

look-alike of TANAKA KINUYE with his mutton chops. T.K. of course, is the detective in the Japanese series "Tokyo Airport Police Department."

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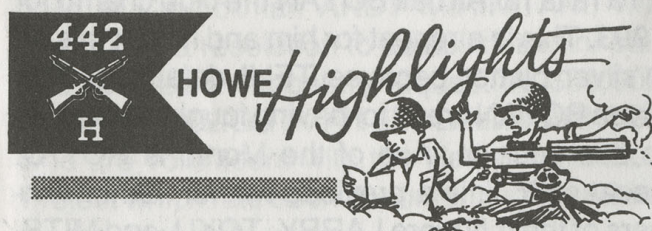
The final tournament of this year. An Ace of the Month and turkey shoot combined. 19 shooters with their shooting irons and shooting eyes competed for the turkeys or money equivalent. The largest bag was by MITS, armed with a 55 handi shot a net 65. Others won enough to buy bits and pieces of a bird and AKABO who shot a net 83 got the tail end. HAROLD UEOKA, STAN SAKAI, and SHARKEY KOBATAKE just went along for the ride because they do not have handi's. Ace of the Month naturally goes to MITS and that is not a hand-me-down Ace cause he didn't tie any previous winner but did it his way like FRANK SINATRA.

CP's on the par 3's: #4 TEIJI, #8 TED, #13 FRANCIS, #17 BOYAN. The 19th hole and year-end luncheon was at FRANCIS's Inn of the 6th Happiness.

Etcetera Etcetera

LARRY marks his ball on the green with a 1/2" steel galvanized washer. He just wants to make sure that nobody mistakes his ball mark. It's not that he's penniless because he bought the box of donuts. So use a silver dollar then.

MITs must have know he was gonna win for he donated enough dried shrimps for pupus at the 19th hole.



Maybe "good news is no news" is an appropriate adage for our bulletin. It seems that the obit column is a great source of news. Howe Chapter has had its share of bad news... the latest being the passing of VIOLET OKUHARA, SHO MIOTA, ROBERT KUBO, transplanted Hawaiian in Chi-

cago, and TAKAO HEDANI. Everyone loses a little something with each passing.

Other news: Howe L.A. bunch has been busy as usual with trips to Vegas in December and preparations for Kauai reunion next year in September. They have already signed up 17 members. There is also a happy celebration, the occasion of COLONEL and ANNE's 50th wedding anniversary. The L.A. bunch is going all out for this happy occasion.

YOSHI and HARRY KIYABU were L.A. recently and were able to get together with some of the members. They also had dinner with DAWN NAKASHIMA. YOSH and HARRY have been very generous in keeping in touch with DAWN these many year's since WALLY's passing. They also went to Vegas to deposit their money. BESSIE and CHARLIE joined them. When asked how they did in Vegas, they only smiled and said they had a nice time. That can only mean that Vegas is richer today.

There are many Howe members interested in the many European trips available next year which will include the 50th Anniversary celebration of the liberation of Bruyeres. Also the Kauai reunion is on the agenda. The Honolulu members feel that the 5 days in Kauai is okay for the mainland visitors, but too long for the island members. There should be two packages available. HARRY will be working on this suggestion.

There is also a get-together in Seattle on the agenda. But with all the trips available next year, we are in a dilemma as to where this trip should be placed in our calendar. The Seattle package will include visits to some Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Victoria, Banff, etc. YOSH FUJIWARA has been cooperative in helping to make this occasion a reality. He will be in charge of arranging the Seattle get-together portion. We will keep you informed with further developments. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

Don't forget the New Year Shinenkai. Ciao, ciao mein that is.



NELLIE and JOE SAITO of Ontario, Oregon will host the Hawaii Medics, wives, and widows at the China House in Honolulu on December 6. They have allowed president TED MATSUO to spend up to \$2,000 for the dinner. Before their Honolulu visit the SAITOS will attend an agricultural convention on Maui. This generous act will not be the SAITOS first one for their Hawaii friends. Several year ago they invited all the local Medics to a party at the Natsunoya Tea House.

At the November meeting of the Medics at the clubhouse the following members were present: TED MATSUO, ED ONAKA, ROY SAKATA, SUEO FUJII, TOSHIKI TANAKA, WILFRED TAIRA LIONEL IKEBE, and HOWARD KOZUMA. Discussed mainly was the 1994 Bruyeres-Biffontaine reunion. For the mainland Medics information, the principal local tour agents are Carlson Travel Network, 841 Bishop St. Honolulu, HI 96813 and European World Travel, 3175 Waiialae Ave., Honolulu HI 96816.

MASATO INOUE has been under the weather recently. He has had nagging problems with his back for some time. He has been undergoing diagnosis to determine his illness.

We met a 442 replacement Medic recently. He is LARRY IWAHASHI who served as a jeep driver for Dr. CALIFORNIA USHIRO who was the post-war Regimental MD. Before going overseas LARRY married a New York girl. He said doctored documents helped him meet the special requirements of a Medic. IWAHASHI played end on the 442 football squad and remembers teammate GEORGE MINATA well. He said GEORGE was a true battering ram. GEORGE then was freshly out of intensive training at Jigoro Kano's Kodokan, the Mecca of judo and the home of SUGATA (Saigo) SANSHIRO who battled the HIG (Higaki) brothers and another Ryukyuan Toku-Sambo who crushed the gigan-

tic foreigner who had humbled the native judokas. (Our former judo instructor Mr. HIDEO INOUE trained at the Kododan and also was a pupil of Toku-Sambo got to know Professor KANO. He said Mr. KANO visited Hawaii about 1935 after returning from the mainland U.S. where he had met with officials in an effort to make judo an Olympic sport). To this day IWAHASHI is grateful to GEORGE MINATA for the words of consultation upon the death of LARRY's father. He still remembers MINATA's exact words. He was very disappointed when the MINATAs had to cancel their trip to the 50th reunion because of the illness of GEORGE's mother.

A more than just another 442 death occurred in October. Friend KOZUN NAKATA of E Company passed away. About 500 people mourned his passing at the service at Nuuanu Memorial Park chapel. Many were veterans from different 442 units. There were vets from other outfits as well as numerous non-veterans. Several people came from the mainland U.S. Two E Company vets from California came especially for the funeral. One, MAS TSUJI, said NAKATA made it easier for the mainland boys to integrate with the Hawaii boys. KOZUN and his wife MILDRED were always welcomed warmly by the mainland E Company vets whenever they learned of the NAKATA's presence in the states. KOZUN NAKATA was so highly respected that when one of the mainland vets died some years ago, a GI photo of NAKATA was found in his wallet. He had carried the wartime photo for years and years.

We went to northern California in November. We saw FRANK YANO and his wife in San Francisco. The last time we saw them was almost 37 years ago. FRANK has not changed much. He still retains his strong features - large eyes and strong jaw. FRANK retired from the postal service in 1971. His wife says FRANK had enjoyed retirement, going fishing, etc. She herself is engrossed in senior citizen activities. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this year. Mrs. YANO is one of the few Californians who did not experience World War II concentration camp life. She was able to

evacuate to Minneapolis where he brother lived. FRANK's family went to the camps via Tanforan. YANO volunteered for the Fifth Cavalry in 1942. Transferred to the 442, he was the jeep driver for Dr. WALLACE KAWAOKA. YOSHIO KITSU was his back-up. FRANK says JACK YAMASHIRO of Hawaii drops in on him whenever JACK visits his daughter in San Mateo.

We found an excellent restaurant in Alameda, the KAMAKURA. It is an outstanding Japanese establishment patronized by different kinds of people. We discovered that the owner TETSUO YAMATO grew up in Lanai City. But YAMATO says he was born in Paauhau and remembers following around MITCH TAKATA when he was a 4-year old tot. Although he left Lanai City years ago he remembers 442ers RUSTY HONDA, MASA MORITA, the two OSHIRO brothers, the YAGI boys, and many others. He returned to Lanai last year when his parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. MAMATO spent 22 years in Japan working for the U.S. Navy. He was in charge of shipping naval supplies from Japan to Southeast Asia. He spent another 11 years in Germany doing the same thing. He has operated Kamakura since 1988. While his Japan-born wife efficiently manages the establishment he serves as the master chef. He says he has always liked cooking and did a lot of it as a child while his parents were busy eking a living working for Dole. YAMATO collects Honolulan OTSUKA's paintings. They decorate the Kamakura walls.

We went to the City Scape restaurant atop the Hilton Hotel to try their famed Sunday brunch. One could see all of San Francisco from the restaurant. Nothing in Honolulu compares with the food offered there. The oyster supply seemed to have been decreased noticeably. Of the "all you can eat menu" one fellow ate about a hundred oysters. He sued the restaurant when it limited him and won about \$100. This news came on in national TV.

One day we drove to Yosemite to view its monumental sights - El Capitan, Cathedral Rocks, Bridalveil Falls and the giant redwoods of Mariposa Grove. We had a forgettable lunch

at the well-known Ahwahnee Hotel. Snow had fallen the night before and the trees and ground were covered with a beautiful blanket of white - much more friendly looking than the miserable war-time snow of the Vosges. We would like to see Japan-born CHIURA OBATA's impressions in his new book "OBATA's Yosemite." His pictures are unique, they are wood-block prints that were made in the nineteen twenties.

On another day we rode the tour bus to Monterey and Carmel. The fish have left Monterey bay and the town has become a tourist stop. Cannery Row has lost its stench but has acquired an odor of commercialism. References to JOHN STEINBECK are all over the place. One wonders what happened to the Chinese who populated STEINBECK's book. The nearby Presidio must hold various memories for many post-World War II Hawaii students who labored through the military intelligence school. But to the 442 Service Company boys Monterey is best remembered as the home of the Big Fisherman ROYAL MANAKA and the growing legend of MANAKA versus world boxing champion JOE LOUIS. We passed by world famous Pebble Beach golf course. From the bus it looked more like a well-grazed cow pasture.

Turandot was the current attraction at the San Francisco Opera during our stay in the city. The principals were EALYNN VOSS, TURANDOT and VLADIMIR POPOV, Calaf. VOSS was a substitute for the better-known EVE MARTON. This opera, unlike Puccini's others, Tosca, La Boheme, and Madame Butterfly, lacks outstanding arias expect for Nessun dorma. It was good to hear Nessun dorma live after listening to many tenors on records. DAVID HOCKNEY's colorful sets for Turandot were eye-catching. Due to the shortage of cabs that night we had to hire a limousine to take us to the opera house.

One of the highlights of our trip was seeing again the San Francisco-based American Conservatory Theater Players. We had been fans of this group since their Honolulu appearances. They stopped their Honolulu performances a few years ago. We saw them perform GEORGE BARNARD SHAW's masterpiece Pygmalion.

As usual their acting was superb. We saw one familiar face to us. It was suave, mustachioed WILLIAM PATERSON who played the part of Colonel PICKERING. Although this stage presentation was outstanding, it did not have the now-famous Rain in Spain episode of the movie. In 1974 during our Bruyeres reunion trip our hired cab driver happily drove us to the original Covent Garden, the site of Pygmalion. In 1991 we revisited Covent Garden. New buildings had replaced the old ones. The old, familiar nostalgic atmosphere was gone.

At Fisherman's Wharf while waiting for the Bay Cruise boat we came across Honolulu people we know. They were the E Company's NOBUO YONEDAS and in-laws, the TAMARUS. YONEDA's brother and wife from Hilo were with them. The six had gone to Reno and Las Vegas but none showed that Lady Luck had favored any one.



As the Nov. 30 deadline for this report are met, we are fast approaching the year end and again greeting a new holiday season. No doubt, 1993 was a good year if not a historical year with the successful 50th Anniversary celebration of the 442nd RCT. Unfortunately, we did not escape tragedy with the demise this past year of SHIG KOSUGI of Seattle, HAPA FUJIMOTO of Honolulu, KEN SAKANASHI of Haywood, CA. We hope that beautiful memories of their loved one will comfort them through this Yuletide season, and that others who had taken ill will have improved and recovered from their illness. Our prayers are with all of you. With that in mind, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy Holiday Season!!

Sickness & Distress

We learned at the November 12 chapter meeting that HENRY ATSUSHI OSHIRO had ampu-

tated his right leg in August. In my call to RUTH OSHIRO, I was surprised to find out that HENRY, who is diabetic, was ill from dementia (impairment of mental powers due to organic causes) back in April. This is before the reunion date. It explains now his subdued nature at times. He is much improved according to RUTH.

HENRY, who suffered immense pain on his left big toe due to lack of blood circulation, had surgery done to transplant vein from his right leg to left leg. The surgery was a success as far as the left leg was concerned as he felt no pain on the big toe. The irony is that his good right leg did not fare as well from the surgery as gangrene started to set in, necessitating removal of the leg. He is undergoing rehab exercise at the Rehabilitation Center & Hospital learning to walk with his disability. We both are looking forward to his attendance at the December 12 Christmas Fund-raiser Auction.

ART KAISAKI of Spokane, WA., I have always wondered why he and AMY didn't come to the 50th reunion as they were very enthused from the beginning to be present for the celebration. I finally got the answer when AMY KAISAKI called me from Spokane for ALBERT NAKAMA's unlisted phone number. ART was hospitalized for a serious head injury when he slipped on the ice. He was released from the hospital when she called me in September. ART is doing fine according to AMY.

442nd Float

The Sons and Daughters did it again. They entered a 442nd float in the Aloha Week Parade and was the winner of the prestigious Queen's Award. Loads of kudos to them for their accomplishment! The chairman - you guessed it - was BOYDEN YAMASHITA!

By Paul K. MATSUMOTO

1993 Mini-Reunion was held at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada from October 11 - 15th, 1993. We had 103 signed up for this reunion. We lost KAZUO "HAPA" FUJIMOTO, he passed away on June 28, 1993. MINORU KAMINISHI had to cancel because his

wife is very sick. MASARU "EM" MIYOSHI had a major surgery. HARUO "HOWIE" HANAMURA is in the hospital with a "slipped disc." BETTY WAKAMATSU was not able to attend because of work pressure. These are the "unforeseen" things that will happen to us as we get older. This is the primary reason for having our mini-reunion. We had 95 Lovers attending our Aloha/Sayonara banquet. 29 from Oahu, 9 from Maui, 12 from N. California, 22 from S. California, 11 from Seattle (Northwest), 4 from Chicago (ALBERT IZUMI's), 4 from Arvado, Colorado (JIM MOTOYAMAS), 4 from Las Vegas (ITSUO NITAHARA, formerly of Hawaii, now living and working in Las Vegas).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all "contributors," so, from what I can remember - 2 cases of delicious apples from our Seattle group, monetary gift from our N. California group; 8 cases of beer from TOM MORI; monetary gift from JUN YAMAMOTO; "Co." mini-reunion blue caps from HIRO NISHIKUBO; chocolate-covered macadamia nut candies from Maui group; Chivas Regal & Jack Daniel from ALBERT IZUMI; soda, paper goods, salami, Hilo fish cake & Kamaboko, nuts & etc. from S. California group; Chivas Regal, Jack Daniels, Smirnoff Vodka, beer, mixers, macadamia nuts, Hilo fish cakes & kamaboko, and mochi from the Oahu group; fresh cooked/frozen crab and dried fish from MASAO SAKAGAMI; and all the rest was on the "lost" list.

We are 90% sure that the next mini-reunion will be held at Four Queens Hotel & Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. The tentative date will be Friday, September 9th - Tuesday, September 13, 1994. The banquet will be held on Sunday, the 11th. We will have 100 rooms blocked off - to be filled on first come first served basis.

We (Travel Adventures) will be in contact with the area coordinators - JIM SUZUKI? Seattle group; SAM IKARI? S. California group; LARRY TAKAI? N. California group; and YASUO OKINAKA? Maui group.

By HIDEKO "Fudge" KITAGAWA

The 1993 "L" Co. mini-reunion held at the Gold

Coast Hotel & Casino has come and gone and I'm sure everyone agrees it was a resounding success with plenty of good people, "mezurashii" pupus, spirits, and everyone had a wonderful time "talking story" and of course going home with packets filled with winnings. You know, there are no losers in this town.

For the banquet night, PAUL MATSUMOTO the M.C. following YOSHIJI AOKI's invocation, introduced the spokesman from each area to say a few words of greeting. From Oahu, HIDEO NAKAYAMA, JIM SUZUKI from Seattle, KIYOSHI KISHIMOTO from Maui, LARRY TAKAI from Northern California, SAM IKARI from Southern California.

JIM MOTOYAMA from Colorado has not been getting the news of the activities of this Chapter till this one comes along and he enjoyed everything very much. Now he can keep in touch for future affairs. HIRO NISHIKUBO passed out blue caps with the "L" logo to all who were present (he had these made at his own expense.)

After the golf awards were given, the entertainment began with ISAO TAKIYAMA, HIDEO HIGA, and PAUL MATSUMOTO each singing Japanese songs and hula too from P.K. It was again a pleasure to hear YOSHITO TOME singing accompanied by his playing the ukulele, like butter! Speaking of ukuleles, the Sacramento group surprised us all singing and playing the ukulele under the direction of DAG NAKAGAWA and they were a hit! The Seattle group sang my favorite "Red River Valley" and the Southern California group followed with "Let Me Call you Sweetheart."

The few days passed by too quickly and P.K. asked the audience, "Do you want another one next year?" and the response was YES, overwhelmingly to say the least! As always, we had a wonderful reunion and hopefully see you all again very soon. Thank you GENNY and P.K. for all you do for us "Lovers" from the rest of the Lovers! Till we meet again.

Coming Event

President HIDEO NAKAYAMA announced at

the November 12 chapter meeting that the Shinnenekai will be held on **Sunday, February 27, 1994** at the **DAV Los Banos Youth Building**.

Congratulations

To LAWRENCE FUJII, one of the few certified plant pathologists on the island, and especially well-known on Maui where he is welcomed and invited four or five times a year as a consultant to the many plant enthusiasts there at Pukalani and Kahului. He even appeared in the Maui newspaper with a large front page picture of him.

He was recently recognized by University of Hawaii for his expertise in plant pathology at the UH Agricultural Extension Station - Urban Garden City, Pearl City. There's a slight humor in the back of this as told by LAWRENCE. They had invited him for this occasion but never told him that he'd be recognized. Had he known, he would have dressed better prepared - coat & tie maybe? In any case, a well-deserved congratulations!



Brunch

Brunch, you mention the word, even at our age and guys drool, da wahines too. All you can eat and no need to pay yet. The place was the Captain's Table in Waikiki, late Sunday morning October 17, first there for many people since da Beeg Reunion.

This big blast was the brainchild of our treasured secretary, MASAO YAMASAKI. At an earlier chapter meeting, suggested: With the treasury in the black, very black, treat not only the people participated (worked and attended) in the most memorable of Reunions but everyone would be welcome. Without hardly any discussion when it was put to a vote, yura ikuka or ikanka, seemed like had more hands up than people present — how you figgah. This was sort

of having on big happy hour before the year (1993) became history.

Even with the treasury picking up the tab, only about 40 took advantage with about half a dozen signed up but were no shows for one reason or another.

The guys have slowed down some and no can put 'em away like their prime time days. For sure they have slowed down in other areas as well. The ladies seemed to do better, after all they work harder and that's everyday. The amazing part is da mouf good as ever for pachi, pachi.

Back tracking a little, President RODNEY YAMASHIRO made this announcement at the October meeting just prior to this affair. "This is strictly for good fellowship time and for eat up too. No business talk of any kind will be tolerated if can be helped." A word to the wise, if you can stand it, no eat and come. If you wanna make a buta of yourself, this is the place and time to do it. This guy RODNEY is so smooth, his ways and speech. He tells the people come to meetings too and gave 'em the time and place. He puts it so diplomatically that no way can you get mad at him.

Christmas party General Chairman V.P. TEIJI CHINNA wanted to get things going for the not too distant Christmas party. But auwe, the most important thing, the date, nobody seemed to know, should we say nobody remembers. No like start any kind humbug but today even the used-to-be dependable guys not too dependable — kawai soona. The place, no problem, Victoria Inn. Note 'em on your calendar not bambai but right now. Was supposed to be a no business of any kind but no can help, eh. Note: The VP automatically inherits the chairmanship.

KIYO KIMURA, only one of the kind, had from da sushi bar boo-coo California rolls. Never count 'em but mitara kasane tota mitaina so wanting to get his "goat" asked 'em, "Eh BULL, how about sharing." He go make like on konjo no magattoru pilau bugga, he go neburu 'em and say, "Which one, dis one?" Toshi or what but the sushi with natto inside, yoh ureta. Him personality boy, that's why doko ittemo he draws a crowd. No problem spotting him, look for the largest

crowd, you find him in the middle of the action.

The person in charge for making the reservations, time, place, taking the head count, etc., was LILY (MONTE) OKAMOTO. She is a tireless and conscientious worker and then some. That part, husband no sono mama. Her yo, one assignment (this affair) pau to omotara, she's on to another one, next year's (1994) chapter reunion in Las Vegas, May 2 - 6. For details, no excite and sit tight because she'll be sending out brochures with complete details. She's another one that doesn't have the word "no" in her vocabulary. Eh, gotta thank her for da tanoshii time we all had at Da Brunch. And too, yoh kiwo kikasete had a sizable room at the far end away from the crowd. For a good reason too. The guys all in the super seniors so even in regular conversation, kuchi genka seyoru yohna and they sitting sugu neki table yet.

Da Float

The Aloha Week Parade's 442 float was not only the brainchild of our "Sons & Daughters" but designed and put together by them. They working tirelessly through the (Friday) night and had it completed in time for the Saturday morning parade. Da shaka design - 442 with torch — colorful and beautiful in red, white, and blue. Had it taped when it was shown that day on TV for posterity.

The "dignitaries" that had the honor/privilege riding on da Float were: RON OBA (F), president of the 442 Veterans Club; GEORGE NAKASATO (F), general chairman of the 50th Anniversary Reunion and our RODNEY YAMASHIRO and RICHARD URADA of the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter. There were others, that's for sure that were riding on da Float but the above mentioned were the people that were conspicuously recognized, who just "happened" to be sitting on the side facing the camera. RON & GEORGE, everybody should know why they were up there. They only busted their okole organizing the reunion and deserve it. Hitokara kikunoni, getting closer to the reunion, GEORGE spent more than twice as much time laboring at the 442 Clubhouse than at home. At times with so much

distractions, shoganashi sneaked off to places like Zippy's for some much needed peace and quiet. And us guys working only at the chapter level thought we busted our butts.

But you say, how come the two guys, RODNEY and RICHARD. Got us thinking, so corralled RODNEY, nudged him, and asked, "How come?" meaning something like why you two with so many guys around. Shrugging his massive shoulders answered coyly, "Maybe the kids had a hand in it." He's never lost for words. The kids, RODNEY's daughter GAIL and RICHARD's three daughters, VELMA, CORRINE, and ARLENE. These four girls lent boo-coo time in the construction of t da Float.

Our 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter's Sons and Daughters that's been taking active participation one way or another: CYNTHIA, daughter of LILY & RICHARD (deceased) MURAKAMI; DAVE, son of MERVYN & HELEN TAKANO and the above mentioned. We are proud of you.

Now it Can Be Told

Just wanna clear things up and get 'em straight as to what was what, who was who, da kine stuff at the 50th reunion chapter night fun fest. Clearing some unfinished business before the most memorable event in the 442 history starts to fade.

The Lone Ranger - EDDIE KAWAMOTO

His action today may seem on da piano piano side before time to kurabetara but give 'em a toy paper shot pistol and a broomstick for a horse, his son no baby time no neckerchief and sombrero, he genki deshite bugaloose. Sonovagun, he's a kid again.

Superman - EDDIE KANAYA

Looking at his taikahu, you'd think he's still pumping iron faithfully like he used to wakai toki. Dat's all mukashi no koto. Today, he feels much more comfortable lifting something in the 11 oz. range that gets lighter with each elbow exercise. Today, he is in the super senior citizen group but no sign and far from having da manapua body.

Michael Jackson - BARNEY ZENGAMI

Probably lost more than a step or two or three but still can get 'em. Imagoro, ballroom dancing

is his "meat"...where he enryonashi can cut loose and show his stuff on the floor - the bigger the better. If our memory is correct, he's still attending classes.

Elvis Presley - HICHI MATSUMOTO

The only mis-cast the director made. Zannenna. Aradake shoga naino. He is human.

Sumotoris - TEIJI CHINNA & MASAO YAMASAKI

The announcer introduced them as Akabaka and Kishinuke, darega darekada audience never get to know but was okay because they themselves never knew. Two superb entertainers. Just how many guys can mix sumo and ballroom dancing (waltz) in the same act and get away with it. They never throw salt, probably urotaete went forget 'em.

Samurais - HARRY FUJII & DOC KAWAMOTO

HARRY was Tange Sazen most likely. DOC must have been Zatoichi. He never get only da no good makapaa eye covered but just the whole face with a tenugai. Another two shibai guys. The sparring they did going around in circles, more betteh than professional boxers.

Belly Dancers - HOWARD HIRONO & YUSO IWANE

This two get the vote for most original. The best performance (go roll da opu) and the thing is they never really tried. How come they were the best? Plain and simple, da karada no kakko, natural, perfect, no can beat. After all, no forget the quantity of that cold foamy stuff they've been stuffing themselves with down through the years - include their wives gourmet cooking. They no get lilibit but rots and rots to show w. The only visible part of their anatomy was da massive opu and beeg luau feet. Okashii and omoshiro katta too. Rehearse? What that.

California Raisins - ELEANOR, ANDO, MARGIE IJIMA, YURI ISHIKAWA & NORA YAMSHIRO

All yonin tomo performed like that was their shobai. Sappari wakari mahentai because zenbu covered from da atema no teppen to da ashi no bottom made. Synchronized they weren't, each doing their own thing. They never rehearsed and it showed, which made it all the better.

Keeping time, anybody can do it, even guys with more than one left foot.

Director/Producer/M.C., etc. - KIYO KIMURA

As if you didn't know, he was all everything who put together that once in a lifetime kind show. Da arigatai part that caused more than lilibit namida ga poro poro nagareru from his mentama was the entire cast cooperated 100% with no more even one small monku. His yarikata, sugoi. With him, nobody has a minor role, everybody is a star.

Summation

Earlier days when everybody were much younger, mamede pin pin and on the serious side, then the by-word was anything you do, make lilibit enryo none of that bring haji to the family name. Today, half a century later, fully retired (but not retarded) and enjoying a well-earned lifetime vacation, it's "borot" and go do your thing. Time marches on. Like the Hawaiians say, "mo makule, mo pupule." Eh, no huhu, jodan dakeyo. What the heck, all in good clean fun. Did the audience enjoy the performance? From the "size" of the applause, they certainly did. Da borots enjoyed it far more putting it on just for you. Will there be a second time? Only time will tell.

They say in anything you do, you get back only as much as you put in and nothing more. All the performers spent time, money (a few pennies at the most) for their costumes. You know, kyoso no yohni others kara maken yohni.

Uchino yome-san yo, kuru tambini, the main topic of conversation was always about the upcoming reunion. Got so excited and wanted to be involve/contribute in some way so her kara etto kokua sarete morawareta. Da akamai All Everything last words: Even how good and entertaining, you make the program too long the people going agu. The now generation says: Quit while you're ahead. The older generation counters with: likorode yametoko.

Da IHARAS

Da IHARAS (JIMMY & TOMI-chan) of Reno are in town. They went hanapa, tsumeru, shut tight their casa and came for a yukkuri and

extended stay. No, they are not here due to arerani one more mago ga fueta but to take it real easy this time, her especially yo. While their stay in Honolulu, their mailing address and where JIMMY will be hanging his golf cap is at their daughter's up Pauoa Valley.

Sekkaku far place kara kita that's why tsuideni they'll be going to Hilo, their furusato for a few days, and more if necessary. Go visit relatives and looking up his hiisa awan friends. He brought along his shobai dohgu (gold clubs) which is a must today, so most likely he'll be doing his share of digging/tearing up some of the courses.

Probably mentioning this is a 4-peat thing of their generosity and continuous good deeds, sore dake, people like them whenever they come, you just cannot ignore /play otoboke / make shiran kao or plain forget. They are the special kind of people than makes reunions all the more better and enjoyable. Arera with a very limited personnel at that. The other couple, TOM & MARY HIRAKI of Seattle, Wash. They coming to participate in the just pau 50th Reunion gave us yoh sete morawareta people chance to otagaini reciprocate even tada sukoshi demo.

JIMMY is another ambitious guy and pakiki head too. He went to college after he got married and already started a family. Through sheer determination, hard work, and ase daibun kaita too, earned his degree in engineering. He settled down and worked in San Diego a good many years before pulling up stakes and headed east to Sparks and then to Reno and there, retired after putting in more than several years working for the State of Nevada.

Of his coming, we usually get word from his anisan TERRY of E Chapter. We get to see one another quite often being members of 442 Retiree Golf Club.

Chapter Meeting - November

It was the last chapter meeting of the year, with an average turnout for nowadays and also the last for retiring president RODNEY YAMASHIRO. The chapter's policy is to skip December meeting and go concentrate on the Christmas party. Enjoy/ get fun, rest up the weary body and get in

shape for next year. You ask, did the YAMASHIROS regime do a good job? Well, we no hear any kind monku.

Tonight, upon conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, the outgoing president turned over the gavel not to the president-elect but president-appointed - TEIJI CHINNA, another good man so you can look forward to another good year.

A pleasant surprise of the evening was JIMMY IHARA of Reno putting in an unexpected appearance and having a few with the boys. Oh! da nyobo American kara issho ni tsurete kita but konya uchini oite hitoride kita. The IHARAS only going stay for five months — not days or weeks now.

What RODNEY said at the Brunch to those in attendance, something like: "See you at the next (November) meeting," must have fallen on deaf ears because just the usual people showed up.

Christmas party chairman TEIJI CHINNA briefed the members and wives present as to what's what and naniga nambo suru, da kine stuff on the upcoming Christmas party and reported everything on the go. What took a little more was determining the "damage." Like how much going cost the adults, younger school kids and the younger tots. Deciding the menu was a cinch and no problem. No forget the all important date, Dec. 11.

Dis GARY KAWATE no yatsu yo, no more enough ink to praise him. It sounds like repeat and repeat and it is, da pupus he's been preparing and bringing to chapter meetings and that's for every meeting. Selfish thinking on our part but should he go on sick leave, mama mia da meetings ni ikumon komaru do. Sure, the Treasury pay him back for the cost but just how many of us would pinch hit for him even once. Like going downtown to pick up the fist at the market (fighting the mob) not even a few - bless him. He is a gem takara. Him too, another taken for granted guy. He's been doing it for a helluva long time - arigatai. As though doing all that is not enough, as of late, he's taken over the beer dealership. He play "whole cheese" but that's okay because da good kine. And this pakiki

head bugga, he flatly refuses to attend Christmas parties. Maybe we can get him out by asking, "Eh, you can bring, or better yet, we need your specialty." His specialty - cooking aku/ahi head in sato jyoyu. Boy, dat bust da mouf or what. If that won't budge him, nothing will. Unlike da futsuna mon, like us for instance, he'd rather give (wholeheartedly) than to receive even lilibit demo. Guys no come to meetings, you no feel 'em but he no come (with da goodies), auwe, all jam up.

Son-in-law of the Year

They are always giving out all kinds of "Of the Year" awards. Father of the Year, Mother of the Year, dis & dat of the year. This may or may not be the first of it's kind but this panel of one unanimously choice of the "Son-in-Law" award goes to this modest (?) and humble man who shuns (?) the limelight - we give you KAWAMOTO Sensei. Maybe there are others worthy of this mezurashii honor but arera, mirani shirasete kuren nara we dunno.

Anyhow, he #2 daughter JEANNIE, who lives in LA gave birth to a baby konaida so mama (MARY) went over to tegosuru until the daughter gets back on her feet. Nothing unusual or special about that. But with MARY away, Danna-san is not home alone as one might think, because MARY's mom stays with them. Soredake, he's not a freeman and ankina de no can do things if and when he likes. Now that MARY's not home, he's doing for her (his mother-in-law) what MARY's been doing for him all along and that is everything. Now lilibit nareta (of the endless chores) that's why lilibit better gena. Doing things like washing and hinoshi the clothes, cleaning the house, cooking breakfast, hiru, and dinner, not to mention da atojima. Marketing and all da iroiro na things he never thought existed. Just wondering, after he pau sooji da house, he go sweep da nokotta gomi under da rug or what. And too, if he still toki doki kogasu da hot water. Playing golf and having more than a few is his tanoshimi and enjoys it immensely, have been put on hold for the present and longer if necessary. He must be from the old school and a firm

believer of the well-known Japanese saying that goes something like, "ikiteru aida..."

For the above mentioned good deeds and much, much more, he is "the Man." Hometara, he going say something like, "What, I only doing what anybody would do." If there's a borot of the year, he'd be right up there. This is not stretching it but there's not too many things he's not good at - you go ask him. He's a good, regular guy, lots of fun and a rascal buggah too.

Omedeto II

Omedeto, ELEANOR ANDO. At the November 15, Monday night session, she was unanimously elected to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the popular 4423 Ukulele/Hula & Choral Group. Honto yutara, you get your name on the slate 'nuff. You're in. Her acceptance speech went something like this: "I'll serve and try to do a good job while (pointing to her head) up here is still good." What, KIYO (KIMURA) getting more crowded up there. ELEANOR, nani antawa wakai monga, mada, mada, tohbun sewanai. Congratulations again, the 232nd Engrs/Band Chapter members, wives, and friends are so proud of you....take a bow. This multi-talented lady, hula demo yaru and da ushiro igokasuno totmeo jyozu. ukulele demo asobu, with gusto. Sings with the altos in the Choral group. In a nut shell, unlimited talent, only needs to be tapped. May we remind you that she was one of the "California Raisins." Not the borot nor the oshaberi type but reserved, ochitsuitoru and witty too and let's her talent do the talking. We say amen to that.

Omedeto II

DO KAWAMOTO is the 442 Uta No Kai's president for 1994. For more, see "Son-in Law-of the Year."

Sick Call

EDNA (HIROSHI) ARISUMI of Maui

Feeling not quite up to par as of late, EDNA came to Honolulu konaida for a check-up at a local hospital and was required to stay for observation. After a thorough check-up, doctor's couldn't pinpoint anything so was released after

a couple of days. The doctor's instructions, Go home and take it easy and rest up the body. Her too yo, us Honolulu guys and for sure many, many of their friends, Maui iru tanbini yoh sete morawareru.

MINNIE (YUSO) IWANE

Kuwashiku never get the details of the nature of her illness but something that requires YUSO's attention and assistance more than just time to time. With her Danna-san looking after her, she couldn't ask for service and care - because of him, nani yattermo versatile. Physically, he's a brute but deep down inside a soft, gentle, loving, and caring person.

HAZEL (WALTER) MATSUMOTO

Reunion no kega (slipped and fell at the hotel) pau natta to omotara, HAZEL underwent an operation konaida. She's doing real well and resting and recuperating at home with WALTER trying to impersonate a nurse. He does the cooking since. Asked him: "Howzit?" about the cooking chores. Answered something like, "If was only me, no problem, I can go down there (Kaimuki town) and pick up something. Now, nan datta kano, the nature of the operation. Anyway, some iran parts were removed.

All sannin tomo (EDNA, MINNIE, and HAZEL) get good husbands so they'll be getting nothing but the best of everything.

Now here this, you all get well real quick so you can get back into the flow of things, especially next year's reunion in Las Vegas.

With Deepest Sympathy

GRAYSON Y. ASATO, son of YOSHI & SUMIE ASATO passed away Sunday, November 10 at Kuakini Hospital. He was born in Honolulu and was 33 years old at the time of his death. He worked as a dental laboratory technician. Survivors besides his parents are brother KENT K. and sisters JUNE J. and SANDRA A. TAKETA. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

PERSHING NAKADA 1918 - 1993: by WALTER MATSUMOTO

PERSHING NAKADA, the only CO the 232nd Combat Engineer Co. of the 442nd RCT had,

throughout its war-time service in WWII, passed away on October 28, 1993 in Elmhurst, Illinois. He had undergone surgery for cancer of the esophagus, upon returning from the 442nd 50th Anniversary Reunion in Hawaii, and was progressing well in his recovery with chemotherapy and radiation treatments. However, as explained by his wife KIYO, his demise was attributed to breathing difficulty, caused by the lack of oxygen in his bloodstream. He was 75.

He and KIYO had just attended and enjoyed the big 50th Anniversary Reunion, only seven months ago. He looked well and happy, and showed no indication of the sudden change for the worse, in his health, which would result in his untimely death. Consequently, when KIYO called the next day to inform us of the sad news, we were shocked and stunned in disbelief and deeply saddened. His unexpected passing shows once again, that at our age, anything can happen, and anyone of us can go at anytime.

PERSHING was a native of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1940, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was also commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He was called into service after graduation, spending most of his time in the Washington D.C. area. AND when the 442nd RCT was formed in 1943, he, already a Captain, was assigned to command the 232nd Combat Engineer Co. of the Combat Team. Early during training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, PERSHING and the former KIYO YANAGAWA were married in a little wooden chapel, near the Engineer Company area.

As the only company commander, the Engineers knew, he led the unit through training at Camp Shelby, as well as combat duty overseas in Italy and France. Being in close support of the infantry to carry out its primary mission of keeping the lines of communication and transportation open at all times, the men were constantly exposed to dangerous enemy fire.

Cognizant that the casualties suffered by the Engineers were more than many companies in the infantry regiment, and exceeded only by the rifle companies, he brought this matter to the attention of headquarters, and suggested that