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*In the beginning . . .
And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day,
and the lesser light to rule the night:
be made the stars also.*

A RESOLUTION honoring

Lt. Col. **ELLISON S. ONIZUKA**, Astronaut

WHEREAS On lowly ground we turn our gaze to heaven,
The astronaut stretched out to touch a star.

WHEREAS He gave his life, he was but one of seven,
His spirit is a challenge from afar.

NOW, THEREFORE Be it resolved that it is for us to carry on the vision of Lt. Col. **ELLISON S. ONIZUKA**, his reach for the stars. And so, even as we mourn his death, and extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family, we extol his contributions to America, as we proclaim his humility; take pride in his Hawaiian birthright, as we speak of his Japanese heritage; and rejoice that he is in the order of the brotherhood of that group of Nisei soldiers . . . heroes of our generation . . . who, like him, gave their lives in the service of their country. May God bless them all.

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Signed, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six. Honolulu, Hawaii.

ON JUNE 2, 1986, BURIAL SERVICES WAS CONDUCTED FOR LT. COL. ELLISON S. ONIZUKA, ASTRONAUT, AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC, PUNCHBOWL, WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BOX

"... TO PRESERVE... UPHOLD THE HIGH TRADITION... OF THE 442ND RCT..."

The 43rd Anniversary Banquet is now history. For the second time in two years, this event was held on a special Sunday evening at the Fort Delicatessen Restaurant, and it attracted over 500 members, spouses and friends. Chaired by Ben Ono and his committee of volunteers and led by Kiyu Kimura, the evening was filled with a tone of "good feeling" and camaraderie by those in attendance. In a larger sense, this once-a-year affair is geared to preserve the true fellowship of men since the early beginning of the 442nd RCT. The 43rd, I am sure, perpetuated such a linkage to the past.

To Ben and Kiyu, our thanks and accolades for a job well done; to speaker Dr. Seiji Naya, East-West Center, who is known to many 442nd members, our appreciation for joining us and in talking about Hawaii's socio-economic challenges in the Pacific Rim area. It is indeed a rare opportunity to hear from "one of the boys."

Other highlights included a talk by Dr. Harold Langley, Curator, Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Langley spoke about the upcoming project in which a historical exhibit of "Japanese American experiences" will be shown next year at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. It is part of the Bicentennial Observance of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Centennial Celebration of the Statue of Liberty. Both events are show-cased for 1987; in the case of the Smithsonian exhibit, the date of opening is September 17, 1987.

We join the Go-For-Broke, Inc., in commending the Institution for its foresight in highlighting a slice of American history, the "Japanese American experiences" as part of its bicentennial observance.

Subsequent to the Banquet, Dr. Langley, Miss Jennifer Locke, a Smithsonian researcher, and Chef Tanaka, GFB, Inc., member, visited with various leaders of other nisei veterans groups. They received helpful suggestions and strong commitment and support to the proposed project.

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In planning for the 1987 Anniversary Banquet, the Board of Directors agreed to schedule this affair on March 21, 1987, Saturday night, at the Pacific Beach Hotel, Waikiki. It was further announced that Item Chapter will chair the event.

"... TO HONOR AND ESTEEM THE SUPREME SACRIFICES..."

One of the objects and purposes of the 442nd Veterans Club is "to honor and esteem the supreme sacrifices made by the deceased comrades..." And so on this Memorial Day, let's pause and reflect and remember our fallen comrades and be thankful that we can still continue to uphold the tradition and ideals of the 442nd RCT, which they held so firmly... we join many others in celebrating such a thanksgiving.

A PROJECT: TALES OF THE 442ND

The Board recently accepted a project proposal in which the chapters can participate and help develop an oral and written anthology about "the human side of war." It was offered to us by two University of Hawaii faculty members, Drs. Glen Frank and Dorothy Matsuo, who said in their presentation, "through the recollections and 'talk stories' of (442nd) veterans, we will gain insights, not only into what it means to be a Japanese American, but what it means to survive the threat, attraction and upheavals of massive conflict..." In short, it will be an attempt to capture the human conditions of war as told by the 442nd veterans themselves through personal stories, anecdotes, legends and recollections.

As a first step, we selected the chapter level as the basic unit of study. It has the greatest potential of discovering more strongly the individual character, its behavior and attitudes. The mode of interviews is one of "free-wheeling" and thus, it encourages members to express finely their true and unique experiences which they encountered prior to, during and after their military services. In all cases, the recorded discussions can be best described as a "blue sky, plain 'ole, talk-story type" of a discussion.

After a series of taped sessions is completed, the materials are organized and

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SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS

by Alex J. Oka

The May Chapter meeting at the home of RALPH & GRACE CHINAKA was another good meeting with 14 members in attendance. President MASAJI KUROZUMI, Vice President SAM YAMADA, Secretary JAMES MIYAKE, Treasurer DIXON YAMASHITA, and RALPH CHINAKA, MIKE INOUE, NOBORU TANOU, SAM TAMAI, TADASHI MORIMOTO, TOM TANAKA, TERRY ITAKI, BOB OTANI, TOKUO FURUTO and A. J. OKA. Chapter is indeed fortunate that Ralph and Grace are making their home available for the monthly meetings.

The long range plan for the utilization of the clubhouse stirred interest among the members since we are all going into the senior citizen classification. Talk about senior citizens, President Kurozumi indicated that we should liven up the chapter activities and immediately appointed a committee to plan for a picnic involving our grandchildren. President Kurozumi doesn't baby-sit any of his grandchildren so he thought this was an excellent idea to get the families of the members to get to know each other a little better. However those members who are now babysitting their grandchildren just gave "Shadow" the silent stink eye.

It was a hot day and just came out of the sun to have lunch. Turned on the TV to catch the finishing action on the LPGA and I had no idea where the tournament was being held. (Don't read about wahine golfers who should be spending more time in the kitchen and not on the golf course). Anyway, the TV shot of the golf course showed a beautiful mountain scenery with Lee Trevino and other officials attending with leis around their necks. I remarked to the Mrs., who was preparing lunch, "Look at the million dollar scenery." I wonder where that could be. "Hey, those guys are even wearing leis," copying Hawaiian style. After another TV camera sweep of Hanalei Bay; Lee Trevino mentioned that they were coming to the close of the tournament at Princeville. When I heard Princeville, Kauai, I said, "Say, that has a familiar ring." That is where the rich, famous and successful people live. That's where the YAMATE's live--among the millionaires and prominent people. Just think that TED and CLARA had the foresight to buy a home when the price was in the affordable range. Now they are enjoying the results of their good planning. Next time Ted or Clara should invite me over, I'll be at their doorstep before the phone is hung up. You guys living in the real paradise.

News about other members---Ralph Chinaka had surgery called Anglo-plastic where a "balloon" is inserted in the arteries to clear the passage to the heart. Operation was a success and Ralph was up and around in a few days. Thanks to modern technology, he did not need a bypass surgery.

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Read in the JACL bulletin that during the convention in Chicago, on July 23rd, the organization will honor MIKE MASAOKA with the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contribution toward the quality of life in America and for better understanding and cooperation among nations. Mike Masaoka was the Publicity Man in the 442nd and we were fortunate in that we had a man of his caliber in that position during the war.

ROYAL MANAKA is contributing in making this country a better place for all of us. The Pacific Citizen issue of February 7th mentioned that in Salinas, CA, ROYAL paid Tribute to Japanese Americans who served in World War II---"Through Veterans All Things Are Possible."

The Smithsonian Institute's plan for the Japanese American Exhibit opening day ceremony on September 17, 1987, has already started the action for a tour. We just discussed this matter at the last meeting and before we could say go, RICHARD HASHI of Maui called regarding this very same thing. Yes, Richard, Ralph has been asked to plan a tour to attend the opening day ceremony. Ralph would appreciate your input on the tour. Please send in your ideas right away and not wait until the tour has been filmed.

The 100th Battalion Annual Memorial Service is just around the corner---September 28, 1986. Although Club 100 has invited all veterans to the service, it is our hope that Club 100 would allow other Nisei Veterans groups---442nd, MIS, 1399 Engineers---to actually participate in the service. The 100th Club would present the large wreath and the other veteran groups would present smaller wreaths. And next year, perhaps, Club 100 would allow each company or chapter to present a basket of flowers. All this could be done during the singing by the choral group so as not to lengthen the service. The men of the 100th Battalion established the reputation of the Nisei Soldier and set the tempo to which the 442 and others have followed. Now we need their leadership to unify all the Nisei Veteran Organizations by enlarging their annual memorial service to a Nisei Veterans Memorial Service.

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MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS by Herbert Akamine

A grand total of three Medics attended the May meeting at the 442nd clubhouse. They were Ted Matsuo, Ed Onaka, and Tom K. Nishikawa.

The Medics officers for 1986 are Ted Matsuo, President and Treasurer and Tom K. Nishikawa, vice-president. Matsuo is the new president who succeeded Nishikawa, holder of the post for many years. The social committee members are Roy Sakata and Lionel Ikebe. Ed Onaka heads the welfare committee.

Ed Onaka, Jerry Ogawa, Roy Sakata, Tom K. Nishikawa, and Ted Matsuo went to Punchbowl on Memorial Day to place flowers on the graves of the Medics interred there. The Medics number at this National Cemetery has risen to sixteen from the original wartime dead of eight.

According to Carl and Chiyo Miyabara, their Halley's Comet viewing trip to New Zealand was a great success. Their group of fifteen was led by an astronomer from Bishop Museum. The expedition was blessed with good weather during the two nights of comet watching. The Miyabaras went sight-seeing around the North Island afterwards.

Yuri Tsunehiro completed her studies in Japanese language at the University of Hawaii. As a consequence she was presented a trip to Japan by her children during cherry blossom season. She made the rounds of Kyushu and Honshu on a rail way pass, with a friend. She said the most beautiful cherry blossoms she saw there were the many different varieties at the newly opened Tetsugakudori near the Osaka Mint. The trees at the Heian shrine in Kyoto were in full bloom too. In terms of Japanese art history, Yuri thinks Kyoto's National Museum which she visited, presents one of the best displays of ceramics, lacquerware, sculpture, textiles, and paintings. Her interest in ceramics led her to Karatsu and Arita this time. She was elated to receive a prized ceramic piece from a friend. Her fluency in the Japanese language is adequate now so she visited her late husband Kenneth's relatives in Hiroshima besides contacting her own kin in Nagasaki, Kumamoto and Fukuoka.

Incidentally, Shizuichi and Tomomi Hamada also went cherry blossom viewing in Japan during April. They were impressed by the various hanami parties. At Ritsurin Park in Shikoku they noticed rows and rows of jubako for the flower viewers who were enjoying karaoke singing and dancing in the pavilion. Among other places, the Hamadas saw blossoms at Kamakura, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Osaka and Tokyo. They said the sakura were most abundant at

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LIVORNO CHAPTER NEWS by Henry Kuniyuki

Since many members and wives of Livorno Chapter visit Las Vegas and other exotic parts of the world every year for "R&R" this issue will cover their experiences, including travel joys and tribulations.

The chapter reporter interviewed one lucky lady who came home recently a winner. She shares her secret in coaxing the dollar machines to cough out the maximum returns with minimum input. First, she makes sure she departs our shores well-stocked with "majinai" on her person. These lucky charms include a sprig of Japanese nanten; an open-mouth frog, and a miniature rat figurines (as she was born during the "year-of-the-rat"); and her investment funds in a pouch hung around her neck. Her technique consist of talking fervently to the slot machine, imploring it to be good to her, giving the machine a loving pat before pulling the handle. During her actions in talking to each slot machine she is totally oblivious of her surroundings and fellow investors. She stated that her last trip was most profitable as evidenced by excellent returns at each casino visited---California Hotel, Las Vegas Club, Circus Circus and Las Vegas Hilton, etc. At Las Vegas Hilton she and her family members pooled their resources and bravely played the twenty-five dollar slot machines. As you can readily realize, it takes quite a steely nerve and guts to deposit three \$25 slots for each pull of the handle. Well, the second \$75 investment amount deposited struck it rich with a \$750 return. Her money-smart husband made her quit while she was way ahead of the game. This handsome return was in addition to a \$1,000 jackpot at California Hotel earlier in her trip, and several \$100/\$300 bonanza at other casinos. Good show!

A recent poll among chapter members showed extensive travel plans for this year. Las Vegas seems to be a favorite destination as the Paul Takaezus, Harry Sekiyas and Minoru Nagasakos will be going there for much needed R&R. Minoru and Mitsue will be visiting their daughter, Lynn, in Portland, Oregon prior to visiting Glitter Land of Vegas. Jerry and Ethel Doi will be visiting their daughter, Debra, in Sacramento who is expecting another child. They will be gone for approximately two and a half months. Ronald Higa, who is recovering well from his serious illness, plans to visit Nippon next year with an entourage of family members. Raymond and Mimi Tanaka will also visit Japan this October with the 442nd uta-no-kai. Takamori & Kikuye will visit his folks on the Big Island. Jerry Yamamoto travelled to Saipan for his annual fishing expedition for relaxation. His son Lawrence, who is a Soil Conservationist with

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MAUI MINI REUNION

by Harold Fukunaga

Thanks to our good friend, Kazu Hamasaki of Maui, we had a terrific time on Maui during the weekend of April 11, 12, & 13. Fred Ida laid the ground work on Oahu, so that there was no hitch in the flight arrangement for the majority of the members and the wives.

We left Honolulu Airport at 7:55 a.m. on the 11th and arrived at Kahului Airport at 8:30 a.m. After picking up our respective U-Drive cars, we all arrived at Maui Beach Hotel to register. When we counted heads, all of those who were supposed to be there were accounted for. Now, let's see...they were: Fred & Dolores Ida, Mike & Lillian Shirashi, Bill & Margaret Yokochi, Bobby & Yoshiko Ito and Harold & Jane Fukunaga. Kazu Hamasaki and Thomas Abe were there to welcome us and give us the plans for the day. The golfers left for the Waiehu Golf Course to be there for the 10:00 a.m. tee-off time arranged by Kazu. The women folks later went shopping and sight seeing. Going back to the golfers, there were only six of us, we tee'd off as a sixsome. Fred Ida, Mike Shirashi, Bill Yokochi, Kazu Hamasaki and Harold and Jane Fukunaga played on that windy course. There were many lost balls in the pond by the 2nd hole, ocean by the 6th hole, bushes on the back nine. In spite of the wind and the lost balls, all six golfers had a grand time.

That evening the whole gang had dinner at the Maui Palms Hotel Dining Room, where they had a Japanese buffet dinner, including Miso Soup, if you desired. As usual, we all piled our plates with all kinds of appetizers, salad, entrees and dessert, so by the time we called it pau, we were filled to our gills with food. Prior to the dinner, Fred had invited the gang to his suite, for cocktails so you can imagine we were saturated with food and drinks by the end of the night. After dinner, we all congregated to Fred's to talk stories. It was after 9 p.m. when Taketo and Judy Kawabata made their entry. We were concerned about them, when they didn't show up for the dinner. They were supposed to have caught the Hawaiian Airlines 4 p.m. flight from Honolulu. Fred had called the Airlines office at the terminal and was informed that they were not listed on the passenger list. Well, after listening to the explanation by Taketo, the story unfolded...They were at the airport at 3:30 p.m. to ensure that they would not be late. Well, just before flight time, they were informed that the flight was cancelled, because of engine trouble. They were asked to stand by. Well, they finally were on the plane, about two hours later. When they finally

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arrived at Kahului Airport, they picked up a U-Drive car and arrived at the hotel, close to 9 p.m. They finally went to have dinner after that. I guess this was an unusual case, but it certainly makes the TV commercial sponsored by Aloha Airlines more realistic. The rest of us flew on Aloha....

Saturday started with an 8 a.m. breakfast at a very rustic cuffed shop in Wailuku, where the entire group, including Kazu Hamasaki and Thomas Abe (our Maui hosts) enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast. For those who wanted, miso soup was available. Most of us ate eggs with either portuguese sausage or ham and rice. Some ate toast, instead of rice. After breakfast, the golfers went to Wailea Golf Course, where they tee'd off at 10:30 a.m. Two of Kazu's friends, a Buddhist minister and a retired friend joined us, to make two foursomes. The course (Blue) was in excellent shape and we enjoyed the outing, much like the rich tourists who usually play there. All through the 18 holes, Kazu kept saying to himself aloud, "Kazuichi, you have to make this putt." That psych job must have been good, because he made most of those putts. Bill Yokochi, who kept telling everybody that he didn't play for two years, kept hitting the ball straight and long. He won the jackpot. What a "sandbagger!"

Those who didn't golf, went sight seeing to Lahaina and Kaanapali. They came back with packages and flowers. They were impressed with Judy Kawabata's sister's hibiscus garden. They returned with a galaxy of colored hibiscus.

Kazu and Grace Hamasaki invited the gang to their home that nite, for dinner. We were overwhelmed with their hospitality, because of the many different kinds of dishes...She must have worked many hours in preparing the food. Kazu had cases of beer and soft drinks available to quench our thirst. Many, many thanks to Kazu and Grace for the hospitality. While eating and drinking, many war stories came up. After all, some of the fellas have good memories of what happened all through the different phases of the war.

Because of the departure in the afternoon on Sunday, everybody got up early that day. After an early breakfast, the golfers departed for Makena Country Club to meet the 8 a.m. starting time. By this third day of golf, some of the guys were complaining of their aches and pains. Mike Shiraishi deserved a medal for playing, in spite of his excruciating pain in his back and neck....This course was different from Wailea, because of its policy to restrict electric carts to the cart paths and the fairways were much slower, because of its

longer grass.

Those who didn't play golf went shopping for Maui's exotic flowers and sight seeing. By the time they returned to the hotel, they had accumulated many different kinds of flowers and "omiyage" for taking home.

The Hamasakis again invited the gang to their home to eat the left overs from the nite before. After a relaxing lunch at the Hamasakis, the gang departed for the Kahului Airport for the return flight to Honolulu. The departure was uneventful, because the Kawabatas were able to leave on time. Again, we wish to thank Kazu and Grace Hamasaki for hospitality. We also want to thank Thomas Abe for helping many of the Honolulu group.

MIKE SHIRAISHI'S OPERATION

Mike recently went to the mainland to have his back operated on. The operation was arranged by Dr. Roy Machida a fellow G Co. friend in Los Angeles. Fred Ida, who has been keeping in touch with Mike and Roy, told us that Mike's operation was successful and was recuperating in L.A. He should be returning to his home by the end of May.

REFLECTIONS

Our chapter has volunteered in the project about 442 and which Mrs. Dorothy Matsuo is coordinating. It involves the personal thoughts and experiences of members of the 442 Regimental Combat Team. Mrs. Matsuo has interviewed those who are participating. There has been 3 meetings held to the end of May. One or two more meetings should complete the interviews for George Chapter. Those participating are Taketo Kawabata, Fred Ida, Speed Tama, Eddie Ochial, Seikatsu Kikuyama and Harold Fukunaga and Mike Shiraishi. The outcome of these interviews would be a book on the 442nd.

HAWAII vs. LOS ANGELES GOLF MATCH by Fred Ida

This portion of the article is brought to you only because of the insistence of Ted Asato and Roy Machida. After a visit to Las Vegas and playing in a golf tournament in the Imperial Valley and Palm Springs, Tsuka Murakami, one time 'G' Co. member from Kauai and Fred Ida played golf at the famous Lakeside C. C. in Los Angeles. After a three hour drive from Palm Springs in the heavy morning traffic, we were met by two bandits of L.A. and after a hearty breakfast were whisked directly to the golf course.

The game we played was the Kauai version of Whip Out. Basically, in this game if you lost the hole or your opponents made a birdie, sandy, greeny

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by Mino Suzumoto

Starting it off on a sombre vein and we acknowledge with deepest regret, the death of fellow Itemite (and confirmed bachelor) KATSUJI MATSU-SHIGE of an Olive Avenue, Wahiawa address, in late April. Memorial services were performed here in town, at Nuuanu Memorial Park Mortuary and by design was strictly a family affair. It was also the desire of the relatives that BRUNO YAMADA (& ELLEN) be the only urban Honolulu Co. 'I' member in attendance. Actively participating in the ceremonies too and representing all of the Itemites residing in the rural areas were the KAZUMA OYAMA & FUTAO TERASHIMA duo. As things turned out, BETSY YAMAMOTO (KOPPE's widow), was the only other individual there with any semblance of a Co. 'I' affiliation. Inadequate as this may seem we with much humility take this means to extend our sincerest condolence to all of the remaining next of kins. "Wimpy" was 61. May his soul rest in peace for evermore...Yours truly is deeply indebted to KAZUMA OYAMA for above data.

NICKY IWAI, Kauai, suffered a stroke the day after Christmas, last. Following a lengthy stay at the local Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, located on Kuakini St. (obliquely opposite Kuakini Hospital, right KAZU?) he's now recuperating nicely at home in Koloa. Thanks mainly to the plenty of TLC (tender loving care) he receives from wife YOSHIE. Still unable to speak, but, is presently able to recognize faces with a smile, now and then. I hear tell he was found slumped over in his car at the golf course parking lot. KAZU TAKEKAWA, our 'KIA & Veterans Welfare' committee of one dropped in on him (in addition to others) with the appropriate "om-mae" during his confinement at the Rehab. All Itemites join me in wishing NICKY a complete and speedy recovery.

TERRY ARATANI, now that he's retired and BILL NAGANUMA traveling out of state, as this goes to press (Memorial Day weekend). The former will be wandering all over mainland U.S.A., while the latter, I was led to believe, will be in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of his mainland jaunt, TERRY tells me he will be heading for China, come July. Meanwhile, BRUNO, CHAMP, TAD FUJISHIGE, TOMMY HARMOTO and CAL LUM among others will be on their way to Las Vegas, linking up with JIM YAMASHITA, FRED MATSUMURA, JIM KAWAMINAMI I suppose and the rest of the Southern Cal Itemites, on a golfing spree. (This new "June session" could be a replacement for their annual Labor Day get-together).

Speaking of Memorial Day, lest we forget here are the members of Co. 'I' 442 Regimental Combat Team interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of

the Pacific: NOBUO AMAKAWA (D-116); AKIRA FUKUDA (D-259); GENICHI HIRAKAWA (Q-1230); GEORGE IKEDA (V-87); BEN INAKAZU (D-367); YOSHI IWAMASA (D-213); FRED KAMEDA (D-366); CARL MATSUDA (D-208); GORO MATSUMOTO (D-483); ISAMU MINATODANI (D-365); TAKEYASU ONAGA (D-368); CHOYEI OSHIRO (D-364); NOBORU SAKAMOTO (D-381); TAKEO SATO (V-285); GORDON SHIMIZU (D-363); LARRY TANIMOTO (D-389); HARRY YAMASAKI (D-215); CHIYOAKI YAMAUCHI (D-416). All listings accompanied by coded spot-indicators, courtesy of KAZU TAKEKAWA. Then, of course there is SEIKICHI GANEKO, interred on Kauai. The GANEKO Swimming Pool near Waimea is so named in his honor I hear tell.

Acknowledging an invitation originating out of the L.A. office of Supervisor KENNETH HAHN, to a reception honoring MOTOMU "MOTIE" NAKASAKO who steps up into his role as the new Director of Military & Veterans Affairs of Los Angeles County. Event takes place on Thursday, May 29, 1986. Patriotic Hall, 1816 So. Figueroa, Los Angeles, CA., 6 to 8 p.m., it says. "Congratulations!" are very much in order and I'll drink to that! Nice going MOTIE!

A quick reminder: This year's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14. The 2nd Sunday in December. Don't forget! Same place: Victoria Inn in Kaimuki.

Our fellow Itemite SUSUMU "Tontini" SAKAIDA out of Kualapuu, Molokai, is turning out to be quite a literary "giant." His latest letter to the editor (editorial page) in our local dailies headed "Molokai resident thankful" (dealing with the Kaiaoka Rock development in their community) was a gem!

The 1987 Co. 'I' 442 Hilo Reunion has been 2 or more years in the making, but, finally things have started to take some semblance of firmness. Here is the (tentative) set-up initiated by BRUNO and consequently submitted to SADA KUBOTA's Hilo group, for their input and approval. "Hopefully, we will be able to work Maui into the itinerary" says Mr. 'B'.

1987 'I' COMPANY, 442 HILO REUNION

Fri. Mar. 27	1:50 PM	Depart for Hilo.
	2:50 PM	Arrive at Hilo Airport.
	3:30 PM	Proceed to hotel for check in and refreshments
	6:30 PM	Accommodations at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.
Sat. Mar. 28	7:00 AM	Breakfast on your own.
	8:30 AM	Sightseeing tour to Puna and Kilauaea National Park

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by Toku Kaneshige

May 19th---Today my bride and I leave for our annual honeymoon, however, I was told to send this quarterly news report in to the clubhouse before we leave. Funny thing, send it in before the end of May and receive the GO-FOR-BROKE Bulletin a month later.

The March meeting was held on the 14th at the clubhouse. The only important subject brought up that night was that somebody or some group is trying to 'OON' us to sell our clubhouse and give them the money so that they can build something bigger and better for all AJA's. I'm happy to report that HQ2nd voted that down. It's much better to own a humble clubhouse than to be part donors to a big one. At the meeting were: Kazu (be sure you mention my name) Tomasa, Mike Sugai, Lippy Higuchi, Yoshi Sugi, Toshi Hayama, Masa Yamamoto, Morris Masunaga, Dan Saito, Richard Nakamura, Scully Shimizu, Jimmy Sakamoto Moriso Teraoka, Takashi Okemura and Toku Kaneshige.

The 43rd Anniversary Banquet was held on March 23rd at the Fort Delicatessen Catering. This year we had a Japanese dinner with lots of beer and soft drinks. Dr. Seiji Naya, Director Resource Systems Institute, East/West Center, was the interesting keynote speaker. Enjoying the evening were: M/M Larry Ishida, M/M Herbert Isonaga, M/M Mike Sugai, M/M Toshio Hayama, M/M James Sakamoto, M/M Toku Kaneshige, Sueo Higuchi, Yoshi Sugi, Masa Yamamoto and Moriso Teraoka. Seeing and talking to so many old 442 friends from the other chapters just once a year or longer, makes this a very worthwhile occasion.

The April 11th meeting at the clubhouse, we had an unexpected guest, Ms. Sharon Young from Sebastopol/Santa Rosa, California. She is a friend of Pete Masaoka's sister and is here gathering data for a book to be made into a movie featuring the life of Pete Masaoka. Pete, who was a Sergeant in the Anti-Tank Platoon, was killed in action in France. Contributing information that night were Kazu (that name again) Tomasa, Scully Shimizu, Morris Masunaga, Lippy Higuchi, Yoshi Sugi, Masa Yamamoto, Takashi Okemura, Mike Sugai, Richard Nakamura, Quanto Watanabe, Larry Ishida, Toshi Hayama, Toku Kaneshige, and Anti-Tank Platoon Sergeant Willie Thompson who introduced our guest.

On Thursday, May 8th, the Chapter had a nice Mother's Day Dinner/Meeting at the China House Restaurant. China House offered a special \$165 per table 8 course dinner for only \$99.90, so we took advantage of this very good deal. The dinner was terrific, the food excellent, and the place

was not as noisy as the usual Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights. The guys must have eaten a lot because there was beaucoup beer left over after the dinner. Attending were: Sue & Herbie Isonaga, Mitsue & Jimmy Sakamoto, Toshiko & Katsuki Tanigawa, Jane & Takashi Okemura, Grace & Toshi Hayama, Doris & Yoshi Watanabe, Stella & Toku Kaneshige, Lippy Higuchi, Yoshi Sugi, Morris Masunaga, Masa Yamamoto, Mrs. Edwin (Frances) Sato, Mrs. Hiro (Hisako) Higuchi, and Mrs. Harold (Aileen) Yonemori. The ladies were all presented with a beautiful red rose from the Chapter for Mother's Day.

THE TRAVELING CHAPTER MEMBERS & WIVES

Jimmy & Mitsue returned home after spending a couple of weeks in California and Las Vegas. Their California grandchildren must enjoy seeing them.

Aileen Yonemori went to the East Coast with a tour group. She enjoyed the trip. Made it back just in time for the May dinner. Good timing.

Toshiko and Katsuki Tanigawa will be going to Japan to visit Toshiki's many relatives there.

Jane and Takashi Okemura will also be going to Japan later this year.

Larry Ishida will go on a golfing trip to the West Coast in May/June. Golf widow Violet will stay home this time. Too bad she's too young to retire.

Now to get this in the mail so that we can catch our plane to Detroit to pick up our new car. We will drive through Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, St. Paul/Minneapolis, Bismarck, Pierre, Mt. Rushmore, Cheyenne, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Fresno, Sunnyvale, and as usual ship our car from Oakland to Honolulu.

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thinking but more than once hoped that somebody would broke a leg (not bad of course) or something for news. But today, it's an entirely different ball game. Get plenty to write about but get plenty da kine kiki tonai unpleasant kind.

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RURAL CHAPTER NEWS

by Kazuma Oyama

"We shall meet but we will miss him, there'll be a vacant chair." That part of an old refrain became a solemn reality when Rural Chapter members meeting on April 24, 1986, received word that "Wimpy" Katsuji Matsushige had passed away that very day at Wahiawa General Hospital. The Rural Chapter holds their monthly dinner/meetings at Dot's in Wahiawa, where Wimpy was a familiar fixture and occupied a "reserved" stool at the bar. On meeting nights he'd show his face, exchange pleasantries, then say "Mark me present" and return to the bar unless we could engage him in further conversation. On occasions that I ran into him his greetings were always the same: "Howzit, how's the wife and family?" And when I inquired about his health the answer was always: "No sweat, daijobu." I never inquired about his nickname "Wimpy" but surely it was a misnomer if it referred to that cartoon character of long ago. The Katsuji I knew was neither a moocher nor a hamburger lover. Perhaps it was the way he stood. Katsuji was a member of 'I' Company and was discharged as a sergeant. Like many of us he was wounded in action and was a recipient of the Purple Heart award.

Memorial services were held at the Nuuanu Memorial Park chapel on April 30, 1986. It was supposed to be a private service but the family graciously allowed members of Rural Chapter to participate with Eddie Imamura as M.C., Gary Yamaguchi delivering the eulogy, Raymond Kataoka offering incense for Rural Chapter, Futao Terashima and Kazuma Oyama offering incense in behalf of Company 'I' and other members of Rural Chapter to offer their condolences. Katsuji's ashes are entombed in a family plot at Nuuanu Memorial Park. Rest in Peace Katsuji.

Late but important information about Rural Chapter. The monthly dinner/meetings are held at Dot's in Wahiawa on the fourth Thursdays of each month except for November and December when, due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the dinner/meetings are held on the third Thursdays. The annual Shinn-en-kai was held at the Pearl Country Club in February, at which time the following were officially recognized as officers for this year: President, Raymond Kataoka; Vice President, Tadashi Matsumoto; Treasurer, Yutaka Kajiura; Recording Secretary, Futao Terashima; and Corresponding Secretary, Kenichi Sakumoto. All of the officers except Matsumoto are volunteer incumbents.

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by Joe Shimamura

YEAR OF THE TORA

A wee bit late but we would like to greet the, this the year of the tiger with a hearty, Kun Hee Fat Choy. For WALTER, YASU and yours truly, was most happy to kiss 1985 goodbye as the years ending found these 3 devastated by illness as it was hospitalization time. Not too speedy the recovery at this stage of the game but we'll just have to go along with the old cliché of slowly but surely. Our thanks to the Boss Lady, CHARLOTTE OURA for pinch hitting with the K-s report during that laid-up period. Has to be you CHARL, molto, molto gracias.

Mission finally accomplished as the board of directors were all able to get together and pay that visit to see our perpetual President ROBERT CHIKARA NITAHARA who has been on the ailing list for quite sometime now. A plaque of sincerest appreciation was presented to CHIKA by JAMES OURA for services rendered beyond the call of duty over all these years. Finally gave him his deserved Past President status, CHIKA can now give his weekly golf game a 100% concentration, knowing that the new board is in good hands as the following will be carrying the ball for the K-men effective January 1986: President, JAMES OURA; Vice-President, CURTIS M. NOBORIKAWA; Secretary, HIROSHI SUYEOKA and Treasurer, KENT K. KAJIWARA.

STELLA & KENNY SHIMABUKURO

The Chicago transplants KENNY & STELLA are really proving their worth ever since they returned from the Windy City, as they are actively engaged with all the doings as far as the Kingsmen are concerned. Hustle, hustle it is as they hosted the 2nd meeting of the year after setting up a dinner affair at Buzzy's in Pearl City and invited all present to their home in Pacific Palisades for some fast shuffling and socializing. Present for this affair were the following: YASU & BETTY AMINE, WALTER & SALLY HEIRAKUJI, YOSHIO & IRENE HIGA, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, KATS & NORA IBARA, CHARLIE & DAY IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, TSUNE & HATSUE KANEMORI, HELEN MAEDA, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, TED NAKATA, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, ED & PAT OGATA, JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA, SATORU & BARBARA SAWAI, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, CURTIS NOBORIKAWA, SEIICHI & SALLY SAKAIDA and the host for the evening, KENNY & STELLA. The big winner for this initial get-together was BOBBY HIRAYAMA as he continues to fill up that "toronko" for the big one in San Francisco come September 25th. To KENNY & STELLA goes our sincerest "arigato" for hosting this first one in such grand style. As long as there is a "buckaroo" session, you can bet that all the

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Kingsmen went home happy.

MARCH AFFAIR

The 2nd one of the year found the Kingsmen gathered at the Hing-Hing Chop-Suey for a 7 courser, which was thoroughly arranged by our ginko-man KENT KAJIWARA, private room and all. At this stage of the game a 7 course dinner was found to be just too much with the following in attendance: WALT HEIRAKUJI, YOSHI & IRENE HIGA, BOBBY & EVELYN HIRAYAMA, KATS & NORA IBARA, CHARLES & KAY IGARASHI, KENT & GERAD KAJIWARA, TSUNE & HATSU KANEMORI, RUSSELL & MARY OMOTO, HELEN MAEDA, FUJIO & HELEN MIYAMOTO, ROBERT NAGATA, ED & PAT OGATA, PREXY JAMES & CHARLOTTE OURA, SATORU & BARBARA SAWAI, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, JAMES & MASAKO YANAGIDA, KENNY & STELLA SHIMABUKURO, SEI & SALLY SAKAIDA and CURTIS "POTOGEE" NOBORIKAWA. The turnout this year has been just fantastic as they are coming out by the droves. Could this be due to all the retirements that is taking place and long are the days and nights with this sudden change of pace as we adjust to this new way of life? Lugging all the left-overs and 8:30 p.m. being a little too early to head for home on this Saturday nite, the crew adjourned to the Nuuanu grass-shack there to indulge in their favorite past-time as TSUNE KANEMORI made sure that the "shobai dogu" was available. It was another happy, happy affair as the "buckers" woke up the neighborhood with their laughter and boisterous expressions to make this another complete evening. Our "Nippon-boy" FUJIO MIYAMOTO was just hard to beat this evening as he chopped away to build up his pachinko kitty for his next trip to the land of the rising sun. Our thanks to the boss-lady MILDRED for hosting this March after dinner affair.

K-BITS

State side report from SANJI KIMOTO & MARCIE HAMADA, with HARRY'S hand still broken, indicates that they're still meeting in big America as they got together on January 26 in Costa Mesa, CA., adjourning to the TAK GOTO'S after dinner with 17 men and women present including the J. TAZOE'S all the way from Utah and HARRY HAMADA all by his lonesome from Idaho. This was the initial regional meeting for 1986, with the next one scheduled for the month of May in Fresno, CA., and on to San Francisco, come September for the main event for the year 1986. No detailed report of the Bay area affair but this should be coming thru shortly. Meeting regularly to keep abreast of how she's going for San Francisco so be on the look-out for your meeting notices or be all ears for that call from our on the ball secretary H. SUYEOKA. Be seeing you at the next one which will most probably be a country gathering. Till then KEEP-IN-SHAPE!

END



by Robert Sasaki

When this column predicted that our president Paul Matsumoto's one "Ichiban" leader and we Lovers can expect a very, very, very eventful and exciting year, many scoffed at the statement. Well, no more. In only four months, two weeks and a few hours, P.K. has accomplished more than what our past nine leaders even thought of doing. (Plenty exaggerated but makes good copy, don't you think?)

Paul's latest project was a combined member spouse bento-dinner meeting with guest Ben Takayasu counseling us on the problems of Aging. Our own Ray Sumikawa was also on the program, as he explained the many veterans benefits available to us and the spouses. The evening was a lengthy one, what with the trio of long-winded individuals (the above listed) talking, interspersed with the many questions being asked by the very interested audience. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, especially the Bento.

In attendance were the Yoshiji Aokis, Lawrence Fujiis, William Hagios, Kila Haraguchi, Norima Horimoto, Jacob Jichakus, Tommy Kakesako, Genro Kashiwas, Casey Kasadate, Wallace Kawamuras, Sueo Kuramotos, Mickey Kurokawa, Dyna Matsuda, George Matsumoto, Paul Matsumotos, Teruo Matsumuras, Mitsuru Miyamoto, John Naganuma, Paul Nakaharas, Toshio Nakaharas, Hideo Nakayama, Kazuma Ogata, Fumio Ohashis, Henry Oshiros, Joseph Oshiros, Freckles Oshiro, Edward Oshiro, Robert Sasaki, Ralph Shishido, Kobe Shojis, Ray Sumikawas, Mune Sugioka, Isao Takiyamas, Richard Furukawa, Yoshito Tomes, Stanley Watanabes, Wallace Higas, James Suenaga, Hajime Matsura and our latest addition, Hajime Minemotos.

It was like an oldtime class reunion, seeing "Long-time-no-show" guys like Doc, Wally K., Paul N., Genro, E.Y., Stanley and yours truly being greeted so enthusiastically by the always-there members. Too bad Tad Sakai, in Vegas speculating then, was not there. Our treasury would have earned a few dollars in back dues and penalty (?). You have to give our Prexy credit, he sure knows how to get us guys together. The only sour-note of the evening was that it was a typical "Lovers Convention" with the males congregated all in one section, while the lovely ladies were segregated in a community of their own. Speaking for myself, I would have enjoyed exchanging pleasantries with the better-halves than listening to the "Not-again" episodes of World War II vintage with the guys. Strange that Paul can permit something like this happening at a togetherness meeting, he being such a champion of the equal rights movement. Oh well, guess P.K. is not perfect.

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TOURISTS

Harumi and William Hagio, after countless trips to the mainland, finally decided to go the other way and visited their ancestral land recently. Listening to Bill talk about their Kyushu kan-ko, it probably will not be their last visit to Japan. Chiyoko and Lawrence Fujii also returned from a Japan tour, escorted by our Ichi-ban guide Dyna Matsuda. Doc Miyamoto will be going on his umpteenth tour to, yes, Nihon, come Autumn time. He sure must have a bundle of Yens stashed away to be going on these affordables so often.

Our treasurer, Tad Sakai, is now away from home almost a month. He is visiting his son Tracy and newly acquired daughter-in-law in California, between a few profitable days in Vegas and many, many afternoons at the (Horse) race tracks. Something about our administration. Tad is not the only one afflicted with the Vegas bug. Our President is completely hooked on junkets to this Nevada city. Everytime his bio-rhythm graph shows an upward trend, he is off to Vegas. Alas, only to discover that the crap table is not wired to bio-rhythm vibes. Not too smart, this guy.

Others hoping for an upward turn of the yen before Momiji season in order to enjoy their contemplated Nihon-kan-kos are Hideo Nakayama, the Wally Kawamuras and Robert Sasaki. Have we missed anyone else, going away soon, outside of the Stanley Watanabes? Asako and her man cannot be counted as tourists, as they are regular commuters to Boise, Idaho, where daughter Patty resides with her husband, daughter and latest addition. Asako and Stanley are now grandparents of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations. Speaking of babies, Wally K. can hardly contain himself these days (Mabel too). Daughter Terry is expecting her first new-born soon (hopefully in June) and all this guy can talk about these days are babies--it used to be all golf.

With everybody going away, our Salt Lake City buddy, George Hata appeared suddenly in town to give our economy a boost. George is like the Swallows, he migrates every year. Only good thing is, he is smart enough to come to beautiful Hawaii. He always comes unannounced, shows his face long enough to lunch with us, and spends the rest of his stay in paradise doing his own thing. This must be the tenth visit in as many years, and we have never had the pleasure of meeting his better-half. She is either a very private person, or George has just plain convinced her that she would be better off not knowing us pidgin-speaking natives. All kidding aside, we always enjoy George's visit, and like the Capistrano people, we look

forward to the Hata migration every year.

LOVERS' REUNION

Thanks to Ben Sugawara, editor of the Seattle NVR newsletter, and our biggest 'L' Company booster in all of the Northwest, the upcoming mini-reunion of our Los Angeles and Bay Area Lovers is front page news in the latest edition just received. According to the article (no doubt written by Ben), approximately 25 couples from the neighboring California cities will be "convention-ing" on June 6, 7 and 8th with all kinds of exciting things happening. Ben says the Seattle gang is still trying to assemble a squad-size delegation to join the Love-fest. We understand Howie Hanamura is the hustler for the mini-reunion, with long range kokua from Jun Yamamoto of Smogsville. With them two guys in command, you can expect a Super Bowl type production, believe me.

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		Stopping at orchid and macadamia nut farm along the way.
8:30 AM		Golfers will also depart for either Sea Mountain or Kilauea Military Center golf course. Box lunches will be prepared for sightseeing and golfing.
6:30 PM		Dinner at AJA Hall Memorial Service - Karaoke performances.
Sun. Mar 29	6:30 AM	Breakfast on your own.
	8:00 AM	Sightseeing tour to Akaka Falls, Honokaa and possibly Watanabe Rose Farm of Waimea or Waipio Valley if time permits.
	10:00 AM	Golfers will play at the Hilo Municipal Golf Course. Box lunches will be prepared for sightseeing and golfing.
	5:00 PM	Aloha Time. Depart for your various destination.

Our June meeting will feature interviews with Drs. DOROTHY MATSUO and GLEN GRANT, "authors" of "Tales of the 442," taping of talk story sessions with the veterans themselves, for posterity's sake. Itemites scheduled to be involved, all volunteers: BOZO NISHIOKA; KIICHI KATO; KAZU TAKEKAWA TOMMY UEDA; MASA NAKAMURA and very possibly HIDE MATSUMOTO and HIRAM DOI. Overseeing the project from our angle will be BRUNO YAMADA. Unfortunately he'll be in Las Vegas on that date. Ha!

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522C CHAPTER NEWS

by Sadaichi Higa

IN MEMORIAM

LOUIS T. HASHIZUME

Louis T. Hashizume, an active member of 522C Chapter, 442nd Veterans Club, passed away on June 4, 1986.

This year's meetings have some variations with potluck dinners added to smoke out the single guys---thanks to Betty Nakamura, Florence Kunimura and Jane Yamao cooking up all those good things to eat.

Attendance has increased. Regulars are Y. "KOKOMO" HOKAMA, ED ICHIZAMA, NELSON KATO, HENRY KOBAYASHI, SADA HIGA, C. "COWBOY" MORISHIMA, LOUIS HASHIZUME, M. "HARDROCK" NAKAMURA, K. "SLIM" SHIMIZU, G. "SUE" SUENAGA, J. "AKABO" TAKASAKI, TOMMY TAMAI, R. "BOB" KIKAWA, & MIKE AKAMINE. Others include RAY KUNIMURA, TSUNEO MARUO, Y. KOBATAKE, G. MIYAKE & NAKA SAKAMOTO.

Times have changed our lifestyles. Most of us have become retirees, but a few hard workers are still plugging on. TOMMY TAMAI, the young bachelor, lives with the idea of retirement. He thinks young and feels young by associating with young people, guys and girls. He says, "We begin to feel old when we get together and talk only about the good old days." Y. "KOKOMO" HOKAMA, bachelor on the job, thinks retirement is being on the job and getting paid for it---no bitch, no problems, always leisure coffee breaks, everlasting lunch time, and make your own time. He has been on the job so long that no one knows what to do with him.

K. "SLIM" SHIMIZU says, "What retirement?" when asked about his life. His days are preoccupied with grandchildren---transporting them to school and getting ready with ice-cream and goodies upon their return so he can enjoy uninterrupted naps. He's also into the health kick, jogging and walking daily for an hour.

G. "COWBOY" MORISHIMA, a recent retiree, does not seem to have time for anything he wants to do. He is as busy as ever but everyone seems to be one step ahead of him. He's trying his best, so GO-TO-IT, "COWBOY."

M. "COLORADO" and SUMI HIRASAKI were recent visitors from Camarillo, California. While talking to Ray and Florence Kunimura via telephone, they

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FOXY FABLES

By George Nakasato

WABLING, WABLING ALONG

The annual Mother's Day Dinner was held at the Hee Hing Restaurant and up-front and center were our wives who were reminded very lightly about their continued loyalty and devotion. As in the past, Kats and Grace Nakamura helped concoct the dinner arrangements, including the food and spirited beverages, and they were great. How great was it? For one thing, the number of doggie bags were down to a minimum. Prexy Joe Tanaka stood tall and formally acknowledged the important role of the wives to our chapter activities... mentioned that this dinner meeting was our first of three scheduled for '87; the next in early Fall... and then announced quite loudly that the mighty men of Fox Chapter Glee Club will sing a song and dedicate it to the ladies... and this is where the formal part of the meeting ended.

The so-called performance, of course, was an improvement over the past according to some, but to others, there was a need to go further. With Warren Iwanaga leading the group, the singers wabbed along... like nothing could go wrong. And it didn't. And the song, yep, you're right; it was our theme song again, "You Are My Sunshine." (At least that's the way it sounded.) A stem of red rose was given to each lady and this helped to soften the notion of music appreciation. Wabblers and singers and their wives and guests were: Shige & Rose Higa, Warren & Mitzie Iwanaga, Barney & Phyllis Miyaji, Richard & Dorothy Murashige, Kats & Grace Nakamura, George & Myrtle Nakasato, Yoshi & Clara Shibuya, Kiyu & Yukie Takeuchi, Tommy & May Tamagawa, Joe & Sharon Tanaka, Bill & Cupie Tanaka, Richard & Francis Yorita, Mary Muranaka, Jean Okamoto and Paul Yamashita.

RON OBA'S REUNION NEWS AND UPDATE

The Hilo Fox Chapter members and wives met at Tomoe Nagata's home and reviewed the final plans for the July 4th Reunion. First of all, the Hilo members would like to thank the Honolulu chapter for their generous monetary donation. Wataru reported that full payment for 35 rooms have been made to the Naniloa Hotel. Fifteen rooms are still available to the

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end of May. Yuki Okutsu reported that the hospitality room will be well stocked with booze and soft drinks. Lefty Higashi has already donated fish for smoking. We're glad that the drinking will be done in the hotel. The Hilo police are the most active in the State. We have the highest DUI arrests per capita--in fact, by total numbers, too. The Hilo police can smell out beer, whiskey, pakalolo and out-of-towners, so be careful when you arrive.

Kikuye and her committee have worked out the itinerary for the tour to keep you busy in and out of the bus. She plans to take you to a mac nut farm, anthurium nursery, crater run, Kahua ranch, wind farm, rose farm and even to the lookout at Waipio. One day you will have a picnic lunch and bento the next.

Ronald thinks he has made enough tee times for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. As stated before, the earlybirds can have a practice round at the Hilo municipal golf course on the third starting at 11:00 a.m. for 4 foursomes. Friday and Saturday will be at Seamountain and Volcano for 6 foursomes, respectively. Six passenger cars will be made available for golfers. If you have special requests for foursomes, you should write to Ron and try to include one Maui or Kauai player in your group. The two Georges from Kauai are ready to hole out with you. Maui is ready to tee off led by Tom Higa, Daggle Tanaka, Bob Matsushita, Takao Ito and Hide Murakami. Richard and Dorothy Narasaki plan to golf one day and tour the next. We can take 4 more golfers each day. Kato Matsumura and Yasu Deguchi from the Kona coast will be joining the group. Bring your Karaoke tapes as Bob Honda and Sadako will be asking you to sing at the evening song fests.

FOXY TALES FOR OUR HISTORY BOOK

Our chapter accepted the offer to participate in a series of recorded "talk-story" interviews and capture in an oral and written form, many of the life experiences of our chapter members prior to, during and after their tenure in the military services. These experiences will be taped and published for public use. This project, in which other chapters are participating, too, will help to dramatize the human side of those who served, centering on behavioral experiences. It is an interesting approach to cover the human side of any war. In short, our small contribution to this project should help to

preserve and illuminate a generation of life experiences of 442nd veterans and share them with others.

Those who were involved in earlier sessions included: Hank Oyasato, Mich Takata, Joe Tanaka, Kats Nakamura, Shige Higa, Golchi Suehiro, Yoshi Shibuya and George Nakasato. Other members are also encouraged to participate. If interested, please call Prexy Joe Tanaka.

RON OBA'S SPRING FEVER NOTES

The Hilo group came back heavier from a Cherry Blossom Spring Tour, and they don't know why because all we ate was udon and curry rice and nigiri and shrimps and on and on. Members of the tour were Bob and Sadako Honda, Wataru and Kikuye Kohashi, Kimie Miyashiro, Yuki Okutsu and friend Sada Maedo, and Ron and Michi Oba. We traveled from Tokyo through Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, a week on Shikoku--and on to Hiroshima. The Kohashis and Hondas had some touching reunions with friends and cousins.

In the early 1970's some Japanese firms sent their top prospects to Hawaii to learn English and American customs. This was before JAIm's was established in Hawaii Kai. They came to Hilo and many F Co. families including the Okutsus housed these gentlemen from Japan. Today, they are fast friends and occasionally visit each other. Wataru, Kikuye, Yuki, Bob and Sadako met some of them in both Tokyo and Osaka. Julia Kohashi also stayed for a month in Japan at one of these friend's homes. The Hondas met with their Hiroshima cousin, the Rev. and Mrs. Okanishi Tachibana, brother Noboru in Tokyo, and cousins Tajima and Saito in other cities.

Of course, the highlight of any trip is in the eating. We planned not to have dinner included in the package, which allowed us to go adventuring most of the evenings for a place to eat. It's interesting that it brought out people's likes and dislikes. The Hondas liked their udon. Kohashis liked the nigiri. Sada liked his squid; but no more since he got attacked by one of them and spent the next 2 days on the toilet bowl. Ron liked his unagi and ice cream and Michi her soba. Yuki always waited to see what everyone ordered, then made his choice. Since his Japanese is so good, he always took the waitress to the showcase outside and pointed to the dish he

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wanted. It works, because the rest of us were always surprised at what we thought we ordered.

Hilo joke for the day: Mrs. Sato said, "My husband finally retired! The trouble is, when he retired, everything else retired."

THIS AND THAT AND MORE

Barney and Phillis Miyaji moved into their new home recently and excitedly rearranged their household items to fit their future needs and lifestyle. "It's tough to move from a 3-bedroom to a smaller 2-bedroom unit," according to Barney as both pondered over how they plan to handle the many unopened storage boxes. Their new address and phone number: 1209 Ala Aili Street, Apt. 71, Aiea, HI 96701, Phone: 488-4353. Mich and Shinako Takata are brand new, first-time grandparents, as son Lloyd and his wife Deena became proud parents of a daughter in early April. Grandparenting is a skill we must acquire, according to Shinako as both of them dashed over to Los Angeles to visit their granddaughter. Earlier, Shige and Rose Higa became grandparents, too, as they were presented with a grandson named Jacob in early January. Kats Nakamura is back to full employment again after a sista of several months at home. Our deepest condolences to the family of late Mrs. Ichii Shibuya, mother of Yoshi Shibuya, who died following a prolonged illness. According to Ron Oba, there are additional rooms still available (for the reunion in Hilo) at the Naniloa Hotel; and so, for late comers, please call Wataru Kohashi (959-7341) as soon as possible. For the Skit Night in Hilo, Yoshi Shibuya was appointed to chair a plan for our Honolulu group, a highly talented group of actors and actresses. More about what happened in our next report.

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by Charles Watanabe

Most of HQ3rd meetings the number of members that usually turn out are 6, and we consider it a very good attendance. But this meeting for the month of May, I don't know if the moon was full or members just wanted to come out. We had nine (9) members present. It's incredible, it's been a very long time since we had that many present at one time. Just like old times, not senior citizens meetings. Just to prove that I am not kidding starting from my right it was; Shigeru Goto, Hajime Matsuura, David Kaiura, Chas Watanabe, Frank Ishikawa, Bill Kuwata, Sam Sasai, Takeshi Nakamura and Erni Uno.

David Kaiura gave his usual report and no notes taken so if anything you care to know da-kine better call David.

A bit of this and that and da-kine before getting into anything else.

Visited Eddie Tsubata. Erni Uno and Chas Watanabe and find that Eddie is doing just fine. Made us happy to see that he is looking better than we expected. So, if you find time to say "hello" be nice to visit, not all at once.

Bill & Yaeko Kuwata is back from a trip to Japan, says his American dollar does not stretch too far like it used to do.

Sam Sasai is home taking care his yard again. He finally cleared his back yard and now he knows what it looks like. He is planting Manoa Lettuce, etc., and may own a van he says to peddle people's market.

Summer is here and members are travelling again. Las Vegas anyone? Call David Kaiura.

Shigeru Goto is or are or whatever to Europe. No not this time.

June is pot luck meeting at Sam Sasai so call Michi for Menu.

Now for some hilites of our annual Memorial Day weekend trip to wherever.

This time it was the Island of Hawaii, Kona. We went to a place called Kanaloa at Keauhou Bay. A very scenic place. Anyway let me begin from lift-off, starting at 11:00 o'clock Aloha Airlines count down delayed 45 minutes.

Arrived Kona, Ke Ahole airport, pick up two cars and headed for a place called Honokohau for lunch. A beautiful and scenic place and a rest-

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aurant called ATTILA'S. Sam Sasai suggested we try their frosty beer, I tell you it was something I never had before. The beer came in a big bowl all chilled, and was it good. Had two of it and it was more than enough. Too bad it was out of route of where we are going otherwise I would suggest we have it more often.

Arriving at Kanaloa, and checking in at 3:00 o'clock, we thought for a while it may be just another nice accommodation. But we were in for a surprise, more than we expected. Ocean view, almost next to the water, swimming pool, jacuzzi, fishing in the front of the condo. The rooms were excellent, a master bedroom, with walk-in closet, a twin shower for two, jacuzzi and dressing room for two. Also a king-size bed and what do you know a douche bowl. Now a douche bowl perhaps if you are on a honeymoon --nothing to get excited about.

Also, an all kitchen utensils, plates and whatever, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, dish washer. Just name it and it was there. The most luxury we have ever had, and a bedroom with twin beds and bath facilities, a loft with twin beds.

Bill Kuwata did most of his fishing in the front of the condo. He caught something like what they call it, with three letters, eel. Of course, he caught a good size moana and many of those black maninis.

Of course we tried somewhere else, a private place my son in law have a key to. Not much luck just have to be there at the right time and place. Saw lots of fishes and opihis, but not the right time. Sightseeing was not in the schedule of things so we spent more time relaxing and talking and going for walks and enjoying the luxury of the living room and TV and waiting and wondering where we are going for dinner. But it wasn't a problem, just pick up the phone and make a reservation. Breakfast and lunch was usually at the condo. No sooner after a meal someone always says where are we going next? HQ3rd people are the most chow-hounds you've ever seen. But they enjoy their exercising and jogging.

There's tennis courts and golf facilities. Too bad nobody from HQ3rd plays tennis or golf. Only lovers and fishermen. I am all three. The first nite we cook at home and enjoyed some home cooking. The next night (Saturday) we went to a place called Kona Ranch. Very nice and elegant. The menu was good and we all enjoyed it very much. Anytime you eat out the right side of the menu is not the place to look. You only wished you can find a lunch wagon nearby.

The second night dinner was at Hugo's a sea food and steak place. A rather popular place by the crowd that were there. A little bit noisy but no big thing. The ocean view was nice with the lights on. The food was fine if you like sea food.

The third day reservation was made at Maunalani Hotel and Resort. Talk about class, this is it, the luncheon buffet was excellent. The hotel is worth a visit...the buffet, we just sat and ate and ate. The dessert can blow your mind. It is a place to gain weight and not recommended for dieters.

The third day Monday the day to check out and leave all this luxury and back to our daily way of life. We checked out at 11:30 and headed for the hills to a place called Manago, a Japanese or plantation style restaurant. What a change to what we were having all this time. A simple home cooked family style place. After all the elegant eating this place was the thing. Just like eating at home. Rice and okazu. After eating all we could take we took a look-see at the place for a while and headed for the airport. Flight time was 3:00 o'clock, but as I said, count down is never on time. Arrived Honolulu later than expected. Yes, we are back to our vitamin pills, jogging and watching our intake. Anyway the way we were going, its either go bankrupt or eat yourself to death.

Takeshi and Irene son Carl & wife Kathy visited with us for a while. Thanks to Carl for the wonderful dinner rather lunch at Manago.

Also, thanks to my daughter Sandie and husband Clint Williams for the accommodations. A very good deal.

Summarizing everything I think this was one of the best we ever had.

All PAU, where to next year.---Bye, MAHALO.

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by Terry Ihara

Nine Easy Chapter members gathered at the National Cemetery of Pacific, known to us as Punchbowl National Cemetery, to place bouquets of anthuriums at the headstones of Easy KIA's as well as those who passed on subsequent to the end of the War. Being Memorial Day weekend, Punchbowl on Sunday May 25th was packed full of people all intent on remembering their militarily related war dead. Boy Scouts were out placing flower leis on each of the headstones and preparation were in progress to honor the Viet Nam war dead later in the afternoon. Of course parking was most difficult and much credit should go to those who did show up. The following participated in the activity: MAUI OKAMURA, TOMO UYEDA, HIROSHI OKADA, MASAMI DOI, YOSHIKO YAMAKI, DON MASUDA, KOZUN NAKATA, spouse MILDRED, GEORGE OYAMA & spouse HARUKO, RAYMOND SHIROMA and this writer. Also present at the cemetery was KAY KANESHINA, widow of HOPPY KANESHINA. As one who was in charge of the activity this writer owes an apology to those who showed up since he was there only briefly. The reason for his short stay was that he forgot that a newly married couple (ohana) was to arrive that day and the plane arrived early.

Master welder and creative artisan HIROSHI OKADA provided the answer to the falling flower cans. He welded spikes, three of them around the cans which enabled the cans to be filled with flowers and water and be spiked solidly into the turf. HIROSHI also painted the cans green to match the turf. Too good HIROSHI! Now as to the anthuriums this writer was able to get it as a contribution from a very good friend in Hilo. Mr. LEO YAP, a retired school teacher now in the flower business, took another retired educator GEORGE WALKER to the CHUN anthurium farm outside of Hilo, picked the flowers themselves from an abandoned field, packed the flowers and had them shipped to Honolulu. What a friend!

Thus far a total of twenty one Easy Honolulu members wives and friends are planning to attend the Sept. 1-5 MINI-REUNION in RENO, NEVADA. It is hoped that as summer closes in there will be others who may wish to go. Because hotel and air reservations can be a premium anyone with such ideas should not wait too long as the travel agency as well as CHARLEY ARAKAKI may be forced to give up those slots we can't fill. The following are slated to go: HIROSHI & ROSE OKADA, WAI-CHI & CHIYONO TAKEYOTO, KOZUN & MILDRED NAKATA, LEFTY & KAY SUGIHARA, HARRY TACHIBANA & friend ROSE MAEDA, CRAIG & JOAN TACHIBANA, MASAMI & MARYLYN DOI, RAYMOND SHIGENAGA, TERRY IHARA, BOBBY MAEDA, TOMO UYEDA, MAUI OKAMURA, DANNY YAMAUCHI and RALPH YAGI.

After about ten years EASY DANCE CLUB finally closed shop. Membership in the club dropped and its instructor became unavailable. The group now has joined MITCH TAKATA's 442nd DANCE CLUB.

Before it slips the writer's memory, it will be noted here that GEORGE TANDO has retired from NABISCO. GEORGE can now stay up later at nights as he is no longer required to report to work at 4:00 a.m. in the morning day after day, 5 days a week.

NEKA & HAZEL MATOI recently completed a month long tour of Japan. Because he was traveling with a tour group he and Hazel had to be constantly on the go and NEKA couldn't play golf with his Japanese friend. Too bad NEKA. Talking about golf LEFTY SUGIHARA won the 442nd Anniversary Golf Tournament which was played at the Hickam Golf Course on March 16. LEFTY shot a pro's score of 2 under par, 70 gross minus a handicap of 9 which gave him a net of 61. Too Good LEFTY!!

Congratulations are in order to DAISY TAKA-YESU who was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree at the Spring graduation ceremonies recently held at the HAWAII LOA COLLEGE in Kaneohe. The degree was awarded her for leadership and total commitment to nursing education all her life and well as her support and encouragement of the nursing program and it's students at Hawaii Loa College. EASY CHAPTER now has two of its members on the Board of Trustees of the college: SENATOR DANIEL INOUE and this writer.

The Island of MAUI must hold some strong attractions for the children of BEN & DAISY TAKA-YESU because all of their three children reside on that island. As a consequence BEN & DAISY are planning to relocate there too. BEN however hopes to keep part of his practice active in Honolulu. Incidentally DAISY will finally be going home from whence she came, a place she left almost fifty years ago. Finally for BEN & DAISY if you can't win 'em over, join them especially if you enjoy grandchildren.

The writer was not able to attend two of the three meetings during the last quarter so therefore news was a little meager this go around. Hope to do better next time

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of April 30, 1986

Apr 1985	ASSETS	Feb 1986	Mar 1986	Apr 1986
1,819.48	Loans, Delinquent 2 - 6 Months....	1,134.74	1,994.43	1,134.74
	Loans, Delinquent 6 - 12 Months....			
	Loans, Delinquent 12 Months or More..			
1,819.48	Sub-total, Delinquent Loans.....	1,134.74	1,994.43	1,134.74
688,295.58	Loans, Current and Not Delinquent....	691,067.16	711,921.06	770,202.35
690,115.06	Total Loans Outstanding.....	692,201.90	713,915.49	771,337.09
(983.46)	(Less Allowance for Loan Losses)...			
198,308.14	Cash in Bank.....	370,353.38	392,502.25	343,609.52
124,068.24	Investment Securities, at cost.....			
592,298.10	Savings/Time Deposits in Banks/S&L...	771,753.10	754,257.55	739,257.55
948.17	Furniture & Equipment, net.....	582.74	460.93	460.93
26,225.00	Interest Receivable.....	27,260.00	25,383.00	24,825.00
544.39	Deferred Expenses.....	1,414.11	910.93	910.93
7,076.00	Unapplied EDP Disb. Exceptions.....			
4,205.68	Other Assets.....		51.63	
14,682.17	NCUSIF Deposit.....	16,400.15	16,400.15	16,400.15
1,657,487.49	TOTAL ASSETS.....	1,879,965.38	1,903,881.93	1,896,801.17
	LIABILITIES/EQUITY			
8,500.00	Dividends Accrued/Payable.....	18,500.00		9,500.00
3,159.00	Unapplied EDP Credit Exceptions.....	2,683.70	225.29	
5,730.20	Accounts Payable.....	843.29	690.61	886.30
1,485,532.26	Members' Savings Shares.....	1,668,011.07	1,712,751.59	1,693,572.33
50,000.00	Regular Reserves.....	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
93,840.92	Undivided Earnings.....	110,654.57	110,654.57	110,654.57
10,725.11	Net Income/(Loss), Current.....	4,272.75	4,559.87	7,187.97
1,657,487.49	TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY.....	1,879,965.38	1,903,881.93	1,896,801.17
	STATISTICAL DATA			
Apr 1985		Feb 1986	Mar 1986	Apr 1986
1	No. Accts. Delinquent 3 - 6 Months.	1	2	1
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 6 - 12 Months.	-	-	-
-	No. Accts. Delinquent 12 Months + ...	-	-	-
239	No. Accts. Current, Not Delinquent...	221	220	233
544	No. Savings Accounts.....	540	540	539
630	No. Savings Potential Members.....	630	630	630
37	No. of Loans Made Year-to-Date.....	11	21	46
3,999	No. of Loans Made Since Organization.	4,062	4,072	4,097
135,807.	Amount Loaned Year-to-Date.....	59,897.	107,939.	207,588.
5,714,375.	Amount Loaned Since Organization....	6,046,621.	6,094,663.	6,194,312.
10,254.	Amount Charged Off Since Organization	10,254.	10,254.	10,254.
3,811.	Amount Recovered on Charge-offs.....	3,811.	3,811.	3,811.

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INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT for the Period/Month Ended April 30, 1986

Cumulative 1/1-4/30/85	Cumulative 1/1-4/30/86	ACCOUNT TITLE	Month of Feb 1986	Month of Mar 1986	Month of Apr 1986
		OPERATING EARNINGS:			
23,193.86	23,699.62	Interest on Loans.....	6,061.48	5,433.39	5,921.19
25,954.06	32,847.21	Income on Svgs Accts.....	8,108.17	8,373.31	8,236.95
5,023.96		Income on Securities.....			
.50	.25	Fees and Charges.....			.25
46.88		Other Earnings.....			
54,219.26	56,547.08	TOTAL EARNINGS.....	14,169.65	13,806.70	14,158.39
		OPERATING EXPENSES:			
1,378.32	1,435.41	Conference/Travel Costs....		570.00	865.41
188.23	266.59	Association Dues.....		195.35	
400.00	300.00	Office Utilities.....	100.00	100.00	
382.00	368.00	Postage/Communication Costs			168.00
150.00	25.00	Member Educ/Publicity.....	25.00		
263.13	143.98	Stationery & Supplies.....	38.94	53.08	42.08
220.15	528.33	Subscriptions.....		125.00	68.50
1,109.07	914.32	EDP Accounting Services....		481.72	
121.81	121.81	Depreciation-Equipment.....		121.81	
697.00	611.49	Surety Bond Premium.....	203.83	203.83	
		Members' Shares Insurance..			
748.71	1,716.64	Borrowers Insurance.....	412.32	430.14	458.25
498.65	1,040.71	Life Savings Insurance.....	260.99	260.47	258.07
799.34	943.71	NCUA Supv/Exam Fees.....			
625.00	377.00	Annual Meeting Expenses....			
1,472.33	1,330.00	Miscellaneous Expenses....	300.00	300.00	
1,114.74	881.92	Staff Benefits/Taxes.....	169.98	323.98	169.98
10,168.48	11,004.91	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES...	1,511.06	3,165.38	2,030.29
44,050.78	45,542.17	NET OPERATING PROFITS.....	12,658.59	10,641.32	12,128.10
		Non-Oper. Gains/(Losses)...			
(33,325.67)	(38,354.20)	Less Dividends Pd/Credited..	(9,000.00)	(10,354.20)	(9,500.00)
10,725.11	7,187.97	NET INCOME/(LOSS).....	3,658.59	287.12	2,628.10



by Tomomi Hamada

The 442 Ukelele Club observed their first 1986 bolot night on Monday, March 29, 1986. Additionally, the ladies had their ho-ike. These activities depict the progress made by the members in their various skills.

For the ho-ike, the ladies grouped themselves into groups of five and each group did two numbers. Hilda Kaneshiro who has been overseeing the group encouraging each member each week anxiously watched from the side. The ladies did an outstanding job and deserve much kudos.

The bolots were the main feature of the night. Groups were made up putting people with the same birth months January-February, March-April, etc. together. Hichi Matsumoto's group after their performance all bowed together taking their curtain call like veteran performers. Then proceeded to present the floral leis used in their performance to various members of the audience.

Ray Nosaka's group satirized Ferdinand Marcos arrival to Hawaii complete with boxes of pampers, Imelda Marcos with her sequined jacket made her grand entrance accompanied by her entourage. Their performance was concluded with a rendition of Dahil sa iyo.

Paul Matsumoto was master of ceremonies. Kay Hirayama and Yori Inouye chaired the bolot and ho-ike. Squid prepared ala amani, egg salad sprinkled with caviar were some of the pupus served for the evening which was followed by a catered spread complete with noodles, chicken, namasu, salad. And of course varied and delicious dessert capped the evening. We do have talented and generous cooks in the Ukelele Club and their handiwork was on display.

Grace and Hiroshi Yamashiro became grandparents. If you have noticed that their happiness overflowed, it was due to being presented with their first grandchild by their daughter. Appropriately the grandson has been named Ryan Hiroshi.

Our deepest condolence to the Shirakis. Michiko Shiraki of Keau, mother of Itsuo Shiraki passed away at age 81.

Toshio and Emi Tsuji left for the Orient on April 5th leaving the islands on China Airlines. We shall check with the Tsujis and find out how far they traveled.

Sakura, sakura yayoi no sora ni miwatazu kagiri. We left Honolulu on April 5th also and

went to Japan to see the cherry blossoms. And did we see cherry blossoms--along the river banks, up on the hills, lining the streets, in temple yards, in castle gardens everywhere. Light pink hued ones, dark ones bordering on fuschis, white ones, double petal ones and hanging ones. It is a sight to see especially when they are in full bloom or mankai as the Japanese express it.

The tour of the city of Tokyo was anything but smooth. The guide had planned to have us dropped off in the Imperial Palace parking area to view the Palace only to find the place roped off. The bus had to be parked several blocks away and we walked to the Nijubashi area and viewed the Palace. Police were everywhere, checking the moat surrounding the Palace. The whole police department was preparing for the Tokyo Summit scheduled to be held May 7-9, 1986. Police vans, pickups and patrols were on every corner. We watched a rehearsal of a VIP carriage parade leaving the Imperial Palace Hotel then when we got to the Nijubashi area the same VIP carriage parade was leaving the Palace grounds. That was certainly an extra.

We visited Sengakuji Temple a 15 minute walk from our hotel Miyako. Sengakuji Temple is where Oishi Kuranosuke and the 47 ronins are buried. Oishi Kuranosuke and the 47 ronins avenged their Lord Asano Naganori who was ordered to commit seppuku for drawing his sword in the Shogun's castle. Asano Naganori's vassals felt that the Shogun did not render a fair and equitable judgment; that Kira Kozuke who had taunted and tried Asano Naganori's patience which led to the drawing of the sword in the Shogun's castle was not reprimanded for his actions. While Asano Naganori was ordered to commit seppuku, his clan destroyed and his vassals becoming ronin (masterless samurai) and required to seek employment elsewhere.

We went down a hilly street, and went through a narrow alley which was walled on both sides looking for the temple. As instructed we kept on walking wondering whether we were on the right track. Luckily there was an "oba-chan" in front of us and she must have guessed our trepidation. She assured us that it was the right path to the temple and that we were going to end up in the back portion of the temple that she was also going to the temple. She was going to visit her family grave. Sure enough we arrived.

A cherry tree graces the temple yard. The sign reads that the cherry tree was transferred from the Matsudaira's mansion and that it was under this tree that Oishi Chikara committed seppuku. Close by there are plum trees which were presented to the temple by the widow of Asano Naganori. The place reeks with history.

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Of course we presented senko to the 47 ronin's graves. Walking through the area and reading the pames on the gravestones sent scenes of TV Chushingura spinning through your mind.

We rode the subway, the bus and the JNR. We also remembered Bruno Yamada telling us that he remembers when the fare on the subway was 50 yen. Now it ranges from 140-180 yen depending on the distance. Bruno-san inflation has hit the subways.

Continuing the tour leaving Tokyo we headed for Kamakura. Saw more sakura. Passing through the Hachiman Shrine en route to see the Daibutsusan. Here most of the sakura was of the light pink hued variety.

Enjoyed a boat cruise on Lake Ashi on way to Hakone. We were blessed with good weather and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Spent a night at Hakone. Then on the bullet train stopping at Nagoya a transfer point changing trains to take us to Toba. The Nagoya Station has a terrific shopping arcade. Really had a ball feasting our eyes on the different things on display edible and otherwise.

At Toba we visited the Mikimoto Pearl Island and saw the women divers or ama at work. They dove down through the cold water coming up with seaweed, oysters, etc. It was unbelievable the water was icy cold. Also it was a rainy day. In spite of the heavy rain, we visited the Ise Jingu Shrine.

Kyoto was our next stop. We visited the temples Sanjusangendo and Kinkakuji, the Cloisonne factory, the Kyoto Handicraft Center and the Kawaramachi Shopping Arcade. The cherry blossoms at the Heian Shrine were Breathtaking. It hung on trestles. The fragile pink flowers in full bloom are beyond description. One can only enjoy the beauty. We also rode on the Kyoto subway. Here tickets are collected mechanically unlike Tokyo where they have men doing the collecting and checking. Destination Kyoto Tower. Wouldn't you know they were having a special reduction in admission. We viewed the city of Kyoto from above took in an electronically manipulated puppets depicting Kyoto during the Onin Wars. It showed the ravages of the city, poverty suffered by its citizens and other historical epics of the era.

Our next stop was Shikoku. From Kobe a four hour ferry ride through the Japan Inland Sea to Takamatsu. Visited the famous Ritsurin Park. Here we had a chance to see catered hanami parties. Mats were spread out complete with bento trays and of course sake. Karaoke music was everywhere and the festive mood permeated through the park.

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by Stanley Kaneshiro

PLANS AHEAD

Golf' and more golf' for golfers as summer starts and days get longer. Next 'B' Chapter tournament at HIOC will be on July 21, tee-off time 9:00 a.m. Four days later on July 25th again, at the same course, HIOC instead of Barbers Point as in years past, it will be the Oahu AJA Veterans Council Annual Golf Tournament. This tournament will be limited to 144 golfers on first come first serve basis so all 'B' Chapter golfers interested in this one should register early. Applications are available at clubhouse.

'B' Chapter has a gold star for ladies night. Haven't heard of any other chapter that entertains their spouses like our four times a year socials. July 18th will be the next one and at Wisteria. It will be a white elephant night. Two months later and in September, the ladies will again be entertained at the clubhouse with another white elephant social.

Farther ahead and under consideration by some members, is a trip to Washington, D.C. in September 1987, for the opening of the Smithsonian Go-For-Broke exhibit. All interested in this should attend meetings or talk to Kats Miho.

LADIES NIGHT--FLAMINGO

Fifty two members, spouses and guests attended this ladies night out at Flamingo Chuckwagon on May 23rd. Chapter President Richard Ogata with spouse Alma and others who assisted did a good job for this social. Highlight of the evening was the speaker for the evening Dr. Greg Gubler, from BYU and a Japanese historian, who got attendees interested in the subject of genealogy. Alma Ogata who had attended one of Dr. Gubler's classes introduced the speaker with some genealogical studies and experiences of her own. For those who were interested in doing some research on their own family tree, Dr. Gubler offered many references and sources for information. It was an educational evening with much socializing before and after a good Flamingo style buffet dinner and some seldom seen members and a few mainland guests.

STORY OF 522

Story of 522 and the liberation of Dachau hit the front page of the May 16, 1986 issue of the Hawaii Herald. Writer Ben Tamashiro, 100th Bn., did a good job on this little known or publicized mission of the 522 FA Bn. on the Western front and its participation in the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany. Incidentally, be-

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sides uniting. Ben is now a TV personality, runs a grocery store in support of some financial institution. Much mahalo to Arnold Hiura, editor of Hawaii Herald, for the couple dozen copies that were distributed to 'B' Chapter members. Don't forget to watch for second part to come.

CHAPTER GOLF-----By Rocky Tanna

On April 21st, Chapter golfers, 16 strong, tee'd-off at HICC. The weather was good except for intermittent showers.

As far as I can remember, Teiji Uehara who has golfed with us for many years finally won a 'B' Chapter tournament, for the first time, with a score of 83-13 net 70. Toshi Nishizawa took the front nine and Stanley Kaneshiro the back. Par three holes winners were Biggie Nakakura, Don Shimazu, Toshi Nishizawa and Lester Kato. Biggie nosed out Rick Ogata on hole #4 and Don Yagami beat Flint Yonashiro on #8. Toshi was closer than Rick on #13 and Lester won with 25 feet from the pin on #17. This was the first tournament that high handicappers won every hole. Low gross was Teiji and Don with 83's. High nets were Joe T. and Flint Y. with 85 and 84.

Toshi Nishizawa, after having eye surgery, shot a good 95-24=71 net for 2nd place. Now he's able to see the flight of the ball, judge distance and putt better than before. Hope to see him win next. Don Shimazu who retired recently shot a good 102-27=75. Thanks to Roy Okubo for the golf course arrangements and Toshi for directing the tournament. 19th hole was at the usual College Walk Diner with lots of pupus and ice cold drinks to wash it down.

LAST FAREWELL TO LEFTY

After the last issue of this Bulletin went to press, we received the sad news on Lefty Adachi. James Mizuno sent information a few days later on services that were held for Lefty. Church service was at the North Gardena United Methodist Church on March 13, 1986, for Roy "Lefty" Adachi, March 1917-March 1986. Pall bearers included FA Bn. members James Mizuno and Toru Hirano. Burial service followed March 14th at the Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Rocky Tanna had this to say for Lefty. Lefty was one of the fairest of all section chiefs and he was always behind the boys. His leadership and generosity were appreciated and we shall never forget him for his contributions, generosity and friendship at the 1982 Reunion in Los Angeles.

With much sadness, we all bid Lefty a final

farewell and also send our condolences to Rose and the family.

BITS & PIECES

Gashouse and Seiko Ishihara finally tied the knot, were in town and at the Flamingo. Heard he had spent two months in Australia helping his son who is a school teacher there, build a mud brick house, yes mud brick. Also, heard his son owns a fast Mexican food shop outside Melbourne, is doing quite good and plans to open another. Gashouse and Seiko haven't changed in looks since last and Gashouse says marriage hasn't changed a thing. Kiyoshi Okano was also in town and at the Flamingo. Heard he was visiting his daughter and had plans to head back someplace to see his niece get married. Saw Flint Yonashiro at HICC first time since his Wake Island days. Says he's out commercial fishing most days and nights on his boat and by himself. Gutsy this bugger. For all who knew Serge Carlesso's daughter-in-law, Hideo Nakamine says Serge has written to say his daughter-in-law passed away. Harold and Jane Ueoka travelled all the way to St. Louis, MO to see son Les graduate from Washington University School of Law. Les is now back home studying for the local bar exam. Yes, time marches on fast.

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At Kurashiki visited the Ohara Art Gallery and the Folkcraft Museum. Viewing the different paintings at the Gallery reminded me of Florence. Could be that because we walked instead of getting on buses to view the gallery and museum reminded me of the similarity.

Headed for Hiroshima spending two nights here. ANA Hotel Hiroshima is a few blocks away from the Peace Memorial Park. Se we walked to the park. Hiroshima has many rivers and several signs along the way to the park made historic references to its early use during the Edo period that the Moris developed the river banks and built piers to transport supplies.

Left Hiroshima, got on the bullet train and headed for Osaka our last stop. Osaka has free-ways over the river. Guess beats using valuable land for freeways. Saw some very intense checking of luggage at the Osaka airport. Police were also checking waste baskets using detectors. Everyone seemed very uptight with the forthcoming Tokyo Summit. Our airplane was sparsely filled making it possible for all of us to stretch out comfortably.

END



by Hichi Matsumoto

CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1986

Sounds like one furui broken down chikonki when we say that kotoshi again like all the past years, the chapter is in very good hands. If you no believe, read the resume of the officers. You believe.

PRESIDENT-RODNEY YAMASHIRO

No mistake here, everything on the up and up and on the pololoi side. Rodney is our 442nd Veterans Club 1st V.P. and also our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's president too. Having a dual role and doing an excellent job at both is routine stuff and nothing new to him. Not no like demo, he was pressed into volunteering for the recently vacated president's office when our brand new chapter President (Charley Mimura) suddenly passed away in February, after serving only one month in office and conducting only in January meeting. Everybody at the February meeting (but Rodney) felt that although he was chapter president only a few years ago, he was the ideal and most logical man to assume the top position since he already is sitting on the 442 Veterans Club Board of Directors as 1st V.P. The Chapter's policy and a very good one is to rotate and give as many guys as possible a whack at the top job. Rodney is one heckava good leader. No one will dispute that. He could be another one of the boys that the word "NO" is deleted from their vocabulary. Except at home?

VICE PRESIDENT-TOMMY HIRAO

At the present, Tommy's "main job" is serving as vice president of the chapter. He is from the Band side of the chapter. He daily "moonlights" as manager and owner of the popular Nisshodo Store, specializing most in boo-coo variety of mochi and manju. A little bit hiki suru on our part (of course his frequent contributions got something to do) but the manjus and chichi dangos he makes is the most ono-est and that includes those "Made in Japan." The only reason why we see more of his products than him is, he is always so busy working. Because if you know even a little or anything about what he makes, you cannot sell today koshiraeta stuff tomorrow. Amari yoh uren gena. Calvin Yasuhara, buddy buddy with Tommy since army days and a regular helper at Nisshodo more often than not brings boo-coo goodies to chapter meetings. Tommy too, like all the others in the band were on "The Most Wanted List" during Camp Shelby days. Their only "crime" but a "major" one was getting the whole regiment up a little too early (seemed like yonaka dem freezing winter mornings especially) tooting their horn a little too loud.

In a recent edition of The Hawaii Herald, a bi-weekly publication, Tommy and Nisshodo was featured in an article, "Nisshodo; Mochi Making Family." It covered all of two pages and with pictures too. Following are some excerpts:

"...make over 65,000 mochi to meet the demand of all the orders." That was oshogatsu season.
"...when you are handling on kneading mochi, you have to be romantic with it."
"...making mochi is an art, not everyone can make it."

Tommy's store burned down after New Year but will be opening up at a brand new location soon. Like they say, you cannot keep a good man down for long.

SECRETARY-MASAO YAMASAKI TREASURER-MONTE OKAMOTO

Kono two kanshinna and dedicated chapter members have been at their respective posts too many years to make and accurate count and as expected of them been doing excellent and outstanding work year in and year out. That's why hometai but shoganaai, no can help, we run out of snow job material. Taiherma and mondaai, too. Because even if lilibit demo something pilau ga attara would give us much needed ammunition but that demo no more. Not our fault, theirs. Komatta do.

MOTHER CLUB 1st V.P. - RODNEY YAMASHIRO

Wearing two big and responsible hats (chapter president and 442 1st VP) simultaneously ain't no big thing and won't cause him losing any kind of sleep. Possessing the akamai-ness, savvy and know-how, he welcomes the challenge and the tougher the assignments he relishes it all the more. Because like they say, if you can hack it, and with ease, it ain't bragging. Although retired for some years from his regular bread and butter career job, it's not all play and no work for him. Now in retirement, he's taking it easy by having a business of his own and a successful and thriving one to boot. Whereas he is his own boss today, yesteryears he toiled for his favorite "uncle", Sam. Talentwise (playing the ukulele and ballroom dancing, mentioning just a couple of many things he's strongly into) Rodney would be the first to come out openly and admit he's no blue chipper. But participation-wise, he's no shrinking violet or wall flower and bar none he's in there with the elites. Like for instance on the dance floor, whenever you see him coming from no matter what direction (with or against the flow), no fool around and give him room the more the better because he going bust out and bugaloose. Correction to wearing of two hats and make it three hats. How can we overlook the role he cavorts and cherishes the most, making like one "Bonsan."

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PERSONALITY OF THE QUARTER

He is best known within the chapter members that regularly attend meetings as the other half of the Pupu Twins. The other half of the twin is Gary Kawate. No need go any further, you know 'ats Jimmy Nakamura awreddy, eh. No miss, rain or shine, atsuideo, samui demo as long as get meeting he get something good prepared for the boys. Hayo kara itte chanto he get everything set up and ready even for the how early kuru guys. Even the Uta No Kai ga pau naru maeni.

Some guys might starve at home if they dunno how to cook (huhu genka de, da wife haboot and no cook) but with likes of him coming to the meetings, there is always food on the table. Not only that, samushitara, he go atojima and clean up the mess, kicho meni too.

Like the old folks from the old country would say of the kigatsuite exceptional good workers, "Hitoride hokano gonin yorimo shigoto suru." That is the best, most accurate and only way you can describe him. No more any kind hassle or monku, man of actions, not words, that's him. In a way good thing no more too many yoh tego suru guys like him in the chapter because bambai get fight boy. Like if you get all moloha guys, you all jam up too.

Guy like him makes it look on the surface as though not too much work need to be done at parties, meetings, etc. Whenever there's anything to be done, he no wait for others to make the first move but get his bahine going. Never, never once did we (we're sure others too) hear him say that all too familiar, "I went do the last time, so this is your turn." That statement may be a common practice for us guys but him, never in a million years.

From Camp Shelby ni iku maeni, he already had earned his three stripes while stationed at Schofield Barracks. He was known to the boys then as Sgt. Nakamura. In the movies, they always portray the sergeant as a loud mouth beer guzzling bruiser with a pug-nose, leather lung and always with at least one week constipated looks on his face. Our Personality of the Quarter is that no marukiri hantai. The difference like night and day. No more any kind matching description one bit. Jimmy is cool, calm, collected and always with a pleasing smile and a kind word for everybody. He gets respect because he respects people, as simple as that. His outlook in life matches perfectly the old saying, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." He's more than that. He dunno him too good guys for sure going think this one big build-up and snow job....and it is. But it's all true. He is

a proof of, there are good guys.

"This is an order," pulling rank or throwing his weight around ain't and never was his style. With him, it was always, "Let's all pitch in.... but nobody play their game," or something like that. You know these Hawaii guys were good (playing their game) at it and for some that was their middle name. From day one to the last day in service, he was a civilian at heart and never did let being a "zebra" go to his head.

This is water over the dam, iran kind thinking but only if Jimmy was a cook or better yet, the mess sergeant, for sure we going be the best fed outfit in the whole damn U.S. Army and by far the happiest and most contented with him adding konkon to the daily menu. We thought with the army, the right man for the right job. Well, we all can't be perfect. To us one of the top compliment paid him was the wives asking him for his konkon recipe.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The format of this 43rd Anniversary Banquet was in a way very similar to last year's. That is the reason was so good. AGAIN, the General Chairman was Ben Ono. Remember last year? He did such a tremendous job, for that he was rewarded with, you're right on the first try. They let him (and the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter) have it for another year. AGAIN, the M.C. was who else but Kiyo Kimura. Besides being the master of ceremonies of the evening's program, he led the group in singing our Hawaiian Anthem, Hawaii Ponoi, to open the evening's festivities. And you all must know by now that whenever they give him or he get hold of the mike, auwe brah, you know what kind evening going be. AGAIN, our Maestro Eddie Kanaya's rendition of the Lord's Prayer on the Flute was superb. Overheard some people saying that, that alone was worth the price of admission. AGAIN, the Head Interior Decorator was Fred Arashiro, who outdid last year's masterpiece.

Assisting in decorating the hall with boocoo other chapter members, from ours were: Mits Honda, Charley Ijima, Bob Ishikawa, Yuso Iwane, Eddie Kanaya, Doc Kawamoto, Gary Kawate, Hichi Matsumoto, Pilute Miyashiro, Jimmy Nakamura, Joe Sato, Mervyn Takano, Masao Yamasaki, Rodney Yamashiro, Calvin Yasuhara, Blanche (Kiyo) Kimura, Peter (Fred) Arashiro and Brian (Ben) Ono. Please note, the names are listed in alphabetical order and not by the amount of time put in or production putout or beer drank. We just wanna make it known loud and clear because some guys might get da kine inagena and goofy idea, dey da cu-

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wan wen do da most. With our chapter nani yattemo no can go wrong, boy. You ask for help, besides da ukupaila guys coming out, even one wife and two sons gave up their daijina free day (Sunday) to give some kokua. More the merrier and the sooner pau mo bettah too because going get something cold and tasty waiting for you.

When come to party time, the boys no hold back nothing and go all out to party up as well as for work. With them, they no like miss out in anything. Monku? Of course, get (they normal atarimae people) but not da kine huhu kine but just wanna let it be known that they around. You know what we are trying to convey to you, don't you? Mervyn's pickup and Rodney's van was a big help too.

Our boys took care of the parking, manned the bar, passing out the evening's program at the choba and directing traffic to the boo-fay (Japanese food) line. All under the watchful eye and close supervision of Calvin Yasuhara the Head MP for the night. That is not all because they went help cleanup too. Like who da guy was overheard saying, "We no only get things started but finish up too." Akamai, sonovagun, that one.

Looks as though The Master Decorator (Fred Arashiro) is taking Bob Ishikawa and Pilute Miyashiro under his wing and grooming them to be future Interior Decorators. The three of them were all out and still going for broke puttering around the stage area especially when the majority of the boys went call it a morning and retreat and pull back to the old watering hole to quench and by now totemo kawaitoru nodo. You know Fred, with him it's high quality work he's looking for and not speed. He is so da kine that whenever he sees any kine iran stuff, major or minor, it disturbs him, that's why suguto he go fix 'em up. He no can stand too, da kine no put your heart and soul and go all out and go do kapulu work especially.

Had professional entertainers and they were good, real good. A little (more like plenty) bias on our part but good to have and see your own people (442 club members) up there on stage doing their thing. We suspect get plenty more good ones. Only thing you gotta go exploit 'em. Very much enjoyed the performance of the Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club. Sonovagun, we surprised even ourselves the number of songs we knew, which made it so much more enjoyable. That's from lending a keen ear and being an attentive member in our 442 Ukulele & Hula Club.

This banquet was held at Fort Delicatessen (site of last year's) on Sunday, March 23, with

about 470 members, wives and friends attending. The price right they come out. Now days, any day or night you hold 'em no make too much difference with just about everybody retired. More time than money, that's us guys.

We noticed the one job that looks duck soup and amari tega iran from the customers side is tending the bar. On the surface kara mitara looks as though all you need to do is reach for a cold one and hand 'em over the counter. It just ain't so. Whew, get plenty more to be done than meets the eye. Hayo kara itte you gotta set things up. You can start by cleaning the containers for the boo-coo beers and the less popular soft drinks. In between, when pau and close up shop time, no can dilly dally because get a whole slew of meni kakaran odds and ends to do. Unlike last year when the beer went sell out by 7 o'clock (so we heard), this year nokotta. But the soda water went disappear fast. No can win boy, if not one thing, it's something else.

The bartenders went about their business like they were doing it all their lives. Could be. The popular bar was at no time a crisis or disaster area due to Gary Kawate, Bob Ishikawa, Pilute Miyashiro and Jimmy Nakamura had 'em well under control. Like having a place for everything and everything in its place. Alright so Charley Ijima never get his hands wet all night (at the bar) but no need to get your da kine hot. Could be his thinking was too many cooks going spoil the soup. Not to mention, jamakure ni naru. He no was Fire Chief (and a good one) for nothing, boy.

Donna busy demo (not to mention getting "trench hands") bartending is an art in itself and a lot of fun for the most part meeting up with the right people. But sometimes get da kine mullet that no more too much aikyo guy give you da kine stink look when no more da kine brand they like.

For sure the yoh ochitsuitoru people no can help but went spark one very stand out person sitted with the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter members and wives. The person we are referring to was a member of the 92nd Division Artillery in World War II. According to him, they gave artillery support for 442 Combat Team in Italy. To make a long and complicated short story, he and his wife came for a Hawaiian vacation and while visiting places, meeting people and making new friends, met Diana (Rodney) Yamashiro. He was one akamai guy and the thing that made it pleasant talking to him was, he no more no trace of that dreadful disease, "I" trouble. Goodness gracious, we found out later, he has a Ph D. in nandatta kano. No wonder he was so da kine. He was Rodney's guest.

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Forty-three banquets and this is a first time thing, to us anyway.

Honest, was some good party, but we are just hoping and praying (with fingers crossed) that Ben Ono & Associates never equal last year's or do better. Ippen is fun. Nihen, lilibit da kine. Sanben, mama mia.

WEDDING BELLS

Like they say about today young kids, they get a mind of their own and Jay Honda by any means is no exception. Jay, a certified optometrist went some 2,463 miles across the vast Pacific Ocean to sagasu his nyobo.

Whereas mom and dad were from the old (totemo) school. Putaritomo from Wahiawa town and could be from the same or tonari mura. Something like, him from shita down below camp and she from Higashi Bashi or something like that. Mits was saying something like both his parents upon finding out that his future yomesan to be a family shittoru mon and on top of that same ken too, were overcome with joy and namida koboshi nagara said, yare yare, korede anshin seta. This write-up supposed to be about the Honda no waka damna but shoganaino because dam furui Hondas, doh yutara iika....oh yeh, they so da kine.

Kiyo Kimura (who else) the M.C. at the reception held at the Pacific Beach Hotel located in the very heart of Waikiki go yuhmoni, Jay and Julie first met while they both were attending Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. Yeah, she one kotonk girl from L.A. and the myoji was Ikeda, kekkon suru mae. The young Honda's were married on September 21, 1985, in L.A. and this reception (March 2, 1986) held in the Marlin Room was the Honda side no reception. Presently, Dr. Honda is associated with another optometrist, home based in Mililani Town.

Man alive, was one molto bono reception. Sukoshi deviating from the ordinary, a buffet style brunch starting at 10:30 a.m. Food, tabetai and iikiru hodo and nandemo kandemo. And for the party ni ittara sugu nodo ga kawaku people, champagne (Asti Spumante by Martini & Rossi) flowed freely at this festive occasion. Beer dokoroka. Dis wan was rots of crass man. What made this affair more better than the usual was the entertainment was all local. When we say local, local is 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members & wives with some outside help. The professionals supporting, "The Legend in His Own Time." (Kiyo Kimura) were of Joe Sato (guitar) and Jiro Watanabe (steel guitar) lend leased from L Chapter for this kyaku. That's enough write-up about them guys because

everybody knows just how good they are.

Anyway, the mada yet no get the professional status guys and gals had equal time to borot too. For you non linguist, borot in Filipino means to show-off, but not the what you thinking ibaru kind show-off. You know what we mean, eh. Hula dancers entertaining the guests were Millie Honda, the groom's mother (got to mention her name first being the hostess), Blanche (Kiyo) Kimura, Janet Matsumoto, Nora (Rodney) Yamashiro and Millie's guest, Gladys (Dick Uyemura from M Chapter) The wako mieru hula maidens did several numbers and they were very da kine. All the girls no yakudoshi age yoh toshitoru but genki no okagede still can wiggle their behine with the best....the am! especially.

The men performers were molto da kine too. Doc Kawamoto, Ben Ono and Masa Yamasaki all sang solo. Not that they no like share the spotlight with the other guy or feel cramped and kyukutsuna but feels somewhat more comfortable, free and at ease doing it alone. One good thing about them is they are predictable and no keep you in the dark or any kind of suspense as to what their number gonna be. Kimatte, Doc going sing, Futari No Haru Ben, Hawaiian Hula Eyes and Masa, Koko Ni Sachi Ari And they did exactly, yuta toori ni. Another wonderful thing about all the performing artists, no need plead or beg them, tada ippen yondara 'nuff, sassato they go up and go do their thing.

That Kiyo, Heem one lousy bugga boy. After completing their first number, the ladies were gonna step down off the stage but he go tell 'em no come down and stay up there on stage bambai you no can go up again. Meaning toshi tottoru that's why muri for them to unnecessarily go up and down.

Besides beating (decisively) dad in golf which he does with monotonous regularity, one of Jay's many hobbies are reading up anything he could get his hands on sports. Because anything once yondara pau, he no forget nothing, that's why among his friends, he's known as the Walking Sports Encyclopedia. Lilibit exaggerating but took the father all of three years, every Wednesday night for two hours under the watchful eyes and tutelage of Mich Takata (F), 442 Dance Bluc Instructor, to get down pat the waltz no amalagation, which has only about eight not too difficult steps. Ase Kaite, all out and issshoken meini too. Who said, like father, like son. Japan has 'em too, kowa oyani niru.

Almost forget to mention the newleyweds waltzed to the sweetest music this side of Diamond Head. The groom's proud father like go on the

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dance floor to cut up the rug but never get chance. The groom's mother isogashikute he no could locate her.

Not broadcasting how many Hawaiian songs we know but whatever the band (Kiyo, Joe & Jiro) played during the cocktail hour, we knew. After all, us guys and them guys from the same 442 Ukulele /Hula Club and play and sing the same kind music. Talent-wise, dohka shiran but.

Better late to mention than never, the Honda no atarashii yomesan one mentama no oishasan too. Doc (Kawamoto) get more competition now.

CHAPTER MEETING -- JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Never got to go to the January and February meetings, too much happenings plus doing a little traveling and some fooling around too. Being the nosey and Inquisitive Reporter and wanting to know all the happenings, called a reliable and dependable meeting ni yoh iku member (Teiji Chinna) and got this all too brief and to the point answer, "Nothing much, but you went miss out on the pupus and refreshments." So much for the January and February meetings.

MARCH

This is no "Bull Durham," the March meeting was our first we attended since September of last year. Imagine. No can help because some kind unexpected things always seemed to pop up at the last minute. Not wanting to be branded a delinquent, like taxes was "forced" to pay chapter dues. Bambai nanbo no like demo, you going hear something like, shape up or ship out. Putting it plainer pay your dues.

For a change the meeting had some meaty things to discuss. The most important was combining our 442 Veterans Club and other AJA veterans organizations with the JCC. No get worked up or get excited because it is only in the talking stage and no more. President Yamashiro sure knows how to conduct meetings, giving everybody a chance to open their mouth (not the same time) but always having everything under control.

A pleasant surprise was Yasuhide Ishikawa putting in da kine long time no see, hiisa min kind appearance. He's got a legitimate excuse for not showing up regularly. His general contracting business keeps him more than busy. For him retirement is mada mada.

APRIL

Not much action this night. President Yama-

shiro brought us up to date on the veteran's organization joining up with the JCC thing. Just like his last report, still yet only in the talking stage. One man's opinion, something like this going be in the talking stage for a long time. Meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours, sukoshi on the early side but nobody was squawking. After that was Happy Hour.

MAY

Chairman Walter Matsumoto reported to the chapter members what his committee discussed and the recommendations to update the chapter's Memorial and Welfare policy. After much discussion, the end result. Like one old French proverb which went something like this; "The more you try to change things, the more it remains the same." Looks like it's back to the drawing board for more study.....or no fool around nothing.

SICK CALL

Pilute Miyashiro, a couple of months ago underwent leg by-pass operation. The technical term for that is, cerebral sclerosis. That's according to Bob Ishikawa, a close golfing buddy of Pilute. They play almost exclusively at Makalena Municipal Golf Course in Waipahu, their home course Moshimo some kind goyoh ga atte, should you call them at home and they no stay, they stay there, most time.

Eddie Kawamoto's been having pinched nerve problems as of late. For sure no can be from strumming the ukulele. He is one guy that takes excellent care of himself. In lifestyle within the chapter, he comes closest to be called Mr. Clean.

Tatta konoaida Tommy Kiyosaki, the guy always on the go was hospitalized for nagging prostate problems. You know da kine only male can get.

Doc Kawamoto went broke his ankle and had 'em in cast for weeks or was it months. Cause of it he no say nothing but could be through carelessness or toshi.

Mervyn Takano's oft-operated on feet must be healthy lately. Long time no hear him storying up about his latest "operation". Hold it, he went cut again.

More than happy to announce that all the above mentioned, mameda in robust health and enjoying their well earned retirement to the hilt. Mukashi days when the boys were in their heyday and prime of life, at times was hard getting something or anything to put in the bulletin. Not pololoi kind

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TEE-OFF: 8:00 a.m. (Shotgun Start) Report to starter 45 minutes prior to tee-off time.
ENTRY FEE: \$32.00 - includes Green and Cart fees, Tournament Fee and Lunch.
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FLIGHTS: A, B & Ladies - Flights will be determined by the number of entrants received.
ELIGIBILITY: 1. A & B Flights - Paid-up members of the four AJA Veterans Clubs:
Club 100, 442nd, 1399th and M.I.S.
2. Ladies' Flight - wives of paid-up member of four AJA Veterans Club.
DEADLINE: Entry blank and entry fee **MUST** be submitted not later than **FRIDAY, July 11, 1986.**
Only the first 144 entries will be accepted.
Make check payable to: "AJA VETERANS COUNCIL GOLF"
442nd Veterans Club-Attn: AJA Veterans Council Golf
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Prizes: A detailed list of prizes to be awarded for each flight will be distributed prior to tee-off time.
TEAM PRIZE: The four Veterans Clubs will compete for a Team Prize. A team will consist of 3 A Flight and 3 B Flight golfers from each club. Members must be identified before tee-off time.
CONTACT PERSON: Club 100 - Tom Nakamura 947-2243; 442nd - Bruno Yamada at 487-3909;
M.I.S. - K. Kanemoto at 732-0019; 1399th - Richard Ishida at 988-6752
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RETIREE GOLF CLUB by Eddie Tamanaha

The 442nd Veterans Retirees Golf Club is going great guns. Since the start of this year, for the seven tournaments we've had so far, averaging 33 members turnout. This is fantastic considering about 10 of our 40 members are not fully retired. The club had undertaken the task of running the last AJA Veterans Council and the 442nd Veterans Club anniversary golf tournaments. Much thanks to the following retirees golf club members who are always serving on the committee and helping out! Stan Yamamoto, Hiram Doi, Dick Uyemura, Terry Ihara, Teiji Uehara, Herb Isonaga and Bruno Yamada. Mahalo.

Thursday, March 20th at the Makalena Golf Course, 33 members and one guest, Frank Shimada of San Jose, gathered under ideal conditions. This day was a special one for Mike Mikasa as he scored an ace on the 17th 107 yards hole using an 8 iron. Playing with him to witness the feat were Shoichi Miota, Yoshi Tahara and Hichi Matsumoto. This makes the 4th hole-in-one scored in our tournaments since our club was organized in 1982. Others who made ace are: Masami Doi 12/29/83, Ala Wai; Hiram Doi 1/19/84, Makalena; Rusty Honda 11/21/85, Makalena. Getting back to our tournament results, the scores showed that most liked the conditions of this day. There were 3 net 63's, 2 - 64's, 3 - 65's, 1 - 66, 3 - 67's and 2 - 68's. Sorry for the 65's (Chinna, Hirayama, Mikasa); 66 (Higa); 67's (Aoki, Matsumoto, Uehara) and 68's (Hiram Doi, Kunishige) as they were out of the running. Low gross was Lefty Sugihara with a 73, 2 over par but his net 64 was good only for 4th place. The net 63's were shot by Steve Hirotsu, 1st; Stan Yamamoto, 2nd; and Rusty Honda, 3rd; based on our tie breaker system: on even numbered days of tournaments, lower front nine net score is the winner; odd days, lower back nine net. Lefty Sugihara came in 4th and Champ Suzuki 5th with 64's. Best front 9 was Lefty Sugihara net 33½; and back 9 was Rusty Honda net 25½. Nearest to the hole were Mike Tsugawa and Stan Yamamoto. The 19th hole this day was a celebration of Mike Mikasa's hole in one. He promised to furnish 6 cases of beer for our next 19th hole scheduled for Pali golf course.

On April 17th, 33 members assembled at the Pali Golf Course. The weather was overcast but no rain. Fairways were good and the greens were sprinkled with sand and in good condition. Milton Uchigaki and Rusty Honda were hot on this cool day coming in with net 66's. Milton was declared the winner by the tie breaker system, Rusty 2nd. Scoring net 69's were Harry Tokushige, 3rd; Yoshi Higa, 4th; and Tom Mayeda 5th. Winning the best nines were Hiram Doi, front; and Harry Tokushige,

back. Closest to the pin were scored by Shoichi Miota, #7 hole; and Tom Mayeda, #15. The 19th hole was hosted by acer Mike Mikasa. Those bringing goodies will be exempt from paying the usual assessment for the next 19th hole celebration. Those were: Yoshi Higa, musubi; Milton Uchigaki, okazu; Ken Okuma, okazu; Rocky Tanna, okazu, Speed Tanna, salad; Harry Tokushige, mixed rice; Terry Ihara, okazu; Maui Okamura, musubi; Ed Tamanaha, soda; Lefty Sugihara, salad; Smitty Koga, case of Strohs beer; Dick Uyemura brought the ono fish fins. Speed Tanna was in charge of the affair.

On May 15th, 34 members showed up at the Barbers Point Golf Course. Bull Namba and Tadashi Kunishige were the leaders this day as they both turned in net 68's. Namba was declared the winner and Kunishige 2nd. Three came in with 70's and the tie breaker system declared Smitty Koga, 3rd; George Ikinaga, 4th; and Hichi Matsumoto, 5th. Best nines were Hichi Matsumoto, front; and Terry Ihara, back. Closest to the pin was only Teiji Chinna as no one could hit the green on the front side par 3. The 19th hole was enjoyed by all but no hot pupus as the 19th Puka restaurant is under renovations.

On May 29th, at the Ala Wai Golf Course, 34 members showed up for the tournament. The good turn out was sort of induced by the semi-annual party to be held at the 442nd Clubhouse after the golf tournament. Especially with Herb Isonaga in charge, the members still remember the treat at Kauai in February when he was in charge of our food. The hot golfer this day was Mike Mikasa with a net 63 for top honors. Rocky Tanna was 2nd with 65. Two strokes back with net 67's were 4 golfers. With the tie breaker, Ed Tamanaha was 3rd; Tadashi Kunishige 4th; Stan Yamamoto 5th; and Yoshi Higa 6th. Winning the best nines were George Ikinaga, front; and Ed Tamanaha, back. Closest to the pin were Speed Tanna, #8; Tom Mayeda #15. We are grateful to Tad Sakai for plugging in the rice cooker and starting our smoker-grill so that things were ready by the time our chefs finish golf and be at the clubhouse. Dick Uyemura and Speed Tanna were the chefs broiling the fish fins, fish belly, 2 palani fish and steaks. Herb Isonaga catered some good (noodles, chicken, pork and mustard cabbage and Chinese vegetables in oyster sauce) bought some sirloin steaks, and cooked rice in rice cooker. Yoshi Tahara (who is sick with neck pains, headaches and could not golf) had his wife deliver 6 cases of beer and 1 case soda and juices to the clubhouse; Bobby Hirayama donated 2 palani fish; Hichi Matsumoto, cold noodles/vegetable salad; Dick Uyemura, fish fins, fish belly. Ed Tamanaha set up the retirees golf club's smoker/grill with firewood, dry leaves, charcoal ready for Tad Sakai to light it up. A short meeting was held to dis-

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cuss and approve increase in jackpot and ball awards, play at Waialae Country Club with members Fred Ida, hold a match play tournament starting July 31, as qualifying date, entry in AJA Veterans Council Golf Tournament at HICC, July 25, 1986. The 19th hole this day was a huge success. Thanks to Herb Isonaga who chaired this affair. Champ Suzuki who couldn't come out to golf but showed up for the 19th hole,--he didn't want to miss it.

Future golf dates for our Retirees Golf Club are: June 19th, Pali Golf Course and 19th hole at the upstairs clubhouse (Speed Tanna, chairman); July 17th Makalena, 19th hole at Mike Tsugawa's backyard; July 31st Ala Wai, 19th hole at the 442nd Veterans Clubhouse and August 21st Pali, 19th hole at the upstairs clubhouse.

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Okazaki Park and Heian Shrine in Kyoto. They didn't get to see the bawdy behavior often associated with sake and sakura.

Masato and Mitsuye Inouye have joined the 442 Dance Group at McKinley High School under the tutelage of Michio and Shinako Takata and competent assistants Masaru and Jessie Nakamura and Joe and Peggy Obayashi. The not inexperienced Inouyes are now reviewing international waltz and cha-cha. The 'E' company dance class has vacated Chaplain Higuchi's Pearl City Church and combined with the 442 group due to the retirement of instructors Wayne and Helen Sumimoto.

We saw a Medics couple doing their walking exercise on Vineyard Blvd. one morning. He was wearing the sport shirt and cap (with caduceus insignia) that were donated by Tom K. Nishikawa to all Medics who attended the last NVR convention on Maui. Although he gave us the hi sign, we failed to recognize him. As the old folks used to say in the vernacular, me-toosanu; the eyes become distant with age.

We went to Punchbowl for the Ellison Onizuka burial service. Several hundred people were present to pay their respects. The service was very impressive, beginning with the Air Force honor guard escorting the Hoso Mortuary Hearse into the cemetery and ending with the missing man flight of the Air National Guard fighter planes. The service left scores of people teary-eyed. Onizuka will be buried near Ernie Pyle, the famous World War II reporter. From the 442 Minetatsu and Gertrude Saito were also present at the ceremony.

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the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was temporarily assigned to Saipan to establish a "station" thereat from his permanent home base in Lihue.

Haruto and Kikuye Harada's travel plans call for a trip to Kansas City, Missouri, this year. Morio & Rachel Omori made the rounds of golf courses in Napa Valley, Reno and San Diego after visiting San Francisco on a trip which began on May 20th.

Wilfred Watanabe will maintain the home front while Frances visits her relatives in Idaho Falls. Daughter Christene Dee Dee, is scheduled to be the Physical Ed Teacher at Kaimuki High School this fall. Dee Dee's husband, Curt is attending U.H. Medical School at present.

"Lifetime" Chapter President, Katsumi Sakotani, will be retiring at the end of the year. After getting his yard into first-class shape he plans to relax in Las Vegas.

At the May monthly dinner meeting the chapter members voted to sponsor a "Ladies Appreciation" teahouse party on Saturday, August 9th, at Natsunoya. The Chapter will cover the \$18 cost for each spouse in attendance. Our faithful and efficient chapter secretary, Takamori Miyagi, will be calling on each member for a head count prior to the annual event. The happenings at this annual get-together will be covered in the next issue of the "Go-For-Broke" bulletin. Arrivadecci!

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or a poly or a fairie, you whipped out cash. Thus the name. Tsuka and Fred started out strong but by the time they teed off on the back nine the early morning wake up and the strenuous three hour drive began to take its toll. Ted and Roy began to take back all of our earnings from the front nine which was considerable. On the very last hole, Roy eagled to make the money exchange come out exactly even.

So what was the big deal? Why did they want the results of this golf game reported in this bulletin? This is what they said: We don't want you to report that you beat us....because we tied you. Okay, but remember Fred did not have Mike Shiraishi for partner and that combination has yet to lose to the usually hospitable bandits of L.A.

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decided on this trip to the Islands. "Colorado" Hirasaki thinks retirement is building his own empire and staying healthy to enjoy it. He also wants to travel and meet people and gather new ideas to add to his empire.

MAC NISHIMOTO was another recent visitor from Seattle, Washington. He was here for his niece's wedding. Although he underwent by-pass surgery recently, he maintains his daily walks to the YMCA, interacts with his buddies, does a few calisthenics, and walks leisurely homeward. He also takes trips to Tahoe and Reno for excitement. As Tommy says, "think young" and that's what Mac is doing.

"TEE" SUGITA of Sierra Madre, California, has found a new home in his retirement. To keep himself occupied, he has returned to work as a consultant, and with his wife KAY, he is also involved with movie acting. The next time, we must remember to ask him in what movies he has made his great appearances.

We'll be seeing you in the next issue. Until then, ALOHA to all!

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA ADOPTS INSCRIPTION CHANGE ON CEMETERY MARKERS

The Veterans Administration has added "U.S. Army Air Corps" to the list of inscription for veterans' gravemarkers placed in national and private cemeteries, which the VA provides at no charge.

Prior to the change, personnel who served in the Army Air Corps were identified as having served in the U.S. Army since the Army Air Corps were established in 1926, and the Army Air Forces in 1941, were elements of the U.S. Army. The U.S. Air Force was not established as a separate service until 1947.

Until now, inscriptions indicating services in the U.S. Army Air Corps or Forces were allowed only as additional items on a VA headstone or marker at private expense.

Sam A. Tiano, director of the Honolulu VA Regional Office, said the change was made since the organizations involved eventually became a separate branch of service. He emphasized, however, that the new policy is only for future requests and would not be retroactive to existing markers.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

LIFE INSURANCE INQUIRY SYSTEM

Sam A. Tiano, director of the VA Regional Office, Honolulu, announced that United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI) and National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) records are now available to veterans benefits counselors through a recently computerized insurance inquiry system. Tiano further stated that "what this means is that veterans in Hawaii who have questions concerning their USGLI/NSLI can now call the regional office for answers instead of writing to the insurance center in Philadelphia, PA or St. Paul, MN." Veterans who need to know when the next premium is due, their loan balance on the policy, the interest due on a loan, the status of their dividend, the amount that is being deducted monthly, and any other questions relating to their active life insurance may get these answers by calling the regional office.

Tiano also recommends that veterans review their beneficiary designations to be sure that the individual they desire to receive the proceeds of their life insurance is their current beneficiary. If they are not sure who their designated beneficiary is or have not made a current designation, he suggested that they visit or call the regional office for assistance in updating their beneficiary designation. Tiano urged all persons with USGLI/NSLI to feel free to visit or call the regional office if they should have questions. The regional office is located in room 1204 of the PJKK Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu. The phone number is 546-8962 if you're calling from Honolulu, 961-3661 (direct) from the Big Island, and 1-800-232-2535 (toll-free) from Kauai, Maui and Molokai. Veterans in Guam and American Samoa should contact their respective veterans affairs offices for assistance in making an inquiry to the regional office.

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- Q - I am receiving VA compensation and claim my sixteen year old daughter as a dependent. My daughter is going to have a child next month. Will I be able to claim the child as a dependent on my award?
- A - No. Your daughter's child cannot be considered your dependent for VA purposes.
- Q - My father is sixty-eight years old and a World War II veteran. How would he go about applying for domiciliary care?
- A - VA dimiciliaries provide care on an ambulatory self-care basis for veterans disabled by age or disease who are not in need of skilled nursing home services or hospitalization. Applications may be made at any VA office. Prior approval is needed for admission.
- Q - I am the widow of a veteran who died five years ago. Can I still apply for a widow's pension?
- A - Yes. There is no time limit.
- Q - While a patient in a VA medical center I received a small amount of money for participating in a work therapy program. Will this affect my income limit for receiving VA pension benefits?
- A - Yes. Earnings from VA sponsored compensated work therapy or incentive therapy program constitute income for VA pension purposes.
- Q - Is income from an annuity or endowment insurance considered income for VA pension purposes?
- A - Yes. Gross amounts of an annuity or endowment will be considered income as received.
- Q - My ex-husband receives disability compensation. Our 10 year-old son lives with me. Can I receive some of the compensation for my son?
- A - You may apply for an apportionment of your ex-husband's compensation by contacting your nearest VA regional office.
- Q - I own a manufactured home on a rented lot. I would like to purchase a lot for it. Can I do this using the VA guaranteed loan program?
- A - Yes. A VA guaranteed loan may be used to buy and improve a lot on which to place a manufactured home you already own and occupy.
- Q - Does the VA grant loans to start a business?
- A - No. The VA does not offer a business loan. The Small Business Administration has a number of programs designed to assist veterans.
- Q - Under the Privacy Act of 1974 may the current monthly rate of any VA benefits received by a veteran be released to a third party without the veteran's consent?
- A - Yes.
- Q - May I borrow on my Veterans Group Life Insurance policy?
- A - No. Your Veterans Group Life Insurance is a term insurance policy and does not develop a cash or loan value.

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written into a coherent draft by the coordinators and will be given to the chapters for review and consultation. Currently, we have a few chapters participating; more volunteers are needed. We hope other chapters will follow soon and join this core group and complete this project by late 1986.

It seems to me, one of the bottom lines to this project is this: an opportunity to capture in a written form a strong description of the human side of war as encountered by a group of special individuals as they address the many conflicts of life experiences. This set of information or experiences may not be found elsewhere, but, through this project, could now be shared with others. It is indeed another way to "preserve and perpetuate the spirit of the 442nd tradition."

UPDATING OUR CLUB BY-LAWS

An ad hoc committee was appointed recently to update the current by-laws of the Club. It was charged with the responsibility of reviewing current provisions of the by-laws and recommending changes, if apropos, to the Board and, subsequently, to the general membership. Recently, questions were raised on issues of membership qualification and definition and on family assistance programs. Members of the committee are: Kats Miho, Chairman, Ronald Yamashiro, Akira Fukunaga, Stanley Kaneshiro, George Nakasato and Bob Sasaki.

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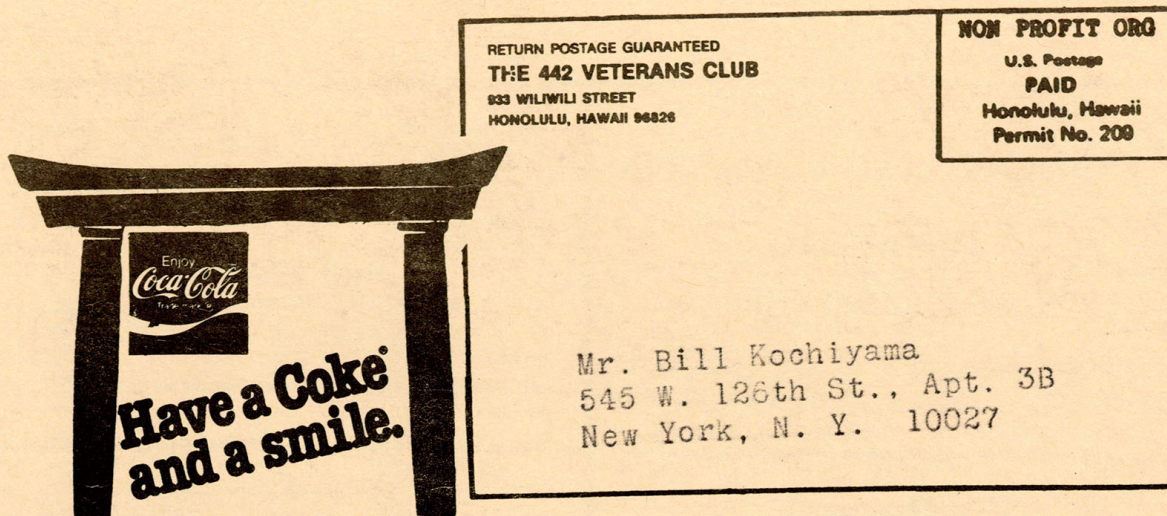
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