" from Keio Plaza Hotel in Tokyo.

TRANSPORTATION

Airplanes, trains (bullet & local) bus, ferry jetfoil, taxi, cable car, you name 'em mira all gotta.

Japan Air Lines, our carrier to Japan and back get all young, polite and beppina stewardess. Just like the Alaskan Airlines girls, ages about the same, teinaina and johinna too. First time we come across girls like these, always keeping busy the entire trip. Early on in flight we were thinking for young people, benjo ikumoni chikai. What they were doing was policing the lavatory, whenever not occupied.

Bullet train, we still get a big bang as well as getting excited riding on it. Some fast and smooth riding too. For comfort no can beat. Very roomy and you can move about freely without any samatage to the other people.

Miles and miles of bus rides wasn't boring as some would think. It was used to catch up on some much needed rest and lost sleep. All modern and up-to-date coaches. With 24 people in our kanko, two seats were available per person which was motteko.

The regular trains were always on time. None of that mukashi no "Japanese Time" stuff. Bento, cold drinks or snacks always available. The food comes to you with the girl vendor constantly going up and down the aisle. But on the Shinkansen, haraga hettara the food no come to you so you gotta go take a hike up to the dining car.

Subway, that's the one we never can get used to. The crowd amass of humanity come at you like one typhoon and even chotto yudan setara, mama mia, they sweep you off your feet. Don't have to be peak hours, they make you halulu and hold your da kine. The toughest part riding the subway is the directions, having no sense of direction, yoh mayou. Every which way looking alike. Turn around

one time nuff, you all jam up.

Seems like the famed Kamikaze cab drivers days are a thing of the past and today, hanashi dake. Dented fenders noticed were few and far between. Japan's taxis charges by the time and mileage, whereas in Seoul, mileage only.

The jetfoil ride from Niigata to Sado Island and back was some smooth even though the waters were a little choppy. Cruising speed, 80 kmph. You get ample time and like travel yukuri ni, then you catch the noro noro ferry, which we went pass 'em on the "fry".

Squeezing in 60 people in a 30 people maximum load cable car seems like common practice.

Even at home de breakfast armari or mettani taben people enryonashi went Go For Broke and went eat up. We dunno for sure if due to prepaid (in the package) or watching the nandemo umaso yohni taberu behemoths like Tommy Kiyosaki, Kiyo Kimura or Masao Yamasaki that went turn them on. Shikata ga nai no, because everybody issno ni suwaru that's why could be contagious.

Oh, yes, guys asakara went grind away on things like ham 'n eggs, miso shiru, rice, toast, tsukemono, etc. (had combination, Western & Japanese buffet). But what went tamageru us guys the most was the number of people went for natto, in a big way too. Even Lorrie (Chow's daughter) Shibuya, the only wakaishi in the group, had her share.

No can remember ever, kotowaru-ing any kind of fish dinner at home (we whack 'em home made) but points north like Hokkaido, surrendered and threw in the towel several times. They pile 'em on your tray until da bugga no more room with nanja kanja seafood like variety of fishes (sashimi looked about 3/4" thick), crabs, lobsters, ika and whatever else you can think of. Nearing the end, we see da food 'nuff, we feel full already. How Mr. Obata, our tour guide (he sits with us) puts up with all the ogochiso day in and day out, we shake our head. He goes this route several times a year.

The best meals enjoyed was picking up whatever sukinamon at the Dept. stores, go up to your hotel room and have a feast. The fancy kind food sugu agu but the futsuna stuffs like musubi wrapped in nori with tsukemono on the side, we never seemed to get enough of. Toshija.

The thing that will make us remember about Niigata is the ochazuke (rice, nori and hot tea only) lunch we had at the pier station restaurant

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where you catch the ferry. What a big relief of getting away from all the gourmet food they served up north. Another thing, you order plain food, you get 'em real fast and get your okawari even before the others get their first.

The drinking water in Osaka and Kyoto was niente bono. Worse than the highly chlorinated water at Camp Shelby. Lilibit no like but was forced to drink beer instead. Tokyo and up was good with Hokkaido the best, something like ours at home.

Korean food hard to tell the karai-ness in taste from ours at home because koko itte tabetemo hot, the chili pepper kind hot.

Tasting food samples in the Japanese Dept. stores was really neat. You can get hara ippai just by making the rounds, going from counter to counter. Seems like everybody in the city eat out or buy something already prepared for dinner at home.

The Kohi (coffee) was so that you go back for seconds or even thirds. The last time they had the black and nigai kind that no matter how much sugar iretemo, nomaren kind.

On this trip, the only time we had the long awaited and mada tabete nai shabu shabu was at the Sayonara dinner, our last night in Tokyo. The last time (1972) seemed like we had 'em every other night. When they get, they get. When no more, no more nothing, almost.

The beer in Japan measures up to ours or better than any we have at home. That is coming from people that knows. In cans big or small and bottles small, big or bigger, they went taste 'em all. For kuwashiku details as to what and why, Charley Ijima and Mits Honda are the men to contact. They left a trail of empty hotel refrigerators all da itta places. They claim the refrigerators no hold enough because get da kind umonai soft drinks too. At least they never touch that and leave 'em for the other guys and the ladies. Sake nonda guys we never see or hearabout. Maybe on the sly, they went cacarooch-and hinnomu some, we dunno.

Clever these Japanese. In arcade restaurants especially, they have the conveyor system. An assembly line of multi-variety of food. The food in teshio size plates go around and around in front of you about face high and the people sitting at the counter pick whatever dish they like. A plate have only one type of food, sushi nara sushi and nothing else. They charge you by the amount of empty plates stay kasaneru in front of you. All the prices are the same. Neat man.

Sometimes (more like always) no harm in tagging along the wife and go shopping. Like in Tsukiji, we made the rounds with them. The most fascinating place by far was the zuke and tsuke-mono area. They had 'em from "soup to nuts" and to the last one, just looking at 'em, yodare ga koboreru. The pounds and pounds of motte modotta narazuke went miteru just before Christmas. That is why Oshogatsu nantoka was lilibit on the sabishii side. Oh yes, they have 'McDonald's' in Japan.

PLACES VISITED

The tour through the Yukijirushi (Snow Brand) Milk Factory in Sapporo was better than we thought. Nothing fancy but something you no bother with or take time to go at home. As usual you receive samples at the end.

Saw the lifesize statue of Taiho, retired sumo yokozuna and considered as Japan's all time greatest, while bussing through Teshigawa, Hokkaido his birth place. Also, passed through retired Yokozuna Kitanoumi's home town, Soobetsu, Hokkaido. Also Victor Starfin's hometown in Hokkaido. He was a white Russian and one of the first Gaijin to play professional baseball in Japan. Could have been in the 1930's. He was a pitcher.

Went riding on the ski lift up to the starting point of Okurayama's ski jump in Sapporo, site of the 1976 Winter Olympic Games. After carefully sizing things up looking from way up there, going full blast down the narrow skiway and landing area looks no wider than a bowling lane. The only thing you can get to reminisce is a spectacular ride and view....if you survive.

The prisoners busting their butts working the underground Aikawa Gold Mine on Sado Island must have been some kurushii for them in the winter time especially, with the dampness and the constant drip, drip, drip.

The "Enjoy a delightful boatride to see the famous 'Marimo' in Lake Akan to us was, you miss 'em, you no miss anything. For the like to know everything guys, we direct you to Charley Ijima. He was on top of everything and front and center all the way. Riding the ferry through the heavily hanging morning mists was more "exciting" than seeing the famous Marimo.

The beautiful mountain side scenery going up to the Bear Park on the cable car in Noboribetsu was like Lake Akan. The bears smart buggas, must be Buddahead bears, trainers no command, yoh kiku.

Mt. Hakodate's "Hyakuman Doru No Yakei"

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(night view of million dollars) something like viewing Honolulu at night from atop Punchbowl. Only much higher, much much colder and ukupaila more people.

At Ainu Village, similar to our Polynesian Cultural Center but on a smaller scale. Had brief talks on then and now way of living. Their folk dances, something like our Bon odori. Their costume, very loud and colorful.

For some menfolks visiting the Sapporo Beer Brewery was way more enjoyable than the strolling through Hokkaido University's botanical Garden. Dohka shiran but maybe the help yourself with the free beer at the conclusion of the tour had something to do. Arekamo shiran.

Tour through the Toyota Automobile Plant assembly line would pop anybody's eyes and something you soon won't forget. Four lines and 400 meters long with hundreds/thousands of specialists each doing their own thing, working with clock like precision. So fascinating that even the not too mechanically inclined (the ladies) no care too much for car guys gave their undivided attention to the young lady guide supplied by the company. Understanding her was no problem with Mr. Obata, our JTB Tour Guide taking care for us the muzukashii kanji kotoba.

Our second time around to Mikimoto Pearl in Toha but never get our bearing until locating the pearl King's statue and then everything came back. Just likeback in 1972, we took a group picture in front of the statue. Could be the same shashinya man.

Took a leisure stroll at the exact spot of the Yukimatsuri site in Sapporo. No more snow, display or anything yet, we only four months early. But we can say we were there.

Attended the Yashiro Aki musical extravaganza at Koma Gekijo in Shinjuku. At home nara okane harootemo no go but just to keep peace in the family, relented. No sooner the show get underway plenty heads (male) stay down, chin resting on the chest and sawing wood.

Etaewan (Seoul, Korea) for most of us was a first time hear thing, but never take long, it was everybody's Ichiban for shopping. A shoppers paradise. Even the heizei ni shinbo suru people went bugaloose and went buy, buy, buy. Ase kaite too. All da shina mono (good stuff too) uso and osoroshii yohni nedan ga yasui. So da kine that you cannot afford not to go hogwild. Nanbo okane ga attemo, tariyasen.

TOUR GUIDES

Mr. Obata, our Japan Travel Bureau Tour Guide joined our kanko in Osaka upon our return from our two days two nights of mad shopping spree in Seoul, Korea. He stayed with us continuously until sayonara time at Tokyo's Narita Airport. He was a reserved and soft spoken man and kept very much to himself. But a very knowledgeable and well informed man and gave assistance whenever asked. To us he was a little too otonashii and reserved for a tour guide. Not seemed like but only Kiyo Kimura could loosen him up and make him laugh. He makes anybody laugh. Mr. Obata knows Mr. Tsuchi-YAH who was our JTB tour guide in 1972. Reports that Mr. T. is still with JTB and very much in the thick of it. If our money still pololoi, Mr. T. being the chonan of the family was supposed to go home and take over the family's farm. Mr. Obata, a family man, lives on the outskirts of Tokyo.

Ms. Nozawa, a native of Hokkaido, our Bus Girl/Tour Guide, all the while (5 days) in Hokkaido was a big favorite of everybody. Welcoming our kanko at Kushiro Airport and bidding us sayonara at the Hakodate Ferry Pier. Can tell she majimemi and neshinni did her homework and put her heart in her work too. Her rating on a scale of 1 to 10, a solid ten. She makes an excellent rekishi and chiri sensei. Even taught the group an Ainu Folk song, "Ainu Warabe Uta." Yasashii and aikyo young lady and when she smiles especially, Lily (Calvin) Yashuara no sono mama. Margie Ijima agrees. Ms. Nozawa started her day thusly. After seeing to it that everyone is comfortably seated, she'll begin, "Eh, dewa minasan, ohayo gozaimasu. Yumbe yoku nerare mashita ka." At the "ka" everybody's head (even Charley's) would bow and respond with a "hai," as though on a given command. She had the knack.

The one and only bus driver we had while in Hokkaido, what we liked about him most was, whenever you talked to him, he understands or not gives you a big smile and salutes you. That guy will never get himself into trouble.

Seems like singing and knowing more than a few songs is a must in the job description of the Tour Guides, Bus Girls and Bus Drivers. They all good but sing only da kine that sounds like naniwa bushi. It was enka type songs yoka but....

Had the day to day Bus Girls and Bus Drivers but never got chance to get to know them. Here today, gone tomorrow. All of them were polite and helpful, which made the trip that much more enjoyable.

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PERSONALITIES

Hontoni, this was a marukiri different and rejuvenated Charley Ijima on this trip. What a big and pleasant surprise. The old Charley Ijima was you thought he was a watchman for the bus. Destination suite tomattara, mata iku made he no move nothing, just like he stay hanapaa to the bus. But this time around, you think he's the Tour Guide's shadow or bodyguard, never letting him out of his sight. Besides taking in all the tours and all ears too all the time. You dunno what went on and like know, ask him, he tells you to the minutest detail. Smilingly tells you, you no listen or what, no only play cards and pay attention sometime. He's one guy that at the least had double his money's worth.

One of the best if not the best experience was being asked by the Mits Hondas to keep them company to Ginza. Dis bugga Mits, he get one cugina (lady cousin) there, who owns a bar in the heart of town. Not the typical local kind bar that serves the public but the plush and haikara country club, the bartender wear bowtie and vest kind establishment. You gotta know the place if not, nanbo sagashitemo mitsuke dasan, it being on the 8th floor of a building. It's so private that members get their own bottles with their names on it. How much the drinks (beer) cost? We went mind our own business and leave well enough alone. We never make shiran kao nor play dead head but being the guest (we played the role) we went makasu (no like embarrass him and get 'em mad) that up to our host (Mits). And another one of his shinrui a nephew, acted as guide and escorted us to and from. This experience reminds us of in December of 1970, being in Washington D.C. tsuideni, went look up Larry Inagaki at the V.A. office, where he worked. He and Ruth took us places that you never go with a tour group.

Clothes make a man? It helps. George Yamada was a sight for sore eyes and stood out like a sore thumb in our group, going to the Yashiro Aki musical show at Koma Gekijo in Shinjuku, in a suit. He saying, "after all gotta wear 'em at least once, lugging 'em all the way from home (L.A.)."

Talk about glutton for punishment, the George Yamadas take the cake. After staying overtime in Japan, modotta to omtara, akurahi suguto headed for Montreal, Canada to attend a friend's wedding. George's philosophy in life is something like, "ikitoru aida do your thing, because when you ma-ke, nanbo no like demo all you can do is sleep.

First row seats in the bus was reserved for Mr. Obata, our tour guide and Kiyo Kimura. Kiyo took over whenever Mr. "O" took a break.

Kiyo was the composer of the kanko's Theme song, Fanta. Fanta is a popular soft drink in Japan, something like our Coca Cola. "Fan" is pronounced like Chow "Fun" and "Ta" is like Utah no "Tah". Lyrics, "Fanta ga aruka, Fanta ga naido" and whatever your fancy, to the tune of Santa Lucia. Try it, you'll love it, even lilibit da kine demo.

And when Kiyo would slow down (muri mo nai boy, because he already went celebrate his Kanreki iwai), Larry Ishida would take over and geev 'em with his repertoire of Enka songs.

On the Tsugaru Strait's ferry from Hakodate, southern part of Hokkaido to Aomori, Northern part of Honshu, Chow Shibuya. (Oh yes, he's Japanese) wanting to pay for his family lunch, waving his hand summoned the waiter and wanting to borot his "fluent" Japanese, "biru (bill) kudasai." To the waiter biru is beer. Space is limited so we'll let you use your own imagination as to what transpired between our good friend and the other guy. Chow came out the winnaw. Even in Japan, the customer is always (?) right. Something of this nature from way back kiitoru, true or false. But this one first hand we witness on the spot. By the way there were about eight people at Chow's table counting Clara and Lorrie (wife & daughter).

Only kega of the 20 days trip was our kanko dancho doing some galavanting in Tokyo, ashimoto misokonote, subette went hulli over and go boom. Causing compound fracture to one finger and spraining several. First thing came to his mind was, can play golf or what. Being a teetotaler, guys no can point accusing fingers. You see...When this unfortunate incident happened, his tsure thought, Oh my goodness, another one (jishin) or what. Tokyo had one a week before, but a milder one.

Looking for iron man? Go look up Masao Yamasaki and Tadasu Muraoka (Margie Ijima's brother). They Ram Tough, man. Even with a heavy jacket on we get chicken skin, but this two ossan anda shatsu and short sleeve shirt 'nuff. Not trying to show us up but samui noni had their share of Japan's version of ice cream.

Michi and Shinako Takata, dance instructors of our 442 Dance Club took time out one night from our kanko and went cut up the rug in a dance hall in Shinjuku. That's why they so good, they no let something like a mere trip hold 'em back from doing their thing.

While in Osaka, when the Kiyosaki kanko went to see the Takarazuka show, we went in 1972 so us, the Hondas and Yamasakis went out out and hele on

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to Kyoto to fool around and keep the Hondas company. Mits get one more cugina in Kyoto. Going time Mr. Obata led the way so was no problem. Modoru toki was only us (Mr. Obata was let go after showing us da kaeri michi) so was on the leery side. But what the heck, we felt that we're all in the same boat and get lost together.

Bus stops are designed for people to visit rest rooms, tourist traps and do some stretching. But for "refrigerators," like Tommy Kiyosaki and Kiyo Kimura, snack shop "here we come." Besides getting their fill, go stock up for the bus until the next stop. This is above and beyond their regular three squares a day. Yoh kurau but get 'rots' to show.

We had soba in Toba and slept on tatami in Atami. Just wanna be a little poetic. Actually slept on tatami only in Sado Island.

Dewa, gomen nasai. Korede owari masho. Sumimasen.

IN MEMORIAM

by Ed Kanaya

I first met Charlie in early summer of 1943 when the 442nd Regimental Band was formed. His ready smile and sociable personality made me feel as though I knew him all my life. He was a "Kalihi Kid" whose proudest achievement in life was playing first chair cornet in Earl Christoff's legendary Farrington High School Bands of the pre-war era. He was also deeply involved in Japanese music and orchestras, being proficient in piano and trumpet. Charlie immediately occupied first chair cornet in the 442nd Band and was appointed Regimental Bugler.

Though primarily a musician at heart, Charlie was a fierce competitor who loved swimming, volleyball and boxing. He wasn't afraid of anyone and once he put on the gloves, this easy going sentimental musician transformed into a raging tiger. He and Bull Namba represented the Band in the Liberty Ship boxing ring enroute from Virginia to Italy.

After discharge from the army, Charlie opened up a music studio in Kalihi offering instruction in piano, accordion, voice and trumpet. He subsequently formed Chidori Orchestra and provided superb entertainment for countless numbers of people through the years. They lived up our annual banquet several times. He and wife Helen also opened up Paradise Music Store in conjunction with his studio and orchestra on S. Beretania St.

Charlie was a master story-teller with vivid imagination whose stories got better every time he retold them. His ability to expand stories

probably was the very trait that made him a top-notch musician. A musician must create life and meaning from pages of notes and words, and the result is only as good as his imagination.

In recent retirement years, Charlie's most notable contribution to the 442 Mother Club was the formation of the Uta-No-Kai. Under his capable leadership, the group grew rapidly into a room full of eager singers that sang for all important club functions. Another retirement project was driving Japanese tourists around Oahu. With his bright and humorous personality, knowledge of Japanese, and story telling ability, he went from occasional part time driver to daily driving with very little rest.

Sensitive musician, vocal and orchestra maestro, private music instructor, business man, aster story teller, tour bus guide, president of Engr/Band Chapter, CHARLES J. MIMURA has greatly enriched the lives of those he touched, and he will always occupy a special place in all our hearts.

He is survived by children Jeffrey, Noella and Andrew Mimura.

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a large wall size mirror for the members to use during their hula exercises. Ralph Tomei mounted it so it could be wheeled in and out of the club house and is being used quite extensively. Our heartiest Mahalo to Haru Obata.

The Ukulele Club held their Christmas party at the DAV Youth Pavilion on Monday, December 2, 1985. There was lots of kaukau and the best entertainment this side of Keehi Lagoon. The inimitable Kiyo Kimura was MC for the evening. Christmas carol singing started off the festivities. Then time out for chow followed by the presentation of skits, group singing, hula dancing by members of the Ukulele Club. Such exotic names as the Pako-lolo group from Nanakuli who threateningly prefaced their presentation by saying, "If you don't applaud, we'll throw rocks". The Mexican group brought the roof down. The Senoritas complete with paste on rouges, the Senors with their sombreros and the leader armed to his teeth with his ammunition cache draped on his shoulder. They capped their presentation by singing Deck the Hall complete with props that was definitely for adults only.

The 442 anniversary banquet will be held on Sunday, March 23, 1986 at the Fort Delicatessen.

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442nd RETIREES GOLF CLUB by Ed Tamandho

Shinnen akemashite omedeto! This is the year of the Tiger, and all you golf tigers---happy golfing.

Although this is a new year, we had one more tournament for 1985 to report. On December 19th, 30 members showed up at the Barbers Point Golf Course. The weather was clear and the course in good shape as the scores attested. Yoshio Tahara was really hot this day as he took top honors with a net 61. Bull Namba and Steve Hirotsu came in with 66's to place second and third respectively. A stroke back with a 67 was Harry Tokushige for fourth. Fifth place was George Ikinaga with a 70. Best front 9 was Steve Hirotsu with a net 32½ and with a net 33 Hiram Doi took the back 9. Nearest to the pin were Milton Uchigaki #2 hole and Teiji Chinna #11 hole. The 19th hole was hosted by Rusty Honda who had made a hole-in-one in our November 21st tournament. Rusty collected our club's hole-in-one insurance and was certainly generous in the celebration. As reported previously, this was our club's third hole-in-one. The other two were made by Masami Doi and Hiram Doi.

Our first tournament of this new year was held on January 16th at the Makalena Golf Course. We had a good turnout of 32 members on a fine sunny day. The fairways were lush due to some recent rains. Smitty Koga and Ed Tamanaha led the pack of some good shooters. Smitty was 1st and Ed second according to our tie breaker rule, when both came in with net 64's. One shot back with 65's were Kenneth Okuma and Stan Yamamoto, Ken declared 3rd and Stan 4th. Another shot back at 66 was Teiji Chinna for 5th. All others who shot net 67's and 68's who would normally place, were out of the running. Best front 9 was Ken Okuma with a net 30½ and with a solid net 29 Lefty Sugihara took the back 9. Closest to the pin were won by Herb Isonaga #6 hole, and Jiro Shimomura #17. The 19th hole was enjoyed by all. Dick Uemura prepared some fresh mussel pupu mixed with ogo. Cost was reimbursed Dick with the thanks for all his work and effort in preparing this ono pupu.

On January 30th, at the Ala Wai Golf Course 34 members and two guests were present. Two of 34 members were new, Fred Ida and Tadashi Kunishige. These two new members replaced Fred Murakami and Mits Suzuki both had to resign from our club due to health reasons. It seems the new year resolution of our members was to shoot good games. Neka Matoi and Ed Tamanaha (again) came in as leaders with net 65's. Neka was declared 1st and Ed 2nd. Steve Hirotsu with a 66 was third. Coming

in at 67 were Ken Okuma, Tadashi Kunishige, Masami Doi and Jiro Shimomura. Ken Okuma was declared 4th and Tadashi Kunishige 5th. Masami Doi, Jiro Shimomura and others who shot net 68's and 69's were left out. Best front 9 was tied by Yoshi Higa, Steve Hirotsu and Ken Okuma. Back 9 was won by Milton Uchigaki. Closest to the pin was won by Teiji Chinna #7 and Stan Yamamoto #15 hole. Our 19th hole this day was held at the 442nd clubhouse. Speed Tanna was in charge with following people making donations. Maui Okamura, 1 case beer; Milton Uchigaki, 2 cases beer; Harry Tokushige, 1 case beer; Bobby Hirayama, fish; and Ed Tamanaha, soda. Others who brought food were: Dick Uemura, ahi fins; Terry Ihara, rice and sausages; George Ikinaga, fried chicken; Ed Tamanaha, kalua pork and cabbage cooked at clubhouse; Speed Tanna, salad; Hichi Matsumoto, musubi Mike Mikasa, okazu; Teiji Uehara, okazu; Rocky Tanna, kalua pork and cabbage and Teiji Chinna, musubi. Rocky Tanna didn't golf but joined us for the fellowship at the 19th hole.

Friday morning February 14th, 16 of our members gathered at Hawaiian Airlines to catch a flight to the Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament. They were: Dan Aoki, Masami Doi, Yoshi Higa, Steve Hirotsu, Terry Ihara, George Ikinaga, Herb Isonaga, Naka Matoi, Tom Mayeda, Jiro Shimomura, Lefty Sugihara, Yoshi Tahara, Ed Tamanaha, Harry Tokushige, Teiji Uehara and Dick Uemura. We got our U-Drive cars and headed straight for the Wailua golf course. Thanks to Lefty Sugihara's friend, Tsuneo Takemoto of Hilo who had a friend's van to haul our golf clubs. Our practice round tee time was supposed to be at 10:00 a.m. but it seems there was a mixup. Herb Isonaga phoned the top man of Kauai and had everything straightened out. After golf, we checked in at our hotel the Lawai Beach Resort. This place is a condo hotel so we all had kitchen facilities. Terry Ihara made all the arrangements and everyone enjoyed the trip. Although our hotel was in Poipu, across from Kiahuna golf course which we played the second day of the tournament, everything was A-OK. Herb Isonaga borrowed the kitchen utensils we needed, rice cooker, coffee urn, etc., from his sisters living nearby. Almost all our meals were prepared by cooks Herb Isonaga, Tom Mayeda and Ed Tamanaha. We even had a steak and lobster dinner Saturday night at the hotel's outdoor grill. The lobsters were courtesy of Herb Isonaga's buddy. His Honor, Tony Kunimura. Getting back to the tournament, our member Dan Aoki came in overall low net winner with a net 128. Dan won the Governor's Bowl, a set of irons and U.S. Senator Dan K. Inouye's Trophy. Congratulations! Other winners from our group were: Jiro Shimomura, metal driver; George Ikinaga, Ping Putter; Yoshi Higa, golf shirt; and Steve Hirotsu, balls. Con-

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gratulations to all the winners. Some of our club members who went to Kauai with their own chapter or groups were: Teiji Chinna, Hiram Doi, Bobby Hirayama, Mits Honda, Smitty Koga, Tadashi Kunishige, Sho Miota, Bull Namba, Champ Suzuki, Bruno Yamada, and Stan Yamamoto.

Upon return from Kauai, the same week Thurs. February 20th, 31 members and 4 guests were at Barbers Point golf course for our club tournament. I thought every body were golfed-out but I was mistaken. Maui Okamura came in with a net 65 to take top honors. He didn't go to Kauai so he must have been rested up. One shot back was Jiro Shimomura with a 66 for second place. Third place went to Milton Uchigaki with a net 68. Hiram Doi came in at 69 to cinch fourth. Rusty Honda and Mike Mikasa came in at 70 but Rusty was declared the winner via our tie breaker system. Best front 9 was Dick Uemura with a net 32½ and back 9 was Yoshi Higa, with a 33. Closest to the pin were Teiji Chinna and Terry Ihara. The 19th hole was enjoyed by all. Dick Uemura again prepared the fresh mussels poki. Thanks to those who bought the beer, especially our guest from San Jose, Bob Sakamoto.

Future golf dates for our Retirees Golf Club are: March 20, at Makalena Golf Course; April 17at Pali Golf Course and 19th hole at the upstairs clubhouse; May 15th at Barbers Point Golf Course; and May 29th, at Ala Wai Golf Course with the 19th hole at the 442nd clubhouse.

15TH ANNUAL AJA VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual AJA Veterans Council Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 25, 1986, at the Honolulu International Country Club, Salt Lake. Tom Nakamura of Club 100 is chairman. Other AJA veterans organization representatives are Kengo Kanemoto, MTS; Richard Ishida, 1399; and Ed Tamanaha, 442nd. Preliminary information at this time: Green fee & cart \$15; shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.; lunch and awards at HICC right after tournament; entry fee not determined at present; Governor's Koa Bowl and Central Pacific Bank's Trophy for both A & B Flights; and many other awards. Entry forms and full details will be forthcoming in the near future. Reserve the date and sharpen up your game!

442nd ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 21st will be the date for the 442nd Anniversary Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Hickam Golf Course, starting at 7:00 a.m. Green fee and cart is \$23 to be paid directly to the pro shop in tee time sequence. Entry fee to be \$5 with optional jackpot. Lunch

is on your own wherever you wish to go. Awards to be presented at our Anniversary Banquet. All those desiring to play, sign up at the 442nd Clubhouse, pronto!

KAUAI 442ND INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Bruno Yamada

The Kauai 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament was highlighted by two days of golfing at the plush Wailua Municipal golf course and the Windy Kiahuna course in Poipu on February 15 and 16.

Honolulu's own Dan Aoki who has been a consistent returnee to this tournament was the overall winner when he came out steaming and fired two fantastic rounds. A 67 on the opening round at Wailua and a whipping eleven under 61 at the windswept Kiahuna course for a 128 total. Dan received the Senator Dan Inouye's trophy and also a handsome set of irons.

In the "A" Flight Division, Mike Hamada of Honolulu and Richard Yano of Kauai were tied for first with 132s. Mike Hamada was presented the Governor George Ariyoshi's trophy while Richard settled for a set of woods. Other strong finishers in "A" Flight were Tsuka Murakami with a 133 and Jiro Shimomura with a 134.

In the "B" Flight Division, Kauai's Ken Fukumoto was the winner of the Governor's trophy with a 132 and was followed closely by Robert Hirayama with a 134 and Yoshio Kinoshita with a 139.

The tournament which had over two hundred golfers participating ended with a gala award banquet at the Kauai Resort Hotel. Chairman for the tournament was Saburo Itakura.

LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL

The 442nd Golf Club of Southern California will hold a Las Vegas Invitational golf tournament on June 6, 7 and 8 of this year. The first round will be played at the Sahara-Nevada on Saturday, June 7, and the second round will be at the Desert Rose on Sunday, June 8. For those desiring more golfing, an optional tournament will be held at the Pahrump Golf Course on Monday, June 9.

Lodging will be at the California Hotel on the first come basis. Lodging cost will be \$25.95 for three nights with meals included. The golf fee will be \$38 for the Sahara; \$23 for Desert Rose and \$30 for Pahrump. For more information call Bruno Yamada at 487-3909 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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Fort Delicatessen Catering Hall again. It is located next to the Gibson Shopping Center. It begins at 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 23; and according to Chairman Ben Ono, it will be an affair quite appropriate for a 43rd observance of the founding of the 442nd RCT. Plenty of food and drinks, an interesting program agenda led by Kiyo Kimura and, of course, plenty of time for fellowship and camaraderie. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Seiji Naya, Director, East-West Center, Resource Management Systems Institute. Dr. Harold Langley, Curator of Smithsonian Institute, will also be introduced. He is in charge of the AJA Veterans exhibits at the Smithsonian set to open in '87. All in all, the annual affair is in good hands. See you all at the Banquet.

A BIT OF HISTORY

In recent times, a number of timely literature on AJA history appeared in the market places. For example, John Tsukano's outstanding book, BRIDGE OF LOVE, documents rather heavily the legacy of the 442nd and its linkage to the Issei roots; Dorothy Hazama's and Jane Komeiji's book, OKAGE SAME DE, provides an oral history of Hawaii's Niseis during the pre- and post-war era; Doris Kawano's book, HARUE, well known to many, is a novel based upon an experience of a Nisei living under the early plantation era. All of these books, in my judgement, add an inch or two, to our cultural heritage and will help us as we interpret the future. For those who are interested in these books, please call Bob Sasaki at the Clubhouse.

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While on Kauai the golf group stayed at the Lawai Beach Resort about two miles from JENICHI SHIGEMATSU's Koloa residence. As in the past SHIGEMATSU brought over a box full of cooked soy beans plus a case of beer and enjoyed the company of the golfers--all sixteen of them.

The EASY CHAPTER family extends its deepest sympathies to SENATOR DANIEL INOUE and his family in the untimely passing of his mother MRS. KAME INOUE. The late Mrs. INOUE was a fiercely independent woman who lived the complete life of a widow and grandmother following the death of her husband a few years ago. She lived a good and full life. May she rest in peace.

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FOX/cont. from page 5

and Couple Tanaka, Mary Muranaka, and Chikako Shimada... Roar! Roar! Roar!

BARNEY RETIRES AND CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY... A surprise party was organized by Phyllis to observe Barney's milestone from his world of work. And because his retirement date coincided with his birthday, Phyllis "combined" both events into one. The affair was held at the China House and the element of surprise was staged by his many friends and relatives. George Nakasato spoke in behalf of the Chapter... Kats Nakamura led the group in the traditional banzai... BARNEY, welcome aboard on our retirement train... JANET AND KEN GREEN of TOLEDO, OHIO, were recent visitors to Hawaii, and guess who recommended Hawaii as their vacation place? You're right if you said JOE KADOWAKI. Janet is Joe's daughter. It's their first visit, but it won't be their last, I am sure. A dinner get-together was arranged to visit with the GREENS and get an update on the Kadowakis and Janet and Ken... BABE and MARY MARINO made their annual junket to Kauai and participated in the 442nd Kauai Invitational Golf Tournament, spending a few days here in Honolulu with the NAKAMURAS... Note that Babe did quite well in the Fox Chapter golf classic as reported by Ron Oba.

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GEORGE/cont. from page 10

Alfred Amii's mother passed away in January.

RETIREMENT

Another member of the chapter has joined the ranks of the retiree, namely the reporter. Yes, I decided to call it quits at the end of December 1985. Now, I can join other retirees and play golf at least three times per week and take occasional trips to the mainland and other far away places, as Japan, Europe, Australia, etc.... What little I have experienced so far, of the retirement life has been the joy of not having to wake up early in morning and going to work. Also, the procrastinating one can do, especially with chores and minor projects. It doesn't matter if you don't finish your chore or project today or tomorrow.

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She asked me, "Please convey our appreciation to the chapter members and wives for their concern and prayers for Ed; and also our special thanks to Irene & Take Nakamura, Erni Uno, Chas. Watanabe, Shigeru Goto and Janet for their kindness and unfailing support, and to many of you, especially Sam and Michi Sasai for the many wonderful trip we enjoyed and hopefully will be able to enjoy again." Thanks again.

Frances Tsubata

Sam is back from Bangkok for how long I think your guess is as good as mine.

Bill Kuwata is going on another Japan trip, just came back from one. I don't think it is anything else because Yaeko is going with him. Like Yaeko says enjoy, you cannot take it with you. Wish I can say that, nothing to take with me.

In December of 1985, HQ3rd had an open house pot luck style at the home of Erni & Grace Uno. It was hard to tell Christmas was around the corner because everything seemed in the Christmas atmosphere. Everything decorated with a red, white and green, too bad I didn't wear the same color. Anyway, the main dish was a salmon, compliments of Robert Kuniyuki and the expertise cooking of Michi Sasai, with the help of Grace Uno. Sure reminded me of Mo Nakata.

HQ3rd annual trip this year will be at Kana-loa at Kona, May 23, 24, 25. Lots of fishing and golfing, relax with whatever you care to, your wife or refreshments. Sign up with Charlie and be happy. So far, David Kaiura, Sam Sasai, Take and Irene Nakamura, Bill and Yaeko Kurata, Chas and Clara Watanabe.

Pau news for now, my regards to the mainland compadres, Shig, Tad, George and Joe.... MAHALO.

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LIVORNO/cont. from page 31

Minoru Nagasako, Masatoshi Mitani, Katsumi Sakotani, Paul Takaazu, Jitsuo Nakandakare, and Capt. Wilfred Watanabe are still busy helping the State economy. Morio paces himself on a more leisurely schedule in his legal office, playing regular game of golf and enjoying his grandchildren.

Emi Kuniyuki's dad, Tsuneji Takami, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on April 27, 1986 in Hilo. Blessed by good physical and mental health he still enjoys participation at the Pomai-kai Senior Citizens activities. He practices calligraphy daily and is known to compose poems which have been publicized in the local language newspapers. He composed a song in honor of the Kanyaku Immin and proudly sang it over Radio Station K200. When asked as to the secret of longevity he tells all to eat only 80% of food served at each meal. Fantastic!

Chapter President Katsumi Sakotani announced that the February Chapter dinner meeting that a "Chapter Ladies Appreciation" night is planned for mid July. The monthly Chapter meeting at Wailana Restaurant's private dining room is regularly attended by seventy-five percentage of the members for an evening of fellowship.

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1986 RENO REUNION

On our visit to California in January, we visited Nob and Yuri Togioka at their home in Kingsburg, CA. We had a nice short visit and they drove us around Kingsburg and Selma (another small town) where we had lunch together. Since we had to drive back to Sunnyvale (a good 3 hours drive) we did not stop to see the Nobe Miyamotos in Fresno. Maybe on our next trip during the summer we will get together with them. During our visit, Nob talked about our next reunion in Reno, Nevada in 1988. Since we complained about the mainlanders not showing up at the last two Los Angeles Reunions, Nob has volunteered to make the 1988 Reunion a memorable one for the people attending from Hawaii. He will contact as many mainlanders as possible and he has already made plans to have a 2nd Hqtrs Chapter Hospitality room available. Let's all start making plans to attend this one. It should be good.

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Nearest to holes: Joe Obayashi, Teiji Uehara,
Don Yagami and Richard Ogata

The 19th hole took place at the College Walk Diner with plenty of beer to down platefuls of pupus, stew and rice and best of all fish heads. Much mahalo to Roy Okubo again, for the golf course arrangements. Best gross scores (83s) were shot by Ogata and Yagami.

BITS & PIECES

A number of chapter members and spouses who are in the 442nd Uta-No-Kai and have learned and benefited so much from the teachings of Charlie Mimura, who passed away suddenly, will miss him (see Memoriam) Saw Marshak Tamayose (Service) hale and hearty at Sand Hills, Wailuku, Maui.

Having retired from the Maui Fire Dept. he's now a five days a week golfer with a 13 handicap. Spouse Yuki, also retired as the former Maui Mayor's secretary, now spends her time with uta, odori and ukuleles. Congratulations and happy days ahead without teacher chores for Jane Ueoka, who retired at the end of the year from DOE. If you don't have a 1943 picture of yourself, you'll find it in the book 'Bridge of Love'. Thanks to Kats Miho and Earl Tanaka who furnished the originals of High Angle for copying. If you want a copy, call Fred Hirayama, he's worked hard on this Welcome to Tadashi Matsumoto (Service), a new chapter member all the way from Waiialua, Oahu. Anyone with any information on Henry Anzai's (Ser) whereabouts, let me know.

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