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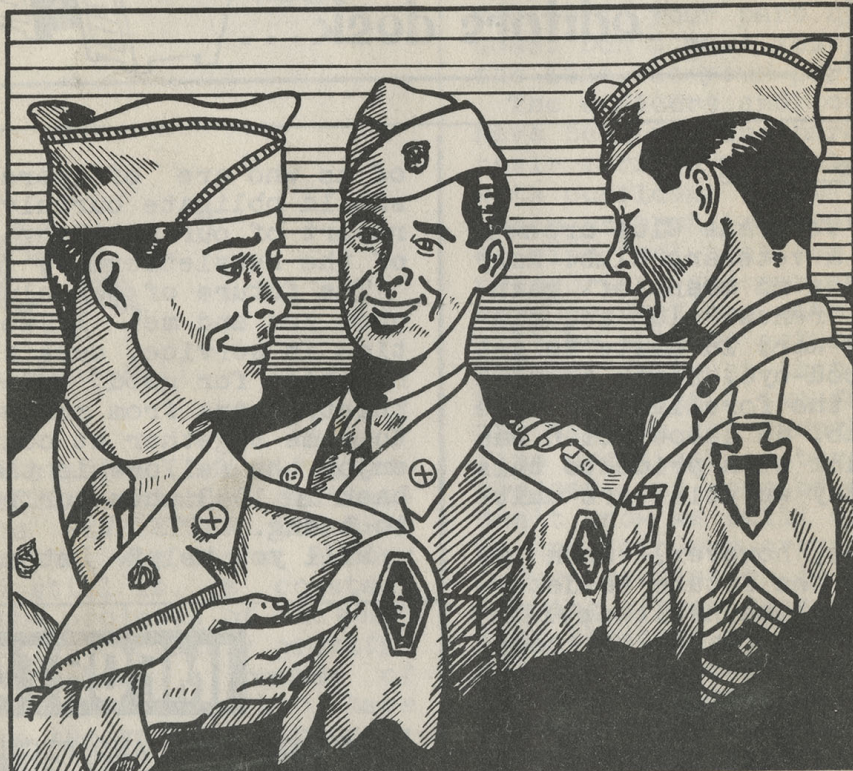
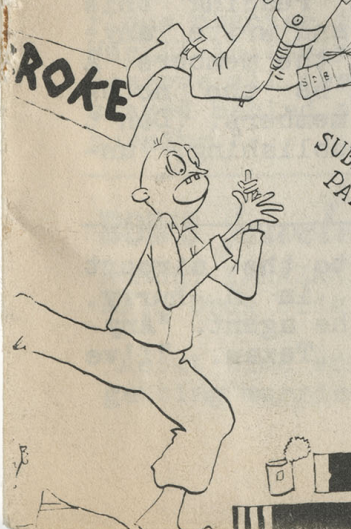
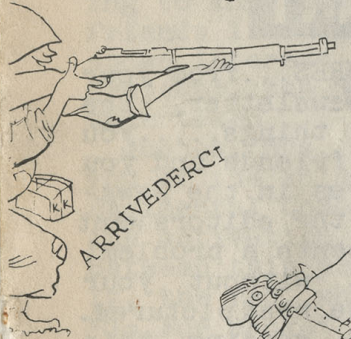
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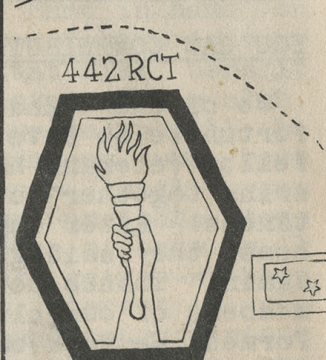
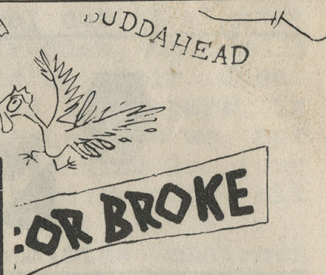
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## Across the editors desk...

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE---TIME

We of the 442nd Veterans Club are most fortunate to have a veterans club. Many fellow veterans have no means of gathering together to renew old acquaintances. After the war, in haste to get home, they said good-bye, never to meet again. Thanks to the foresight of the members of our club, an association was formed. We look back with pride to this formation, for today we still are united.

The time has come, however, when we must again look to the future to determine if our organization has the ability to move forward in the years to come. If we are to continue, we must have a purpose and cause, which will keep us drawn together. Our goal must not be social, but one dedicated to service to the community of Hilo, and the Island of Hawaii.

As an active organization, we should serve our members in many ways, but it will be the individual members who must help formulate our program. In our busy life we can easily forget the work that our club is doing and how much more we could do. Therefore, I ask if you can give of your time and talent to assist in our forward movement. Will you give a portion of your time each month to think about what we can and should do to best serve. Put these thoughts as the debt we owe to our departed comrades is more than just coming to our meetings, or sending in our dues. This should be only the beginning for members of the 442nd who are used to action. May we all dedicate ourselves to active service and together move forward! Those

of us who are officers or directors, should obligate ourselves to forward a report of our activity for each issue of the Newsletter.

The future of our club is dependent upon you and me. If we will give our time in service, ours shall be an organization for good, and ten, twenty or thirty years from now we will be able to come together at convention time to enjoy the fellowship that was started back in 1943 when our regiment came into being.

Will you help? Let's do it now!

## IMPORTANT

WE NEED NEWS AND PICTURES...from your comments on the 442nd Newsletter, the editors are sure of two things....you like to read about your friends and you like to see their pictures in the Newsletter. And, of course, the editors want to please you. This presents a problem! Namely, we can't do it without your help. We need news and we need pictures. After you have finished reading this issue, why not sit down and write anything that will interest the members. A good source of news will be the notes you receive from former members. (Don't forget---we can't keep publishing, unless you give us news.)

A Houston tycoon rushed to the airport and demanded a ticket in a hurry. "Where-to, Sir?" asked the agent. "Anywhere, son," replied the Texan. "I've got business all over."



Mrs. Jane Hill

**DEDICATION**

The Editor and staff of the 442nd Veterans Club NEWSLETTER humbly dedicate this issue of the NEWSLETTER to MRS. JANE HILL of Kamuela, who for a number of years was and still is, a constant contributor to the projects of the 442nd Veterans Club. It is certainly gratifying to know that we have a number of friends like Mrs. Jane Hill, who have shown interest in the various community projects, the 442nd Veterans Club has undertaken.

Quotes, Mrs. Hill, "I need not remind you of the splendid record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from the time of its activation, until its de-activation. Between this period, you who wore proudly, the red, white and blue patch of the "Go For Broke" Combat Team, wrote a glorious chapter in the history of World War II in Italy and France, certainly deserve all the Kokua, from those who stayed behind and kept the home fires burning."

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"About time some of you are getting married again"

**From Our President**

(of the 442nd Veterans Club long in fine style. All of us were elected for this year and we have accepted their responsibility and are working on different projects and are helping them.

"All men" in the 442nd Veterans Club can help the membership deal out in a great way by sending in their dues, especially those who have not paid up their dues. The men of the 442nd did their part in combat in Italy and France, now we ask you to do your part by sending in your dues. Don't make your buddies pack all the load, do your part now!

The officers and committee chairmen have been working hard hand in hand on their various projects and have come up with confident ideas that will benefit their worthwhile projects and our club. We also feel that our projects will be newsworthy, and our members who have some connections with our local press will be able to get our projects some space. We trust that our efforts will have at least a two-fold gain---we hope the members get enough interest in our fine organization through our various projects and some of our buddies who don't know we still exist, will read of us and join our organization.

Our association is dedicated to establishing a permanent organization to further the common bond existing between all men who served with the "Go For Broke" regiment and to perpetuate the memory of those buddies who gave their lives for our country. All in all, let's not let the rest of our buddies down, get in there and ACT....DEMONSTRATE.... PARTICIPATE.

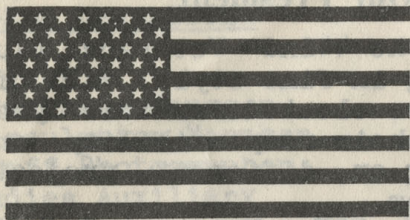
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## HAWAII BECOMES THE 50th STATE

HAWAII received word on March 12th, 1959, that the United States Congress had accepted us as a full-fledged State. On June 27th, registered voters on all the islands voted "Yes" to three propositions, after which on Friday, August 21st at 4:03 p.m. EDT, (10:03 a.m. HST) President Eisenhower signed the statehood proclamation at a ceremony in the cabinet room at the White House.

Among the spectators were 2 of the men who will represent the new state in Congress after they were sworn into office the following Monday. They were 34 year old, war hero of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, Daniel K. Inouye who was elected to Hawaii's single seat in the House and Oren E. Long, 70 year old Democrat and former governor of Hawaii who was elected to one of the 2 seats in the U. S. Senate.

President Eisenhower unveiled a new 50-star flag. The new flag will have 9 rows of stars. They will be arranged in alternate rows of 6 and 5 stars each, starting and ending with line of 6. The proclamation said that "all procedural requirements imposed by Congress on the State of Hawaii to entitle that State to admission into the Union have been complied with in all respects and that the admission of the State of Hawaii into the Union on an equal footing with the other States of the Union is now accomplished." Then the President affixed his signature to the executive order establishing the design of the flag which will become the official national emblem next July 4th.

In conjunction with the signing of the statehood proclamation by the President, the 442nd Veterans Club of Hawaii held a brief graveside services at the Hilo Veterans Cemetery, on Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. with Yukio Takeya as Master of Ceremonies. Principle speaker for the momentous occasion was Lofty Cook who spoke in behalf of Chairman Kealoha of the County of Hawaii. Catholic, Christian and Buddhist ministers from our local churches gave a

short prayer of thanks for this memorable day. David Ikawa, representing the AJA Veterans Council, placed a wreath at the foot of the flag pole. Other clubs participating was Club 100 and the Hilo Interpreters Club.

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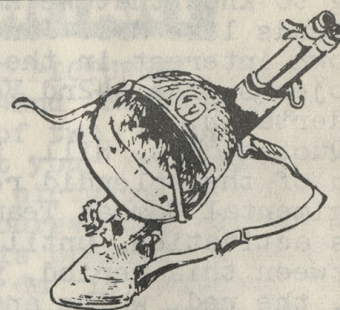
## A SALUTE TO ALASKA.

### THE 49th STATE

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ALASKA, the 49th State and the largest in the Union, became an organized territory in 1912. Ironically, when the Secretary of State arranged for purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867, the territory was dubbed "Seward's Folly". The origin of the name "Alaska" is from an Eskimo word meaning "great country", and the United States became more than 586,000 square miles larger on January 3, 1959, when the President officially proclaimed Alaska a State of the Union. Juneau is the capitol city, the forget-me-not is the state flower. The 49-star flag was officially flown this year on the 4th of July.



The Army, which waited from 1775 to 1956 to get its own officially recognized flag, presented a handsome example of it to the House Committee on Armed Services late in January.

It carries the original coat-of-arms adopted, in 1775, by the first War Department. The one presented for display in the committee office carries battle and campaign streamers of 145 engagements from Ticonderoga to Korea.



## ROLL BACK THE BARREL

By "Ye Ole Editor"



Tucked in a warm bed these cold rainy nights, I wonder if your thoughts ever stray to other nights....Remember the snakes in your bedroll, the chiggers, the sandhills and swamps of Mississippi, the "D" series maneuvers in the DeSoto National Forest in January 28, 1944.... maneuvers being what they are, were always stuck with numerous snafus. Pity the poor umpires, they were the unhappiest people in the field, no matter who won or lost in the battle. Do you recall the artillery buzzing overhead on your first combat mission, before dawn of June 26th, when the 3rd Battalion relieved the 142nd Infantry Regiment of the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division, whom we were to meet again in Bruyeres and Biffontaine, France...Some evening after supper, think back to those days, years ago and relive another episode that was yours somewhere overseas...Remember how it felt to be the most important guy in the world?...I am thinking about our first days in France when we were liberating town after town and setting a record for speedy warfare that has never been equalled in history...remember coming into a town with the folks all lined up on the streets yelling "Vive Le Americans"....the girls kissing you and "papa" trying to kiss you...then the kids hanging all over your vehicles wanting candy and gum? Those days in Cannes and Nice will always bring pleasant memories and remind the men who traveled free on Uncle Sam that they were once really "Big Shots" and, by gosh, to come to think of it... some of us really are. BUONA FORTUNA.

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Expenses: July Dinner Meeting	12.00
	502.07
Deposit	40.00
Balance as of 7/30/59	\$ 542.07
In Checking Account	
Savings Account	\$ 2906.83
Balance	\$ 3448.90

## AMERICANISM SPEAKS

In writing on patriotism, we can do well to revert to the memory of great Americans who played an important part in the foundation of our great country. Hear the words of Daniel Webster in the dark days of the 1800's when Civil War threatened our land, in a piece he called "An American".

"I was born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this absolute disregard of personal consequences. What are the personal consequences? What is the individual man, with all the good or evil that may befall him, in comparison with the good or evil which may befall a great country's fate? Let the consequences be what they will, I am careless. No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffer, or if he fall, in the defense of the liberties and constitution of his country."

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## The National Flag



On July 4, 1960, when the new flag including the stars of the State of Hawaii and Alaska becomes official, the flag of the United States will contain 50 stars, one for each State in the Union. By tradition, these will be set in a canton of blue within a field of 13 stripes, alternate red and white.

Before we became a nation, our land knew many flags. Long ago, the Norsemen probed our coastal waters sailing under the banner of the black raven. Columbus carried a Spanish flag across the seas. The Pilgrims carried the flag of Great Britain. The Dutch colonists brought their striped flag to New Amsterdam. The French explored the continent under the royal fleur-de-lis. Each native Indian tribe had its own totem and insignia. Immigrants of every race and nationality, in seeking a new allegiance, have brought their symbols of loyalty to our shores.

During our Revolution, various banners were used by the not-yet-united colonies. A green pine tree with the motto, "An Appeal To Heaven", was popular with our young Navy. The rattlesnake's warning, "Don't Tread On Me", was displayed by aroused colonists along the Atlantic seaboard. The Moultrie "Liberty" flag, a large blue banner with a white crescent in the upper corner, rallied the defenders of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1776. The Bunker Hill flag was a blue banner with a white canton filled with a red cross and a small green pine. The flag of the maritime colony of Rhode Island bore a blue anchor under the word "Hope". Strikingly similar to the stars and stripes was the flag carried by the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont at the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777.

When Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1776, he stood under "The Grand Union Flag" which continued to show a dependence upon Great Britain. The canton of this flag was filled with the crosses of St. George (England) and St. Andrew (Scotland). The first Stars and Stripes was created by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. This date is now observed nationally as "Flag Day".

In this flag, the 13 stars, representing a constellation, were arranged in a variety of designs. The most popular --with the stars in a circle so that no State could claim precedence over another---is known as the Betsy Ross flag, in honor of the seamstress who is supposed to have sewn the first one.

As the American frontier expanded, two new states were added to the Union, and these were incorporated into the flag. This meant that two stars and two stripes were added to the design---making a total of 15 each. It was this flag that withstood enemy bombardment at Fort McHenry, Maryland, September 13-14, 1814, and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star-Spangled Banner".

Later, when other States were added to the Union, Congress, feeling that more stripes would blur the basic design, returned to the original 13 red and white stripes. Since 1818, each new State has brought a new star to the flag. This growing pattern of stars could be said to reflect the growing dimensions of America's responsibilities, as the 13 stripes reflect the constant strength of our country's traditions.

Laws have been written to govern the display of the flag and to insure a proper respect for it. Custom has decreed certain other observances in regard to its use. As a symbol of the Nation, standing for our heritage of liberty and justice, the flag is naturally held in highest honor by all citizens.

In recent years, the Congress of the United States of America has drawn together "the existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of flag". These can be found in Public Law 829 of the 77th Congress and in Public Laws 107 and 396 of the 83rd Congress. Copies can be obtained from the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C.

By law, the new 50-star National Flag becomes effective on July 4, 1960, the birthday of the Union. Display of the new flag before that time would be improper. This does not mean that after July 4, 1960, it will be improper to display the 48 or 49-star flag. With limited exceptions, agencies of the Federal Government will continue to display the 48-star flag so long as it is still in good condition and until existing stocks of unused flags are exhausted. It is appropriate for all citizens to do the same.

## WAR DEAD HONORED WITH FLOWERS AND PRAYERS

HONOLULU: Your Editor spent Memorial weekend in Honolulu and had the honor of attending services for the war dead at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. With thousands of fresh flower leis, strung by Island children, Hawaii paid homage to its war dead in one of the most impressive Memorial Day events. Ceremonies started at 11:30 a.m. with military, civilian and veteran officials participating. Flowers gathered and strung by children on all Islands were flown in Friday afternoon by military and civilian planes. Boy Scouts placed leis on nearly 16,000 graves in the park-like cemetery, set in the ancient Hawaiian Volcano. Honolulu Rapid Transit ran a special shuttle service to and from the cemetery. It was one sight, you will never forget.

HILO, HAWAII: The Wailuku River was the site of the 9 a.m. services where beautiful floral wreaths were cast into the ocean in memory to those who were lost or buried at sea. Principle speaker was Clement Chaves, department vicecommander of the American Legion. Other speakers at the "sea ceremony" was the Rev. David Petherbridge of the Kaumana Baptist Church, Mr. Frank Manalili, post commander of the American Legion, Mrs. Leontina Amaral, president of the Ladies Auxiliary. Thomas Lum Ho, adjutant of the Hilo Post was master of ceremonies. Band selections was presented by the Hawaii County Band. Prayers were offered by Buddhist ministers led by the Rev. Myoshu Sasai of the Hooganji Mission.

At the Hilo Veterans Cemetery which started at 10:00 a.m. Richard S. Oguro, Territorial president of the Club 100, delivered the principle address. He arrived from Pearl City on Friday to attend the Saturday rites. Mr. Oguro is a teacher at Kaewai School on Oahu, a graduate of the University of Hawaii. He was first inducted into service in September, 1941 and was assigned to Company B, 100th Infantry, Provisional Battalion in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Later, he was attached to the Military Intelligence Service Language School in

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WHEN ON A DATE.....LOVE IS BLIND

That's why men feel their way around

"You mean to say," said the man in amazement, "that the Doc gave you exactly 72 hours to live if you don't stop chasing women?"

"Yes," replied the friend.

"How could he be so precise?"

"It's his wife I've been chasing."

Vacation to me is no problem as it is to other men. My wife tells me where to go and my employer, when.

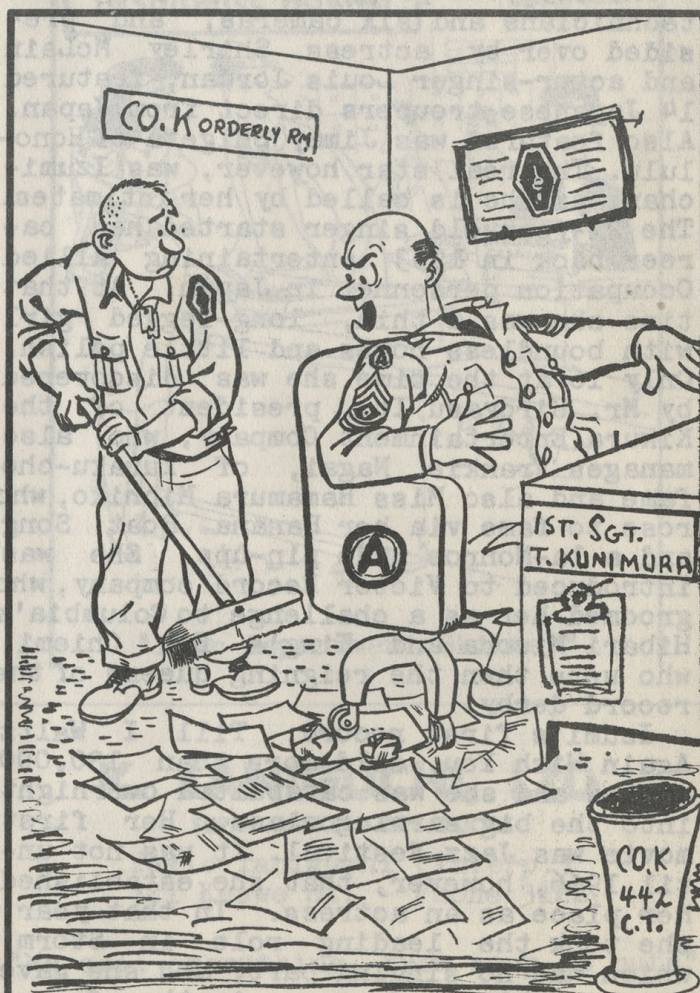


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### EDITOR MEETS YUKIMURA

Something vivacious and sparkling was added to American television, over KONA-TV, Honolulu, when Izumi Yukimura, a charmer from Japan, sang her way into the heart of a nation in the hour-long Chevrolet TV Show broadcast from Hollywood last February.

The \$250,000 program, employing 200 technicians and six cameras, and presided over by actress Shirley McLain and actor-singer Louis Jordan, featured 14 Japanese troupers direct from Japan. Also featured was Jimmy Shigeta of Honolulu. The real star however, was Izumi-chan, as she is called by her intimates. The 21-year old singer started her career back in 1953 entertaining Allied Occupation personnel in Japan. At that time she was a thin, long-legged girl with boundless hopes and little polish. Only 16 at the time she was discovered by Mr. Hiroyasu Ito, president of the Kikura Entertainment Company, who also manages Frankie Nagai, of Yuraku-cho fame and also Miss Hamamura Michiko, who rose to fame via her Banana Boat Song and a la-Monroe nude pin-ups. She was introduced to Victor Record company, who groomed her as a challenge to Columbia's Hibari Misora and King's Eri Chiemi, who were then the reigning queens of the record derby.

Izumi's first record, Till I Waltz Again With You, sold more than 130,000 copies and she was catapulted overnight into the big earning class. Her first movie was Jazz Festival. It was not until 1956, however, that she established her place as an actress. In that year, she took the leading role in Storm, which had no singing part, and she gave a creditable performance in the famous picture version of the novel by Toson

Shimazaki. The following year she attended the Berlin Film Festival as a Japanese film representative. During the past five years she has made 48 movies. (Ask Doc Miyamoto or Jonah Morimoto, they never seem to miss any of the Japanese shows at the Palace Theater)

Charles Mimura formerly of 442nd Band, had the honor of providing the musical background with his all-star orchestra at the Kapahulu Theater. Your Editor had the pleasure of meeting and dining thru courtesy of Mr. Arimura of Kapahulu Theater. The pert actress said she likes American men because "They're so nice and sincere." When asked about kimonos, she quoted, "I don't like wearing kimonos because, they're uncomfortable, so tight and I can't eat."

A very rich old man who had never made a will invited his six married sons to a Sunday dinner. As they sat down at the table, he announced. "The reason I have not yet made a will is because I am not yet a grandfather. I will give \$10,000 to whichever of you sires my first grandchild."

He bent his head to say the dinner blessing. When he raised his head, he was the only one sitting at the table.

### BRIDE IDEA

The woman who constantly interrupts a man's conversation is either already married or never will be.

AKIO HOSHIDE (Interp.)

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