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DEDICATION _____

To express the gratitude which the members of Poston I Young Buddhist Association feel for the untiring service you have rendered to the cause of our Lord Buddha, and for the courageous piloting of a great "Fortress" through the blistering heat and desert storms during the past year, we the staff respectfully dedicate this "FLIGHT FOR BUDDHISM" to you, Takanori Nimura.



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GREETINGS

On behalf of the Second Annual Poston Tri-Unit Y.B.A. Conference Board, we take this opportunity to thank the various chairmen and their committees for their unselfish and untiring efforts in planning and carrying out this year's Conference program. It is also through the various chapters and individuals that an event as great as the Y.B.A. Conference can be carried out.

May we always have the spirit of unity in everything that we undertake and work for the present and plan for the future, making each succeeding year's Conference greater than the last.

With Gassho,

Tom Tanamachi

Kimi Ito

Conference Co-Chairmen

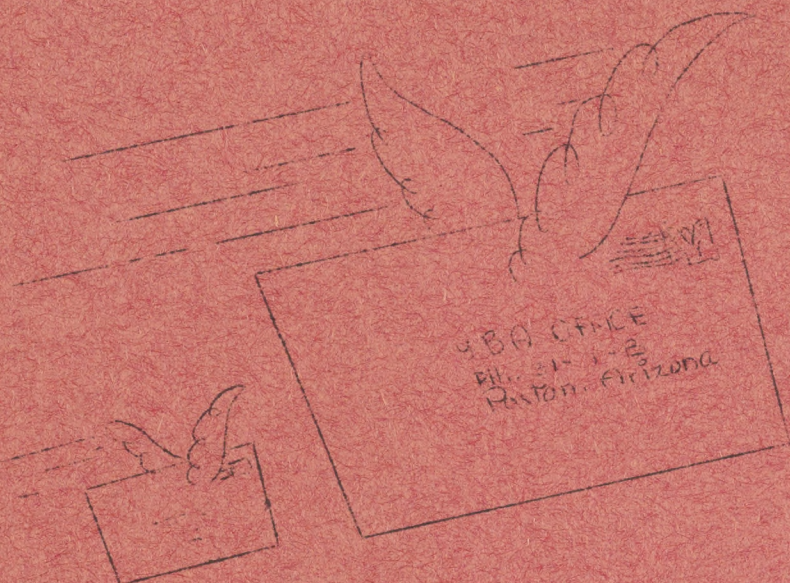
Today, we of the Unit I YBA extend to you, our guests, a most hearty and cordial "Welcome, Fellow Busseis", to our second annual Forum Conference. It is most desirable, in times such as the present, that we Busseis come together for the purpose of discussing mutual problems that confront our immediate everyday life.

In preparing for this informal gathering, the various committee members have worked diligently in spite of the limited facilities available. And, today, it is with joy and happiness that we present to you, our guests, the program for this memorable meeting.

May we all gain new faith and confidence in our Amida Buddha. Let us through this meeting, gain new friends and renew old acquaintances.

With Amida Buddha as our guiding lights, may we ever strive to attain Universal Brotherhood and Love.

With Gassho,
Shizuko Yoshimura
Poston I YBA Director



MESSAGES

DUNCAN MILLS

Now above all times in the existence of the Americans of Japanese ancestry is there a need for inspired and forthright leadership. The desperate and devastating imports of evacuation, the harrowing trials of center adjustment are behind us.

As we look to the future, with its hopes and uncertainties, leadership is needed to guide the Nisei in their return to freedom and life in the outside world.

Out of great events leaders arise, but they are not made by events alone. Leadership is the possession of ideas and the will and ability to use them.

Such Forums as that planned by the Young Buddhist Association are important in maintaining leadership and developing ideas. Real understanding, real leadership will be needed as the Nisei take their places within an American generation which will inherit the aftermath of war.

This should be the basic aim of the Forum, and the yardstick of its success.

Duncan Mills
Project Director

REV. J. GOLDWATER _____

During my student days, my generation was hailed generously as the future leaders of this tremendous United States of America. But look at conditions now! Thinking back, I realize full well that what we lacked then were proper standards. We had a sense of values that allowed us to ignore natural and rightful responsibilities, of taking our proper places in the scheme of living. But now it is almost too late to make amends. We must be prepared to give way to a newer generation. That new generation is you.

You are confronted with a serious problem if you are going to take on the burdens of leadership. You have been led to believe that a successful life is one of ease and luxuries and one filled with holidays and parties. A car of the latest design or an impressive coat have come to mean much -far too much- to you. These are part of the superficialities of life. You must strip yourselves of these petty vanities and aim at the fundamentals. The true joy of living does not arise from a life centered on a miserable little self. It comes from the clearer perception of Karma and true Buddhahood. You must rededicate your lives to the original teachings of our Lord Buddha.

To attain your ideals, you must set up major goals and lesser ones toward which to strive constantly. The YBA represents a group effort to attain these high ideals. When these goals

are forgotten, when the struggle to attain these conditions for which the Order was formed become displaced, then you are no longer accomplishing the real purpose of joint efforts, and there is no longer a reason to maintain the Assembly.

This year the YBA might well consider several important goals to seek. The YBA might, instead of investing a few persons with full responsibility for the success of the activities of the year, share leadership more generally amongst the members. Certainly the Organization could nicely afford a practical course in Buddhism, which is a primary importance if this Organization is to be a YOUNG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION. It might also devote some time to social welfare, both pleasant and dutiful. It might undertake vocational guidance and a job-getting service. The possibilities of the YBA are limitless....assisting the young, taking care of babies of employed Busseis....

We all readily admit the need for something for youth. If something, why be satisfied with less than the best? The best surely is what can be unwound from within through Buddhism. Make your FLIGHT TO BUDDHAHOOD through the YBA with Buddhism.

With Gassho,
Rev. Julius Goldwater

REV. N. TSUNODA _____

The first All Units Forum sponsored by the Unit I YBA was held at Poston I, Sept. 4, 1943. Since then the YBA's in all three Units have made phenomenal strides from the standpoint of leadership, activities, and most important of all, religious faith. At that time, however, we seemed faced with many insurmountable problems which would effect the future activities of the YBA to such an extent that our movement here in the centers, we thought, would be brought to a standstill. Today we have the experiences of one year behind us; we can look back upon the past year's course and determine whether our fears and hopes were justified.

At this time last year we were faced with the problems of segregation and relocation, both of these movements draining us of our outstanding leaders. Today we are faced with the same problem of relocation and the new problem of the entrance of our Bussei young men into the armed forces of the nation. Undoubtedly our YBA will be effected, but past experience shows us clearly that where there is faith, where there is determination, where there is courage, there is always hope.

Wherever we Bussei's may go, although we may be scattered to the four winds, let us always cherish the Love and Mercy of Amida Buddha in our hearts, let us resolve that we shall walk in His Holy Path steadfast and firm.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. N. Tsunoda

MANABU FUKUDA _____

Much has been said and discussed about the future of Buddhism in this country and the responsibilities of the Nisei Buddhists. The period of discussions and deliberations has passed and now we are entering into an era of actual work to fulfill the sacred obligations left for us by the passing generation.

Up to the present, everything has been planned on a large scale and an elaborate design. Plans were too enormous and unwieldy-----the blue prints were too fantastic from the view point of practicability. In order to accomplish the difficult assignment of consolidating the Buddhists in this country, we must start from the very beginning-----that is to establish a firm spiritual foundation in the hearts of the members themselves. From here the groundwork for a larger and a more efficient organization originates.

It is with this idea that we wish to carry on the YBA movement in this Poston Center.

With Gassho,
Manabu Fukuda

TAKANORI NIMURA.....

Welcome, brothers! To you, we extend the most heartiest and cordial welcome for your interest in our Second Annual Young Buddhist Association Forum. As Buddhists we are of one brotherhood, so during your brief visit in Poston feel as you would in a family reunion, and make this a memorable occasion.

In the midst of world turmoil, we Buddhist face in the immediate future, a dark world waiting very anxiously. And now the great work of carrying on into that world lies upon our shoulders.

We believe in the very quality of our great religion, and it is our desire to spread this vast reservoir of knowledge and wisdom to all. Our aim today is to hold together our forces and to keep the flame of Buddhism glowing forever. With this in our minds, we have chosen "Flight For Buddhism" as the key word for this convention. Let us as one progress, let us as one strive, never failing in our work. Buss-eis, carry on, on and on!!!

With Gassho,
Takanori Nimura
President, Poston I YBA

ISAMU ISOMOTO_____

Nearly two years have elapsed since we arrived at this dusty, desolate, frontier housing---- the city of Poston. And during these two years, numerous events have occurred adding misery to discomfort in our abnormal camp life. In these difficult days when all hearts are burdened, we need the comfort of a cheerful spirit and I earnestly believe that the conference such as the one being sponsored today by Unit I will be of a lasting value to us as a great morale building inspirational meeting.

Fellow Busseis, let us shoulder some sort of responsibilities so that we may be able to carry on and not break down under the excessive mental strain of this chaotic world. Where there is responsibilities, there is hope--where there is obligation, there is faith, so with faith in the teachings of Lord Buddha let us erase our existing doubts and with NANU AMIDA BUTSU face the future with a smile.

Gassho,
Isamu Isomoto
President, Poston II YBA

MASAMI HONDA _____

Two years ago, we were assembled in this valley amidst the sweltering heat of hardship and turmoil. Through our own initiative of planting and building, we are proud to know that who have a community that is second to none.

Upon our arrival, we felt a need for a Buddhist Church where we can worship and a possibility of a YBA Organization. Both were organized until today it is known as the largest organization and the most active group in Poston. If it were not for the cooperation and an all out efforts of the YBA members, I do not believe there would be such an honor tendered us.

We are losing our leaders daily due to relocation and draft. Therefore, we the present YBA must continue to carry on the program to meet our needs. The Future Buddhism will depend on us Bussei's, the Bussei's of today. So, let us pledge to keep Buddhism alive in America.

In behalf of Poston III YBA, I wish to express my appreciation to the Unit I YBA in keeping our faith alive in sponsoring this conference with the theme, "Flight for Buddhism." Best of luck and good wishes on your journey.

With Gassho,
Masami Honda
President, Poston III

ARTHUR TAKEMOTO_____

My congratulations and best wishes are with you in your coming conference. It is most heartening to hear of your conference, and to know it to be an annual affair. Through the vast area of darkness, the light of the YBA shines afar, like the light of the Great Tathagata who brings to us the light of wisdom and salvation. The Theme, "Flight for Buddhism" is very appropriate. Let it be the flight for the Law that Lord Buddha expounded to his disciples, that of forming the Brotherhood in which we bring ourselves together, to assist one another and strengthen the efforts of mankind. As the disciples of Buddha uttered the solemn vows: "To the community will I look in faith; the community of the Buddha's disciples instructs us to lead a life of righteousness; teaches us to exercise honesty and justice; shows us how to practice the truth." So too, the YBA have followed the Law of Buddha by building the morale of the community through its participation in the major activities of the center. So like Buddha said unto the disciples: "Go ye, now, for the benefit of man, for the welfare of mankind. Teach them the doctrine which is glorious in the beginning, glorious in the end, in the spirit as well as in the letter." Best wishes to you, and Carry on, Busseis, Carry on! Namu Amida Butsu.

With Gassho,
Arthur Takemoto

CARL K. SATO

Bombers are making missions around the clock over the war-torn fronts throughout the world. Behind the bombers, both friend and foe, are the ground crews, meticulous in their last-minute check of the ships before they wing skyward into their flight for victory.

Those bombers--the ground, the operations, the flight crews--are all well-equipped, prepared, confident. Those planes and those men have a definite duty to perform. Their lives--and more--are at stake. They will do their best.

Can you and I say the same as we prepare in our flight for Buddhism?

The Teachings of Lord Buddha are as modern as Tomorrow. Our Pilot, Amida Buddha, guides us steadfastly into the horizons beyond with the ships of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Mercy. What part are we playing on this team? Are we striving to be well-equipped, prepared, confident--so we may complete our mission successfully?

As we gather here today, let us remember that in our sincerity of purpose, in our devotion lies the answer.

With Gassho,
Carl K. Sato
President, Mesa
Y. B. A.

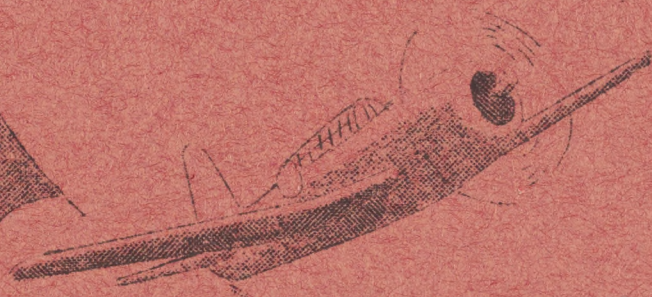
MASAO KURISU

From the northern tip of sunny California I welcome you to the Second Tri-Unit Conference to be held in Camp I. Last year yours with gassho enjoyed every moment of that conference from its embryonic stage to the final gassho. Our firm friendship, unity, and faith that was established in that single day have lived on to this date.

In the course of human events we must choose our destinities which we deem is for our best. We of the Nipponese ancestry have taken three definite courses after we had been incarcerated in the ten WRA projects; relocating in different parts of the U. S., staying within the centers, and entering a Segregee Center. Yes, it is true that we have been widely separated by our choices. No matter how much further we may be sprinkled throughout the four corners of the globe, one thing remains intact as one. That one thing is our universal faith in the teachings of the Lord Buddha. Let it be known that when this faith dissolves our lives will be forever doomed to the sorrowful depths of human ignorance and sufferings of no lenient outlet.

Let's all take this opportunity and occasion to reinforce with the steel rods of faith in the almighty teachings of the Lord Buddha. Let this be a day of rejoicing and a springboard to further understanding of the joys of life we may acquire and attain through the blessed teachings.

Masao Kurisu



YBA MANEUVERS

POSTON YBA _____

POSTON I

REVERENDS

Reverend	Ishihara.	. . . . .	Nichiren-shu
"	Izumida	. . . . .	Shin-shu
"	Kurahashi	Nichiren-shu
"	Masuoaka	Shin-shu
"	Nagafuji.	Shin-shu
"	Sogabe.	Shingon-shu

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Secretary.	Kikue Nishimoto

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President.	Takanori Nimura
Vice President	Tom Tanamachi
Secretary.	Toshi Awaya
Treasurer.	. . . . .	Kiyoshi Iizuka
Auditor.	. . . . .	Takeo Isobe
Devotional Chairman.	. . . . .	Eizo Etow
"	"	Hatsuye Okabe
Research Chairman.	. . . . .	Charles Sawabe
Social C hairman	Kenneth Yoshioka
Music Chairman	Bert Fujii
Publicity Chairman	Aiko Tanamachi

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REVERENDS

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 " Iwanaga Shin-shu

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 " " Sachi Fujikawa
 Secretary. Amy Nishimura
 Treasurer. Masashi Tazumi
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 Assistant. Kaoru Tazumi
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 Assistant. Toshiko Etow
 Religious Chairman Masashi Tazumi
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 Entertainment Chairman Kiyoko Imoto
 Reporter Fuku Yokoyama
 Music Chairman Yoshiye Yamane
 " " Tsukino Mizuki
 Director of YEA. Manabu Fukuda

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REVERENDS

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" Sakow Shin-shu
" Tsunoda Shin-shu

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Vice President Mary Tashiro
" " Toru Ikeda
Secretary Ruth Watanabe
Treasurer Bill Tsuji
Assistant Tak Takanishi
Literary Chairman Ichiro Okada
Assistant James Sera
Social Chairman Tim Tanaka
Assistant Tommy Doi
Music Director Doris Fujimoto
Assistant Grace Hosaka

CALENDAR

Nineteen hundred and forty three

June 1----Unit I choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Shizuko Yoshimura, and several Bussei performers went to Unit III Buddhist Church for a "YBA Nite."

June 6----Election of new YBA officers was held at Block 30 Mess Hall.

June 14----For the first time our new cabinet officers and Sunday school teachers met at Block 13 Recreation Hall to discuss new Sunday school set-up.

July 3----New YBA cabinet led by George Yamaguchi was installed by Rev. Nagafuji at Mess Hall 31.....Anniversary social followed.

The officers installed were: George Yamaguchi, Takeo Isobe, Kay Ishikawa, Toshi Awaya, Masako Deguchi, Tom Tanamachi, Marie Yamaguchi, Masao Kurisu, Kuni Nishimoto, Tony Matsuda, and Bert Fujii.

July 11----Tony Matsuda represented Poston YBA at the Salt Lake Conference.

July 23----Rev. Kumata, director of the National YBA, and Mr. Maruyama of Topaz, visited Poston to outline the functions and purposes of the National YBA Headquarters at Topaz, Utah.

July 24-----An informal discussion on National YRA Headquarters was held at Block 13 Church.

July 25-----Rev. Kurata spoke at Block 13 YRA service.

July 26-----Rev. Kurata and Fr. Maryam left Poston at 4:30 a.m.

August 2-----The first meeting of the Reverends, cabinet officers and block representatives was held at Block 45 Buddhist Church.
.....discussion on "O-BONNE."

August 3-----The first "Bon Odori" practice was held at Block 13 recreation hall area under the leadership of Rev. Iwama of Unit II.

August 15-----O-BONNE service held at Block 28 ground. Rain poured but the service continued.....

A colorful "Bon Odori" brought a successful conclusion to the second O-BON Festival.

September 4-----The first all unit Forum conference added another milestone to the Buddhist activities in Poston.

September 7---President George Yamaguchi left the project for Chicago on indefinite leave.

September 26---Tony Matsuda was ordained into the Shinon sect by Rev. Sorabe in an impressive ceremony held at Block 45 Temple.

October 4-----Many active Bussais were among the group that left for Tule Lake Center.

November 14----A Gala Russoe Nite was held at Mess Hall 30. To Tara acted served as the chairman....Tony Tschiyana was announced as the "Frank Sinatra of Postor"....."Shot Gun Wedding", starring Tony Tschiyana, the teacher; Bert F. II, the unfortunate groom; "Pro" Nivara, the prett bride; Hobu Fukuda, the father with a shot- gun; and George Torio, the sweet flower girl, climaxed the evening.

November 26---The Unit I actors and actresses entertained Unit III Russoes with the same program which was presented to the Unit I Russoes.

December 31----YRA took a leading part in the New Year's Eve Social which was sponsored by the Community Activities at the school auditorium.

Nineteen hundred and forty four

January 9----Election of the new YRA cabinet officers was held. "Pro" Nivara elected as our new "Proxy."

Arthur Takemoto delivered final speech at the service before leaving for Topaz.

January 14----YRA contributed many talents to the Infantile Paralysis Campaign Talent Show at the school auditorium, sponsored by the Community Activities department of Unit I.

January 15----Several performers in the same program entertained Unit II residents at the Talent Show which was held at the Cottonwood Bowl.

January 16----Installation of the new cabinet officers was held at the Block 13 Buddhist Church. The new officers were installed by the YEA Director, Mrs. Shizuko Yoshimura.

President--Takanori Ninura; Vice President--Tom Tanamachi; Social Chairman--Sumi Nakashima; Secretary--Toshi Awaya; Treasurer--Kiyoshi Iizuka; Auditor--Takeo Isobe; Devotional Chairman--Eizo Etow, Natsuko Nishimoto and Hatsuye Okabe; Research Chairman--Charles Sawabe; Music Chairman--Bert Fujii; Publicity Chairman--Aiko Tanamachi.

January 29---Infantile Paralysis Benefit Ball was held at the school auditorium....sponsored by the YEA; another successful affair.

February 13----An impressive Nehru Service, combined with a Memorial Service was held at the school auditorium.

March 7-----YEA Office secretary Natsuko Nishimoto left for Brule, Nebraska.

March 18----Again, the YEA combined with the Penettes, sponsored a social, "Caught in the Draft" for the inductees at the school auditorium.

March 21-----Our Social Chairman Sumi Nakashima relocated to Kansas City, Missouri.

April 15----Hana-Matsuri service held at the school auditorium from 2 o'clock. A program was presented by the Sunday school children and several YEA members later in the evening. An overwhelming attendance!!!

May 26, 27, 28---A benefit movie show was sponsored by the VBA at the school auditorium. The features shown were "Congo Island" in technicolor and "The Iron Major."

May 28-----Shinran Shonin's birthday service at the school auditorium. Combined with the Isseis.....Rev. Fujimura of Unit II was the guest speaker.

June 4-----Parent's Day Service at the school auditorium was sponsored by the VBA.

June 11-----Rev. Kubose of Heart Mountain spoke to the Young Russels at Block 13 Church.

June 25-----Second all unit Forum Conference was held at the grammar school buildings and the auditorium.

GILA Y BA _____

CANAL CAMP

YEA CABINET MEMBERS

Board of Directors	Shinji Sasai
.	Kimi Shigaki
.	Nancy Aoki
Secretary	Kaoru Kato
Treasurer	Sally Selgi
Research Chairman	Shozo Nakata
Publication Chairman	Ben Matsura
Music Chairman	Mari Hisane
Social and Welfare Chairman	Michi Yamada
Forensic Chairman	Irene Takayama
Grade School Superintendent.	Lillian Shimizu

ORGANIZATION

During the hot days of September 1942, three of the more youthful Busseis approached Rev. Kimura in an effort to establish the Carol Y. B.A. Because of these Busseis felt that this camp needed such an organization to uplift the morale, they decided to hold the first meeting. This first meeting was held at Recreation Hall #26 with 11 Busseis present. It was decided that no meeting place would be available for some length of time, so the services would be rotated from one recreation hall to the next. Finally, the place for the church was selected to be Recreation Hall #4.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES

One of the highlights of the year is the participation of the Y.B.A. and Jr. Y.B.A. in the Community Carnival given on November 27 and 28, 1943. The efforts of the hard-working Busseis were well paid, as the Baseball Throw, sponsored by the Y.B.A. proved to be the most popular. With Ben Horizane and Shigeo Sasai as the co-chairmen, the two days were efficiently managed.

In November and December, the Busseis worked hard on the making of the Oyo-os under the able guidance of Ben Horizane. These Oyo-os were mounted with beautiful old Japanese linen material.

In December, the Butte and Canal Camps combined in sponsoring a dinner meeting among the Gila Bussei and the appointed Caucasian staff of Gila River. The purpose of this event was to get acquainted with the Caucasians and also to convey to them the true principles of Buddhism.

To finish the successful year, a Borei Kai was held at Mess Hall #13. A social was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Y.B.A. made out a books under the co-chairman of Mrs. Nori Misaki and Ben Horizane with a staff of hard-working helpers. These were distributed free to all Busseis that had membership cards.

On February 6, 1944, the Y.B.A. participated in the Community play contest and presented a

crowley, "Pampered Darlin'", with Shih-chisa Ma'n-ah as the co-ordinator. Although the Busseis failed to place in the contest, they had a lot of fun performing it.

The Y.B.A. is participating as a sponsoring organization for the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. The Y.B.A. is also sponsoring the Canal Buddha School which supervises children of primary and elementary ages.

The Y.B.A. has approximately 350 members who are divided into Junior and Senior groups. Those of high school age belong to the Jr. Y.B.A. and those above high school age belong to the Sr. Y.B.A.

At the present time we are training to have a special service during the four-day Celebration on Fourth of July, for the Jerome residents who are expected to arrive here in mid-June and the latter part of June. Also we are preparing for the coming year with more plans of gala activities, such as the O-Bon Festivities for the mid-month of July.

BUTTE CAMP

The Butte Young Buddhist Association began its activities with the installation of new cabinet officers in January 16th at Temple 42. The officers had been duly elected on December 18th of the previous year. An impressive candle light ceremony was officiated by the adviser of the organization, Rev. K. Imamura. The cabinet officers installed at this time were as follows:

Executive Board	Rev. Teshima Torio Sonoda Jitsuko Haranoto
Secretary	Michiko Yamanoto
Treasurer	Hiroshi Shinmoto
Publicity Chairman	Wataru Takeshita
Religious Chairman	William Nakatani
Welfare Chairman	Jane Tokayama
Social Chairman	Yoshiko Furata
" "	Hatsuko Okamoto
Property Chairman	Henry Fukuchi
Music Chairman	Jane Asakura
Adviser	Rev. K. Inamura

The accelerated relocation program, segregation and more recently, the draft have drained our membership considerably. Many capable leaders to whom we all counted for guidance and help have left the camp to pursue their endeavors on the outside. Therefore, there has been reshuffling of officers all along these past months.

We believe all centers are in somewhat similar
plot as far as membership is concerned. The
picture today is certainly different from

what it was a year or two ago when the more experienced and the older were here, and when center life was still a novelty. The picture today is one of listlessness and near stagnation, which gives even greater credit to the few but staunch Buddhists who carry on despite the difficulties.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES

At the initial meeting of the new Council called to order by Chairman Roy Toshima, January 23, a tentative calendar of the next six-months' period was drawn up and approved. To stimulate more interest among members in our weekly Sunday services a variation of program was suggested; for example, obtaining guest speakers whenever possible from the Administration or any visitors who happen to be in the center at the time, to hold more frequent get-togethers with other religious organization, once a month. These varied programs seemed to have attracted ever increasing numbers to our weekly services.

Our YRA organization has as its units block representatives selected by the Cabinet to assist in the performance of various Y.B.A. activities in the center. There are two representatives from each block with one serving as an alternate so that there will be representation from each block at every meeting in case one of them is unable to attend. The 1944 membership drive was initiated in early February when the block representatives did a grand job of successfully selling over 300 membership tickets. Of course this mark fell far short of the previous years approximately

600 members, however, considering the situation today it was better than expected.

With the opening of selective service for the nisei, many boys from this center were called to the colors. A first of the many farewell services was held for the inductees who were about to serve their country on March 26. On the departure day "Onyo-gos" were given to the Busseis draftees from the Y.B.A.

Under the auspices of the Y.B.A. Hana-Matsuri service was observed on April 9, 1944. The Y. B.A. members helped in the preparation of "O-Hana-Mido" and in the general arrangements. This year we were fortunate in obtaining live flowers for the decoration of the hana-mido which added much more color and attraction than in previous year.

Because of lack of enthusiasm and insufficient time to prepare for a conference, the organization decided not to send any delegates to the Topaz Y.B.A. Conference held during the last week of April.

Since the beginning of the year the present cabinet had contemplated an undertaking a project of printing gatha books which were very much in need for use at church services. The committee for the project was headed by Wataru Takeshita. Approximately 500 new gatha books were printed. Noticeable improvements were made over the old ones, and although the books consumed about a month's work it turned out to be very much worth the effort.

May 14th was Mother's Day, and we invited our

mothers to the Y.B.A. service to show our appreciation to them.

On May 21st the Cabinet held a joint dinner meeting with the Mesa Y.B.A. group at the newly established Y.B.A. clubroom. Carl Sato, formerly of Los Angeles and presently the president of the Mesa Y.B.A., was among those present. In the evening we assembled at Temple 42 for the St. Shinran Service. After the service an informal meeting followed at which time the Y.B.A. members from Mesa gave us a first hand report of the recent Topaz conference. The report was comprehensive and we were happy to learn clearly what actually happened at the conference.

A Memorial Service to pay solemn tribute to the deceased was observed jointly with the issei on May 30th. The Y.B.A. took the leading part by being responsible for the arrangement of the program. It was well attended by both isseis and niseis.

The above chronicle, which brings us up to date, is only a short interval in the life of our organization, for as long as the center exists, so will the Butte Y.B.A. Despite relocation which will continue to drain, despite the Arizona heat that withers the spirit, and the dwindling of finances because of decreased incomes, we will go on. We have hope in the younger Bussei who are accepting responsibility; we take encouragement from former members who letters back to the camp say: "Don't give up, carry on!!!"

TOPAZ YBA

Since the reopening of the selective service, the tide of our YBA cabinet has been shifted right into the United States Army. We had a complete rejuvenation of our Y.B.A. organization and thought, for once, we shall have a strong and an active Y.B.A. organization with new blood and enthusiastic officers in the cabinet. Today we are up against a diminishing cabinet. Out of the nineteen officers in the YBA seven of the main body have left the center and many of active supporters have also been taken away. We are planning to select more officers in the near future. The names of the officers as of April 25, 1944, are as follow:

Chairman	Joseph Sasaki
Vice Chairman	Toby Kuruma
Secretary	Masumi Imazumi
Treasurer	John Mikami
Religious Chairman	Masami Isono
Forensics Chairman	Shigeki Sugiyama
Public Relation Chairman	Yoshimi Kawaguchi
Music Chairman	Rose Ishimoto
Sunday School Superintendent	Yoshio Isono
Social Chairman	Eva Tanaki
Recreation Chairman	Larry Fukuhara
Advisers	Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku
"	Masuji Fujii
"	Yoshitomi Fukushima
"	James Yamakoshi

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES

One of the very recent activities of the Y.P. A., the ward rallies, in which the membership drive was conducted. Each ward consists of eight to nine blocks and we have four wards in this center. Each ward has a chairman and a secretary so all business of the wards can be conducted by the respective officers. The wards are then broken up into block representatives and are to have meetings of the said ward at least bi-monthly. We find this quite effective. The complete list of members of this center is yet unknown as all of the reports from the various wards are incomplete. Though it is incomplete, we find the membership drive to be a successful one as there is a large increase in the membership in comparison to last year.

At the Young People's service, since January, 1944, there has been a tremendous increase in attendance. The attendance at the service at present is averaging about 350, compared to the last check-up of members attending service of December, 1943, which was 140. You can readily see that the increase in attendance is more than twice as much as that of December.

One of the rarest occasion in any center is that of holding an Interfaith Worship. Here in this center we are able to hold such a service for some of the National Holidays. We feel rather proud that we can join together in harmony with other religious denominations in carrying forth the common cause, that of making this world a better place to live.

FORUM PROGRAM

LOCATION. School Buildings

REGISTRATION. 8:00 A.M. -- 9:30 A.M.

SERVICE 9:30 A.M. -- 10:30 A.M.

FORUM 10:30 A.M. -- 11:30 A.M.

FLIGHT FOR BUDDHISM

Chairman Aiko Hora

Speaker. Manabu Fukuda

FUTURE OF NISEI

Chairman Marianne Masui

Speaker. Dr. Powell

. Dr. Balderston

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS

Chairman Toshio Kimoto

Speaker. Dr. Harris

NATIONAL YBA MOVEMENT

Chairman Akira Hedani

Speaker. Isamu Isonoto

OPEN FORUM

Chairman Toshi Awaysa

Speaker. Dr. Boardman

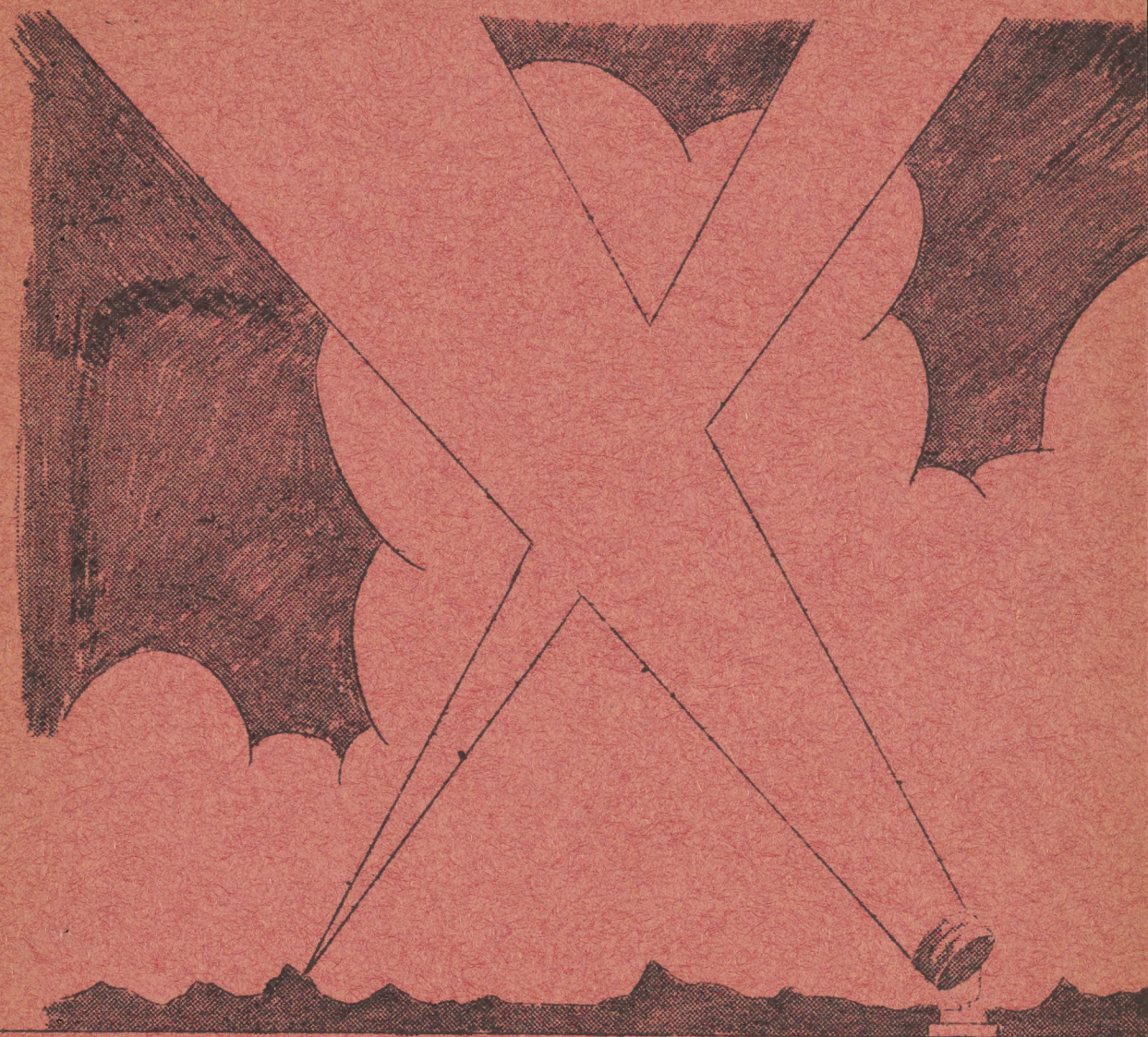
GENERAL MEETING, . . 1:30 P.M. -- 2:30 P.M. .

Chairman Tom Tanamachi

MUSICALS 2:30 P.M. -- 3:00 P.M.

SAYONARA BALL 8:30 P.M. -- 11:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Tad Fujii



SEARCHLIGHT



DI RECTORY

1944

- A -

Akada, Yoshiya	30-13-C	Los Angeles
Kiyama, Hisao	16- 2-B	Watsonville
Akutagawa, Tetsuo	4- 3-D	Perris
Arita, Kaneto	3- 7-D	Delano
Arita, Kiyo	3- 7-D	Delano
Iwaya, A kiko	17-11-C	Gilroy
Iwaya, Toshi	17-11-C	Gilroy

- D -

Deguchi, Masako	18- 1-C	Salinas
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- E -

Emoto, Fumiko	3- 1-A	Delano
Emoto, Nellie	3- 1-A	Delano
Etow, Eizo	22- 5-D	Oceanside
Etow, Kikuye	22- 5-D	Oceanside

- F --

Fukawa, Hiroshi	3- 9-A	Lompoc
Fukuda, Atsuo	17- 2-C	Salinas
Fukuda, Fred	43- 2-C	Anaheim
Fujii, George	27-13-D	Anaheim
Fujii, Hideo	15- 8-B	Glendale, Ariz.
Fujii, Isoko	27-13-D	El Centro
Fujii, Kay	19- 2-A	Bakersfield
Fujii, Tadao	15- 8-B	Glendale, Ariz.
Fujimoto, Kiyoshi	54- 5-C	Salinas
Fujimoto, Noboru	38-12-B	Capistrano
Fujita, Shizuko	17- 6-A	Salinas
Fujiwara, Helen	54-10-D	El Centro
Fujiwara, Ja ck	54-10-D	El Centro
Fujizawa, Haruo	39- 7-A	El Centro
Funaki, Toshiko	22- 3-B	Encinitas

- H -

Hamai, James	3-7-C	Los Angeles
Honda, Joe	31-8-A	Gilroy
Honda, Norma	31-8-A	Gilroy
Hora, Aiko	16-14-D	Watsonville
Hora, Sadao	16-14-D	Watsonville

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Iizuka, Kiyoshi	26-8-A	Brawley
Ikeda, Mitsuko	15-6-B	Salinas
Inouye, Masako	19-6-D	Bakersfield
Ishikawa, Mamie	15-9-C	Glendale, Ariz.
Iso, Takeo	2-8-D	Watsonville
Ito, Fumiyo	22-10-B	Fallbrook
Ito, Helen	31-2-A	San Juan B'ta.
Ito, Kimi	30-7-D	Los Angeles
Ito, Mary	31-2-A	San Juan B'ta.
Iwakoshi, Tsuyuko	37-5-B	Santa Ana

- K -

Kajiko, Kiyoshi	31-10-B	San Juan B'ta.
Kakita, Georg	27-13-C	Los Angeles
Kakita, Helen	27-13-C	El Centro
Kamatani, Hidoko	43-7-A	Santa Ana
Kamoshige, Hisako	17-14-C	Hollister
Kaminoto, Kay	31-6-B	San Juan B'ta.
Kaminoto, Toyoko	31-6-B	San Juan B'ta.
Kaminoto, Tsutae	17-14-A	San Juan B'ta.
Kaniye, Albert	45-13-D	Los Angeles
Kato, James	11-3-D	Salinas
Kawamoto, Seikichi	15-12-A	Mesa, Ariz.
Kida, Nobuko	53-7-D	San Diego
Kimoto, Hidoko	2-9-D	Watsonville
Kimoto, Misako	2-9-D	Watsonville
Kimoto, Toshio	2-9-D	Watsonville

- K -

Kishi, Michael	38-12-A	San Onofre
Kitamura, Hideko	54- 8-B	Niland
Kodama, Ruth Yaeko	38- 8-D	Santa Ana
Kondo, Mariko	19-14-B	Salinas
Kowaki, Alyce	31- 3-C	San Juan B'ta.
Kuboshige, George	4- 3-A	Perris
Kumada, Yoshiko	31- 9-D	San Juan B'ta.
Kuramoto, Tomo	39- 1-C	Brawley
Kuroye, Chisato	22- 2-A	Encinitas
Kuroye, Ruth	22- 2-A	Encinitas

- M -

Maruyama, Kenichi	5- 1-A	Huntington Beach
Maruyama, Shigeo	5- 1-A	Huntington Beach
Masui, Grayce	2- 8-C	Salinas
Masui, Marianne	2- 8-C	Salinas
Matsubara, Sadao	4- 2-B	Riverside
Matsubara, Tom	2-10-D	Los Angeles
Matsuda, Ikiko	16-10-C	Salinas
Matsuda, Satoshi	44- 7-L	Encinitas
Matsuda, Toshi	44- 7-A	Encinitas
Miwa, Harry	31-12-B	San Juan B'ta
Miyada, Ruth	37- 8-B	Laguna Beach
Miyana, Masako	31-10-C	San Juan B'ta.
Miyanaga, Ruby	31-10-C	San Juan B'ta.
Miyata, Kikue	54- 8-A	Calexico
Miyoda, Akira	38-10-D	Santa Ana
Mizutani, Miyo	44-11-C	Cochella
Mori, Tsutayo	44- 3-A	Oceanside
Morikawa, Kiyoshi	54- 9-D	Brawley
Morimoto, Betty	17-14-B	Salinas
Morimoto, Setsuyo	17-14-B	Salinas
Morinaga, Kiyoko	39- 3-B	El Centro
Morinaga, Michiko	39- 3-B	El Centro
Mukai, Haruo	17- 6-D	Salinas

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Mukai, Masato	17- 6-D	Salinas
Mukai, Setsuko	5- 1-B	Huntington
Murata, Ruby	44- 8-B	Carlsbad

- N -

Nagai, Kazuko	2-14-B	Los Angeles
Nagata, Nobuko	44- 5-C	Irvine
Nakachi, Hisako	19- 4-D	Los Angeles
Nakano, Bob	27-13-C	Oceanside
Nakano, Frances	27-13-C	Oceanside
Nakagawa, Fujiyo	22- 2-B	La Jolla
Nakamoto, Aiko	19- 5-A	Bakersfield
Nakamoto, Blanche	19- 5-A	Bakersfield
Nakamura, Kay	43- 1-B	Santa Ana
Nakamura, Margaret	16- 3-B	Santa Cruz
Nakamura, Viko	43- 1-B	Santa Ana
Nakamura, Namiko	3-11-B	San Luis Obispo
Nakamura, Satoshi	3-11-B	San Luis Obispo
Nakashima, Frank	37- 1-B	Buena Park
Nakasone, Hideko	39- 1-B	Brawley
Natastukasa, Shizuyo	44- 4-D	San Marcos
Natatane, Toichi	37- 2-B	Oceanside
Neishi, Helen	38- 1-C	Santa Ana
Nimura, Mitsuyo	54-10-A	Holtville
Nimura, Takanori	54-10-A	Holtville
Ninomiya, Molly	16- 1-B	San Juan B'ta.
Nishijima, Katsumi	17- 5-B	Gilroy
Nishijima, Sybil	17- 5-B	Gilroy
Nishida, Hanako	59- 4-C	El Centro
Nishikawa, Teruko	22- 9-D	Los Angeles
Nishioka, Rosie	43-11-A	Capistrano
Nishimoto, Aki	19- 7-D	Lancaster
Nishimoto, Harue	53- 7-D	Brawley
Nishimoto, Kikue	53- 7-D	Brawley
Nishimoto, Kimie	53- 7-D	Brawley

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Nishita, Haruyo	17-13-A	San Juan B'ta.
Nishita, Satoru	17-13-C	San Juan B'ta.
Nishita, Toshiyo	17-13-C	San Juan B'ta.
Nomoto, Mitsugi	15- 9-B	Winslow, Ariz.
Nomura, Hisayo	54- 8-A	Caloxico
Nomura, Takumi	15- 9-A	Glendale
Noritake, Tamayo	36-11-D	Los Angeles
Noto, Amy Lee	31- 7-A	San Juan B'ta.

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Obata, Fumio	3- 9-D	Dolano
Oda, Miyoji	53-10-B	Brawley
Odawa, Kiyoko	27-13-F	Huntington
Ogura, Mitsuyo	19- 5-C	Bakersfield
Oka, Haruka	37- 9-C	Huntington
Okabe, Matsuyo	38- 4-D	Buena Park
Okano, Futsuko	53- 7-B	Brawley
Okimoto, Mitsuyo	19- 6-A	Lancaster
Okuma, Fock	19- 8-C	Bakersfield
Omura, Susie	19-10-A	Bakersfield
Oochida, Mitsuyo	17-12-B	Gilroy
Oochida, Nobushige	17-12-B	Gilroy
Oochida, Tamayo	17-12-B	Gilroy
Oochida, Yoshito	17-12-B	Gilroy

- S -

Sadokano, Shigeko	38- 4-B	Huntington
Sada Kane, Shizumi	38- 4-B	Huntington
Sadakane, Satsuyo	38- 4-B	Huntington
Sakai, Mineyo	17- 9-B	San Juan B'ta.
Shimono, Bessie	19- 2-D	Bakersfield
Sakamoto, Betty	19- 5-B	Bakersfield
Sakamoto, Kinya	19- 5-B	Bakersfield
Sakuda, Betty	16- 1-B	San Juan B'ta.
Sakuda, Nancy	16- 1-B	San Juan B'ta.

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Sakuda, Waseko	16- 1-B	San Juan B'ta.
Sanomatsu, Arthur	3- 4-B	Riverside
Sanomatsu, Toshiko	3- 4-B	Riverside
Sato, Haruko	37-12-D	Santa Ana
Sato, George	43-10-C	Capistrano
Sawabe, Charles	17-10-A	San Jose
Sawabe, Nobuko	17-10-A	San Jose
Seriguchi, Teshiko	39- 7-C	Holtville
Shibata, Grace	30- 9-C	Los Angeles
Shimabukuro, Misao	59- 5-A	Brawley
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	59- 5-A	Brawley
Shirane, Shinobu	4-11-B	Ontario
Shirane, Yoshiyo	4-11-B	Ontario
Sonoda, Jeff	45-10-B	Los Angeles
Suginoto, Kazuo	43- 3-A	Encinitas
Sugita, Faye	28- 9-D	Santa Ana
Sugita, Sam	28- 9-D	Vista

- T -

Tabuchi, Lois	17- 9-A	San Juan B'ta.
Tadokoro, Hatsuye	38-10-A	Orange Co.
Tajii, Shigeru	59- 4-B	El Centro
Takahashi, Edith	19- 5-A	Bakersfield
Takata, Peggy	31- 5-A	Watsonville
Takata, Usami	31- 5-A	Watsonville
Takemoto, Katsmi	53-14-D	Watsonville
Takemoto, Shizue	53-14-D	Watsonville
Tamura, Kiyoko	19- 6-C	Bakersfield
Tanaka, Aya	4- 2-C	Perris
Tanaka, Leo	4- 2-C	Perris
Tanaka, Minoru	17- 5-C	Gilroy
Tanemachi, Aiko	37-11-C	Long Beach
Tanemachi, Tom	37-11-C	Long Beach
Tanida, Fumiko	22- 3-C	Vista
Tanaka, Minoru	17- 5-C	Gilroy

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Tanida, Yoshio	22- 3-C	Vista
Taniguchi, Tsuruo	17-11-D	Salinas
Tateishi, Michiko	44- 7-D	Del Mar
Tawa, Junko	30- 6-A	Los Angeles
Toyofuku, Natsuye	17- 9-D	San Jose
Toyofuku, Sumiyo	17- 9-D	San Jose
Toyofuku, Tomoyo	17- 9-D	San Jose
Tsuchiyama, Tommy	54-10-C	El Centro

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Ukagawa, Kiyoko	22- 8-B	Irvine
Umeda, Asayo	45-12-A	Gilroy
Umeda, Chiyoko	45-11-A	Los Angeles
Umeda, Sumiko	45-11-A	Los Angeles
Uyehata, Lucil	17-10-B	Gilroy
Uyehata, Viola	17-10-B	Gilroy
Uyemoto, Miyoko	11- 2-D	Los Angeles

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Watanabe, Robert	3-10-B	San Luis Obispo
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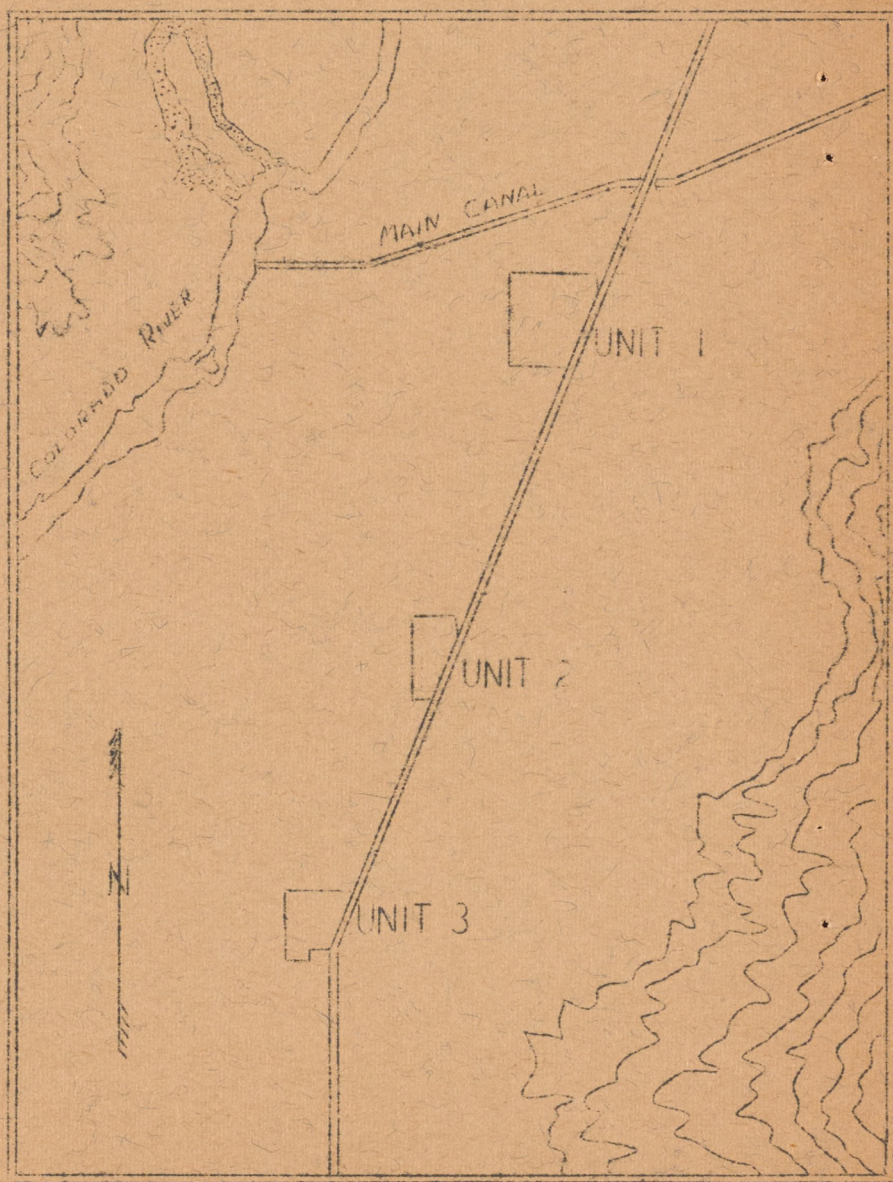
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Yamasaki, Taka	53-13-D	Salinas
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Yasukochi, Al	37- 2-C	Oceanside
Yasukochi, Kiyo	37- 2-C	Oceanside
Yasukochi, Michi	37- 2-C	Oceanside
Yoshida, Setsu	27-10-B	Irvine
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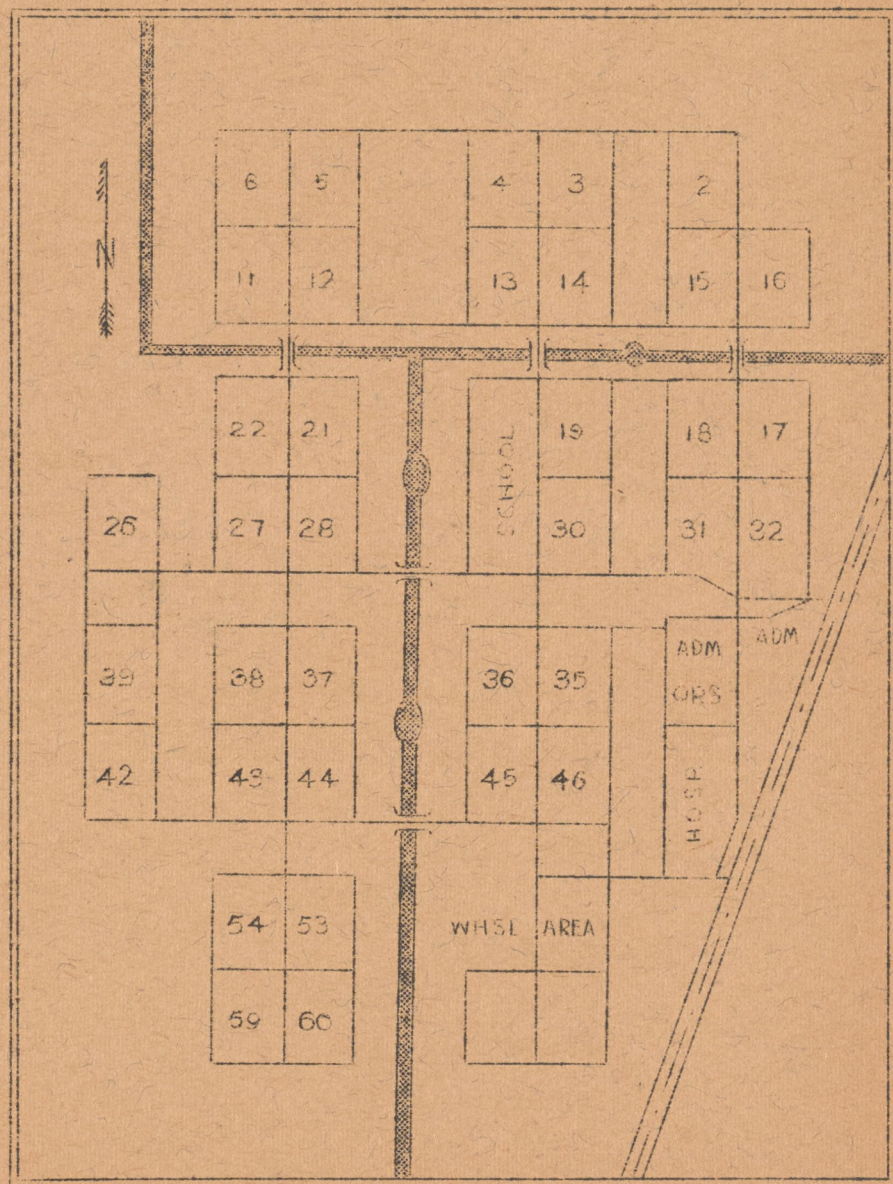
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Yoshimura , Shizuye	4-11-C	Los Angeles
Yoshirara, Yoneo	39- 2-A	El Centro
Yoshioka, Kenneth	35-11-B	Los Angeles
Yoshioka, Lloyd	17- 8-C	Salinas
Yoshisato, Don	19-10-B	Bakersfield
Yoshisato, Ross	19-10-B	Bakersfield
Yoshiwara, Mariko	38- 9-C	Gardena

MAP OF POSTON



MAP OF CAMP 1



WTFs



He expects to make a long hop,
notice the extra belly tank."

ARMY DOG: "You say you haven't any appetite?
Well, you ought to drink a cup of lot water
every morning."

SOLDIER: "I do. But the mess sergeant calls
it coffee."

SERGEANT: "I want a responsible man."

PRIVATE MOTO: "I guess that's me. Whenever
anything goes wrong, I'm held responsible."

FIRST SOLDIER: "Say, what is a red corpuscle?"

SECOND SOLDIER: "That's easy. A red corpuscle
is a noncommissioned officer in the Russian
army."

COOKIE: "Did you empty the water under the
ice-box?"

K.P.: "Yes, I did. I emptied it and put it
in fresh water."

ANY GIRL can start a soldier on the road to
matrimony....if she has the right contours on
her maps.

THE WISEST MEN ARE foolish over women, but the most stupid woman is wise to men!

PILOT: "Do you know why a pilot's life is like a girl's underwear?"

MECHANIC: "No, why?"

PILOT: "Because one slip is enuff."

A DRAFTEE writing a letter to his board ended a letter: "Eventually yours,"

SENTRY: "I'm sorry but I can't permit you to enter this camp today."

WOMAN: "But I'm one of the officer's wives."

SENTRY: "I couldn't let you in even if you were the officer's only wife."

TWO YOUNG LADIES were walking down Fifth Avenue. Suddenly one gave out with a piercing shriek. "Look!" she cried in amazement. "What's so terrible?" asked her friend. "They are only midgets."

"Thank goodness," said the other girl, greatly relieved. "I thought for a minute they were rationing men."

KISSING your sweetheart is like eating soup with a fork. It takes a long, long time to get enough.

"Do you have a balanced diet in the army?"

"Oh, sure. Every bean weighs about the same."

PRIVATE: "My folks did their best to keep me from becoming a soldier."

SERGEANT: "Well, I hand it to them for their success."

PILOT'S NOTE

The world moves on with many changes, but YBA flies ahead with the guiding light of our Lord Buddha. Especially in these days, when so many dark clouds are resting upon the horizon of our life, and when the interest in religion seems decreasing, it is almost imperative that we should devote long thoughts to the love of our Lord Buddha.

Poston YBA since the evacuation, has made a remarkable progress, and it is still marching ahead with the strides of a colossus to a destination far in advance of others. This, the second YBA annual, brings to you some of the highlights of YBA progress in the past year, together with the numerous messages by the reverends and many leading Busseis. Regardless of how the lash of war conditions strike at us, the YBA progress in months to come should not be terminated here, but onward and onward it must continue eternally.

With this in mind let us keep our "Fortress" flying high. "Keep 'em flying!"

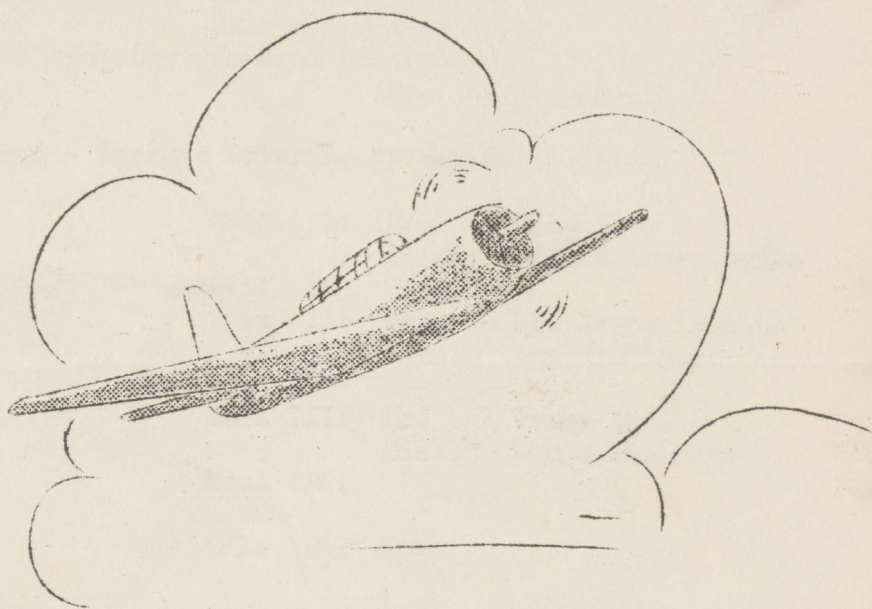
To the members of the staff for their enthusiastic and tireless effort in publishing this booklet; to the reverends and the Busseis who have contributed invaluable messages and articles; to all our co-workers and all our well-wishers, may I express my deepest appreciation.

Takeo Isobe

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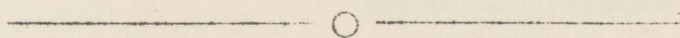
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Devotional Program

POSTON I YBA
JUNE 25, 1944



Chairman: Mr. Toru Ikeda, Unit III
Pianist: Mrs. Shizuko Yoshimura

Introducing the Chairman:

Mr. Tom Tanamachi

Prelude: Opening Of The Curtain

Mr. Akira Miyoda

Opening Address: Mr. Toru Ikeda

Gatha: Shin-Shu-Shu-Ka

Welcome Address: General Chairman

Mr. Tom Tanamachi

Juni-Rai - Incense Offering by Representatives

Unit I:	Mr.	Eizo Etow
	Miss.	Miss Hatsuye Okabe

Unit II		
Unit II:	Mr.	Mr. Isamu Isomoto
	Miss.	Amy Nishimura

Unit III:	Mr.	Tommy Tanaka
	Miss.	Doris Fujimoto

Mesa YBA:

Gila YBA:

Kidyomon

Sermon: Rev. Kawasaki Unit III

Gatha: Namu Amida Butsu

Word Of Encouragement

Mr. Manabu Fukuda Unit II

Mr. James Sera Unit III

Words of Appreciation

Rev. Masuoka Unit I

Gatha: Bussei-Ko-Shin-Kiyoku

Closing Of The Curtain

Mr. Noboru Fujimoto

Future John Wise

Why is it that says in person
want assurance for better
future.

Why does the future have to
better than the past?

What does the future look
like.