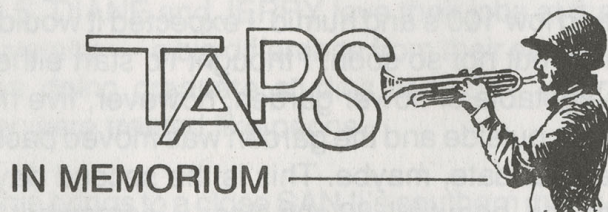


When you recognize "tranquillity," the aesthetic contemplation of poverty in *Sabi* and *Wabi*, you can begin to write specifications for a *Shibusa* syndrome. For inherent in *Shibusa* are quite well-formulated theories about which colors and how intense; the ratio of dark colors to light; what kind of pattern; the ratio of pattern to plain; the amount of sparkle and glitter; the ratio of shininess to dullness and what kind of materials. *Shibusa* always relates to nature and natural materials. It avoids the artificial in every sense and relies instead on the inherent beauty of things.

In every sense, aesthetic truth or our involvement with life are imbued by nature. Therefore, it is necessary to recognize and understand other qualities in nature.

Ri (natural principle) and *Ji* (the activity, the formalization of which was originally *Ri*) are so prevalent in our daily lives and yet we are not aware of these qualities. The concept of *Yin* and *Yang*, the spatial forces of the universe are constantly directing our lives but we do not understand that the basis of every living process in nature is an inner contradiction and the living quality of an image is generated by the tension between these forces.

(Next issue - the concept of *Ri* and *Ji*, *Ying* and *Yang*.)



PAUL UEHARA, a Service Chapter member, passed away on February 27, 1994.

HAROLD M. MIKUNI, HQ3rd Chapter member, passed away on April 4, 1994.

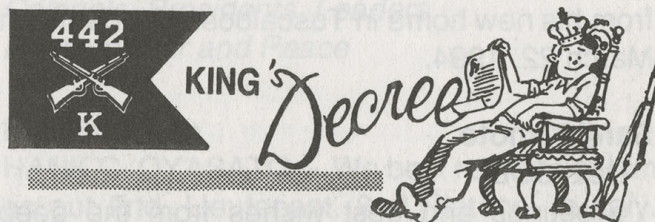
HANK OYASATO, a Fox Chapter member, passed away on April 6, 1994.

MORAN SUEYOSHI NOJIRI, a Love Chapter member passed away on April 14, 1994.

RALPH NAKANISHI, a Fox Chapter member passed away in the early part of 1994.

KEN MATSUDA, a George Chapter member, passed away in the early part of 1994.

MASA FURUGEN, an Item Chapter member, passed away in the early part of 1994.



By **J. H. SHIMAMURA**

Reaper

It was bad enough seeing the grim reaper take it's toll day after day, with the first squad, first platoon averaging the loss of 1 rifleman a day. The squad ended up with one rifleman walking out of the woods with the end of the lost battalion ordeal. But the devastation continues to plague the squad as we lose two more of the boys during the close of 1993. We salute and bid farewell to **WILLIAM KOCHIYAMA** who was one of the 1st squad originals from Camp Shelby and **TOICHI "TOI" DOI** who joined the squad as a replacement in Aix, France, just before we hit Bruyeres and that devastating lost battalion ordeal. TOI being that big fellow he was, was assigned as a BAR assistant to the BAR boss, **HUGH TAHARA** and made it thru this ordeal without a scratch ending up as a farmer upon his discharge and toiled the soil in Selma, California, bidding farewell to all from this little town to be followed shortly by his wife. **WILLIAM KOCHIYAMA** one of the few who joined the outfit from the "Big Apple" went thru this ordeal with hardly a scratch, a rarity for a rifleman, ended up in New York and passed away at age 73 or pneumonia on October the 25th of last year. The grim reaper continues to take it's toll even in the peace and quiet of retirement. Take care & E-Z does it.

Alabama

Was bad enough, losing the 1st battalion but here we lost another one as we waited month after month with fingers crossed to hear from SANJI KIMOTO, whose last message to yours truly was "will keep in contact once settled in ole Alabama." It finally came and it was a long one, not in Braille but typewritten to perfection. With SANJI's permission we would like to print this masterpiece of a manuscript as he sez hello from his new home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on March 22, 1994.

Sanji Kimoto

Dear JOE:

Greetings and best wishes from the deep south in the heart of Dixie and from an eight-month Alabamian! (*Only eight month's and he's already calling himself a rebel!*) On July 5, after bidding farewell to Long Beach, my home for 40 years, my brother SAM and I drove up to his house in Martinez, where I had planned to spend about a week to ten days then head off to Tuscaloosa. However, about a week before, the young'uns and SAMMY tried to convince me I should go to Hawaii again before going South because I was never going to be nearer to the Islands in a long, long, time. Moreover, SAMMY was set for a trip to Hawaii in August and suggested he could move up his reservation and we could go together. And to top it off - being a frequent flyer, taking at least one trip to Kagoshima, Japan to visit his 97-year old father-in-law over the past four years, he has accumulated enough miles to his credit for a free round trip to Hawaii, which he transferred over to me. Well — I was convinced. (*SAMMY's a terrific brother, isn't he?*) In July my daughter and son-in-law, driving their own cars and taking my dog with them, started on the long four and a half day trip to Alabama. They drive across Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, part of Texas, across Louisiana, Mississippi, and then Tuscaloosa, stopping in Phoenix, Albuquerque, Oklahoma City, and Jackson. Traveling mostly at night because of the hot summer weather, they encountered no problems, mechanical or other.

After spending a dew days with my brother HAROLD in Pearl City, (*How come we didn't hear from you?*) we (the three of us) went over to the Big Island, where we visited relatives in Pahala and in Kona, and some friends in Kukuihaele and in Honokaa an old family friend, now 93-years old, healthy and active, for excitement goes at least three times a year to Las Vegas and sits before a dollar slot machine ten to 13 hours at a stretch. No wonder Las Vegas loves Hawaii's people. GEORGE KANEMOTO (Co. G) is a guy whom we used to work in the sugar cane field, cut cane, poison grass, happaiko, and all that good stuff. Being frozen on the job when the war started, we certainly welcomed the chance to join the 442. Of the twelve young guys that volunteered, seven were selected and luckily all seven came home alive. Incidentally, his sis is VELMA who used to raise orchids in Kailua (*he meant Kaneohe*). I was really surprised to see her at Hale Koa on Company night but didn't have a chance to talk with her, just enough to say hello and good-bye. (*Widow of the late HENRY "MUSTARD" OSHIRO, VELMA was heading for the H Company affair.*) I meant to ask about her but forgot. Anyway, she and my sisters were pals in town.

I arrived in Tuscaloosa on July 25 in the heat of the summer — and boy, was it hot — high 90's and low 100's and humid. I expected it would be hot, but not so soon. I thought I'd start either a vegetable or flower garden, however, five minutes outside and the garden was moved back to a later date, maybe. This is the second day of spring, beautiful, 80 and clear — somewhat like Southern California without smog. All of our lawns in the neighborhood, which have been brown and dormant for about five months, are turning green again. The trees and shrubs are sprouting green leaves and flower buds too. Even the bugs, crickets, katydids, tree frogs (*What about chiggers?*) — very quiet during the cold winter — are serenading again. So there is a definite change in the weather, a welcome one. The people are nice and friendly and love to talk; they like veterans and respect them, so I'll do okay. When SAMMY was here for a week

in December, he and I went walking on the golf course behind our house. A guy stopped us, pointing to my brother's U.S.C. jacket, why he was wearing that in exclusive Alabama Crimson Tide territory. After ten minutes of shooting the bull, he invited us to lunch, although his wife was out. He offered to make some peanut-butter sandwiches. Well, peanut butter — we had lunch not too long ago, so declined his offer.

The VA Med Center follows me for my history of colon cancer, and if any more surgery is needed — I hope not — then I go to Birmingham. Mostly hakujin, the hospital is very nice and conscientious, always ready to help. The librarian at the public library has been loading me up with books on southern culture, society, history, etc. This southern is trying to get used to the lifestyle hereabouts, which is not so very different from California. The big difference is the absence of Filipinos and Asians, but in time they'll be bound to be around here too. By the way, I haven't come across a nisei or sansei with a southern drawl yet.

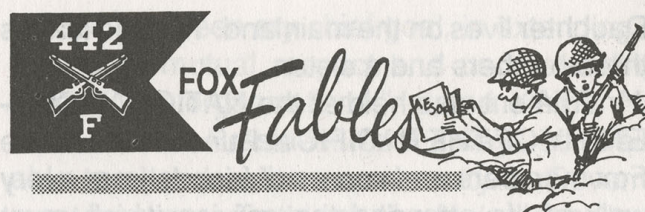
And so you all, this brings you up to date since I last saw you and until I learn the southern drawl, as they say around here — you all take care now, y'hear?

So Long,

SANJI

P.S. DIANE and JERRY love their jobs at the University — a big difference from their student days doing graduate studies at U.S.C. when they were treated like peons.

This brings to a close SANJI's southern manuscript, the best written or rather best typed letter I've ever received over all these years of correspondence. That southern atmosphere must be giving SANJI's thinking cap a good shaking up. Should you find the time, which the majority of us must have plenty of, write to this newest southern at the following address: SANJI KIMOTO, 5810 Bradford Lane, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35405. Better yet, on your next travel south, drop in on this Tuscaloosa address. Till the next one, like SANJI would now say, You all take care now, hear?



BY RON OBA

*Venerable Leaders,
Colonels, Presidents, Leaders
Roots in War and Peace*

In Memorium

HANK C. OYASATO - We best remember him as our 2nd. Lieutenant, 2nd Platoon, in Italy. Then promoted to 1st. Lt. to Captain OYASATO, Company Commander, F Company. After returning to civilian life he worked at the U. S. Customs Office at the Honolulu International Airport and later served as the Selective Service Director in Honolulu and San Francisco. According to TOM KAWAGUCHI, it was HANK who first planted the idea of founding the Japanese American National Museum Society and helped in the formative years of the Society, when it was first known as the "Go For Broke, Inc.". He also continued his military career by enlisting in the Officer Training School at Fort Benning, Ga. and promoted to the rank of Colonel.

On February 22, 1994, he had to have an open heart surgery to replace a leaking valve and although he was confined for 29 days he came through O.K., said NATSUE and was discharged on March 23. He spent an uneventful week at home but then had a massive cerebral hemorrhage and was readmitted on 3-31. NATSUE confided that the day HANK died he had a peaceful look over his countenance and did not seem to show the cumulative sufferings of the past several years with his debilitating arthritis and he peacefully bid us Aloha on April 6, 1994.

He leaves behind NATSUE and their two adopted children, a son, Dan C. and a daughter, SUSAN ARECLITE. His son is a lawyer working in KEITH KANESHIRO'S Prosecutors Office.

Daughter lives on the mainland. He also leaves three brothers and a sister.

Inurnment was held at the NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC at Punchbowl. Active Fox members and scores of friends from every walk of life attended the service which must have overwhelmed the immediate family. An impressive military service with the passing of the American Flag to NATSUE, the three gun salute and the playing of taps were just tribute to a wonderful friend, buddy, and an officer of the men of Company F.

HANK's legacy will be remembered and viewed forever as long as veterans and friends can watch the re-runs of the movie "GO FOR BROKE," which was filmed in the early fifties. If offsprings and grandchildren can carry on the genes and DNAs of one's lineage, HANK's immortality will be as Sgt. OHARA in the film, "GO FOR BROKE" with VAN JOHNSON. Fox one to Fox Six, over! .

April Meeting

We couldn't make the minimum required to meet at the Wisteria meeting room so we changed to meet at their neighbor's Zippy's bar since they don't serve liquor until after 11 o'clock. Management was very accommodating and set up the bar room with tables and chairs to a meeting mode. So what happens? Over 30 members and wives show up and some had to sit in the booths to get their breakfast and the meeting became incidental. President RICHARD MURASHIGE has taken the reins in style and sends us reminders and agendas for the coming months. He confided that DOROTHY is really the one who does all the reminders. Don't forget our next dinner meeting at the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel. "Why Waikiki?" asked someone. Dinning room manager, a friend, offered a good deal, that's why.

Four Past Presidents

Past presidents of the 442nd Veterans Club were honored with a *KANSHA* Memorabilia at the 1994 Annual Banquet held at the Ilikai Hotel. Among them were four Fox Company members

who served the Club as presidents as follows:
MICHIO TAKATA, 1972
KATSUJI NAKAMURA, 1977- 78
GEORGE NAKASATO, 1985-86
RONALD OBA, 1992-93

It seems appropriate to further enlighten our members of their accomplishments on a chapter and club perspective.

Michio Takata

MICH served as the 23rd president of the Veterans Club. He was born in Paauhau, Hawaii to the delight of KAZUO and HATSUNE TAKATA on May 30, 1917. That makes him one of the elders of the Fox Co. on Oahu. I wondered why his golf game was getting shorter and shorter while he excelled at the game in his youth. He earned a BS and MS degrees in Marine Biology by 1953.

As the Director of the Fish and Game Division, he served as a consultant to the United Nations Development Program and traveled extensively through the South Pacific in the Trust Territories. SHINAKO and MICH conceived three boys who presented them with five grandchildren, all girls! How can that be? Three boys, followed by five females. Guess the X and Y chromosomes never got assimilated to produce a balanced ecology.

As a volunteer of the 442nd RCT and a member of F Company, he received a battle field commission as a Second Lieutenant, then promoted to First Lieutenant on July, 26, 1945. As a reserve officer, he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His arsenal of brass includes the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge with the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Contribution as President: 442ND VETERANS CLUB hosted the Goodwill Sumo Tournament in Honolulu featuring the top sumotoris from Japan, including Hawaii's TAKAMIYAMA.

Members, spouses and relatives went on a 23-day tour of Japan highlighted by an audience with the CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO and PRINCESS MICHIKO at the Togu Gosho Palace in Tokyo. He had the honor of representing the 442nd Veterans Club in extending greetings to

the Royal Couple in an hour long reception which he says, "The experience with the Royal Couple was by far the apex of our trip to our ancestral land."

He also formed the 442nd Ballroom Dance Club and served as the dance instructor for 9 long years at a time when burglars surprised a few dance clubs in community centers by ordering the couples to undress and toss their jewelries, money and personal belongings to the bandits as they fled with the loot. These burglaries were big news then and fortunately MICH and his instructors, JOE and PEGGY OBAYASHI, BIGGIE and JESSE NAKAKURA and wife, SHINAKO were never "struck" by the burglars.

Finally he served as the General Chairman of the 1979 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Honolulu.

Katsuji Nakamura

Born on Boy's day in Kakaako among the flying carps, KATS must have inherited the strength and stamina associated with the drinking of the blood of the carp. Ironically, a large pond in the Kakaako-Sheridan area grew beautiful Lotus blossoms inhabited by Orange, white and black carps. From Washington Intermediate he went to McKinley High and was caught at the UH when the war started. After the War he graduated from an Air Conditioning and Refrigeration School in Chicago. His forte was in air conditioning engineering and sales.

His Presidency in 1977 had its reward as he became part of a delegation of High School Baseball All-Star that barnstormed cities in Japan all the way to Okinawa and back. There he saw Sadaharu Oh hit one out of the stadium and for the first time in 15 years he met some of his relatives from Moji, Fukuoka.

KATS says that his tenure as President was uneventful as to personal accomplishments. However he nurtured the relationships with the community and participated with community organizations to foster Public Relations. He feels strongly that the President must be humble at all times especially when representing the 442nd Club.

"This has been my chief goal, in extending a feeling of mutual respect and understanding among the organizations," stated KATS. He feels that the President must always be available to attend various community or Government functions. To this end he feels that he has done an outstanding job of religiously attending the functions.

George Nakasato

As the 31st President and following the steps of past presidents, he provided a level playing field to maintain the integrity of the decision making process at all levels. He worked closely with the Board and its Executive staff and carried out planned goals, including the need for outreach to the various community groups.

For example, he began the articulation of exploring the future role of our Sons and Daughters into our organizational structure as he recognized them as an important targeted group. At the 1983 40th and the 1993 50th Anniversary Reunion members noted, "A surprising number of those born after WW II still do not fully understand the importance and impact of the 442nd." It was further cited in one of the local dailies that, "There is still a continued need....to remember what conditions were like....how far we have come and how far we still have to go to achieve the dreams of equality and social harmony that grow out of our 442nd experiences."

GEORGE says that, "Some things ring a bell," namely:

(1) An issue that supported the need for a long-range development plan of the Club. A proposal to merge with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii involved the potential transfer of our property and facilities plus a partial sharing of management rights to JCCH, and in exchange, a life-long financial support to the Club. It was a major issue confronting the Board since the establishment of its Charter. This question was widely disseminated and thoroughly debated and in the final analysis the proposal was rejected.

Questions of perpetuity, the division of property and its assets; as well as the future of the

Sons and Daughters posed enough perplexing concerns that a Long-range Planning Committee was established and chaired by GEORGE who served for 5 long years.

(2) "...in words pressed onto paper lie man's best hopes of doing something more than merely surviving." JOHN HERSEY

In 1985 Drs. DOROTHY MATSUO and GLENN GRANT proposed to develop an oral and written anthology of the "Human side of War" and to provide, "Insights, not only into what it means to be a Japanese American, but what it means to survive the threat, attraction and upheaval of massive conflict." The Board accepted the challenge and asked for volunteers from each chapter. The project was completed in 1992 in time for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Curator Dr. H. LANGLEY, Smithsonian Institute, was invited to the 43rd Anniversary to talk about the plan to honor the Japanese Americans as part of the Bicentennial Observance of the US Constitution. The exhibit was titled, "Justice to all: Japanese American and the Constitution." The exhibit opened in the Fall of 1987. It also contributed to the ELLISON ONIZUKA Scholarship and Museum program and presented a joint Resolution of Remembrance to the family at the memorial services in Kona.

(3) Community involvement and support by 442nd members: Participated in the Kanyaku Imin Centennial with the planting of 1000 trees at the National Cemetery of the Pacific attended by PRINCE HITACHI and PRINCESS and other Imperial Highnesses.

The Hawaii High School Baseball All Stars participated in a series of games with the Japan High School Baseball All Stars sponsored by the 442nd, Asahi Shinbun, and the Japan High School Baseball Federation. This series was initiated in early 1953 and headed by the late TOM KIYOSAKI.

The Club became closely associated with the US Army Museum, Fort DeRussy through the US Army Museum Society. A contribution of \$10,000 was made to perpetuate Hawaii's military heritage through a permanent 442nd Ex-

hibit. George served as a Board of Trustees, 1986-91.

(4) Growth of Auxiliary activities: The Ballroom Dance Club, the Retirees Golf Club, the Ukulele, Hula and Choral Club which performed before senior citizen's groups proliferated under its popularity at this time.

Perhaps GEORGE'S greatest accomplishment was the chairing of the 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1993 where 2,800 attended for their last hurrah.

GEORGE received his BA degree at UH, Master at Oregon State University and pursued Doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He retired from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Univ. of Hawaii.

Ronald Oba

He witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row from the shores of Aiea as the waves lapped at his feet. The ripples from this event had a tsunami effect on the rest of his life as he had to quit going to Iolani School but later graduated before volunteering for the 442nd. The sojourn in the army resulted in the publication of the book, "THE MEN OF COMPANY F, 442ND RCT," at the urging of its members. Originally, the mother club wanted every chapter to capture their stories on paper lest they forget. RONALD was a typical late-bloomer in the veterans club affairs as he did not join the Fox Chapter until his children had grown up. Actually he was busy fostering the Kailua Buddhist Temple as its supervisor for 13 years

Getting his BS degree in Physical Therapy from Washington U, St. Louis, Mo, he furthered his endeavors with a Masters Degree in Health Administration and served as Sr. V.P.,- Chief Operating Officer at Kuakini Hospital. There he visited many veterans of the 442nd, most notably, CHAPLAIN HIRO HIGUCHI.. BOB SASAKI alerted RON to the many veterans entering the hospital. RON later transferred to Hilo Hospital, eventually as its administrator

If it wasn't for the 50th Anniversary celebration, RON can say that his tenure as President

was uneventful. Not necessarily in order, he remembers some good things that happened.

By-law changes were made at one of the rare general membership meeting to embrace the Sons and Daughters as a bona fide chapter of the 442nd. The on and off efforts to establish a 442nd Foundation came to fruition with the appointment of HAROLD FUKUNAGA as the chairman and legal counsel of ROBERT KATAYAMA. The Archives-Research Center got its start with the granting of apartment 102 as their base of operations. The highlight of 1991 was attending the December 7th Memorial Commemoration on the Arizona Memorial and sitting behind then PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH. RON arranged for T.V. exposure and media interviews for many of the veterans with the help of ARNOLD HIURA. KHAI T.V station showed "A Moment in Time" episodes of a dozen veterans relating their experiences on screen.

He tried to revive the "Beer Bust" in order to foster closer relationship with the AJA Veterans council members but it turned out to be a real bust as the boys were not too interested in rubbing elbows with their fellow veterans when drinking beer or hard liquor became hazardous to your insurance premiums and DUI.

We supported BRUCE YAMASHITA, the Fort DeRussy Monument which is yet to be erected, the Japan-Hawaii baseball series which was a success if losing all the games mean anything, and the battle cry all over again to erase "JAP ROAD."

Finally RON has been involved in talking to students and Japanese as well as American Tourist about the 442nd's story. These include the Ethnic Studies students at the University, fourtimes, the American-Japanese studies group at Tokai University with GLEN GRANT, students on dinner cruise ships off Waikiki and most recently at Kamehameha School with TED TSUKIYAMA. KAM students were more interested in discrimination, and prejudices encountered by Japanese-Americans in the early days in Hawaii.

Writing a book on the exploits of the 442nd has

had many rewards.

Semi-Annual Golf - Mid Pacific Country Club

TOMMY TAMAGAWA, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, was able to solicit Fox members JOE TANAKA and DR. ROY IRITANI and good friend RAY HATATE to sponsor three four-somes for our SEMI-annual golf. Those participating were DOC IRITANI, TOMMY TAMAGAWA, SHIGE HIGA, JOE TANAKA, MICH TAKATA, BILL TANAKA, TOSHI TSUKAYAMA, ROY KUBO, RAY HATATE AND RON OBA. RAY AND RON worked at the Straub Clinic in the '50s and at the Honolulu Medical Group as Physical Therapists until they parted to pursue their own professions.

The overall winner with a net 70 was RON OBA. Second with a net 74 was TOMMY and tied for 3rd were JOE and DOC IRITANI with 75s. Front nine and back were taken by JOE AND TOMMY respectively.

Pot Pourri

HERBERT ISONAGA graciously donated to the Fox treasury in lieu of flowers on the occasion of HENRY OYASATO'S funeral. Thank you HERB.

MICHI AND I went to visit ROBERT MATSUSHITA at the Rehab Center after MICH TAKATA informed the members of his illness. Bob seemed listless and downhearted on my first visit in spite of MICH'S impressions that BOB was in fine spirits with an array of "monku, monku, monku." So MICHI AND I decided to visit again to cheer him up and by golly he was in fine spirits and complained that, "Those O.T's and P.T's sure make you work hard."

He'll be outta there in 4 weeks and back home for further rehabilitation and busy serving as one of the Vice Presidents for the JAPANESE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF MAUI.

Kauai FOX Fables

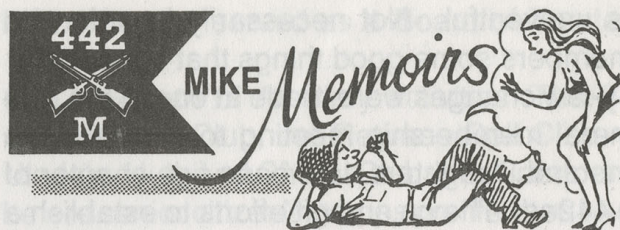
by YURI TASAKA

Of all places to find CLARA YAMASHITA - in Senator LEVIN'S office in the State Office Tower! As I was on a lobbying effort for a cause lost in the last session, I didn't get to chat much, but it was nice to be greeted by the cute smiling face of CLARA.

While in Aloha Airline's Executive lounge one day I came across the executive from Kona. You guessed it right. It was YAS DEGUCHI looking so holy after a Buddhist meeting.

MASA AGINA is a great-grandfather. Granddaughter KIRSTIE presented him with a great-grandson on March 5. KEKOAKAI McKENNA LANNING weighed in at 7 lb., 3 oz. MASA has started the reconstruction of his house in Pua Loke. True to his commitment after the devastation Hurricane Iniki, his rebuilt home will not have a second floor. It should be completed in a few weeks.

Life without WALLY to take care of the bills and the weeds in the yard keeps me on the fast track, but it has taught me to stay out of mischief. Just got through being production manager for the high school drama program for the semester. It was a play based on HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN's story "The Little Mermaid," retold as "My Love, My Love," by ROSA GUY and played on Broadway in New York as "Once on this Island." To balance my life I'm struggling to do a sensible job as moderator of my church. As I write this, I hear the Bobcat outside filling the dug-up area in the back preparing for a concrete foundation for an Additional Dwelling Unit. Why? I'm not sure. Wonder what WALLY is thinking! Bakatare, perhaps. And he may be correct.



by SHIRO AOKI

The End of an Era

All good things must come to an end and one of the very good things for all Mikers ended when YORI INOUE passed on the reporting baton to other not so capable, not so willing hands. We know it took a lot of time, a lot of dedication, and a lot of talent to keep us Mikers updated for three informative years. Thank you, YORI, for a job well done!

In With the New

When YORI informed us that she was stepping down as the Mike Chapter reporter, our Tuesday night regulars suggested three different names (all women) who might be willing and able to take up where YORI left off. Well, this was not to be as the women felt that it was about time that some Mike Chapter member (not a spouse) do what should have been done a long time ago. So it is that I will be your reporter "for better or worse, etc., etc." So if you please, I am receptive to any and all newsworthy items or choice bits of gossip about any and all Mikers.

Mike Chapter Meetings

If you guys don't know it already, this is to remind you that our regular Mike Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday night of each month at the 442 Clubhouse on Wiliwili Street. We need new faces to strengthen the hard core who have kept Mike Chapter alive for all these years. These long-time regulars are Chairman of the Board RALPH TOMEI; Entertainment and Social Director FRANK NOMURA; reliable and lifetime keeper of the books SHIGEO INOUE; sports enthusiast and tour conductor JIMMY KANEMORI; storyteller TOMMY KIKUCHI; good-looking ROBERT NAGATA; tall, lanky, DAV-upkeeper RALPH SHISHIDO; not-so-regular but

sometimes attendee, our past president veterinarian DR. WALLACE NAGAO; and yours truly, railroaded by, guided by, coached and advised by my chief guru, RALPH TOMEI. Boy! We lucky that we have a guy like TOMEI in our chapter.

Mike Chapter Personalities

A busy, busy, guy is PAUL TAKIGUCHI. He will be the next president of our mother club. On top of that, he was elected a commander in the last DAV last year; is representing the 442 on the Waikiki Natatorium Memorial Committee; is representing the 442 on the Board of Directors of the Japanese Cultural Center and still finds time to go to Vegas regularly to make his usual "kozukai" money.

Speaking of Vegas, one of our members just came back after hitting it big at one of the casinos downtown. She bought one roll of dollars and spent less than ten dollars when she hit the Black & Gold slots for \$10,000.00! Smart girl; she did not want to spend it quick like so she left it on deposit there for use on future trips.

Entrepreneurs

Mike Chapter has some enterprising spouses who are raking in the moola by using their spare time in making haku leis. Started by partners MITSUE SHISHIDO and ALICE TOMEI, they got more business than they could handle so they went out and got YORI INOUE, FREIDA KANEMORI, ELSIE TERUYA and JANET UMEDA to help out. Our genius in residence, RALPH TOMEI, designed a board to make the leis and now our ladies find it a rather simple matter to make haku leis.

If any of you Mikers need a lei or two for weddings, graduation, birthdays or other special occasions, give MITSUE SHISHIDO or ALICE TOMEI a call and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Out of Town Visitors

We were recently honored by a visit to our Island Paradise by SAM and ITSUE FUJISHIN of Seattle, Washington. They were not able to make it here for the 50th Anniversary celebra-

tions but did make it to the mini reunion in Las Vegas. As usual, RALPH TOMEI quickly rounded up a dozen people to host the FUJISHINS at a dinner get-together at the Pagoda Hotel. the FUJISHINS were joined by RALPH & ALICE TOMEI, YOSHIO & ELSIE TERUYA, JIMMY & FREIDA KANEMORI, SHIRO & EVELYN AOKI, ROBERT NAGATA, TOMMY KIKUCHI, and MAMORU FURUYA for a lovely evening of food, drinks, and talk story. The FUJISHINS brought along a case of apples and some beef jerky which they passed out to all the attendees. When they got home to Seattle, they wrote a personal letter of thanks to each one who were there for the dinner that night. That was a pretty nice class act on their part.

Also visiting here for a short while was SAM USHIO all the way from Nebraska.

The 51st Annual Banquet

The 51st Annual Banquet hosted by Sons & Daughters was held at the Ilikai Hotel and honored all of the past presidents of the Mother Club. Some 26 Mikers were in attendance along with ALICE BEPPU and her daughters MIKI. ALICE was there to receive the gift for the late TADAO BEPPU who was among the earliest president of the Mother Club. It was very nice to have ALICE out there with us again.

The 1994 "M" Co. Reunion

The 1994 "M" Company reunion will again be held at the Gold Coast Hotel in Las Vegas from November 1 - 6, 1994. So far, the erstwhile organizer and tour conductor JIMMY KANEMORI has signed up 44 people from the mainland and 13 from Hawaii. He is still looking for one more couple from Hawaii. Anyone interested, please give Jimmy a call. Payment must be made by July 1, 1994.

Till the next Bulletin, ALOHA!