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NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE

N E W S L E T T E R
July 27, 1945

WRA District Office Doubles for USO

Five young Hawaiian Nisei soldiers, Privates Hiroshi Joe Fujimori, Richard Fujikawa, Tomekichi Tom Hasegawa, Kenneth Katsumi Imai, and Isami Sam Haraguchi, dropped in at the New York City WRA District Office one day last week to see the view from the 63rd floor of the Empire State Building and the pretty girls in the WRA office. After a rousing welcome from the WRA staff members, arrangements were made to entertain the boys and show them the sights during their brief furlough. Nisei residents offered them warm home hospitality and personally showed them the sights of the largest city in the world. The week's hospitality included Japanese-style home cooking, visits to popular eating places, the ice show, and the famous Coney Island Boardwalk, and the ferry boat ride past the Statue of Liberty. The boys left for camp with many expressions of grateful appreciation, leaving behind a new set of warm friends.

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Family Matters Take Nisei Relocation Officer to West Coast

Because family problems concerned with the resettlement of other family members require his immediate return to the West Coast, Wilbur Takiguchi, formerly of Tule Lake and San Francisco, has had to resign from the position as relocation officer in the New York City WRA District Office to which he was recently appointed. He had previously been a purchasing agent in New York City for the Federation of Center Business Enterprises. Mr. Takiguchi had been living in New

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City with his wife and baby son since October 1943, when they arrived from Buffalo, N.Y.

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New YBA Officers Named

At the annual meeting of the New York City Young Buddhists Association on June 23, the following members were elected to the cabinet for the coming term: President - Eugene Okada, Tule Lake; Vice President - Miyoko Morikawa, Poston; Corresponding Secretary - Clarine Matsuda, Granada; Recording Secretary - Terry Miyata, Poston; Treasurer - Henry Tanabe, Tule Lake.

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Wedding Bells

Miss Haruko Fujikawa, formerly of Granada and Los Angeles, was married to Shozo Ohsuga of New York City at the New York Buddhist Church on May 5. The Rev. Yoshio Hino officiated.

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Obon Service

The Obon Service, or "Feast of Lanterns,"--the annual mass memorial service for deceased relatives and friends--was held on Sunday, July 15, at the New York Buddhist Church.

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Nisei in the News

The New York newspaper "PM" on July 13 printed a picture and story about Peter S. Aoki, Eastern representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. Mr. Aoki, formerly a resident of Poston and Berkeley, Calif., was shown conferring with Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, on a campaign to gain admittance for Nisei into the U. S. Navy. Mr. Aoki is one of the out-

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standing Nisei leaders in New York City. He is active in assisting resettlers in finding housing and making friends, and serves on various committees whose purpose is to further the interest of resettlers.

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Trade Training Scholarship Fund

Opportunities for young people who desire vocational training have been made available by the New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans through a special scholarship fund. Any young person interested in obtaining a scholarship for vocational training should write to Miss Helen Shirk, New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Summer Job

Seventeen-year-old William Sakamoto, formerly of Granada and 507 Vie St., Sacramento, Calif., who plans to enter Bates College this fall to study engineering, is working as a night steward in the most exclusive restaurant chain in New York at \$30 a week.

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Career Girl Keeps House

Mary Fujita, a 23-year-old Issei, formerly of Watsonville, Calif., and recently relocated from Poston, is keeping house this summer with Shizu Sugiyama, formerly of Berkeley and Topaz, and a Caucasian friend, Leda Levant, in the home of the latter's mother, who is away with her family on a vacation. Shizu and Mary work for a theatrical dress designer, Valentina. Mary is studying draping and design two evenings a week at the Traphagen School of Design. In the winter, she earns her room and board and additional salary by working for Mrs. Levant. The girls went to see "A Bell for Adano" at Radio City Music
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Hall on a recent Saturday evening.

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Nisei Dancer Has Busy Summer; Plans West Coast Tour

Miss Yuriko Amemiya, New York City dancer from Los Angeles and Gila River, has just returned to New York following a four-week series of dance recitals with the Martha Graham Dance Company for the students at Bennington College, Bennington, Vt. Miss Amemiya has been a member of the Martha Graham troupe for more than a year. She is now teaching a summer course in the Martha Graham technique of the modern dance at the New Dance Group, 9 East 59th Street, New York City. Following the Fall dance season in New York, Miss Amemiya and the other members of the Martha Graham Company will go on a cross-country tour that will take them to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and other West Coast cities.

"Although I expect to make my permanent home here in New York," Miss Amemiya recently said, "I am very anxious to go back to California for this tour. I have a feeling it's more or less a challenge to prove that we Nisei could be accepted in any field there, just as we are here in the East."

Miss Amemiya is planning to bring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mitsuhashi, to New York City in September. They are now residing at 63-1-C, Gila River, where Miss Amemiya's stepfather is a block manager. Miss Amemiya has her own studio-apartment at 9 West 17th St., New York City.

Family Moves from Hostel to Own Apartment

Mr. and Mrs. Yuso Kuramoto and their two children, formerly of Rohwer, moved from the Brooklyn Hostel the week of July 15 to a new apartment at 292 Hicks Street, Brooklyn. They have a four-room apart-

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ment which rents for \$40 a month. Prior to evacuation the Kuramotos resided at 120 North Bonnie Beach Place, Los Angeles.

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Nisei Girls Spread Goodwill

Because of the outstanding performance of the Misses Tomoko and Akimi Yamada, formerly of Gila River and Ventura, Calif., in the household of Mrs. Harvey Conover of Mamaroneck, New York, residents of this exclusive suburb, a town in Westchester County, a few miles from New York City, have gone all out in their efforts to offer employment and other assistance to evacuees. Six other Nisei girls are now considering job offers in Mamaroneck.

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Badminton Is Popular Sport Among Nisei

Because of the enthusiastic leadership of Bob Adachi, George Morey, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Yamanaka, Mr. and Mrs. George Yuzawa, all of Granada; Mrs. Ruby Hirashima, Topaz; Wilbur Takiguchi, Tule Lake; and Mary Tamaki, Heart Mountain, badminton has become a popular sport among former evacuees and other Japanese Americans in New York City. Twenty-one players meet regularly in the gymnasium at the Church of All Nations. They extend a cordial invitation to all newcomers to join in the fun. Other members of the group are: Archie Hirashima, John Iwatsu, and Aimee Nomura, Topaz; George Tamaki, Hide Furukawa, and Kay Hori, Ht. Mt.; Akira Kishi, George Fujisaka, Tomi Morino, Amy Fujisaka, and Mae Tanaka, Granada; Mas Matsuoka and Kimi Hatashita, Jerome. Several young non-evacuees are also members of the group.

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Newcomers Entertained at Tea

Newcomers to New York City are entertained at a Reception Tea

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Party on the first Sunday of each month at the Japanese Methodist Church. A cordial welcome is extended by church members to those who have just arrived. At these teas, old friendships are renewed and new ones made. Information is exchanged on housing, jobs, and social activities.

Two popular features of the Church's program for Issei are the weekly Bible Study group and the monthly lecture meetings featuring prominent speakers. These activities are under the supervision of the Rev. Alfred S. Akamatsu and will be resumed during the first week in September after the summer recess.

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Lucky Error or "All's Well That Ends Well"

George Kato of Los Angeles and Fred Moriguchi of Venice, Calif., and both more recently of Manzanar, made a lucky mistake the other day. Recommended by the special USES representative in the New York WRA office to the famous Savoy-Plaza Hotel on Fifth Avenue for jobs, George and Fred went instead to the equally famous Plaza Hotel, which is across the street from the Savoy Hotel. The personnel director there hired them immediately--George as an oiler, Fred as an engineer's helper.

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NEWSLETTER

August 20, 1945

ALIENS MAY OWN REAL PROPERTY IN NEW YORK

Interesting news to Issei planning to resettle in New York is the following quotation of a New York State statute from Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1944:

"Aliens are empowered to take, hold, transmit, and dispose of real property within this state in the same manner as native-born citizens and their heirs and devisees take in the same manner as citizens."

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RESETTLERS ESTABLISH BUSINESSES IN NEW YORK CITY

Lapidary

Mamoru Kuramoto, formerly of Gila River and Pasadena, now of 542 W. 112th Street, New York City, has just taken a loft at 66th Street and Broadway where he will set up a lapidary business.

Beauty Shop

Miss Sally Ogahata, formerly of Los Angeles and Manzanar, reports that her Del Monde Beauty Shop, which she established in March at 17 E. 42nd Street, New York City, is doing very well. One of her workers is a Caucasian girl.

Typewriter and Radio Shop

Carl Kondo, formerly of Manzanar and Los Angeles, has established the University Typewriter and Radio Shop at 606 W. 115th Street, New

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York City. James Tagawa, formerly of Granada and Los Angeles, will be associated with him.

Free Lance Agency

Miss Yumi Ogura, formerly of Manzanar and Pasadena, now of 145 E. 74th St., New York City, has established a free-lance fashion designing agency which is doing very well in the "Big City" where the competition in this type of work is very keen.

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EMPLOYMENT INCREASES

Recent reports from the United States Employment Service and the War Manpower Commission indicate more job placements are being made right now in and around New York City than at any previous time. Although there are cut-backs in war industries, the United States Employment Service expects that large numbers of workers will be needed in food products, textile, and apparel industries. Veterans are returning to former employment and are finding new jobs in increasing numbers - at the rate of 7,000 to 8,000 per month.

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OPEN DOOR

Pearl Buck, noted novelist, is sponsoring a new organization, in New York City named the Open Door. The organizers plan to make this a civilian device for helping to straighten out incidents of race discrimination which may occur. There will be a board composed mainly of clergymen of several denominations who will review cases brought to their attention. The discriminator and the person or persons discriminated against will sit down with the board in a round table discussion

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and settle their problems without resorting to law enforcement agencies. This board is available for use by persons of Japanese ancestry, as well as by other race groups.

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DOING HER BIT

The New York World Telegram recently carried a photograph of Miss Mary Horita, formerly of Topaz and San Francisco, packing packages for American prisoners of war in the Far East. Mary is a clerk-typist in the War Prisoners' Aid of the YMCA.

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WEDDING UNITES ANGELENOS

Ichiro Nakajima, formerly of Poston and Los Angeles, and Mary Sugino, formerly of Gila River and Los Angeles, were married at the Japanese Methodist Church in New York City on August 4. Both bride and groom are close friends of members of the WRA District Office staff, for whom the wedding was a festive occasion, including gardenias for the girls. The newlyweds returned to New York on August 7 after a honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

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N E W S L E T T E R

Sept. 5, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Koso Yasumoto and their children, Allan, 9, and Joy Alice, 7, who came East from Poston last June, have made a new home for themselves on the farm-estate of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Stout -- High Meadow -- at Brewster, N. Y., which is about 50 miles from New York City.

Mr. Stout is nationally known as a writer of mystery stories, chairman of the Writers' War Board, and a leader in groups striving to improve racial relations. Mrs. Stout, an artist in her own right as a fabric-designer, is interested in helping young artists to develop and use their talents. Their two daughters, 8 and 12 years old, and the Yasumoto children have already become good friends. Mr. and Mrs. Stout were planning to bring both families to their New York City apartment over Labor Day for a week-end of sightseeing.

At the Stout farm, Mr. Yasumoto does gardening and Mrs. Yasumoto helps with the cooking and housework. On their arrival in New York City from Poston, the Yasumoto family was met at Grand Central Station by a member of the local evacuee reception committee who escorted them to the mid-town apartment "hostel" maintained by the New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans. The Yasumotos remained there temporarily until they completed arrangements to work for Mr. and Mrs. Stout, who then drove the Yasumotos out to their farm.

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"It's beautiful here; it's like living in a park," Mrs. Haruko Tamura, formerly of Granada, wrote in a recent letter to a WRA staff member in New York City from the Target Rock Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Eberstadt in Huntington, Long Island. Mrs. Tamura, her husband Juzo, who is employed as a gardener, and their three children, have been living there since coming East early this summer.

"Our house is very nice and will be even more comfortable once our freight arrives," Mrs. Tamura wrote. "Mrs. Eberstadt is very understanding... The children have also been cooperative and helpful, so that things are running smoothly... Everyone has been so kind. The first gardener and his wife share their refrigerator with us; they take me along so that I may do my marketing whenever they go to Huntington. Mrs. Eberstadt lets me borrow books from her lovely library..."

"You have been so kind to my husband and me that I'm at a loss for words to thank you. The warm welcome you gave the children and me on our arrival on New York made us forget we were tired from our train ride...."

The Tamuras have their own cottage on the 180-acre Eberstadt farm, which is largely wooded. Their children -- Seig, 13, Michiko, 9, and Takeo, 7 -- have been enjoying the swimming and boating at a nearby beach.

Prior to evacuation, the Tamuras lived in Los Angeles, where Mr. Tamura managed the Central Fertilizer Company at 617 East 8th Street. At Granada he was a block manager and warehouse superintendent.

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On August 20 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tsujimura, formerly of Rohwer and Los Angeles, took up their new employment as gardener and housekeeper

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at the 2-acre place of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reed, Rye, N. Y., a suburb of New York City. Mr. Reed was formerly on the staff of the American embassy in London.

The Tsujimuras used to live in Los Angeles, where they owned a restaurant and had previously been in domestic service.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Seichi Omori and their daughter Kikuyo Beverly, 13, who arrived in New York City from Gila River on August 17, are now established at the Glen Cove, Long Island, country home of Mrs. Bruce Tuttle. Mr. and Mrs. Omori do the cooking and housework, and Kikuyo will soon attend the local high school.

One of the three rooms being occupied by the Omori family is being redecorated to suit Kikuyo's own taste, and there is a little pony cart which she can use whenever she wants to take a drive. She has already been escorted through the high school she will attend.

"I feel that everything will be O.K. here," Mr. Omori said the other day. "The people here are very fine to us. They are being very nice to my daughter, more than I expected. They showed us the town and everything."

Prior to evacuation the Omoris lived at 511 East 4th Street, Los Angeles, where they operated a restaurant. While at Gila River, Mr. Omori was a mess hall chef and Mrs. Omori a waitress.

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Frank Jin Kadowaki, who arrived in New York City from Ploston (27-5-A) a few weeks ago, has already arranged to have Mrs. Kadowaki and their three children come East to join him at the New Jersey farm

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where he is now employed as a gardener-carctaker. The Kadowaki children -- Shaw Akira, 10, Kazuo John, 15, and Micko Frances, 17 -- will attend nearby schools.

The new mailing address of the Kadowakis is R.F. D. #1, Port Jervis, N. Y. This is just across the state line from Montague, N. J., where the Kadowaki family will live in the home of H. Barentzen Van Inwegen. Until going to work there, Mr. Kadowaki resided temporarily at the Brooklyn Hostel.

At the time of evacuation the Kadowaki family was living in Santa Ana, Calif., where Mr. Kadowaki operated a truck farm. While at Poston he was foreman of a landscape-gardening crew, and designed and built Sci Len Park.

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September 28, 1945

S/SGT. GOSHO HONORED BY NEW YORKERS

S/Sgt. Henry H. Gosho, hero of Merrill's Marauders, who recently relocated to New York City with his wife and baby daughter, was honored on September 12 at a dinner sponsored by the New York Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League. A distinguished guest, Dr. Dan W. Dodson, executive director of the Mayor's Committee for Unity, in addressing the group pledged the support of the committee in helping Japanese-American resettlers in New York City.

The banquet hall at the Toyokwan Restaurant was jammed with Japanese-Americans and Caucasians who had gathered to express their gratitude to "Horizontal Hank", whose valor had won him the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Presidential Citation Unit Badge, and the Pacific Ribbon with three campaign stars. With Sgt. Gosho at the head table were Mrs. Gosho, their little daughter, Carol Jeanne, and his buddy, Sgt. David Quaid, a New Yorker.

"Hank" held his audience spell-bound as he described his experiences in the jungle and the many narrow escapes which he and his comrades had fighting the enemy.

Takeo Nogaki, of Seattle and Minidoka, served as toastmaster for the evening.

Most of the New York newspapers carried stories about Sgt. Gosho and his exploits, and some of the papers also published pictures of him and his family.

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On September 16 he was featured on the radio program "We The People" which was broadcast coast-to-coast from New York by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Sgt. and Mrs. Goshō formerly resided in Seattle and Minidoka, where their daughter was born.

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OKADA JOINS NEW YORK DISTRICT STAFF

Stanley Okada, newest relocation officer in the New York City District Relocation Office, comes to WRA on leave of absence from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he has taught for the past two years. A leader in the community, Mr. Okada is continuing his voluntary work as executive director of the New York Buddhist Church and as a member of the Resettlement Council of the Japanese American Organizations in New York City.

Mr. Okada arrived in New York in 1938 from Hawaii, and took his master's degree in international trade at Columbia University. He has spent all the time he could spare from the responsible jobs which he has held in serving the community. During the past three years much of his time and energy has been spent in helping resettlers in New York. When the WRA program closes, Mr. Okada plans to enter the field of international trade and hopes to continue to give his free time to work with resettlers.

Mr. Okada extends a real welcome to any resettler coming to New York where he, himself, is a permanent resident. On the subject of New York Mr. Okada says: "I feel that this is a city of great opportunity for ambitious young Nisei since many professional and business fields are open to them. For the older Issei who seek a quiet life, New York's beautiful suburbs offer many advantages."

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PARENTS COME EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Hirosuke Onishi, formerly of San Francisco, recently arrived in New York City from Topaz to join their daughter, Amy. Although 82 years old and with a foot in a cast because of an accident, Mr. Onishi made the journey safely, traveling with his wife by Pullman.

The family is now living together in an apartment which Amy found at 15 W. 100 Street. They are all looking forward to the time when their son and brother, Lt. Hiroshi Onishi, will return from the Phillipines and join them.

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GIRL MAKES GOOD

Hedy Maeyama of Suisun, Calif. and Gila River, whose ambition was to become a medical secretary, has just been appointed private secretary to the executive director of Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. For the past three months, Hedy has been employed as a stenographer in the New York City District Office of WRA. Her fellow employees of WRA wish her good luck in this step forward in her career.

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RESETTLER GETS JOB FAST

Toyoko Hasegawa arrived in New York City on September 8, left her bags at Pennsylvania Station, and went straight to the WRA New York City District Office. Before the day was over, she had been interviewed and accepted and went straight to work for the wife of the owner of one of New York's largest department stores.

Toyoko comes from Payallup, Wash., by way of Minidoka and Chicago.

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SONO OSATO SIGNED FOR NEW PLAY

Sono Osato, famous dancer and co-star of the Broadway musical hit "On the Town", will be seen in a straight part this winter, according to the New York Times. She has been signed for the title role of "Undine", a play by Jean Giradoux which was first done in Paris in 1939. The Times described it as "an adult play about love" and as a "political satire" in which the leading character, a spirit, is Democracy. Miss Osato's husband, Victor Elmaleh, will be co-producer of her new play, in which a Hollywood performer is expected to play opposite her. She is expected to remain with "On the Town" for about eight weeks more.

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"WE MUST WORK TOGETHER", SAYS DIRECTOR OF MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON UNITY AT DINNER HONORING S/SGT. GOSHO IN NEW YORK CITY

"This hero, whom we honor today, stands as a symbol, along with many others, of the fact that we are all Americans and that our community will be poorer if any of us are compromised in the integrity of our personalities because of prejudice shown toward us", Dr. Dan W. Dodson, executive director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity, New York City, recently declared at a dinner there honoring former S/Sgt. Henry H. Goshō, veteran of 16 months' service with Merrill's Marauders.

Addressing some 100 resettlers and friends at the dinner, which was sponsored by the New York Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Dr. Dodson also said:

"The Mayor's Committee on Unity stands as an agency in the community to try to help you find the fullest profit and benefit out of your residence in New York City. We believe you will find it one of the most broadminded, enlightened communities in the United States. We have learned here in the crucible of experience that we must work together and respect the differences of each other in order to achieve

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a full life for all."

S/Sgt. Gosho, formerly of Seattle and Minidoka, recently relocated to New York City with his wife and 18-month-old baby, Carol Jeanne.

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LEADERS IN FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION TO BE TRAINED IN NEW YORK CITY

A 15-week course designed to train leaders in the fight against discrimination -- whether racial, religious, social, or economic -- will be given beginning October 3 by the New School for Social Research in New York City. The course will be conducted by Prof. Arther Swift of the Union Theological Seminary. According to the newspaper PM, Prof. Swift "plans to promote discussion among the students which will bring home to them an understanding of the causes of discrimination so that they can be in a position to correct them."

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Former Poston residents Mr. and Mrs. Shigezo Iwata, and their four children -- Masahiro, 7; Misao, 5; Mimi, 4; and Michi, 1½ -- have the distinction of being the first evacuee family to be placed in Suffolk County, on Long Island, New York.

After arriving from Poston late in August, the family resided temporarily at the one-family apartment "hostel" maintained in New York City by the local Church Committee for Japanese Americans until they moved into a bungalow on the Lester Davis farm, at Coram, Long Island, which was established by the Davis family in 1786.

Mr. Iwata is employed as a general farmer and will learn the dairy business as part of his work. Mrs. Iwata will do part-time domestic work. Masahiro attends the public school in Coram, which is located just one block away, and attends Sunday School.

Prior to evacuation Mr. Iwata was the secretary of the Farmer's Association in Thermal, Calif.

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Following their arrival in New York City from Rohwer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nakamura first stayed at the Brooklyn Hostel, visited friends, and interviewed prospective employers. Now they are working as a domestic couple for Mrs. Erwin Price of Woodmere, Long Island. Inability to speak fluent English was

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no handicap to this couple, and they are finding life on Long Island very pleasant. Mrs. Price is so pleased with the Nakamuras that the WRA office for the New York Suburban District has received numerous offers from her friends in neighboring communities.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Mizutani of Poston are now employed at the Harry Feinstein home in Yonkers, New York, which is located on the Hudson River in Westchester County -- just a few miles from New York City. Although neither Mr. nor Mrs. Mizutani speak English, they found the right employer among the persons who had given job offers to the New York Suburban District Relocation Office.

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Kazuo Kochi, of 44-3-D, Gila River, came to New York in September to work for W. W. Mendenhall of Barnes Hall, Ithaca, New York.

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Mr. Tom Tokunow arrived in New York City from Granada in September to look over the employment offers in the New York Suburban District. He arranged to accept a position as gardener at the Shibley Art School in the charming village of Roslyn, Long Island, and then returned to Amache to bring his wife and three children to Long Island.

The Tokunow family will have a five-room heated and furnished cottage. The children are assured the use of a swimming pool and all other privileges accorded to the students at the school.

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In addition, Mrs. Shibley, the owner and director of the school, has taken such personal interest in Tom that she is arranging for Mr. Tokunow's seven-year-old son, who has been afflicted with infantile paralysis and still wears a brace, to attend St. Giles School. While at St. Giles, his son will receive excellent medical treatment, as well as a well-rounded educational and vocational training. He will be able to remain there until he is 16 years of age if he wishes. Mrs. Shibley will provide transportation for Mrs. Tokunow five days a week, to and from St. Giles, which is located in nearby Garden City, Long Island.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kunishi, who arrived in New York from Reno, Nevada in September, were placed the following week in Bedford, New York. Although Mr. Kunishi is blind, he is able to assist his wife in cleaning silver and drying dishes. Mrs. Kunishi is a very good cook and is employed in this capacity. The Kunishis had settled in Reno, Nevada, prior to mass evacuation and were not residents of a center at any time.

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Mr. Charles Orata and his daughter, Mary, arrived East from Poston late in September and after resting one day in the Brooklyn Hostel, were placed as domestics in a well paying position with the Edgar Rose family in Pelham, New York. Mr. Orata is employed as a cook, and his daughter assists with the care of the children.

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NEWSLETTER

Oct. 12, 1945



HOUSING SPECIALIST JOINS WRA RELOCATION STAFF IN NEW YORK CITY

A New York City attorney who has acted as counsel for real estate firms and a trade union, William Fishkin, joined the New York City District staff on October 8 to assist resettlers in finding living quarters and in buying, leasing, and renting buildings for business enterprises. Mr. Fishkin has also assisted in property management and has had considerable experience as a real estate broker. He attended the College of the City of New York, and was graduated in 1935 from the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University.

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THREE ARTISTS RELOCATE TO NEW YORK CITY

Three well-known evacuee artists have recently relocated to New York City. Henry Sugimoto, formerly of Hanford, Calif., and Rohwer, is now living with his wife and two children at 147 West 100th Street. A collection of Mr. Sugimoto's paintings will be exhibited in November at the American Common at 40 East 40th Street under the auspices of the Common Council for American Unity. Mr. and Mrs. Matsusaburo Hibi and their two children, of Hayward, Calif., and Topaz, are now located at 458 West 37th Street. Mr. T. Fukui, another well-known Topaz artist, formerly of San Francisco, has just arrived in New York and is residing temporarily at 20 West 56th Street.

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THREE MEMBERS OF POSTON FAMILY FIND JOBS IN NEW YORK CITY
WHILE TWO OTHERS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION

Former Poston residents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tokutaro Kushida and their three children -- Eleanor, Martha, and Raymond -- are all now busy working or studying in New York City. Mr. Kushida, formerly a pharmacist in Los Angeles, is employed in a wholesale drug concern; Mrs. Kushida, who was on the nursing staff at the Poston General Hospital, is a nurse's aide at famous Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Eleanor is a private secretary for a prominent New York attorney. Martha is studying at New York University, and her brother Raymond attends a New York high school. The Kushidas, who came to New York in August, are now residing there at 1575 Lexington Avenue.

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NISEI VETERAN ADDRESSES LIONS CLUB

Former Sgt. Yeichi "KELLY" Kuwayama, native New Yorker, who earned his Silver Star with the famous 442nd, spoke on "The Role of the Nisei in the War" at a meeting of the Lions Club at Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., on October 11.

Sgt. Kuwayama was the spokesman of the group of four veterans of the 442nd who recently called on President Truman at the White House to present him with a check for \$4,300 which had been raised by Nisei soldiers as a contribution to a memorial for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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RESETTLEMENT COUNCIL PLANS PARTY FOR ISSEI

The Resettlement Council of the Japanese American organizations in New York City is sponsoring a party for all Issei resettlers in New York City at the Community Church on October 25. Mr. Albert Oi, a local Issei and chairman of the Council's reception committee, will
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be assisted by other Issei residents. Mr. Yoshio Kawachi has arranged an entertainment program for the party, and Miss Ina Sugihara, Granada, is chairman of the committee on refreshments. Kenji Nogaki, Tule Lake, is chairman of the Resettlement Council.

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Masako Hirata, formerly of San Bernardino and Poston, arrived in New York City early in October and was immediately employed as a group worker at Christodora House, a neighborhood settlement and residence for girls. She will reside at Christodora House and carry on group work activities. Miss Hirata was very active in group work at Poston. She is a graduate of the University of Redlands, with honors in sociology.

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Eureka Sato, formerly of Sacramento and Tule Lake, recently came to New York City from Chicago and found employment as a stenographer at the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. Miss Sato is now living at 620 West 135th Street with Mrs. Yukie Hara, Granada, secretary at the New York City WRA District Office. Mrs. Hara's husband, Pfc. Isao Hara, is stationed in Germany.

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Eddie Nobuye, formerly of Linton, Ore., and Minidoka, recently relocated to New York City.

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N E W S L E T T E R

Oct. 22, 1945



HOUSING AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK CITY

Despite the housing shortage in New York City, William Fishkin, WRA relocation officer for housing in the New York City District Office, during two days of field work/located recently 25 unfurnished steam-heated apartments at rentals ranging from \$20 to \$25 per month for units of 3 to 5 rooms. All these apartments are located in Manhattan and The Bronx, mostly in the older walkup apartment buildings. Some are near parks, schools, playgrounds, and good shopping areas.

Other parts of the city are now being canvassed by the District Office, and the cooperation of real estate owners and managers is being secured. It is expected that more apartments will be available to resettlers in the near future.

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USES REPORTS NUMEROUS UNFILLED JOBS IN NEW YORK CITY

USES reports 47,972 unfilled jobs in New York City in spite of 115,580 war workers laid off. There is a current demand especially for shoe workers, auto mechanics, sheet metal workers, machinists, paint sprayers, tool and die makers, nurses, beauticians, cooks, domestics, commercial nurses, research engineers, medical technicians, pharmacists, and accountants.

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Hideo Kitayama, former Japanese section editor of the Minidoka Irrigator, only printed Japanese sheet in the centers, is now in New York City working with the Japanese-American News Corporation at 11 West 18th Street. He arrived here on October 4 with his wife, Tsune, and two children, Hiroko, 10, and Sadao, 8. After a week of sightseeing and getting used to the subways, the family moved from the Brooklyn Hostel to 1472 Madison Avenue. Mr. Kitayama was in the newspaper business in Seattle before evacuation.

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Clifford Tanaka, former Los Angeles photographer, recently started business as a commercial artist's agent at 8 West 45th Street, New York City. Two Nisei resettlers are among his clients, and he is looking for more Nisei and Issei talent to introduce to the city's advertisers. His firm is known as The Clifford Art Service.

Mr. Tanaka was in the Army Medical Corps in 1941 and so was not evacuated. His parents and sister lived at Heart Mountain for a while, and have relocated to Chicago and Philadelphia.

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Sei Ikebuchi (San Pedro-Manzanar), age 19, is already realizing his ambition to be an auto-mechanic in New York City. He is working at the National Container Co., Long Island City, as a laborer-trainee where he can earn full-time wages and learn the operation of various types of motor equipment. He is living at 1804 York Avenue, New York City.

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NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE JAACL TO HOLD FIRST ANNIVERSARY BALL

The New York Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is planning a big celebration for Thanksgiving Eve, November 21 -- the 1st Anniversary Ball -- to be held at the fashionable Hotel Delmonico. Stanley Karikomi (Seattle-Minidoka) is Chairman of the Ball; John Iwatsu (San Francisco-Topaz) is Financial Chairman; New Yorker Alfred Funabashi and Yurino Takayoshi (Seattle- New York City) are in charge of tickets; Ken Hayashi (Tacoma-Minidoka) and Harry Kuwada (Los Angeles-Rohwer) are in charge of publicity; Andy Morimoto (Seattle-Minidoka) is in charge of programs and souvenirs.

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The New York Japanese American Committee for Democracy is sponsoring a round-table meeting on October 26 on Henry Wallace's new book "60 Million Jobs." Dr. Charlotte Muller, a member of the economics department at Barnard College, will be the speaker. Ernest S. Iiyama (Oakland-Topaz), JACD chairman, will be the leader of the meeting.

JACD holds open house for servicemen every Saturday night in its quarters at 72 West 52nd Street. Among the current visitors are many of the boys of the 100th Battalion who stopped in months ago on their way overseas and who are now again stopping in on their way home.

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NEWSLETTER

Oct. 29, 1945

COMMUNITY LEADERS PLAN RECEPTION FOR NEWCOMERS
AT NEW HOSTEL IN NEW YORK CITY

Leaders of schools, churches and settlement houses in the neighborhood of New York City's new hostel at 58 East 102nd Street were planning a reception for newcomers as the five-story building with accommodations for 60 persons was being prepared to receive its first evacuee guests on October 29.

Sponsored by the Unitarian Service Committee and the Community Church of New York, the hostel will provide both temporary quarters and housing for resettlers who wish to live there indefinitely while seeking their own permanent place in the city or suburbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Giichiro, Issei from Granada, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, will be the hostel's manager and housemother, respectively.

A neighborhood committee is being organized to help hostel residents become acquainted with the community and to aid them with their problems. The principal of nearby Benjamin Franklin High School, Dr. Leonard Covello, has already arranged to provide Nisei students attending any of the city's high schools with counseling and guidance at his school.

The hostel is conveniently located in an interracial neighborhood within a 15-minute bus ride of Grand Central Terminal and a five-minute walk of Fifth Avenue and Central Park. It has 44 sleeping rooms, a

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dining room seating 60 persons, a fully equipped kitchen, and adequate lounging and recreation space.

Daily rates at the Manhattan Hostel will be: \$1 for unemployed adults, \$1.50 for transients and employed adults for the first 10 days of employment, and \$2 for employed adults thereafter; 50 cents for children newly arriving from centers and 75 cents for other children.

Reservations for the new hostel can be made through the WRA District Office for New York City. The Brooklyn Hostel at 168 Clinton Street will continue as usual.

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LEADING NEW YORKERS TO ATTEND ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

A large group of influential New Yorkers representing all parts of the community is expected to attend the organization meeting of the Greater New York Citizens' Committee for Japanese Americans on November 16 at the Russell Sage Foundation, 130 East 22nd Street. The speakers will be Dr. Dan W. Dodson, executive director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity for New York City, and George Yamaoka, prominent local Nisei attorney. A number of persons of Japanese ancestry, including resettlers and non-evacuees, will attend the meeting. Businessmen, newspaper publishers, social workers, real estate owners, labor representatives, professional men and women, and leaders in other fields will also be present.

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NISEI HIGH SCHOOL GIRL ELECTED CHEER LEADER

Yuri Morikawa, former Postonite and senior at the Fieldston High School, The Bronx, N. Y., has been elected by the student body as a cheer leader for the football season. One of Fieldston's most popular
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students, Yuri came to New York about a year ago. She is now living at 59 West 102nd Street with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seiroku Morikawa, who arrived in September. The Morikawas are former residents of Browley, Calif.

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"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED..."

Eighteen-year-old Harold Okada, Tule Lake, is a radio assembler for the Marc Simpson Manufacturing Company in New York City. The story of how he landed that job illustrates the old adage; "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Harold came to New York in August with his heart set on getting a job in the radio field. The USES representative in the New York City District office sent him to a radio research and developing company, which hired him. Before he started to work, however, V-J day came and the shop was closed to prepare for reconversion. Harold was "unhired" and put on a waiting list. Since all the other companies dealing with radio were also in the middle of reconversion, Harold took a temporary job as a laboratory helper at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Meanwhile, he and the USES representative continued on the lookout for a radio opportunity, and he finally got his present job.

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NISEI IS PARTNER IN NEW YORK CITY COMMERCIAL ART FIRM

George Akimoto, Rohwer and Stockton, Calif., came to New York a year and a half ago to make his mark in the highly competitive profession of commercial art. He has made it as "George" of the Paul George Studios, a commercial art firm at 130 E. 44th St. His partner, the "Paul" of the firm, is Paul Seiderman, Caucasian New Yorker, with

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whom he became acquainted when they were both working at another art studio.

Only a week old, their shop is already "doing a rushing business," according to George. He says there are "plenty of headaches, but being your own boss is swell."

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TRAVELER

Arthur Yahiro, former Rohwer resident now employed in New York City by an exclusive leather goods studio, has already traveled more miles in his 28 years than most people travel in a lifetime. A native of Hawaii, he lived in Los Angeles, Rohwer, Chicago, and India before coming to New York where he now lives at 535 West 124th Street. He went to India on a government job.

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LAW LIBRARIAN

Friends of Kiyoshi Yamashita, Minidoka and Seattle, will be interested to know that he is now in New York, having finished his teaching stint at Harvard University. He is employed in the library of Whitman, Ransom, Coulson, and Goetz, well known New York law firm.

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DRAFTSMAN

Richard Tsugio Kondo, formerly of 2019-A Tule Lake and Newcastle, Calif., is temporarily employed at a good salary as an architectural draftsman with the firm of J.L. Sert at 33 West 43rd St., New York City. Mr. Kondo consulted the employment service of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, and Chemists of the CIO at the suggestion of the WRA and was referred to Mr. Sert by that agency.

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Mr. Kondo plans to live at the new New York City Hostel at 58 East 102nd Street.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

One unexpected result of the teletype about unfurnished apartments in Manhattan and The Bronx which the N. Y. C. District office sent to the centers on October 19 has given the local WRA staff a good deal of amusement. On the pretext of verifying the rental figures, one of the teletype operators called up to obtain additional information about the apartments -- especially their addresses. The District Office doesn't intend to become a housing bureau for the City of New York, but the WRA housing specialist is proving that housing is available and can be found by diligent searching.

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Little Old NEW YORK

By ED SULLIVAN

Broadway at 42d

From the 1906 West Point Howitzer:

Wainwright, Jonathan. Nicknames: Jim, Skinny. Ranks: Corporal, sergeant major, first sergeant, first captain, hop manager, marksman, toastmaster, 1906 New Year's party.

"This is IT!—the summit for which the pampered pets of the powers-that-be continually strive; the goal of every good cadet's ambition. Many honors have been heaped upon his head—so many that it is a wonder his slender frame has withstood their bending moments without any greater damage than giving to his knees a permanent set. Skinny will long remember that awful Halloween evening when just as he was making his most military salute and reporting: 'A Company all quiet, sir' about a ton of bricks dropped on the roof of his 1st Division. Skinny collapsed on the spot and it took the O. C. a good hour's work with the sponge to bring him around."

Pictures showing Mrs. Wainwright tensely starting toward her husband, as his plane landed, tell the story better than words. . . . It is a story that is being repeated in every section of our nation, as the men come home. . . . At the Hotel Astor Roof, swaying to Sammy Kaye's swell band, the shoulder patch of New York's 27th Division catches your eye. It's worn by a decorated captain with the 106th: "He's been away four years," the wife tells me. "Our outfit in Tokyo now," says the tanned officer. . . . The floor is crowded with soldiers, sailors, marines, seabees, Coast Guardsmen, Air Forces officers, technicians. Each one is holding tightly to his girl, ignoring everybody else on the floor. . . . They form a breath-catching pattern, the men of the winning American forces back on the home soil, enjoying the things and the girl they dreamed about when death was in every whine of a bullet.

The men who faced death now are going to face life, which has its own hazards, too. . . . Broadway for a space has lost its Coney Island cheapness. The hot dog stands are blocked out by the youthful American winners wearing the shoulder patches of every outfit that collaborated in smashing Hitler and Hirohito, and wearing the rainbow of star-studded ribbons that tell their own stories of exceptional heroism: the Silver Star, the DFC, the DSC, the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation. . . . The Stem is a riot of color, with boys from every Main Street in the nation swelling the population of America's most famous main street. . . . Their sleeves are colored with old stripes that tell of months of overseas service beyond the Pacific and the Atlantic. . . . Broadway never has been such a charming boulevard as it is in this month of September, 1945. . . . No longer is it tawdry, cheap or phony. This is the real McCoy.

Railway Express trucks still warn: "Tokyo still listening. Watch those loose lips." . . . Japanese-American Citizens' League of New York honoring Staff Sergt. Henry H. Gosho, of Merrill's Marauders, at Toyo Kwan restaurant (Nisei lads with Merrill did spectacular work, tapping Jap wires, thus ambushing one midnight attack that would have wiped out the Marauders). . . . Intones a rhymster in Capt. W. D. Brereton's U. S. Naval Receiving Station, New York, paper Pier 92 Transfer:

*"Good-by, in brief, to general perdition,
"Praise the Lord and stop the ammunition."*

Sergt. Emanuel Rosenberg, Air Forces, writes from overseas that the greatest show they've seen in 27 months just played Camp Detroit, France: "Give bows to Dixie Dunbar, the Rockettes, Joe and Jane McKenna. Sensational! Regards to the boys on Hinsdale Street, Bklyn."

Tojo speculated as to what history would say 500 years from now; it will say the Japs quit and Tojo shot himself, Tojo. . . . Marie Paxton, charming British actress, back from a terrific season with the Bonfils, at Denver. . . . Chuck Barnet says he never dreamed Commissioner Lewis Valentine and Butch LaGuardia would be comparing Crossley-Hooper ratings. . . . Macoco had told Kay Williams that on and after Sept. 6, when their divorce became final, she'd have to choose between him, a career or other marriage proposals. The whirlwind courtship with Adolf Spreckels supplied the answer. . . . Movie companies getting their Far Eastern branch managers back from the prison camps. . . . Fresh Meadow Country Club honoring Al Ciuci Oct. 11 for 20 years service. . . . Dorothy Kirsten planed in from Mexico. . . . Jap diary of the beheading of that Australian fier is a magnificent epitaph to the Australian's courage—proving again that the brave die only once.