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Easter ceremonies took on unique significance in Topaz this year. For here, although the East is East, and the West is West, the twain did meet, when the leaders and laymen of two great world religious faiths, one Occidental and the other Oriental--Christianity and Buddhism--cast aside differences to work closely together in complete harmony.

As a result the true spirit of this Holy Week permeated the Center, touching in some of its phases, practically every resident from the youngest child to the oldest issei, as well as members of the appointive staff.

Although the followers of the two faiths did not call their separate observances by the same name, the effect was the same as though it was a united ceremony.

To the Christians it was Easter, with everything which that word implies. To the Buddhists it was Hana Matsuri, the ceremony commemorating the birth of the Lord Buddha Shakamuni. That the two sacred events fell on the same weekend was coincidence.

The principal observances naturally were centered in the impressive church services, where the large attendance far exceeded the expectations of church officials, as the weather was not too favorable, with considerable wind and some dust.

Taking the various events in their chronological order, the first service was held by the Christians on Thursday evening, April 6, as a commemorative service, in Rec. Hall 22.

This was attended by 178 issei and nisei.

Good Friday services were held in the same church building on Friday evening, April 7, with an attendance of 170 issei.

On Easter morning, sunrise services were conducted by the Young People's organization at Block 22, with 230 present, while adult sunrise services were conducted separately in the church in Rec. 22, at the same time with a large attendance.

Holy Communion services were conducted at 8:15 a.m. at the church followed with Sunday School services at 9:15 a.m. and the regular Easter morning worship service at 10:30 o'clock.

The Protestant Christian church Easter services concluded with the dedication of the new church building on the east side of the school plaza area in the center of Topaz, at 7:30 Sunday evening.

The detailed program for the dedication of the new church, which was constructed entirely by the labor of the parishoners, out of CCC buildings which had been hauled in, is attached as Exhibit A, while the schedule for the various Christian services is attached as Exhibit B.

The Easter morning worship at the Protestant church was conducted in both English and Japanese. Attractive and appropriate colored program covers were procured for this service and the program was printed in both English and Japanese for distribution to the congregation. Copies are attached as Exhibit C.

The Catholic Easter service in the Catholic church building

consisted of a 10 o'clock High Mass which was attended by both resident and staff communicants.

At all of the various Christian services it is estimated that the attendance was over 1000 persons.

The Buddhist Hana Matsuri services started Saturday evening with a program and sermon in the new Buddhist church, which, like the new Christian church, has just been completed by the labor of parishoners out of CCC buildings and stands on the West side of the school plaza.

The church was filled to capacity for this service, 450 persons being present to hear a sermon preached by the Rev. Kashima.

The principal observances of Hana Matsuri, however, took place at two large gatherings on Sunday, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening, in the new civic auditorium.

The afternoon service from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock carried out all of the impressive rituals of the church and was attended by approximately 1100 persons. The Buddhist shrine was placed on the stage, where representatives of the Young Buddhist Association, Women's Club, Homikai, Adult Board of Directors Buddhist Board of Directors, five Buddhist priests and other representatives of the church were seated. Roscoe E. Bell, assistant project director, was also presented on the platform to represent the project Administration. Short talks were given by Mr. Shigeki Sugiyama, Mrs. Shimizu, Mr. K. Ikeda, Mr. Sasato Yamata and Mr. Toshio Yoshida while the Reverend

Z. Okayama gave the sermon.

One of the most interesting and impressive talks was given by Sasato Yamate. A copy of his talk is attached as Exhibit D.

As a part of the ceremonies of the Hana Matsuri festival, a booklet giving information on certain phases of the church was sent to the patients in the Topaz Hospital and to others convalescing at home. In this booklet excerpts were taken out of one of the Buddhist Gathas which are usually sung during the Hana Matsuri festival. Also to every Buddhist home the church delivered a copy of the Hana Matsuri program with an explanation of the meaning of the festival.

The Hana Matsuri this year commemorated the 2510th since the founding of the Buddhist religion. Hana Matsuri is held during the month of the full moon and falls usually in April, though the birth of the Buddha falls on April 8.

At the Sunday afternoon service Mr. Bell stressed the importance of the occasion and pointed out the similiarity which he observed between Buddhism and Christianity.

During the evening services, the Sunday School group participated in the entertainment, while the first part was taken over with the Young People's group. The attendance at the evening program was estimated at 1300.

The program for this evening service included the following:

1. Singing of a Gatha
2. Meditation
3. Offering of flowers and incense by various

- representatives
4. Presentation of gifts to the Sunday School students for perfect attendance
5. Blessing remarks by the Chairman
6. Entertainments

Copies of the program in English and Japanese are attached as Exhibit E.

The less religious aspects of the Easter service included a center-wide Easter egg hunt which was held on Saturday afternoon for children under 10 years of age. For this occasion 1500 colored paper eggs were hidden around the area surrounding the auditorium in the plaza. There were 100 girls and boys registered for the hunt which started at 10 o'clock and ended at 11 a.m. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

Seigi Suzuki was the winner in the Boys Division and 10 year old Flora Nakanishi was the winner in the Girls Division in the over-all contest. First, second and third prizes were also awarded to the winners in each age group for a total of 30 prizes. Also, every child who participated was the recipient of some gift.

Other special activities for the children on Saturday included a picnic in Block 34; an egg hunt in Block 9; an egg hunt and distribution of Easter cookies in Block 5; program activities in Block 42; a Young People's social in Block 26; a children's Easter party for the younger children and a Girls Club party for the older girls in Block 33; an Easter egg hunt in Block 33, with Easter parties for each of the Brownie Girl Scout Troups in the center.

The elementary schools made a special effort to carry out the Easter season spirit with rather elaborate programs, which included the following:

1. Easter parties were held in every elementary school classroom. Several groups participated in hikes within the Project area. Two groups visited the pig, poultry and cattle farms by bus.
2. An open house was sponsored by the children and teachers of both elementary schools. It was felt that this open house, which was held in the afternoon, was one of the most successful ones yet experienced. Each teacher reported a large attendance of parents. The open house made possible many individual conferences between teachers and parents, which otherwise have been difficult to secure.
3. A tea was held on Monday in the library of the Mountain View School in Block 8 for two teachers who have left the elementary school staff. All teachers from both elementary schools attended.
4. A special Easter Edition of the Desert View News was compiled. This newspaper was sponsored by the Student Council of the Desert View School.

Copies of the Easter number of the Desert View News, issued by the elementary pupils have been supplied the Washington offices.

In appreciation of this publication Raymond P. Sanford, Assistant project director in charge of Community Management, sent a letter to the young people, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit F.

The spirit of peace and harmony between religious sects seemed to reach new heights in the observance of Easter in Topaz this year, and speaks much for the power of religion to keep straight the thinking of disturbed people.

All of this was beautifully summed up in the following Easter message by Rev. J. K. Tsukamoto, prominent resident of Topaz, written to Charles F. Ernst, project director, who in turn read it to members of the staff, at their Cabinet meeting on Saturday:

"I believe, that many years hence, as we look back to the terrible days of the war, among the things that will be remembered by us in mixed pattern of tragedies, heroisms, atrocities, and deed of mercy, will be the deep devotion and love of true Christian friends, who all through the trying experiences of evacuation and relocation have not ceased to shower us with attention.

"This, by the grace of God, is the sign of the resurrection of the better future world that will know how to love when loving means sacrifice, that will know how to give when giving means self-denial, that will know how to be a brother to man and not shirk to be the keeper of the weak.

"Rejoicing in this future hope as well as in the knowledge and power of the blessed event of Jesus' resurrection I wish to bid you and yours and all of my dear friends Happy Easter."

DEDICATION SERVICE

Chairman: Rev. E. Kawamorita
Speaker: Rev. J. Fujii

Prelude.....Mrs. Kajiwara
Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy".....
Scripture Reading - Psalm 24.....Rev. E. Suyehiro
Opening Prayer.....
Report - Construction.....Mr. Tanaka
Dedicatory Prayer.....Rev. E. Kawamorita
Selection.....Adult Choir
Comments representing the Nisei Church.....Rev. J. Tsukamoto
Greetings from Protestant Church Commission....Rev. C. Nugent
Selection.....Kiyoko Hoshiga
Reading of the list of volunteers.....
Hymn - "I love to tell the story".....
Sermon.....Rev. J. Fujii
Doxology.....
Benediction.....

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
TOPAZ PROTESTANT CHURCH

April 2 - 9

Holy Week Services

Communion Service	Combined	Rec. 22	Thurs. April 6	Att. 178
	Issei & Nisei		7:30 p.m.	

Speaker: Rev. E. Kawamori Chairman: Rev. J. K. Tsukamoto
Part of the service was conducted in Japanese and part in English. The sermon was given in Japanese. The bread and wine were distributed to the congregation by the ministers. The arrangements and attendance was much better than last year's Holy Week Communion Service.

Good Friday Service	Issei	Rec. 22	Fri. April 7	Att. 170
			7:30 p.m.	

Speaker: Rev. E. Suyehiro Chairman: Rev. S. Shimada
Due to the war time condition, we decided to have this service, which is usually held between 12:00 noon until 3:00 in the afternoon, in the evening. While the Communion Service on Thursday commemorated the Last Supper of the Lord, the Good Friday Service, the suffering and death of Jesus upon the Cross.

Easter Sunday Services

Y.P. Sunrise Service	Block 21	Sun. April 9	Att. 230
		6:30 a.m.	

Speaker: Rev. E. Suyehiro Chairman: Mr. Hiro Katayama
This service was held outdoors in the elementary school lot in Block 21. A large outdoor cross donated to the church has been erected and decorated with lilies. The platform was constructed in front of the cross. This service was planned and executed entirely by the Young People's Morning Watch Group. The attendance was unexpectedly large for this early hour. The program, which is enclosed, was interesting and the service was very impressive.

Adult Sunrise Service	Church	Sun. April 9	Att. 70
		6:30 a.m.	

Speaker: Rev. J. Fujii Chairman: Mr. H. Sano
This service was held outdoors near the newly constructed Protestant Church in the High School Plaza. The Program and attendance was good.

Holy Communion Combined 13-2-B Sun. April 9 Att. 20
Issei & 8:15 a.m.
Nisei

Conducted by Rev. S. H. Terasawa and Rev. J. K. Tsukamoto.
This service was conducted according to the Episcopal Church form and was held at the apartment of Rev. Tsukamoto because the new Protestant Church building, where this Communion Service will be held from now on was not ready for use. This service was conducted in English and in Japanese. The attendance was unusually large for this service.

Sunday School Service and Program Auditorium Sun. April 9 Att. 510
9:15 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. J. K. Tsukamoto Chairman: Rev. Shimada
This program was arranged for the children of Sunday School age. The first part consisted of a worship service and the second part consisted of a program in which the Sunday School children of Rec. 5, 22, DH 32 and Rec. 27 gave their contribution of group singing, recitations and pantomime of the Easter Resurrection story. The attendance was unexpectedly large and the program was impressive.

Easter Morning Worship Auditorium Sun. April 9 Att. 1,110
10:30 a.m.

Speakers: Rev. S. Shimada Chairman: Rev. E. Suyehiro
Rev. E. Kawamorita

This service was the main Easter Day Service conducted in English and in Japanese. It was an extremely effective and deeply spiritual service. The two soloists and the Young People's choir, under the direction of Barbara Loomis, gave an excellent rendition. All the ministers participated and the prayers and sermons were excellent. At the Baptismal Service conducted by Rev. E. Kawamorita, assisted by Rev. Suyehiro and Rev. Tsukamoto, 50 individuals were baptised and received into the church. The decorations for the service was arranged by a special committee. The flowers were made by the Women's Auxiliary. The attendance exceeded all expectations.

Dedication Service Issai Church Sun. April 9 Att. 257
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. J. Fujii Chairman: Rev. E. Kawamorita
Culminating the activities of Holy Week, an informal dedicatory service for the Topaz Protestant Church building was held. The program is enclosed. The attendance was excellent. The congregation and the ministers were enthusiastic with the completion of the new building

and expressed their gratefulness to God and to all those who helped and who made it possible to construct the building. The formal dedication service will be held in conjunction with the Buddhist Church. All Topaz will be invited to the formal dedication service.



TOPAZ PROTESTANT CHURCH

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

April 9, 1944-Auditorium-10:30 A.M.

E A S T E R S E R V I C E

Topaz Protestant Church
Topaz, Utah

April 9, 1944

at

10 A.M.

High School Auditorium

Chairman: The Rev. E. Suehiro

PRELUDE: Meditation at the Cross (Duo) Lorenz

Fumi Manabe, organist; Grace Manabe, pianist

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

The Rev. E. Suehiro

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: Alleluia, the Strife Is O'er

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 20: 1-18

(In Japanese)

The Rev. H. Sano

(In English)

The Rev. W. C. Nugent

VOCAL SOLO: The Holy City (In Japanese)

Adams

Mrs. Taka Shimomura, soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. J. Fujii

CHORAL RESPONSE

BAPTISM

ANTHEM: Christ Arose

Lowry

The Young People's Church Choir

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING: Ave Maria

Schubert

CHORAL RESPONSE

HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

SERMON (In English)

The Rev. S. Shimada

VOCAL SOLO: How Beautiful upon the Mountains

Harker

Miss Kyoko Hoshiga, soprano

SERMON (In Japanese)

The Rev. E. Kawamorita

HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

BENEDICTION

The Rev. J. Tsukamoto

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE: God in Nature

Beethoven

復活節禮拜

トバズ基督教々會

中央講堂にて ● 一九四四年四月九日前十時

司会者 末廣牧師

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オーガニスト—ふみ眞鍋、ピアノ—グレース眞鍋

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(クワイヤ)

後奏

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.
3. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
4. O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.
Amen.

ALLELUIA, THE STRIFE IS O'ER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun; Alleluia!
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst; Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee, Alleluia!
Amen.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!
3. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia! Amen.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, By water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.
2. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
3. Yet she on earth hath union,
With Father, Spirit, Son,
And mystic sweet communion,
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.
Amen.

一 あまつみつかひよ
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主とあがめよ

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ダビデのみすゑを

あかしびとよ
主とあがめよ

三 よろづのくにびと
みいつかしこみて

御前にふし
主とあがめよ

四 とはに世をしらす
かわりをささげて

イエスキみにぞ
主とあがめよ

一 すくひのぬしは
よみがへりしぞ
かちどきあげて
あがめまつれよ

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三 主のくるしみに
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あまつつかひと
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主をばほめうたへ ハレルヤ

二 いくさぎみイエスは 死の国のをさを
やぶらせたまひぬ ハレルヤ

三 きよきあけはのに よみよりのほりて
世をさめたまふ ハレルヤ

四 主の死にいかされ 御傷にいやする
こゑたかくうたへ ハレルヤ
アーメン

一 いとたふとき 主はあもりて
血のあたひもて たみをあがひ
きよきすまひを つくりたてて
そのいしすゑと なりたまひき

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のぞみれひとつ わざもひとつ
ひとつのみかて とともにうけて
ひとつのかみを をがみたのむ

三 よにのこるたみ さりしたみと
ともにまじはり かみをあふぎ
とはのやすきを まちのぞみて
きみのきまますを せちにいのる

CALVARY AND EASTER

A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurt of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just three days apart.

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart is wrung,
As, lifted high upon His cross,
The Lord of Glory hung ---
When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms
Stole forth in street and mart;
But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day, and whitest day,
Were just three days apart.

----- Author Unknown



The Topaz Protestant Church
wishes you all
H A P P Y E A S T E R

AN ADDRESS BEFORE THE CONGREGATION
ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTH OF LORD BUDDHA

APRIL 9, 1944

Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests and the Followers of Lord Buddha:

This is one of the most blessed day for us, followers of Lord Buddha, for this the Happy Birth Day of Shaka, the founder of the great religion of Buddhism.

Then too, this ~~is~~ a happy occasion for another reason--- we are to celebrate the successful organization of ourselves into North American Buddhist Corporation and construction of an edifice in Topaz to house that corporation, as the center of worship to praise the Lord, for which we are grateful to the understandings of the W.R.A. Officials. We are particularly thankful to Mr. Ernst the chief executive of this city, for his kindly understandings of needs of us evacuees---the needs of our souls to satisfy religious fervent. Indeed, we have many reasons to celebrate this happy day.

Congratulations to you all, my good friends.

Now, let me tell you a few words about our Great Lord Buddha. Our Lord Buddha was born 2510 years ago in the Village of Kyaka, among the deep Hymaraya Mountains. He was born as a Prince of the Kyaka Clan. While he was little, he began to wonder about the life and death of living beings. As he grew bigger, he wondered why human beings had to suffer

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to live. He thought that there must be some way out to relieve those sufferings of living beings. So while he was young he entered into seclusion for Zazen---for deep thought to find the Eternal Truth. After many years of seclusion from the world and after many many years of sufferings, he has found the Truth of Eternal Life, in the Laws of Nature. His Laws of Nature consisted in controlling one's self from anger, looking back at others, from selfishness toward gains and above all one must be cooperative with others and Love Thy Neighbors. By respecting others and by respecting the right of others, one will be able to live peacefully with other people in the community. Our Lord preached that these things were the sources of happiness and will lead to the state of contentment, and that the state of contentment of one's soul is the mind of Hotoke which is the condition of a peaceful life. That peaceful life will lead every one to the peaceful Rest when he leaves for the Great Beyond. By living correct ways of life one will be able to see his reincarnation and come back to this world again.

This Great Teachings of Buddha is not only for our future, after our death, but this is the living religion to be applied for our daily life, to live correctly. The Teaching of LOVE THY NEIGHBORS should be the guiding principle in our life. We should follow this Great Teachings and apply it to our present, and be a good neighbor in your community. That

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is the way of true and good Buddhists life.

Let us adopt His Ways of Life, and let us become a good neighbor, and let us become a useful member of the society. That is the Wish of Our Great Lord Buddha. Let us be constructive in our daily life to make this world a better place to live and let us leave this world a better place than what we found. And that is the way of the True Buddhist.

Let us work fervently to spread this Great Teachings to all over the continent, so that other people too can share the Happy Ways of Life by learning the ways of Eternal Truth.

With the Lord's teachings deeply planted into our heart, we should adjust our temporary life of this desert community to our best of ability, and quietly wait the last day of the war, for when the peace shall come on the earth once more, I am confident that we shall be able to go back to the Pacific Coast once more. In the meantime be patient---and when you are disturbed with the grief for the thoughts on the Coast of Pacific Ocean, think of Our Lord Buddha and give a thought to His Teachings, and wait quietly, for the day will come in not distant future.

Take good care of your health, and wait the day when peace comes once more on the earth.

Let us praise the Lord Buddha, His Happy Birth Day, and celebrate the birth of North American Buddhist Corporation.

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Again I wish to congratulate you all.

"Namu- Amida- Butsu."

Representing The Elder People's Organization of
The Buddhist Church of North America, and
Representing The Board of Directors of the Same
Organization,

Sasato Yamate

法味 第五号

アメリカ本願寺

釋尊降誕讚仰

印度の国にお釈迦様が御降誕遊ばされてから丁度今年で二千五百年になります。

花咲き匂ふ

ルンビニの花園

で人の世の初声を挙げて給ふた四月八日の聖日を今年も亦迎へる事になりました。

其の昔、親鸞聖人は「私共に阿弥陀さまのみ教を説き弘めん爲にお釈迦さまは人界にお生れ遊ばしたのだ」とお慶びになりました。げに萬一 お釈迦さまが御降誕なされなかつたら私共は弥陀の教も聞くことが出来なかつたでありませう。永遠に生死の巻を流転して行かねばならなかつたでありませう。

永劫の昔から迷ひつづけて来た私が此度こそ生死の絆をたち切つていたゞく幸を感心しました。キヤンプ生活のこうした逆縁に遭ふてきへ私は細々乍らも感謝の日暮をさせて貰ふ慶びを与へられました。

この幸とよろこびはお釈迦様の御降誕の御蔭による。

事に気付かなければなりません。眞実弘願の弥陀法を味ふ幸慶を得させて貰つた私共は釈尊の御生誕を心から讃仰いたしませう。

花祭りプログラム

四月八日(土)

新教会にてサーヴィス

午後七時半

四月九日(日)

ハイスクール講堂にて

聯合サーヴィス

午後二時半

余興

午後七時半

HANA MATSURI

April 8th, Rejoice at the glad tidings! Lord Buddha has found the truth! 2510 years ago today, there in the groves of the Lumbini Gardens with masses of fragrant flowers and birds warbling in their branches, the Great Lord was born, to fill the darkened world with new light, the light of Truth. The founder of the Pure Land Sect, St. Shinran has said: "If it were not for Lord Buddha Shakamuni, we shall yet be darkened and evolve in the land of Birth and Death as Shakamuni was the One who expounded to us the mercy of Amida. Shakamuni came into this world as Shakamuni Buddha so we may attain salvation through His mercy. So today, living this life of happiness and thankfulness in these cramped centers, we have only to thank the founder of our religion.

Let us take refuge in the Buddha. Let us take refuge in the Truth, Let us take refuge in the Community.
Rejoice! Rejoice at the glad tidings of Lord Buddha's birth!

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Desert View Council
Desert View School
Topaz, Utah

Dear Boys and Girls:

A few minutes ago I was honored by a call at my office from a delegation of your Council who presented me with copies of your April 7th issue of the Desert View News.

I feel as refreshed by this visit as one does when he stands on the sea shore and gets the smack and tang of the ocean breeze or looks out from a high hill and gets a wider glimpse of things around him and draws in breaths of air like wine. I was interested to note the energy which the Second Grade has been putting into the waste paper drive and to observe that the High Sixth is corresponding with some boys and girls in Fitchburg, Massachusetts which is near Mrs. Sanford's home. I hope that you may all someday have an opportunity to visit New England which I know you will find most beautiful.

I don't have time to play marbles or jump rope but your Sport News reminds me of the time when I did and makes me wish that I might be a little boy again at least for a day. I enjoyed the stories by Yoshio Ihara, Helen Harano, George Hanamoto, Momoko Kawahara, Kiyoko Sakurai, Frank Morita and Kiyoshi Katsumoto; and also the poems by James Sato, Yukiko Shimada, Marie Fukuhara, Chiyeiko Ikeda, Mitsuko Misuhara, Toshiko Ebisuya, Carol Narahara, Frank Morita, Eileen Fukuhara. The poems by Miss Harroun's class and Mitsi of the First Grade were also appreciated. The art work in the News was very well illustrated.

Thank you one and all for sending me such a fine delegation and for letting me have two copies of the Desert View News. I am sending one copy to my mother who is

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eighty-three years old. At the present, she is visiting my sister in Rhode Island and I know she is going to be very proud of the work you have done because she loves all children so very much.

If you would care to have me, I should like to have an opportunity to visit one of your Council meetings for at least a few minutes.

To each one of you and to every one of your teachers who are helping you do such good work--a Happy Easter!

Cordially your friend,

Raymond P. Sanford
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