

straight and narrow path (shogonai because that was his nature) and things like goofing off/playing the old army game, da kine stuff wuz pilau to him. Dat part he was rakudai sei. Enjoyed having more than just a few with the boys and as things heated up, he was a riot reminiscing about the good old army days. People that knew him well, never questioned his integrity because he was embarrassingly honest - baka shojikina.

He, like us guys, was attending chapter meetings. We lost a dear friend. He is survived by his wife HELEN, daughter ADRIENNE, sons GLENN and DAVE. Also grandchildren, brothers, and sisters.



by **HERB AKAMINE**

The June 22, 1994 meeting of the Medics was held at the 442 clubhouse. It was attended by TED MATSUO, WILFRED TAIRA, EDWARD ONAKA, JACK YAMASHIRO, HOWARD KOZUMA, ROY SAKATA, TAKASHI NAKAMURA, SUEO FUJII, CARL MIYABARA, and TOSHIKI TANAKA. The subject of discussion was the coming anniversary celebrations at Biffontaine and Bruyeres. President TED MATSUO informed the members of MRS. MITZI INOUE's substantial gift to the chapter. This was in appreciation of the member's aid during the family's recent bereavement.

There was another loss in the Medics' family a few months ago. YOSHIO KITSU's wife HANAE passed away in Kawasaki, Japan. MRS. KITSU was born in Kagoshima and grew up in Tokyo. She impressed us with her knowledge of Japanese history. She was especially well informed about the era of the hans.

MASA NOMURA returned to Seattle to see her old-time friends. She said she had a wonderful time with them and that HANA MASUDA seemed very happy. In October she will travel to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. She looks forward to seeing the masterpieces of the Prado Museum. She wished us a wonderful 50th anniversary trip to Bruyeres and Biffontaine, a trip without her late husband DICK she decided not to make.

VICTOR IZUI wrote that ex-Medic GEORGE MATSUMOTO passed away in July. GEORGE remained with the 1st Battalion when the 442nd went overseas. He later joined another unit in Europe towards the end of the war. He became a dentist with the VA after the war. VIC's letter continued, "attended the 4-day Red Bull Reunion last month held just west of Chicago and helped out at the Chicago Chapter Hospitality Room. The Red Bulls honored the 100/442 at the Saturday night banquet. TOORU J. KANAZAWA (author of "Sushi and Sourdough," formerly of Seattle and presently of New York, no relation to SQUEAKY) was to receive honors on behalf of the 442, but due to illness Nisei Post commander-elect SAM YOSHINARI, also Cannon Co., greeted and responded for the 442, after a standing ovation by the audience."

From the tone of his letter, it seems that VIC, a 442 and Korean War vet, will not be making the trek to Bruyeres and Biffontaine.

Remember DR. ED NAKATA? We met him at a Hanatei restaurant Sunday buffet breakfast. ED was in a pool of many excellent AJA dentists and physicians at Shelby in the early days of the 442. Because of the T.O. limitations, most of these professionals had to be reassigned to other units. NAKATA said he was sent to Fort Jackson, NC where he was assigned to the 130th Evacuation Hospital. He did not have much opportunity to practice dentistry with the 130th. He was more involved in the handling of the sick and wounded GIs. When the war in Europe ended, he found himself and the Americans facing the Russians in Austria.

ED and his father were one of the first issei-Nisei, father-son dentists in Hawaii. ED retired



from dental practice three years ago. He said government regulations were too much to cope with.

NAKATA was an avid gun collector at one time. He had one of the better collections in Honolulu until he decided to sell out.

442 karaoke singers JANET and SHIGERU GOTO have found a comfortable dining place at Restaurant Karyushi, formerly O-Masa. There the GOTOS meet many of Honolulu's best karaoke singers. One day the GOTOS put on an impromptu performance for the patrons. JANET sang "Mukai Kaze" and SHIGERU sang "Kitaguni no Haru," astonishing the listeners who had expected amateur performances.

DR. DONALD NAKASHIMA paints an idyllic picture of his existence despite some recent ailments (not unlike the rest of the vets who have entered the septuagenarian era). DON writes: "Haven't written to you for a while, so I thought I have better let you know that I am still alive. Had a rough time however. It started while we were on our cruise through the Panama Canal. I thought that I had gotten the "tourista" but it lasted for a long time. It made me weak and I lost appetite as well as weight. We got to Hawaii in late May but I still felt bad and weak. So I stopped all my medications and that stopped my "tourista." I gradually got better, good enough to go on the cruise to the fjords of Norway in July. We got home on the 10th of August to a family get-together - JAMES from Providence, RI, STEVE from Bangladesh, DONNA, MICHAEL, and grandson from Tucson. We had a great time together.

JOAN, myself, and son JAMES will be going on the 50th year 442nd reunion in Bruyeres in October with the Co. K tour which leaves SF on the 3rd of October for 17 days. Of all the tours, this seems to follow the path of the 442nd the closest. We start our tour in Rome and cover Pisa, Florence, Nica and end in Paris. HARRY ABE and JIM KANAYA will be going on this tour too.

Fell about 1 week ago at home and sprained my right ankle so have to depend on JOAN's driving to get me around town. Hope I am better

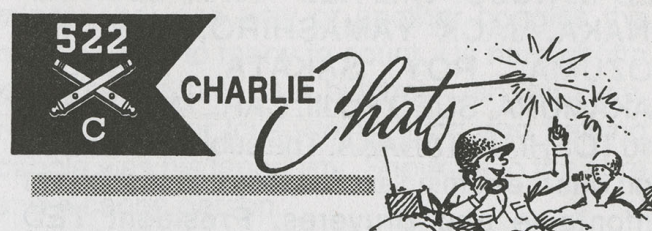
by October. Needless to say, my appetite is pretty much back to normal. Want to get back to my water aerobic class at the pool next week.

The temperature is finally catching up with us. It has been a very pleasant summer so far, but the last couple of days, it has been over 95 degrees. Fortunately, the humidity is low so it isn't bad but it has been a dry year. I think we are in for a warm week and the air conditioner will have to work overtime.

With all of this warm weather, the fruit trees have been ripening very fast. My daughter's plum and peach tree in her backyard have been very productive. Finished the plums about 2 weeks ago and now we are eating her peaches like mad (besides giving a lot away). Plenty of all kinds of melon and the sweet corn had been just great. The pears are just coming in also. This valley, San Joaquin, is most productive of nuts and fruits.

JOAN's sister's husband in Kailua is retiring from the pharmacy business in February, 1995 so we will be over to help him celebrate.

I think that there will be a big group going to the Bruyeres reunion. I was told that there will be over 800 people attending the function. Hope to see some of the guys over there."



by ED ICHIYAMA

On 6/30/94, ERNIE UNO (3rd HQ), WALTER MATSUMOTO and RODNEY YAMASHIRO (232 Engineers), BILL THOMPSON (2nd HQ), and I met with GLENN CANNON, UH professor of Theater, LINDA YARA, Kennedy Theater Costume Shop manager, and HEIDI SCHILLER, graduate student at the UH, at the 442 clubhouse. The meeting was requested by GLENN



CANNON, who will direct a play about the 100/442nd RCT called "Our Hearts were Touched with Fire." It was written by playwright ED SAKAMOTO, formerly of Hawaii, who presently resides in Los Angeles.

The play is essentially about the Japanese American experience during WWII. As stated in the Kennedy Theater brochure re: upcoming events, "the play follows the lives of a number of Japanese Americans from Hawaii and the mainland before, during, and immediately after the turmoil of the war years. In addition to portraying the victories, the play also reveals the madness and prejudice hurled at these men and their families by their fellow Americans."

In order to inject realism to the play, GLENN asked us to critique and to reinforce the script by recalling some of our personal experiences such as the actual language used by the veterans, particularly during combat. GLENN will consider our input and propose changes in the script to help the young actors who will portray the 100/442nd veterans.

My wife CONNIE, an internee at Tule Lake, and I subsequently met with ED SAKAMOTO, GLENN CANNON, and LINDA YARA at the Kennedy Theater to discuss CONNIE's experience in the internment camp. The meeting was fruitful because the play contains segments of internment life and was particularly helpful to GLENN.

The play will be shown at the Kennedy Theater on the UH campus from 11/4/94 through 11/20/94. Please make every effort to attend this show. It looks like a winner.

NANCY ARAKI and KAORU OGURI of the Japanese American National Museum of Los Angeles met with HIDE NAKAMINE, JOE OBAYASHI, NEAL NAGAREDA (522-B), TADASHI TOJO (522-A), TED TSUKIYAMA (442 Historian) and KOKOMO HOKAMA and SADA HIGA at the clubhouse on 7/27/94. This was a follow up meeting to plan for the 522 FA Bn exhibit which will be shown at the museum to coincide with our reunion in April, 1995. This project is well under way and NANCY and KAORU promise a first rate exhibit thanks to the

cooperation of the 522 members. However, they still welcome more photos, artifacts, news clippings, souvenirs, and other items of interest which the 522 members may have in their possession. If you have anything of interest to share, please call KOKOMO. If you want the museum to return your items, so indicate and they will be returned to you. If you wish to contribute your items to the museum you may also do that. KOKOMO also asks that you complete the military service questionnaire you received and to mail them in as soon as possible.

The 522 exhibit will precede the main event - a major exhibit depicting the role of the Japanese Americans from the Spanish-American War to the Gulf War with emphasis on World War II. This exhibit is scheduled for the summer of 1995.

SADA HIGA and STANLEY SAKAI are hard at work planning the logistics for our reunion in Los Angeles. All "C" chapter members should have received a registration form and a covering memo from our Los Angeles "C" chapter coordinator TAD TOKODA by now. If you have not, please contact SADA post haste. For those who have received the form, please respond as soon as possible.

You have also received a memo from SADA re: travel and transportation arrangements which should also be answered as soon as possible. This is crucial because the travel agent who is coordinating our travel needs a guaranteed head count to obtain a favorable group rate. Even if you are making your own travel plans, or you are contemplating a one way travel with the group, please respond and keep SADA informed. He needs your kokua.

JOE OBAYASHI, JERRY ISHIMOTO (522-B), CLAUDE TAKEKAWA (171), HENRY KUNIYUKI, JENNIFER BAKER (442), GRACE FUJII, ALAN KUBOTA (S & D), and KOKOMO and I met at the clubhouse to further discuss our plans for the 50th Anniversary of VE Day (52nd Anniversary of the 442) memorial service and banquet scheduled for March 25, 1995. Definitive plans are rapidly being made for both the banquet and the memorial service. To encour-



age greater participation from members, several changes will be made for the memorial service:

1. Leis for the widows will be handled by the individual chapters and not by the mother club.

2. Placing of American flags on deceased veteran's gravesites will likewise be handled by the individual chapters and not by the mother club.

For the banquet, ALAN KUBOTA of the Sons and Daughters will be the official photographer. Photographs may be purchased through the individual chapters.

The program for the banquet will be pretty much in line with the theme "Celebration of VE Day;" thus entertainment will be the focus for the evening. We will have pre-dinner Hawaiian music, after dinner entertainment by someone like PAT MORITA (who has been contacted) followed by the 111th Army Band (Hawaii National Guard) which will furnish patriotic music as well as the familiar nostalgic sounds of the 30's and 40's. A minimum of speech and lots of entertainment, music, and fun are promised so mark your calendar - March 25, 1995.

Bon voyage to "C" Btry participants to the Bruyeres & Biffontaine reunion. The following members and their spouses are attending the reunion, and also traveling to exotic places such as Nice, Dachau, Berchtesgarden, Donauworth and other places to retrace the 522's trek through Europe: HIDEO & SACHIKO SATO, BOB & TOMII ORITA, STANLEY & HELEN SAKAI, DR. BOBBY & BEA KIKAWA, RAY & FLORENCE KUNIMURA, HIDEO HIRATA, TSUTOMU & ROSE FUJIMOTO, TSUKASA & KAORU ISHII, NELSON AKAGI, and THELMA KOBATAKE (SHARKEY) and daughter YVONNE. These people will travel with other 522 FA members on a nostalgic tour through memory lane. To keep other members informed of the fun they missed, STANLEY SAKAI and DR. BOBBY KIKAWA have "volunteered" to chronicle the trip in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Auf Wiedersehen!



## by JACKSON MORISAWA

Reports on Howe Chapter activities have been few..and group activities have been covered before or through HARRY's chapter bulletin.

The only activity "hanging" is the Seattle/Canada get-together next year.

After going through some travel/tour possibilities, my experiences with Tauck Tours favor considering their Canadian tour offerings. Tauck Tours are considered as premier first class mode of traveling. The price, therefore, is more expensive. However, I think that first class service and accommodations are worth the price and we "old farts" should strongly consider our present situations - least hassle the better. Besides, we can't hold on that "thing" forever. "Splurge!" I say!

Tauck Tour's Grand Canadian Rockies is 11 days (10 nights). This tour includes "riding the rails" through the incredible beauty of British Columbia and Canadian Rockies (East and West bound tours).

Tour begins arriving in Seattle and staying at the Westin Hotels that evening (officially begins at 7:15 PM) for the welcome reception and dinner.

People will arrive at different times from various places (air fares outside of tour are separate - arrangements are made individually or as a group to meet at a certain time and place).

2nd Day: Seattle sightseeing and on to Vancouver, Canada (2 nights at Waterfront Centre). 3rd Day: sightseeing in Vancouver. 4th Day: leave for Victoria in the morning via ferry cruise ship. Enjoy quaint Victoria. Back to Vancouver in late afternoon and board the Canadian rail cars (sleep on train). 5th Day: Ob-



serve the spectacular scenery from the train and arrive at Jasper for 2 nights (Jasper Park Lodge, Canada's premier resort). 6th Day: Full day of leisure at Jasper Park. 7th Day: Drive through Icefield Parkway to Lake Louise. Arrive late afternoon for 2 nights at the fabulous Chateau Lake Louise. 8th Day: Visit Emerald Lake and delve in other activities. 9th Day: On to Banff and enjoy resort facilities and other activities. Stay at Banff Springs Hotel. 10th Day: Venture into town for shopping and other activities. There is time for golfers, too! Depart in mid afternoon for Calgary. Accommodations at Delta Bow Valley Inn. Farewell dinner and reception. 11th Day: Tour ends in Calgary - check out time, 1 PM. Transfer to Calgary Airport for Seattle (east bound tour). West bound tour is reversed and starts from Calgary and ends in Seattle.

Price per Person (Tauck Tours only) 1994 Prices  
June to August: Twin \$2480 Single \$3240  
(including 24 meals)

Sept. to October: Twin \$2360 Single \$2970  
(including 24 meals)

Spend 2 or 3 nights in Seattle to meet with Howe chapter members. Accommodations and price not available yet. For Las Vegas fans, another 2 or 3 nights at the gambling Mecca.

For those who do not wish to take the Canadian tour, you should work your own itinerary to coincide with the time and date in Seattle. However, accommodations in Seattle should be worked out with the Seattle committee.

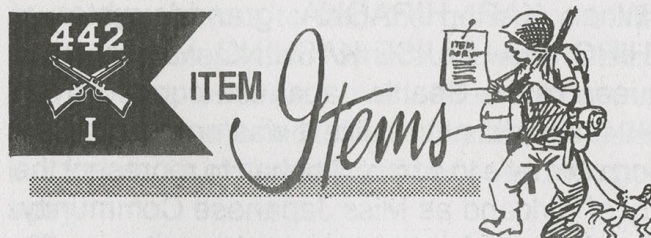
Ala Travel, who works closely with Tauck Tours, are looking into the Canadian Tour and air accommodations. They have been very thorough and accommodating in handling all the necessary elements for a complete tour.

All those interested should inform us as soon as possible.

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by **BRUNO YAMADA**

Our sincere thanks to MINORU SUZUMOTO for all his tireless effort in keeping our Item Chapter together all these years. His excellent articles in the Go For Broke Bulletin were always accurate and informative. His artistic savvy in decorating the Victoria Inn during our Christmas parties was much appreciated. He also did a wonderful job conducting the monthly I Company meetings during the absence of TERRY. The boys at the watering hole haven't been the same since MINO and BOB MIYAJI left us. It sure created a big void. The gang has now dwindled to STAN, HIRAM, MASA, ELE, HAYA, HAROLD, JOE, and BRUNO. DOT, ARNOLD, and LAURA must have suffered a lot but I am glad to hear that they are doing fine and going on with their lives.

ALAN KUBOTA, son of SADAICHI and AMY KUBOTA of Hilo was elected president of the Sons and Daughters of the 442 for 1994. Congratulations, ALAN, and may highest honors be bestowed upon you. ALAN was the official photographer during the 50th Anniversary reunion and I believe he is still our official photographer. This guy is a real professional in his own right. Lots of his works can be seen at the 442 clubhouse. He is the owner of Lenscape Photography, which he operates out of his home in Kaimuki. Incidentally, ALAN's predecessor was none other than GUY KOGA, who is one of the founders of the Sons & Daughters. GUY is still very active and is presently the 3rd VP of the mother club. GUY's younger brother GLENN is the assistant treasurer of the S & D and is presently with the Dispensing Department of the University of Hawaii. SMITTY and ELSIE must be very happy and proud watching their sons.



When KARI HIRAOKA, granddaughter of SHIRO and LOUISE KASHINO was crowned Queen of the Seattle Japanese community in 1994, she did not realize it was only the beginning of what's to come. She had to represent the city of Kirkland as Miss Japanese Community. The Journal American wrote that it was the communication skills that set HIRAOKA apart from the other contestants for the Japanese Community title.

KARI also participated in the Seattle Bon Odori and Memorial Services. She also was in Los Angeles for the Nisei Week Festival there.

In addition to her \$3000 scholarship, KARI will come to Hawaii to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival in March and head for Japan in May. KARI, who is a speech pathologist major, plans to work with children with traumatic head injuries. Keep up your wonderful endeavors, KARI, we are proud of you.

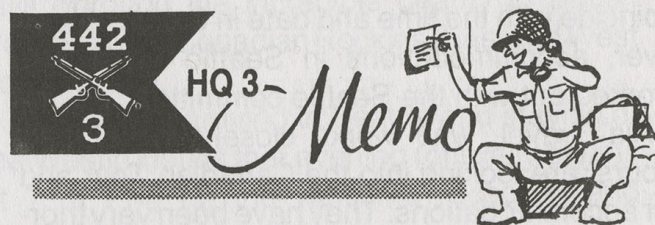
As far as I know, LARRY & MARIAN ISHIKAWA from Wahiawa and NOBO & ROSE IKUTA of Los Angeles are the only I Company members making the 442nd 50th Anniversary Tour to Europe. They will be escorted by RALPH CHINAKA and leave on October 12 visiting Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal.

TAKEO SUMA is making progress and recovering from a mild stroke which affected his walking and speech. May you have a speedy recovery and hope to see you at our gatherings in the near future.

We lost a dear friend when ROBERT MIYAJI passed away on August 15th. He was one of the founders of the Item Golf Club and participated in nearly all of our golf tours. Our deepest condolences to his wife MARGARET and to the rest of his family.

Company I Mini-Reunion 94 at the Four Queens Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on September 29 to October 3, 1994 is loaded with 240 participants. Golfing will be at the Angel Park Golf Course on September 30th and another eighteen holes will be played at the Las Vegas Golf Club on October 1st. On the evening of October 1st, a banquet will be held at the King's Pavilion.

Hawaii members attending are: M/M YUKI ARASHIRO, M/M TERRY ARATANI, M/M HIDEO ASATO, HIRAM DOI, M/M MAKOTO FUJIOKA, M/M KENNETH FUKUDA, M/M WALTER FURUKAWA, FLORENCE HASHIMURA, M/M WILLIAM HEE, M/M MASANOBU HIGA, M/M ISAMU HIRANAKA, M/M SAB ITAKURA, M/M MILES ITAKURA, M/M DONALD KAMEDA, IRENE KOHARA, M/M SHIG MATSUMOTO, WILLIAM NAGANUMA, M/M YUKIO NAGUWA, M/M TOGO NAKAGAWA, M/M MASA NAKAMURA, ELIZABETH NISHIOKA, M/M TED OGATA, DOROTHY OHARA, M/M RICHARD OSHIRO, M/M GEORGE OSHITA, M/M KAZUMA OYAMA, DALE PECK, M/M SUSUMU SAKAIDA, M/M CB SAKAMOTO, HIROKO SEGAWA, MOTOMI SHINDO, M/M WATARU SHIZU, M/M KIICHI SONODA, ICHIRO SUZUKI, BELLA NAGATOSHI, DOROTHY, ARNOLD, & LAURA SUZUMOTO M/M SUGURU TAKAHASHI, M/M KAZU TAKEKAWA, CHOSEI TAMASHIRO, M/M TOMMY UMEDA, M/M MITSUO YAKUMA, M/M HENRY YAMADA, BETSY YAMAMOTO, FRED HAYAKAWA, TOMOE MORI, ANN MORI, SHIZUYO YANAGIHASHI and M/M TOM AOKI.



by CHARLES WATANABE

### Meeting Notes - May 27th, 1994

Members of the Hq3rd gathered at HAJIME & HINAYO MATSUURA's residence approximately at 9 AM, to work on their annual project, which is to make floral bouquet to take to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. This project has become a long tradition with 3rd HQ. The short name list that we started with has grown. We hope and pray it stops there for a long



time.

The flowers and supplies to make the bouquets were from the members, everything home-grown, fresh cuttings. There were beautiful red ginger, bird of paradise, heleconia, and ferns, representing the love and care they thrived on. Special thanks to ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI for their generous donation of birds and ginger and to DAVID KAIURA for performing pickup and delivery services. Somehow this year we experienced shortage of female labor power...only HINAYO was present...but no problems there for we had a very capable group who knew how with their personal touch. Delivering the bouquets to each gravesite at the National Cemetery went smoothly, owing to the experience of past years.

An evening potluck, usually held on the special lawn of the MATSUURA's on Kapiolani Blvd., under the Honolulu city lights, and at times, amid blaring sirens, was moved to a new location, the recently completed family garage. This addition could easily serve as a multipurpose room with its spaciousness and privacy. Again it was a treat to have delicious grill NY-cut steak, for its goodness, the tasty Chinese style soyu chicken, and lots of healthy salads dishes and home-made desserts. The regulars attending were ERNI & GRAE UNO, SAM & HARUMI FURUYA, BILL & YAEKO KUWATA, TAKESHI & IRENE NAKAMURA, SMA & MICHIE SASAI, SHIGERU & JANET GOTO, JANET MATSUDA, FRANCES TSUBATA, DAVID KAIURA, ROBERT & EDNA KUNIYUKI, and CHARLES & CLARA WATANABE.

#### June 17, 1994

President FURUYA helped to arrange a buffet dinner at Beachcomber Restaurant with wives included. Tho located in the heart of Waikiki on Kalakaua Ave. and not being a regular patron of Waikiki establishments, I found it somewhat difficult to find my way into the parking structure. However, once inside the hotel lobby and as we entered the dining area, an appreciation of trying someplace different crossed my mind. The restaurant was quiet and comfortable. Adding to

our pleasure was to find the generous buffet table a few steps away where we were seated. The serving table was overloaded with something for everyone (including Hawaiian food....lau lau, kalua pig, poi, and stew) but sorry, no chop suey.

The evening was spent exchanging pleasant-ries while managing several trips to the buffet table. An observation of the evening, sitting next to SHIGERU GOTO, is I don't know where SHIGERU puts all the kau kau, plus the deserts, but he is definitely a man on a mission to taste every dish on the buffet table. Yet it is amazing how he keeps himself trim, and walks most of the time like he is in a hurry to go somewhere. Joining the regulars for this relaxing evening were TOMMY & ELAINE TAMASHIRO. Mahalo to SAM FURUYA for his efforts towards making the evening a success.

#### July 15, 1994

Hq3rd held its meetings at the clubhouse with SAM FURUYA presiding. Just listening with interest were DAVID KAIURA, HAJIME MATSUURA, SHIGERU GOTO, BILL KUWATA, ERNI UNO, SAM SASAI, CHARLES WATANABE, and FRANK ISHIKAWA.

ERNI UNO gave a report a few responses for the mini-reunion of 3rdHq for 1995. Feedbacks were: MARCELLA & JACK YOSHIKUMI - very interested and will be waiting for the day; DORIS & BUNNY PERLSWEIG - are fine and on a European trip and will not miss the mini-reunion whenever and wherever; KAY & MAY SATO - doing fine and hope and pray that they can make it; MIYO & JOE TABATA - will do their best to attend. JOE's health had been a little on the down side, but is recovering and coming along fine (We hope so JOE, and look forward to seeing you soon.)

#### August 21, 1994

Meeting was held at the clubhouse and like I said before, SAM FURUYA did not get a chance to cool off his care before the meeting ended. If it weren't for HARRY NAKAYAMA's attendance, there would have been just four of us. Namely