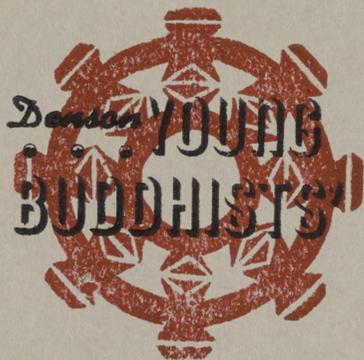


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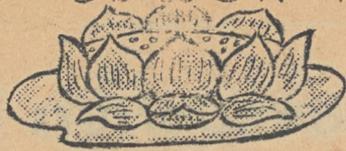
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DENSON YBA



BULLETIN

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DENSON YBA

September 5, 1943

NEW PROGRAM

YBA TO CONTACT RELOCATED BUSSEI

An elaborate program is being planned for the YBA to keep in contact with relocated Bussei members by keeping them informed through correspondence and by furnishing them with regular reading material.

In such a way it is hoped that we can help to keep the Teachings of Amida Buddha alive in the hearts of our members, no matter where they may be isolated. Together with Amida our members cannot be too long-some.

Members are requested to submit the addresses of the relocated Bussei to Chairman Kikuo Gawa or any member of the YBA Board of Directors.

Gatha Books Made

As one of our first projects, the Denson YBA printed 900 copies of the gatha and service book in July with Roy Kawamoto in charge of the compilation. The 52-page gatha book is now being used as standard song book at all of our services.

Complimentary copies were sent to all of the Center YBAs and Free Zone Chapters.

Following are some of the excerpts taken from the many letters of thanks received by our organization:

"We are grateful to you for
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DEDICATION . . .

The first issue of the yet officially un-named Denson YBA Bulletin is dedicated to our members who will be leaving us shortly for Tule Lake.

We appreciate the fine cooperation given us by these members in helping to build the Denson YBA into what it is today.

To our departing friends we say "thanks a million" and wish them the best of luck. Although we may be separated, we will still be together in Amida's love.

DENSON YOUNG BUDDHISTS' ASSOCIATION

POSTON LEADER WRITES*Need for National Headquarters Told*

We felt that the establishment of a National Headquarters was very necessary, as it was explained by the Salt Lake Conference delegates. Also we thought it was a real opportunity to start the ball rolling for the future, to get the Young People in the habit or to get them to actually realize what

we are up against to keep Buddhism alive in the future.

Through offerings, we have reached our July assessment to the National YBA and the August and September quotas are also ready to be sent out.

--Frank Doi, President,
Poston III YBA
Poston, Ariz.

LETTERS RECEIVED*Gatha Books Acknowledged by Many*

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letting us share in your very well compiled gatha book. The members are looking forward to following the procedure of services and in the practice of several gathas."--Sanford Sato, Secretary, Mesa YBA.

and we feel sure it will be of great help to us."--Rose Kumagai, Secretary, Salt Lake YBA.

"The Heart Mountain YBA extends its sincerest thanks to you for sending us a complimentary copy of your gatha book.

We most certainly are enjoying every page of your splendid booklet."--Lily Inouye, Recording Secretary, Heart Mountain YBA.

"Thank you for your letter of some time ago in which you informed us that the Denson YBA was sending us a gatha book.

This book reached us recently

Amida's Teachings

To Shinran the Nembutsu that is to say, the repetition of "Namu-amida-butsu"--is simply an expression of gratitude for the Grace of the all-loving Father; Amida Nyorai. It is not any service rendered but an act of praise offered, whenever one feels inclined to do so.

Recite Amida's Holy Name with your trustful heart, for Kwannon, or the Goddess of Mercy, will, as the shadow follows the substance, always accompany and protect you.

RESETTLEMENT

LEADERS LEAVE

The Denson YBA is affected by resettlement just as all other organizations in this Center are being fastly depleted of its leaders.

Two members of the Board of Directors, Takashi Inouye, reception chairman, and Kiyomi Nakamura, vice chairman, left during the past few days for indefinite and seasonal leaves to Connecticut and Michigan, respectively.

Gladys Nakaoka became a new Board member to replace Takashi Inouye.

ST. SHINRAN

BOOKS PLANNED

As another outstanding YBA project, a condensation of Shinran and His Religion of Pure Faith by Gendo Nakai, or Life and Teachings of Saint Shinran, is now being made.

This will be printed in a booklet form and be made available to as many members as possible.

LECTURE COURSE

The fourth in series of lecture courses on the Life of Saint Shinran will be held

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

NEW YORK

Stanley T. Okada, secretary of the New York Buddhist Church was in Topaz last week to confer with National officials.

Relocation and church problems were discussed at the meeting.

POSTON

One thousand dancers of the three Poston camps gathered in Unit III to celebrate the Obon festival on Sunday, Aug. 22.

An outdoor memorial service preceded the dance on Saturday with the Rev. Nagafuji as speaker.

"The dusty, clamorous affair

was attended by a huge crowd of of enthusiastic ondo fans and was a great success," according to reports.

GILA

Weekly YBA vesper services are held in Gila. The Rev. Newton Ishiura is in charge of the devotionals.

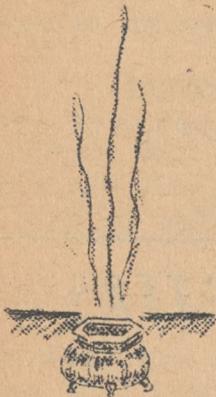
"How Obon Rituals Originated" was the topic of discussion following a recent service.

ROHWER

Twenty-five members of the Denson YBA and Buddhist Church participated in the Obon festival at Rohwer on the weekend of August 14 and 15.

Farewell SERVICE

September 5, 1943



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| Chairman. | .Ayako Noguchi |
| Meditation. | "Yube no Uta" |
| Aspirations | Chairman |
| Sutra Chant | Rev. Gyodo Kono and Rev. Tadao Kouchi |
| Incense Offerings | Masaji Shinto Tsuruye Sakata |
| Gatha | "Namu Amida Butsu" |
| Scripture Reading | Kiyoshi Minami |
| Story, "Brotherhood, a Human Fellowship," By Hazel Mizusaki and Michiko Kataoka | |
| Piano Selection | Lily Nagatani |
| Address | Kikuo Ogawa, Denson YBA Chairman |
| Announcements | |
| Gatha | "Farewell" |
| Closing Meditation. | Gassho |

YBA DIRECTOR VISITS ARIZONA

The Rev. Kenryo Kumata, National YBA Director at Topaz, recently returned from an extended visit to Boston and Gila centers, Mesa, Ariz., and other YBA chapters in the Utah area.

He was voluntarily accompanied on the tour by Mike Maruyama, an active Bussei also of Topaz.

MORE ON

St. Shinran Class

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Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in Dining Hall 23.

The course is conducted by the YBA with the Rev. Kono as lecturer and Michiko Kataoka in charge of the classes.

Being both highly interesting and educational, all Bussei members are urged to enroll in the class for personal benefit.

TULEAN BUSSEI TO BE HONORED

DENSON YBA



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LOCAL YBA
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SOCIAL

Vol. 1, No.2

DENSON YBA

Oct. 3, 1943

PUBLICATION OF ST. SHINRAN BOOK NEAR COMPLETION

Now in its final stage of publication, the 32-page condensation of the book "St. Shinran and His Religion of Pure

Faith" by Rev. Gendo Nakai will be available at the next Sutra class which will be held Thursday eve-

(cont. on page 3)

In the honor of the new arrivals from Tule Lake, the YBA will stage a "welcoming" social Saturday at 8 p.m. in Dining Hall 23.

Heading the affair is Tak Yamaguchi who will be assisted by Mari Izumi and Gladys

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YBA CHAIRMAN

Extends Greetings

I take this opportunity to extend greetings and a hearty welcome to all of the young men and women from Tule Lake center.

I am sure that the YBA members of Denson will be happy to assist you whenever you seek a helping hand.

Looking back over the past year since the outbreak of the war, so swiftly has transition taken place that it has been difficult to realize what has been happening. This proves

that nothing in this world is permanent or lasting, that everything is changing.

This truth indicates that a peaceful mind is attained only through religious faith, not by wealth or power.

In looking forward to your presence at our gatherings hereafter, I am asking for your fullest cooperation in carrying on the Teachings of our Lord Buddha and participation in our various YBA activities.

With Gassho,
Kikuo Ogawa,
YBA chairman

Need for Headquarters

The question is now before us, Fellow Bussei, whether we want Buddhism to survive in these United States or not.

The time has come when the future Buddhism does lie in our hands.

With so many Bussei leaders and members relocating, the need has risen for a workable headquarters on the outside world for those who are out of these centers to be in constant contact.

In order to have such a headquarters for the vast amount of work ahead of us, a call to all Bussei will be made so that spiritually, morally and financially we will be able to do all we can for furthering the words of Buddha.

--Ben Tsuda, Gila YBA

Hidden Qualities

Many of us can find agreement in saying that "tempura" is indeed a tasty dish. Once in a while the enjoyment lies in guessing what is covered by the "koromo" and in the anticipation of finding your guess come true. But the "koromo" itself does not constitute the whole of the meal; the essence lies in what is underneath.

Just so, no matter how glittering and beautiful a trinklet may look, it is still a trinklet, a bauble, and may not be classed as a jewel unless the "inwards" are of the same quality as the surface. In other words it must be "solid" or "sterling."

Superficial education, sophistication and all may pass for the "real McCoy" once in a while, but cannot compare with true wisdom and humility; qualities which are endowed upon those with Faith in the spiritual guidance of the Buddha.

--Rev. Kenryo Kumata

FROM

DHARMAPADA

ONESELF

By oneself evil is done; by oneself one suffers; by oneself evil is left undone; by oneself one is purified. Purity and impurity belong to oneself, no one can purify another.

FULL OF SLOTH

He who does not rouse himself when is is time to rise; who, though young and strong, is full of sloth; whose will and thought are weak; that lazy and idle man will never find the Way to Enlightenment.

FREE FROM MARA

You yourself must make an effort. The Tathagatas are only preachers. The thoughtful who enter the Way are freed from the bondage of Mara.

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Published by the Denson YBA research and relocation committee.

**BISHOP
MATSUKAGE
RECOVERING**

The Most Reverend Bishop Matsukage who recently underwent a major operation on his stomach ulcer is reported to be improving steadily, it was announced in the Topaz YBA publication.

**JOINT MEET
PLANNED**

A joint cabinet meeting with the Lower YBA is tentatively set for Oct. 16-17 in this Center.

The agenda for the two-day meet will be discussions on the National YBA setup, YBA problems and ex-

MORE ON

WELCOMING SOCIAL

(cont. from Page 1)
Nakaoka, decoration; Jimmy Hashimoto, general arrangements; Charles Nishi, program; Kiyoshi Minami, finance; Michiko Kataoka, refreshments

FAREWELL SOCIAL

Tule-Bound Bussei Feted

With Fusaye Tokumoto and Tad Miyake as co-chairman, a farewell party was given by the Denson YBA on Sept. 11 in honor of the active Bussei members bound for Tule Lake and Crystal City.

Games and dancing

were enjoyed by over 50 persons present. The Rev. Tadao Kouchi and Chairman Kikuo Ogawa delivered farewell messages during the service.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and punch were later served by the girls.

**'Ojizu' Project Progresses
AVAILABLE IN
NEAR FUTURE**

The "ojizu" project headed by Hazel Mizusaki is now progressing productively.

The process in change of project ideas.

cludes shaping and stringing wooden and white colored seed beads and adding hand made tassels.

These "ojizu" will be available in the near future.

MORE ON

BOOKLET

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ning in Dining Hall 23.

The booklet which will be used as text for the Sutra class contains a short life sketch of Shinran Shonin, origin of Shinshuism and Shinran's works as preserved by his disciples.

RELOCATED BUSSEI CONTACT

As the first attempt to contact relocated Bussei members, the YBA recently sent gift packages to approximately 75 persons.

The packages included copies of the 54-page standard gatha and service book printed sometime ago. Copies of the first Bulletin were also included.

Explanatory letters accompanied the packages which were prepared and mailed by the YBA Research and Relocation committee.

PORTFOLIOS DISTRIBUTED

Attractive portfolios have been designed and printed to be distributed as covers for the YBA Bulletin and other publications.

They will also be sent out to all relocated Bussei now on the publication mailing list.

TAKASHI INOUE WRITES

Takashi Inouye, ex-member of YBA board

of directors informs the people of his safe arrival in Bridgport, Conn., after spending four glorious days in New York City. He also visited the Buddhist church in that city.

As a carpenter, he writes that he's getting along just fine with his Caucasian fellow workers.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Akiko Kamikawa recently announced her engagement to Nobuho Matsui.

Akiko is a member of the YBA board of directors and serves as Sunday School chairman.

Program--

Brotherhood Service
October 3, 1943

- Chairman. Hideko Odaka
- Meditation. "Yube no Uta"
- Aspiration. Chairman
- Opening address Chairman
- Sutra chant Rev. Gyodo Kono and
Rev. Tadao Kouchi
- Incense offerings Michiko Date and
Kiyoshi Minami
- Gatha "When We See The Golden Sun"
- Responsive reading. Congregation
- Welcome message Rev. Kouchi
- YBA address Kikuo Ogawa
YBA chairman
- Quartette selections. Amy Sasaki,
Sarah Kimura and
Fumi and Nisa Asakawa
- "Future Whither?" a talk . Fukiko Horie
- Announcements
- Gathas. "Bussei Koshin Kyoku" and
"Namu Amida Butsu"
- Closing meditation. Gassho

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FORMED

Closing following the footsteps of the men-folks, the "older" and former YWBA members began a movement to organize the Buddhist Women's Auxiliary group.

At the general meeting held Sunday, Nov. 14, the following persons were designated to serve on the Board of Directors: East-side--Mesdames Toshiko Kamikawa, Teruko Yoshiki, Helen Arakawa, Yoshiko Matsuda, Kazue Ito and Violet Kamikawa; West-side--Mesdames Fumiko Yoshimasu, Chieo Taira, Flora Tsuda, Kore Jean Yasakawa, Setsu Mikaido and Teruko Shiotani.

Using the "toban" system of appointing
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DENSON BUDDHISTS'



BULLETIN

Vol. 1, No. 3 Denson, Ark. Nov. 28, 1943

FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY INAUGURATES OFFICERS

Before a capacity house, the elected officers of the newly organized Buddhist Friendship Society (Koyu kai) headed by Umeichi Henmi were inaugurated Sunday evening, Nov. 21, in Dining Hall 23.

Bussei Invite Christians

The Center Community Christian Church Fellowship will be guest of the Bussei to hear Mrs. Esther Briesemeister, national secretary of Japanese division, at Brotherhood service Sunday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Dining Hall 23.

Taro Matsui will serve as chairman.

(Program on page 8)

Project Director Paul A. Taylor who left Thursday for a Washington, D.C., post congratulated the members and expressed his thanks to the audience for the fine cooperation he received during his stay in Denson.

The officers who took the oath of office were Umeichi Henmi, chairman, Bill Mikaido, north-side vice-chairman; Yoshi
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YBA DIVIDED INTO SIX DISTRICTS

To enliven the Center Bussei program, the Denson YBA has been divided into six districts with inter-

joint meetings on nets have been con-

tab. Enthusiastic over the new setup, several District cabi-
nets have been con-
vering to set the
date and make plans
for a joint "hokkai"
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CRITICISMS WANTEDSupport Brotherhood Service

We acknowledge with regret the apparent lack of interest among our YBA members regarding our recent Brotherhood services.

These services were initiated early in the year as regular weekly devotionals for the Bussei, drawing enthusiastic attendance, and were later relaxed into alternate Sundays to survive through the summer months.

We agree that some of the gatherings were a bit morbid, but we also remember many inspiring programs where we wished many more could have been present.

As a whole, the chairmen have succeeded in planning a worthwhile and diverting program for each service, judging from the numerous favorable comments given by those who have attended regularly.

Our Brotherhood services are being continued, in spite of the slackened attendance, for the purpose of providing the young people with a spiritual outlet on Sunday evenings in an especially congenial atmosphere.

But to instigate a greater and revived interest among the Bussei, we invite our members to submit constructive criticism on the Brotherhood services, wherein our task may be enlightened to please the majority.

--AEN

A GREAT STRIDEMilestone in Buddhism

The recent formation of the Buddhist Friendship Society, Women's Auxiliary and six District YBAs marks another milestone in American Buddhism.

Denson Buddhists again set the pace.

EDITORIAL

Notes

As timely stimulant to the local YBA and the Research and Resettled Home Program committee responsible for supplying religious material to the relocated Bussei, numerous letters and generous donations have been coming in each week from the outside.

The letters help to promote new ideas while the monetary contributions defray a large part of the extensive program now being undertaken to contact the resettled Bussei and scattered servicemen.

The Denson YBA is to be credited as the first chapter to initiate this program for the national body.

BUDDHISTS'

BULLETIN

Published by the
Research and Resettled Home Program committee.

Nakamura Takes Over Board Head

Following the footsteps of several other resettled members, Kikuo Ogawa, Denson YBA board chairman, left the Center on Nov. 17 for Cleveland, Ohio, in pursuit of wider horizon.

As chairman of the YBA since July, his departure will mean a great loss to the local Bussei. However, he will be ca-

Denson, Arkansas

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BOARD POSTS

DATE, YUMIBE, JITSUMYO FILL IN VACANCIES

Michiko Date, former Tule Lake YBA board member, replaced Hazel Mizusaki who left last month to work for the War Manpower Commission in Wash-

pably succeeded by Vice-chairman Kiyomi Nakamura who returned from seasonal work in South Haven, Mich., just in time to spare the Board from an untimely shakeup.

ington, D.C. as project research head.

Clubs and organizations chairman left open by Masaji Shinto was taken over by Misao Yumibe, formerly of Hood River YWBA in Oregon and also of Tule Lake YBA board.

Fujiye Jitsumyo, third newly-elected board member, replaced Akiko Kamikawa as Sunday School chairman.

MORE ON

Friendship Society Inaugurates Officers

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Kiuchi, southside vice-chairman; Tom Kamikawa, secretary; and Kay Kuwada, treasurer.

The Rev. Tadao Kouchi officiated the devotional-installation service while Harry Shiramizu served as chairman.

A varied entertainment program followed the installation ceremony with Bill Nikaido as master of cere-

monies.

Vocal numbers were rendered by Tom Kamikawa, Masayoshi Fukute, Masaharu Hori, Hideo Kawamura and Mikaido; naniwabushi, Saburo Sugita and Jenpei Oka; accordion solo, Ayako Kurushima; odori, Kay Sainada; short skit, Tejiro Fujino and manzai, Ichiro Miyagawa and Hideo Kawamura.

Honored guests present were Mr. and Mrs.

Paul A. Taylor, Runo Arne, assistant project director; representatives from the Buddhist Church, Rohwer Reimei Kai, Buddhist Women's Auxiliary, YBA and the Society's Block representatives.

Working on the preparation for the affair were Mikaido, Kiuchi, Kamikawa, Kay Kuwada, Henmi, Roy Kawamoto, Tom Miyagawa and YBA girls.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN

Districts:

- I Larry Hikiji
 II Shig Kitahata
 III Toshio Kawamoto
 IV Tomiko Okuda
 V Morris Yamazaki
 VI Yone Satoda

VICE CHAIRMAN

Districts:

- I Masao Ikeda
 II Masako Yatabe
 III Yoshiko Hoshiko
 IV Kuniye Kikuta
 V Minnie Kuwahara
 VI Ken Masuda

SECRETARY

Districts:

- I Lorraine Kumano
 II Fusayo Ozaki
 III Yayo Machigashira
 IV Yuriko Katsuki
 V Michi Yamano
 VI Sumi Tsuji

TREASURER

Districts:

- I Harry Hirakawa
 II Charles Nishi
 III Edna Uyeno
 IV Tad Miyake

SCHEDULE

Dist. I-II, Dec.
 10 at USO House.
 Dist. III-IV,
 Dec. 11 at Hall
 41.

V Bill Tanaka
 VI Chico Masai

RELIGIOUS CHAIRMAN

Districts:

- I Terry Chono
 II Mari Izumi
 III Laura Ogawa
 IV Patsy Nakamura
 V Mabel Ikeda and
 Takao Matsuda
 VI Dorothy Masuda

Auxiliary

(cont. from page 1)
 chairman, Mrs. Toshiko Karikawa and Mrs. Rukiko Yoshimatsu were selected co-heads for Nov. and Dec. respectively with alternate co-chairman acting as secretary.

Mrs. Teruko Yoshiki was appointed treasurer for the group.

Tentative program on schedule is a "zadankai" on Dr. Collier's picture slides to be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. in Laundry 23.

SIX DISTRICTS

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DIST. I: Blocks--1, 2, 11, 12, 14 and 15

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" III: Blocks--29, 30, 31 and 32

" IV: Blocks--41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46

" V: Blocks--38, 39 and 40

" VI: Blocks--23 and 35

OUTSIDE BUSSEI WRITE BACK HOME

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the pamphlets. I sincerely appreciate each thought behind them and you have no idea what spiritual uplift it gives me.

Due to the lack of Buddhist Church, the reading matter does wonders as a substitute. I think it is a grand idea and hope it may be continued.

As for subject matter, most anything is welcome.

The gatha book was greatly appreciated. We often get together and sing from it--- the few of us who are here.

Sumi Matsunaga
Ann Arbor, Mich.

You must have realized how much we miss the Sunday services and the vari-

ous Bussei activities when you undertook the program, for honestly, we couldn't expect anything more helpful and nicer than the YBA publications.

Pfc. and Mrs.
Harry Sakohira
Camp Robinson,
Little Rock

Thanks a lot for the YBA Bulletin and
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A SOLDIER

Reminiscences Through A Gatha Book

Thank you for the wonderful pamphlet sent me recently by the YBA. It's nice of you Bussei to remember us in these times.

The religious material took me back to the days when we used to attend the services and take part in the club activities back home--days which now seem like a dream to us.

I silently hummed all those familiar songs and verses in the gatha book. Yes, the materials were good. I closed my eyes and once again the vision of our Church vividly

came to mind.

Funny how one remembers little details of the church--such as the pictures hanging there on the wall slightly ascrew, the initials we carved on the back of the chairs while pretending to listen to the sermons, and the rain stains on the wall paper.

Yes, it's funny how these little things stand out in our minds. And while going through the publications which I just received, I find myself saying "Namu Amida Butsu" silently to myself here on my G.I. bunk.

Corp. Joe Miyasaki
Fort Des Moines, Iowa

Bussei Write Home

(cont. from page 5)
St. Shinran book.

You don't know how happy I was to receive them and I am reading the publications everyday.

My homesick feeling has been relieved tremendously when I read the publications.

Teruo Tsuruoka
Chicago, Ill.

At this time, I wish to express how thankful I was to receive the gatha and service book.

I have enjoyed the materials very much for it carried my thoughts back to the Brotherhood services.

I certainly miss my religion.

Rose Negoro
St. Francis Hosp.
Peoria, Ill.

Sincerest thanks for sending me the Denson YBA Bulletin and the gatha and service booklet.

It seems as if we Densonians, Rose Negoro, Shunkichi Ego

and I, are the only Bussei here.

We did attend a few church services around here, but they are really not like our own. You can see quite easily just how much we appreciated the gift packages from back home.

Isako Horie
Nurses' Residence
Peoria, Ill.

You don't know how much I miss going to the Sunday School and the Brotherhood services.

When Sundays arrive my thoughts usually shift to the Center and I wish that I could visit there once more and hear the Reverends' sermons.

Hazel Mizusaki
Washington, D. C.

Yes, I believe that this is the first time an extensive program has been mapped out to cover the English version of the Buddhist Teachings.

Shunkichi Ego
Peoria, Ill.

with gassho

WE THANK

We wish to acknowledge the following persons for their donation in support of the Research and Resettled Home Program project:

Pfc. and Mrs.
Harry Sakohira,
Teruo Tsuruoka,
Shunkichi Ego,
Yutaka Kebori,
Roy and Masano
Ikeda,
Sumi Matsunaga,
Joe Hosoda.

I shall be glad to help my Church in any ways.

Thank you very much for all the reading materials.

Yutaka Kebori
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Your letter and the YBA publications were received with great happiness. We certainly appreciate the work the Center Bussei are doing.

We shall be looking forward to the future publications.

Sumi and Mitsue
Kamikawa
Cincinnati, Ohio

A Message from the Bishop Matsukage

We, who place our faith in Mahayana Buddhism, are taught that there must be the practice of "mutual-benefit" in our daily lives.

"Mutual-benefit" means that a never ending endeavor on the part of the individual toward perfection must be our aim on one hand and on the other that there must be an ever present desire in creating happiness for the sake of others; and, this is comparable to a pair of wheels or to the wings of a bird in full flight.

The path of the Bodhisattva in Mahayana Buddhism is in the

whole-hearted practice of "mutual-benefit."

Those, whose aims are in just personal gain alone, they who believe in egoism are called "shomon" and are looked upon as inferiors and scorned by the true followers of the Path.

Americans of Japanese parentage, you, who are citizens of these United States of America and believers of Mahayana Buddhism lie in implicit loyalty to the Stars and Stripes under which you enjoy your livelihood. Therein must lie your honor as an American citizen and pride as Young Buddhists.

AN EXTRACT

'Why Pray for Worldly Bliss'

"If wishes were horses, beggars might ride," says an English proverb. When one realize that wishes cannot be fulfilled so easily as he would like them to be, he gives way to the tendency to have resort to any form of religion, established or new-risen, which claims to gratify his desires by the grace of supernatural beings.

This may seem natural, but let us remember that our worldly wishes, so far as they are reasonable, can be legitimately fulfilled by our own striving.

In our effort to secure sound

health or to cure disease we cannot afford to ignore the principles and facts of science; and if we would be rich or prosperous, we should employ sound business methods.

It is unfortunately true that for all one's endeavors one may not always have one's wishes gratified, and may even suffer unexpected losses instead.

But then one should be satisfied with the thought that one has done one's level best. "Thank God, I have done my duty," were Lord Nelson's dying words.

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BUSSEI HEAR SPEAKER

Lillian Robertson, working for Evacuee Resettlement in St. Louis, gave an interesting talk on outside conditions at an informal Bussei gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

"People who are prejudiced are proving themselves both lazy and ignorant when they are swayed by emotions or permit others to form their opinions for them."

She further added,

DISTRICT YBAS

(cont. from page 1) shiki".

Districts I and II will stage their get-together on Dec. 10 at the USO House while Districts III and IV will meet on Dec. 11 at Hall 41.

Buddhist Office

The Buddhist office has been finally established in 28-12-E with Fumi Satoda, secretary, in charge.

Friendship society, Women's Auxiliary and YBA offices occupy the same unit.

"These people who would divide the people of America today are also being unpatriotic."

HASHIMOTO REPLACED

Fumiye Satoda replaced Jimmy Hashimoto who is now relocated in Davenport, Iowa, as Buddhist Church secretary.

Rev. Kono Goes to Rohwer

Because of the illness of the Rev. Mizutani of Rohwer Buddhist Church, the Rev. Gyodo Kono has been commuting to Rohwer every weekend to take charge of the Rohwer Buddhist Church

affairs. The Rev. Kono is expecting to resume his full duties here from the first of the year depending on the recovery of the Rev. Mizutani.

Brotherhood Service Nov. 28, 1943

Program
Chairman Taro Matsui

Piano solo Lily Nagatani

Meditation "Yube no Uta"

Aspiration Chairman

Welcome address Chairman

Incense offerings Tak Yamaguchi

. Eina Uyeno

Gatha "Sweet Hour of Meditation"

Introduction of guest speaker

. The Rev. George Ali

Community Christian Church

Speaker . . . Mrs. Esther Briesmeister

National Y Secretary

Japanese Division

Violin solo Richard Higashi

Announcements Chairman

Gatha "Farewell"

Closing meditation Gassho

YBA BOARD NOMINATED FOR 1944

Twenty-two new Bussei leaders were nominated to run for 1944 YBA Board of Directors at the board and representatives' meeting held Friday, Dec. 3, in Laundry 23. Total of thirty-five persons were

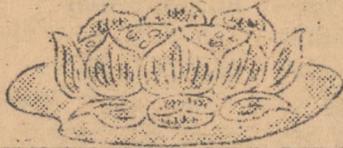
listed for election which will be held at the same place on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Each District will be required to send five representatives to the election meeting. There will be

no proxy voting.

The following persons were nominated for the Board: Echa Ueno, Tomiko Okuda, Kiyomi Nakamura, Dorothy Taniguchi, Kiyoshi Minami, Misao Yumibe, Fujiye Jitsu-
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Auxiliary Hears **JOINT MEETS HELD**

Dr. Collier

Dr. Collier, Center hospital head, spoke to the Women's Auxiliary group on "Siam" Saturday, Dec. 4, in Laundry 23.

The doctor who had spent many years in the jungles gave many interesting notes of the Siamese Buddhists and their rituals and work.

Mesdames Chieo Taira and Teruko Yoshiki will be co-chairman for the months of Jan. and Feb.

DISTRICTS I-II STAGE CO-SOCIAL

At an impressive candlelight installation service, the Districts I and II YBA officers were installed Friday, Dec. 10, in the USO room with Misao Yumibe as chairman.

Board Chairman Kiyomi Nakamura read the path while the Rev. Gyodo Kono stressed the importance of cooperation and
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OFFICERS INDUCTED JOINTLY

Ten officers of the District III and IV YBAs were sworn in by Board Chairman Kiyomi Nakamura in an inspiring candlelight ceremony Saturday, Dec. 11, in Hall 41 where Tak Yamaguchi served as chairman.

The Rev. Gyodo Kono was the main speaker while oshoko representatives were the six district chairmen,
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Day of Enlightenment

Bodhi-Day is the time attributed to when a human being as we are have attained Enlightenment through the Teaching of Lord Buddha.

Universally the Buddhists throughout the world observe Dec. 8 as the Bodhi-Day for it was on this day high 2600 years ago that Our Lord Buddha first found Enlightenment--freedom from selfishness, hatred, jealousy and greed.

The day when we human beings have learned fully the meanings of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path this occasion will be our personal Bodhi-Day regardless of what time of the year this happy event may come.

World is Vanity Fair

Sakyamuni Buddha has said that we suffer because we are ignorant of the transiency of Life. Yes, how true! The glory of the world is like a flower; it stands in full bloom in the morning and fades in the heat of the day.

Wherever you go, wherever you look, there is rushing and struggling and an eager pursuit of pleasure. There is panic flight from pain and death, and hot are the flames of burning desires.

The world is vanity fair, full of changes and transformations. The sooner we realize that everything is forever brief and fleeting, we have gained one phase of the Law of Cause and Effect.

Should we ever become weary and sorrow-laden, should we ever give up self-reliance and hope, let us turn to the Nembutsu as a guidance to our Salvation.

—Hisao Yumibe

From the
BULL PEN
ROY KAWAMOTO

On Nov. 28 and 29 the first Tri-State Bussei Convention was held in Denver at which time the aggressive delegation pushed through three major resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Herein are the major policies:

1. That Tri-State back the movement to create a North American Buddhism.

2. That Nisei Reverends be stationed within the Tri-State.

3. Recommendations in regard to the subject material for sermons.

ON TAB?

What we would like to know is what is this North American Seminary body and what is its func-

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BUDDHIST BULLETIN

Published by the
Research and Re-
settled Home Pro-
gram committee.

PACKAGES

Bussei To Assist Distribution

Fusayo Tokumoto, YBA social welfare chairman, was appointed recently to assist the Center Community Christian Church in a Center-wide distribution of Christmas gifts collected by Women's Com. of Home Mission Council of North America.

Though the Home Mission Council is being assisted by the various Protestant denominations, the American Friends Service committee and certain other agencies, the gifts are to be given to all children here from the ages of one to sixteen regardless of their religious beliefs.

Sorting and wrapping of the packages will be done at the Center Christian office, 20-11-F, by the Bussei and the Christian girls.

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YEAR-END

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL PLANNED FOR DEC. 30

The annual YBA New Year's social is set for Thursday, Dec. 30, in Dining Hall 23 with Tak Yamaguchi, Board social head, as general chairman.

Assisting Yamaguchi in preparing for the affair are Yoshiko Hoshiko, program; Masako Yatabe, invitation; Kimiye Kikuta, refreshments; Minnie Kuwahara, decoration; Masao Ikeda and Ken Masuda, arrangements, and Kiyoshi Minami, finance.

Patrons and patron-

esses for the affair will be Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Melton, and Messrs. Runo Ame, Byron S. Thompson and G.F. Castleberry.

BRING BROKEN 'OJUZU' FOR REPAIR

Repairing broken "ojuzu" is another service rendered by the Buddhist office free of charge.

Persons who wish to have their broken string fixed may bring them to the office, 28-12-E, any time.

MORE ON

YBA Board Nomination

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hara, Kiyoko Makimono, Toshie Kawamoto, Yone Satoda, Laum Yamaguchi, Fusayo Tokumoto, Hatsumi Wada, Kimiye Kikuta, Patsy Nakamura, Grace Nishi, Fusako Matsui, Terry Cheno, Laura Ogawa, Lois Yoshinaga, Lorraine Kumano, Yuriko Katsuki, Sam Shintaku.

DISTRICTS TO MEET

In the third inaugural ceremony to be held within a week, the District V and VI YBA officers will be installed Monday, Dec. 13, in Hall 39 with Michiko Kataoka as chairman.

Oath will be administered by Ayako Noguchi while Minnie Kuwahara will be in charge of the program.

MORE ON

Districts I and II Convened

(cont. from page 1) the responsibility of the officers for a good organization.

Oshoko representatives were Charles Nishi and Mary Yamada and Lily Nagatani served as pianist.

Entertainment was supplied by Ayako Kurashima, accordionist, and Miss Nagatani with Masao Ikeda in charge.

After refreshments of sandwiches and cola, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing with Terry

SOCIETY MEMBERS

ROHWER GUEST

Yoshio Kiuchi, vice chairman, Tom Kamikawa, secretary, and Tokumi Sunada of the Buddhist Friendship Society were official guests at the Rohwer Reimei Kai hakkaishiki on Dec. 4.

The group reported a successful event and a pleasant weekend visit.

Chono as emcee.

Officers installed were as follows for District I: Larry Hikiji, chairman; Masao Ikeda, vice chairman; Lorraine Kumano, secretary; Harry Hirakawa, treasurer and Terry Chono, religious chairman.

District II cabinet members are Shig Kitahata, chairman; Masako Yatabe, vice chairman; Fusaye Ozaki, secretary; Charles Nishi, treasurer, and Marie Izumi, religious chairman.

Joint YBA Installation

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Larry Hikiji, Shig Kitahata, Toshio Kawamoto, Tomiko Okuda, Morris Yamasaki and Yone Satoda and Ayako Noguchi of the Denson YBA Board of Directors.

A reading was given by Patsy Nakamura, and Lily Nagatani served as pianist.

Following the service, entertainment and dancing followed with Kimiyo Kikuta and Yoshiko Hoshiko in charge. Refreshments of sandwiches and tea were served.

Fumi and Misa Asakawa, Sarah Kimura and Amy Sasaki rendered a quartette number while instrumental selections were given by Norman Ishimoto.

Irene and Edna Ishimoto and June Ichihō did a tap dance.

Officers installed were as follows for District III: Toshio Kawamoto, chairman; Yoshiko Hoshiko, vice chairman; Tayo Machigashira, secretary;

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Buddhist Swastika--

The Buddhist swastika is the oldest of geometric symbols on the earth. It was not copied from the Germans nor does the symbol indicate any connections between Japanese Buddhists and Germans.

Buddhists have a saying that the turning of the wheel of Law will crush all that is wrong. The wheel spoken of is the religious symbol from which the swastika, or four-foot cross is derived.

The swastika represents the four Ls of Buddhism--Light, Love, Life and Liberty. In Sanskrit the swastika means "fortunate" and that is universally accepted as a presentment and promise of good luck.

In one form or another this much discussed emblem has been used as a symbol of welfare from very early times. It first

appeared in the bronze age and occurs in Swiss lake dwellings. Some scholars see in the swastika a solar symbol. Also it has been variously interpreted as a wind symbol, the earth symbol and an emblem of productivity.

It has been derived by some from the cross, by others from the circle; it too has been regarded as an evolution from the lotus petal in architecture, and as a mystic design.

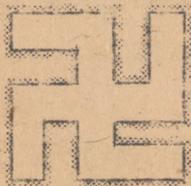
From this it would appear that Hitler and his millions, seeking gain for their arms, favor and fortune, have adopted the universal good luck talisman of the ancients, and that a display of swastika by other organizations and religions does not imply either connection with or adherence to Nazi principles.

--Rev. Kenryo Kumata

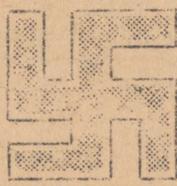
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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO

BUDDHIST



NAZI



The distinct difference between the Buddhist and the Nazi swastikas is the direction in which the four Ls rotate.

In the Buddhist insignia the Ls revolve clock-wise while in the Nazi sign they turn counter clock-wise.

Filial Piety -- REV. KUBOSE

"All men and women can live happy by the love and kindness of a kind father and merciful mother who reared them; the kindness of a father is higher than the mountain and the love of a mother is deeper than the ocean." This is a quotation from the sutra, Shinjikangyo.

Buddha teaches us that filial piety is one of the most important things in life.

We really feel parental love when we part from our parents. Nowadays many young people leave the center for the first time to work for themselves. And for the first time they realize how much their parents mean to them.

When we are living together, we oftentimes think that our parents are too strict, and we become disgusted with them. But when we leave them and take the responsibility of living by ourselves, we realize the benefit of every little advice that our parents have given us.

It is said from ancient times that a man who has no spirit

REVEREND'S

ADVICE GIVEN

The Rev. G. M. Kubose of Heart Mountain, whose article on "Filial Piety" appears on this page, gives the following important advice to all Bussei leaving the Center:

Take good care of yourself; write to your parents as often as possible, at least once a month; associate with good friends; do not forget the "Nembutsu", and from time to time send something to your parents because parents are more than happy to receive anything, no matter how trivial from their children.

of filial piety will never succeed. When we think of our parents, we very seldom go wrong.

As good sons and daughters of our parents and as good children of Lord Buddha, let us remember: "Good of all good is the filial piety, and bad of all is the disobedience to one's parents."

AN EXPLANATION

Nirvana -- REV. N. TSUNODA

Nirvana, the ultimate goal to which all Buddhists aspire, is a state which is very difficult for the finite mind of man to

understand. No other concept in Buddhism has been so misinterpreted as this term, Nirvana; thus,

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Nirvana

-- REV. N. TSUNODA

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 a completely erroneous idea of our religion by many has been the result.

The word, Nirvana, is Sanskrit, meaning annihilation and extinction, the extinction of all lust, baser passions and desires. It is the state of mind in which grasping (upadana), error (kilesa), and thirst (tama) are no more.

The Lankavatara Sutra describes Nirvana as follows: "The Tathagata's Nirvana is where there is no more thirst nor grasping, is where there is no more attachment to external things. Nirvana is where the thinking mind with its discriminations, attachments, aversions, and ego-

ism is forever put away.

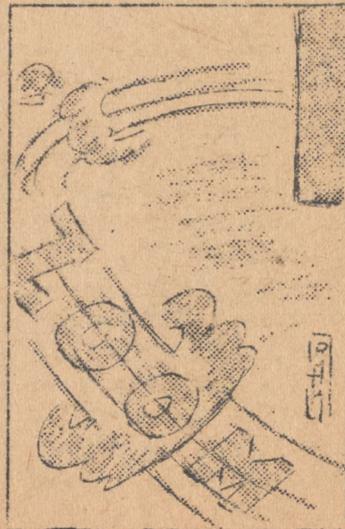
Even from this explanation, we see that it is a far cry from nihilism; it is not a negative state, although it is described in negative terms.

However, in Mahayana thought the concept of Nirvana gains a deeper, more positive significance as we see in a further passage from the Lankavatara Sutra:

"Nirvana is the realm of Dharmata-Buddha; it is where the manifestation of Noble Wisdom that is Buddhahood expresses itself in Perfect Love for all, it is where the manifestation of Perfect Love that is Tathagatahood expresses itself in Noble Wisdom for the Enlightenment for all;--there, indeed, is Nirvana!"

BASHFUL DEBUT

DENNY



Bull Pen

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tions?

Why should the Nisoi Reverends be stationed within the Tri-State?

INTERESTING NOTE

At the same confab the Rev. K. Kumata who was delayed en-route from Ogden gave a report on the National YBA headquarters activity.

LOST

The Reverend was supposed to come to this Center around August to report on the National headquarters activity.

Both heard the report must be slightly delayed en-route to Arkansas.

DISTRICTS III-IV

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Eda Uyeno, treasurer, and Laura Ogawa, religious chairman.

District IV officers are Toniko Okuda, chairman; Kimiye Kikata, vice chairman; Yuriko Katsuki, secretary; Tad Miyake, treasurer, and Patsy Nakamura, religious chairman.

WITH GASSHO

WE THANK YOU

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for the generous donations received during the period from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10 for the furtherance of the Research and Resettled Home Program Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. John Nakagawa, Columbus, Nori Masuda, Detroit
S/Sgt. George M. Nishi, Camp Shelby
Kikuye Ego, Perrysburg, Ohio
Corp. and Mrs. Tom Kawano, Fort Custer
Akira Yokomi, Keenesburg, Colo.



Program

BROTHERHOOD SERVICE

Dec. 12, 1943

Chairman Taro Matsui

Meditation "Yubo no Uta"

Aspiration Chairman

Incense offerings Charles Nishi

Ayame Marubayashi

Three Homages Rev. Gyodo Kono

Gatha "Shinshu Shuka"

Sermon "Nirvana Thru Charity"

Rev. Kono

Vocal solo "Because"

Yoshio Murasako

Announcements

Closing address Chairman

Gatha "On Jokusen"

Meditation Gassho

NEW BOARD ELECTED, INSTALLED

SIXTEEN MEMBERS PLEDGED AT INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The newly elected officers of the Denson YBA Board of Directors will be installed at a candlelight ceremony during the Bussei Ho-Onko service Sunday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. in Dining Hall 23. Oath will be administered by Harry Shiranizu, editor of the Tribune and member of the Koyukai.

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BULLETIN

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President's Ball Set

Xmas Gift Distribution Commended

Thousands of gifts received from outside individuals and organizations were wrapped and distributed to the Center children during Christmas with the Denson YBA members assisting the local Community Christian Church.

The process required
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BUSSEI BACK PARALYSIS DRIVE

As the first major Bussei social of the year, the YBA will sponsor a "President's Ball" on Jan. 27 in Dining Hall 23 with Tak Yamaguchi in charge. The proceeds of the affair will be contributed to the annual infantile paralysis drive.

Bids for the Ball will be distributed shortly through the six Districts.

NEW LEADERS AUGMENT YBA BOARD

At the Denson YBA Board of Directors election meet which was held Monday, Dec. 20, in Laundry 23, five new Bussei leaders, Larry Hikiji, Shig Kitahata, Minnie Kuwahara, Charles Nishi and Yone Satoda, were selected to serve on the Board for the coming 1944 term.

Before their appointment Hikiji, Kitahata and Satoda served as chairmen in District I, II and VI respectively while Minnie Kuwahara served as secretary in District V and Charles Nishi, treasurer in District II.

Kiyomi Nakamura and Ayako Noguchi who served on the Board since the formation of the YBA were reelected to serve for another semester.

Other electees who will serve for second time are Michiko Kataoka, Hatsumi Wada,
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OUR SIDE**Totalitarian Beliefs**

Buddhism is neither neo-pagan in concept nor an outgrowth of totalitarian beliefs. It is rather a spiritual belief, based upon the teachings of Buddha, who was born in India roughly about 2600 years ago.

As an international religion, Buddhism ranks in the numbers of adherents with Christianity and Mohammedanism. As a philosophy it is recognized by some of the greatest minds in the world today.

Contrary to the general fallacious beliefs, the Buddhists do not worship idols or images. However, they do have ornate temples and lavish altars--similar to the Catholic churches.

The sermons and strict adherence to the teachings of Buddha, involving in a narrow sense, the following of the Eightfold Paths, the liberal Buddhist Ten Commandments, are fundamental to the Buddhist creed.

A majority of the Center people profess Buddhism as their creed and it is true that most of them are the older residents. Over half of the nisei are Buddhist in background, and the trust that can be placed in a Christian nisei can just as safely be placed on a Buddhist nisei.

Let us not forget that it was religious intolerance that aided in peopling the North American continent and that the right to profess any religion (as long as it is not contrary to the welfare of the nation) is one of the basic ideals of democracy.

--Barry Saiki, ex-Rohwer YBA

OUR INTEREST**Lies in Action**

In regards to the activity of the National YBA headquarters, we are interested in action and not in lip service.

'HO-ONKO'

With "Namu Amida Butsu" on their lips, the Shinshus, generally of the Nishi Hongwanji, gratefully repeat the Nembutsu on Jan. 16 at the "Ho-Onko" service to express their heartfelt gratitude to their patriarch Saint, Shinran Shonin, who survived through the five stages of sorrows and sufferings to deliver the teachings of the Amida Nyorai to the common people.

Under the new calendar, this date is the anniversary of the death of St. Shinran who lived to the age of 90 in the thirteenth century to preach the Gospel of Amida and the essence of the Nembutsu.

Shinran Shonin, who found the Shinshu sect in Buddhism, underwent the following five stages of suffering and sorrow.

At the age of four he lost his mother, and soon after, his father passed away.

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Ogawa

Encouraged To 'Carry On'

Kikuo Ogawa, former Denson YBA Board chairman now working as an electrician in Cleveland, encouraged the local Bussei to "Carry On" in a recent letter to the staff.

"It is hard to realize the true meaning of the spiritual education, religion, until a sudden change occurs 'in our life-transiency,'" he wrote in part.

"Most of the relocated Bussei have found that it requires more than courage to live in this world of conflict. That is why more than ever we need the guidance of Amida

MORE ON

BOARD AUGMENTED

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Dorothy Taniguchi, Kiyoshi Minami, Fusako Matsui, Tak Yamaguchi, Michiko Date and Misao Yumibe

VACANCIES FILLED

Following the elec-

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BAN LIFTED

CHURCH SERVICES BEGIN

After a three-week lull in local church activities because of the prevailing influenza epidemic, Sunday services will be resumed on a regular schedule beginning this week.

Disappointment was voiced by the many Bussei holiday visitors from the outside who had anticipated attending Buddhist church services during their recent vacation spent in the Center.

Distribution Commended

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one week of diligent cooperation from some 50 Bussei members in wrapping and distributing the presents

Buddha.
"We shall depend on you to continue sending us reading material from time to time for the sake of furthering Buddhism in America," Kikuo concluded.

with outgoing Social Welfare Chairman, Fusayo Tokumoto, in charge. Miss Tokumoto recently received a letter of appreciation from the Rev. Shippachi Kanow of the Christian Church which read as follows:

"I wish to thank you and your group for the splendid cooperation in helping with the Center's Christmas gift distribution.

"Your group, under your very fine leadership enabled us to have everything ready as planned. I would appreciate it very much if you will please extend my most sincere thanks to all those who assisted."

Letters From Our Bussei

NORI

It's been five months since I left the Center and I thought I've lost all contact with the Bussei.

To my surprise I was not forgotten. Thanks to the active members of the Denson YBA.

The committee that published the publication really deserves a big "pat on a back" and I do hope that they keep up the good work.

Nori Masuda
Detroit, Mich.

MARION

I want to thank the YBA for remembering me in sending the Bussei publications. I am always looking forward to them.

It's a funny thing, but while I was living back there in Denson, I used to take Sunday School and the Brotherhood services for granted, but since resettling and with no Buddhist churches I really do miss the

Bussei fellowship, the sermons and the activities. I'm hoping that someday soon we shall be able to hold our services here in Chicago, too.

Marion Nakatsuna
Chicago, Ill.

SABURO, AKIRA, GEORGE, HIROSHI

We would like to commend the entire staff for extending Buddhist teachings to the relocated Buddhists which we consider a great achievement.

Enclosed is a small contribution so that you may further continue your great work in keeping the former Denson Bussei from forgetting the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Saburo Okimoto, Akira Hirahara, George Okimoto and Hiroshi Niino
Minneapolis, Minn.

NORIKO

I certainly have appreciated the many letters and pamphlets I have been receiving

REV.

Z. OKAYAMA

May I take this opportunity in extending to you my heartiest best wishes for the new year.

I have gratefully acknowledged your calendar made by the YBA and thank you very much. I certainly appreciate the wonderful work you are doing for the furtherment of our religion.

I extend my highest commendations to you and my sincerest best regards to all the YBA members.

Rev. Z. Okayama
Deputy Bishop,
Buddhist Churches
of America
Topaz, Utah

from the YBA often. News from Denson adds such a moment of peace and security in our life far away from our loved ones.

Words cannot express my thanks to the YBA for thinking of me. I am proud to be a Bussei.

Noriko Hoshiko
Columbus, Ohio

REV. HINO

May I extend my New Year greetings and good health to you all.

I wish to thank the YBA for the very useful calendar recently received.

Please rest assured I am in the best of health and have had an enjoyable New Year.

Rev. Yoshio Hino
Missoula, Mont.
(Formerly of Wahiawa
Hongwanji, Oahu)

MR. AND MRS.

We wish to thank the YBA for remembering us. If there is anything we can do for the Buddhist Church in Denson, we will be only too glad to help in whatever way we can.

Mr. and Mrs. John
Nakagawa
Columbus, Ohio

NOBLE

The publications which you send us from time to time have made us feel that we are with you even though Buddhist church service is not available here.

Noble Mackawa
Detroit, Mich.

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WITH GASPO

We Thank You

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for their generous donations received during the period of Dec. 13 to Jan. 12 for the furtherance of the Resettled Home Program:

Noriko Hoshiko, Columbus; Hideto Tokumoto, Marion Nakatsuna, Chicago; Suni and Mitsuo Kamikawa, Cincinnati; Kikuo Ogawa, Yoshito Geo. Matsufuji, Arthur Mizusaki, Cleveland; Saburo Okimoto, Akira Hirahara, George Okimoto, Hiroshi Niino, Minneapolis; Dr. George Miyako, Parowan, Utah; Noble Mackawa, Detroit; Pfc. Masaru Abe, Pfc. and Mrs. Harry Sakohira, Camp Robinson, and Takashi Inouye, Bridgeport, Conn.

FORMER

Board Member Writes

In another letter received by the YBA recently, Takashi Inouye, former Board member now a carpenter in Bridgeport, Conn., writes in part:

"Received your splendid 1944 calendar with the Buddhist dates and I can assure you it was most appreciated."

"Also many thanks for the various religious publications I have been receiving from time to time. Whenever I read through them it surely gives me a spiritual uplift and guidance in these

chaotic times.

"Fortunately New York City is only an hour and half ride by train, so occasionally few of us Bussei here in Bridgeport have been attending the Buddhist church services there. It certainly is good to be among your own religious group."

"I hope you will continue your splendid work of contacting the relocated Bussei so that even if Buddhist churches are not available here, we may still have the Buddhist teachings sent us."

NOTES ONHOJI. MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the benefit of the Bussei members who have not had the opportunity to learn the traditions of our religion, we take this means to omit the explanation for one of the most common and most concerning customs of all--the "hoji", or memorial service for the deceased.

Such a service is usually held by the friends and relatives of the deceased to impart comfort and remembrance as "kuyo" or offering to those beloved members who have passed on to Nirvana.

Within the Center we Bussei have to our avail the services of the Reverends in performing at such an occasion, but to those Bussei who have relocated where there are no Buddhist churches, our alternative suggestion is that one observe the "hoji" through silent meditation.

Where a complete service can be held, usually there are "osonae mono" or tasty offerings of

fruits and sweets. A "howa" or sermon is delivered by the officiating reverend so that the gathered friends may take this opportunity to further their knowledge of the teachings of the Lord Buddha.

Monetary offerings made by the immediate family members to various organizations and churches, etc.; at such a time is given as charity, so that these offerings can likewise be used to propagate the teachings of the Great One.

The traditional schedule for these memorial services runs as follows: During the first seven weeks following the death, observations are held on the 14th, 21st, 28th, 35th, 42nd and the 49th day. The next memorial is held on the 100th day.

The remainder of the yearly memorial anniversaries goes as follows: 1st, 3rd, 7th, 13th, 25th, 33rd and the 50th year.

MORE ON 'HO-ONKO'

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When he was nine years old he entered priesthood with hopes that he would find Salvation. He suffered for twenty nine years in his habitat in Mt. Hiyei for he had not found enlightenment.

On his twenty-ninth year, he

met Honen Shonin who taught his disciples that one can be saved by having complete faith in Amida Nyorai and by repeatedly reciting the Nembutsu as expression of gratitude for the wonderful messages received. However, soon

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MORE LETTERS

REV. KYOGOKU

I appreciate your remembering me, and thank you for your gift -- the beautiful and thoughtful calendar which I, as a Buddhist, have waited for so long.

"Living in fetters in the Center, I feel all the more delighted for the Light of the Buddha guards us forever."

Rev. I. Kyogoku
Tropic, Utah

MESA BUSSEI

Your calendar is clever and must have been the accumulation

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TRI-STATE YBA

A letter received from Jimmie Kahanoto, Longmont, Colo., president of the Tri-State YBA League embracing Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska, reads as follows:

"I wish to thank you Denson YBA for the

of long hours of research. Thank you very much for sending me one.

That heartened me even more so is the really inspired work of the YBA. The pamphlet on St. Shinran's life and teachings is

telegram received during our recent Denver conference and also for the various publications received.

"The League conference served as an inspiration to rejuvenate chapter activities"
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outstanding. The compilation is in clearly understandable language for any Nisei.

I really commend the work done, especially when the need is the greatest.

Sanford Sato
Mesa YBA sect'y

CONTINUATION

'HO-ONKO'

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afterward the ruling monarch banned the practice of the Nembutsu and thereby exiled both Honen Shonin and Shinran Shonin.

After St. Shinran was released, for a period of twenty years he tread the terrains of Echigo province in rain, mud and snow. After sixty years of his absence from his hometown, Kyoto, he returned only to find that he and his teachings of Amida and the Nembutsu were forgotten. Although his remaining years seemed dark and hopeless, he continued to carry

on the practice of the Nembutsu.

Death, worry, exile, physical hardship and loneliness Shinran Shonin suffered to propagate Buddhism to the common people.

For his complete Faith in Amida, for his undaunted spirit to pass on the Teachings, and for his paramount unselfishness, the Buddhists of the Shinshu sect thank the Great Master on "Ho-Onko" Day.

(The Shinshu members generally of the Higashi Hongwanji observe "Ho-Onko" on Nov. 28 which is under the old calendar.)

COPIES MAILED

Calendar Project Success

As one of the major projects undertaken by the YBA for the winter months, 1200 copies of the Buddhist calendar were made and distributed throughout the country with 900 copies being absorbed within the Center.

Complimentary copies were sent by the Re-settled Home Program Committee as New Year greetings to the relocated Bussei members and servicemen, Cen-

CHAIRMAN WEDS

Toshio Kawamoto, District III YBA chairman, and Tomoko Yatabe, formerly active member of the Sonoma Enmanji YBA, Calif., were married on Jan. 7.

TRI-STATE

(cont. from page 7) ties and in Central Northern Colorado there are five YBA organizations which have gone all but to schedule interchapter services and socials which will keep our members busy till Spring."

ter and free zone YBA chapters, and to all Buddhist ministers in the United States.

MIYAKE - MIYA TROTH HELD

Newlyweds, Dr. George Miyake, former YBA Board member, and Yoshiko Miya, also of this Center, are now living in Parowan, Utah.

'HO-ONKO' SERVICE

- Chairman Roy Kawamoto
- Opening meditation "Shiguzoigan"
Lily Nagatani, pianist
- Jyuni Rai . . . Revs. G. Kono and T. Kouchi
- Oshoko representatives:
- Board of Directors . . Michiko Kataoka
- District I Terry Chono
- District II Marie Izumi
- District III Laura Ogawa
- District IV Patsy Nakamura
- District V Takao Matsuda
- District VI Chikara Masai
- Rohwer YBA Allan Hagio
- Servicemen Pfc. Harry Sakohira
- Gatha "St. Shinran"
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- Pledge Rev. Kouchi
- Installation ceremony. Board of Directors
- Lighting of candles Rev. Kouchi
- Administration of oath . Harry Shiramizu
- Chairman's address . . . Kiyomi Nakamura
- Address Rev. Kouchi
- Gatha "Ho-Onko no Uta"
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- Scripture reading Misao Yumibe
- Sermon, "Reverence of St. Shinran".
- Rev. Kono
- Closing address Chairman
- Gatha "Nembutsu"
- Closing meditation Gassho

YBA FUTURE DISCUSSION HELD

To discuss problems regarding resettlement and the Bussei's position on the outside, the members of the Board of Directors met with the visiting WRA Relocation Team on Jan. 20 in the Community Activities building.

The guest speakers

were Dr. P. Webber of Salt Lake City and Kendall Smith of Rockford, Ill.

Both authorities expressed deep interest in the furtherance of Buddhism and saw special need for religion after relocation.

"It is very probable,

and not impossible, that Buddhist activities can be carried on effectively among the resettled members," it was said.

How well we can establish ourselves religiously will depend on how well we can sell

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SHINRAN HONORED

The Rohwer YBA Ho-Onko service was held on Sunday morning Jan. 23, in observance of 681st anniversary of the death of St. Shinran, founder of the Shin Sect, of the Rohwer Buddhist Church.

Satomi Chikaraishi served as a chairman of the service.

Grace Nishi represented Denson YBA during the incense offering.

As guest speaker
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BOARD PLEDGED AT HO-ONKO

The newly-elected officers of the Denson YBA Board of Directors were installed at a candlelight ceremony during the Bussei Ho-Onko Service on Sunday, Jan. 16, in Dining Hall 23. A capacity crowd witnessed the impressive rites.

Following the pledge, Re-elected Chairman
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DISTRICTS SLATE JOINT EVENT

The District VI YBA will be host to District I at a social on Sat., Feb. 19, from 7 p.m. at Rec. Hall 28.

Those on the preparation committee are: Decoration, Shigeko Masuda, chairman, Teruko Matsufuji, Yukiko Hirano, Miyoko Kunitake, Nori Masuda and Tom Nakagawa; refreshments, Mary Nishi, chairman, Fusako Mitsun
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BUSSEI SPEAKS

Experience Gained

Few weeks ago I came back from a visit to Columbus, Ohio. While there I was fortunate in being able to stay with a lady who had studied Buddhism. Her husband, Capt. Frederick W. Biehl, had been administered as a Buddhist by the Bishop Y. Yamamura of Hawaii.

On meeting such a learned Buddhist personality, I could not help but regret in not having studied the Teachings of the Lord Buddha more thoroughly.

--Suniye Jitsunyo

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

"LET US RESOLVE
TO DO OUR SHARE"

I remember one cold November night back in 1942 a mere handful of Bussei huddled around a stove to discuss the importance of organizing a YBA in this Center.

Since then a year has gone by, and today this organization has grown to a membership of 600 strong and is also recognized as one of the most active groups in Denson.

During the past year we have faced many obstacles and problems, but through the guidance of Amida, the cooperation of the members and the leadership of our past officers, we are able to achieve today's victory.

And now for the year of 1944 let us resolve ever more strongly to do our share for a still greater success of the YBA and the furtherance of Buddhism.

--Kiyomi Nakamura
Chairman,
DENSON YBA

"NEHANE"

"Nehane" is the anniversary of the death of Sakyanuni Buddha. Soon after his attainment of Enlightenment, which took place at the age of thirty-five, the Lord Buddha started preaching the Doctrine of Truth. For forty-five years he went to and fro teaching the doctrine that should make men free. Kings, Nobles, Brahmins, merchants, laborers, men and women of all classes became members of the Brotherhood he founded. He entered Nirvana in his eightieth year, February 15, 486 B.C., with the following words: "Decay is inherent in all component things, but the truth will remain forever!"

"Nehane" translated in Sanskrit is Nirvana. It is included in the three most important observances of the year for the Buddhists, together with Wesak Day and Bodhi Day.

(Nehane, as a Japanese term, is pronounced "Ne-han-ye".)

District IV Invites V

A successful devotional-social was sponsored by the District IV YBA with the District V Bussei as guests on Feb. 4.

Patsy Nakamura led the devotional with Ayako Noguchi as guest speaker.

Incense offerings were made by Larry Hikiji, Bill Tanaka and Ayame Marubayashi. Tadashi Shoda spok. for the guests.

Headed by Mary Yamamoto, the committee
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ANNUAL FUND

PRESIDENT'S BALL SUCCESSFULLY CLIMAXED

With Tak Yamaguchi serving as general chairman, the Denson YBA sponsored "President's Ball" was held Thursday evening Jan. 27, in Hall 23 which was decorated in red, white and blue motif for the occasion.

Greetings were extended by Hatsumi Wada in behalf of the sponsors.

The amount of \$25, the proceeds from the affair was contrib-

uted to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and sent in care of President Roosevelt at the White House.

Charles Nishi, who served as emcee for the affair, also introduced the following program during the entertainment period.

Group singing of Star-Spangled Banner led by Dorothy Taniguchi, vocal solo by
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MORE ON

YBA BOARD INSTALLED

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Kiyomi Nakamura addressed the Bussei in an inspiring message.

Serving for a half-year term, the members of the Board are as follows:

Kiyomi Nakamura, chairman; Hatsumi Wada, vice chairman; Michiko Date, secretary; Charles Nishi, treasurer.

Larry Hikiji, clubs and organizations; Michiko Kataoka, reli-

gious programs; Fusayo Tokunoto, Teniko Okuda, Sunday Schools; Fusako Matsui, sutra class.

Tak Yamaguchi, publications; Ayako Noguchi, resettled Home program; Misao Yunibe, projects; Morris Yamazaki, athletics; Minnie Kuwahara, social welfare, and Yone Sateda, social functions.

The Rev. Gyodo Kono sermonized on "Rever-

ance of St. Shinran" following the installation while the Rev. Tadao Kouchi led in the pledge. Lily Nagatani was the pianist for the occasion.

Roy Kawamoto served as general chairman of the combined Ho-Onko service and installation.

The Buddhist Bulletin was distributed to all members present at the service.

A PRIVATE PENS OF PAST

Reminded of his past Bussei activities through publications received regularly from the Denson YBA, Shinji Togashi, formerly of Hawaii and now a Private in the United States Army at Camp Shelby, reminisces of the "good ol' days" in the following letter:

"Hello, friends! Sure am glad to know that you Bussei are keeping the fire burning.

"I've always been a religious kid myself. Went to Sunday School when I was four years old and never missed more than nine or ten

days up to fourteen years of age.

"I was a member of the Junior YBA and then the Senior. My father and I were members of the same club at one time with Dad serving as president. Later the younger ones took over and I was elected president. At the outbreak of the war I was serving as treasurer of our YBA.

"In 1939 we had our
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Outside Bussei Donate Holiday Candy

During the holiday season generous amount of candy was distributed to several hundred Sunday School children through the courtesy of Gladys Yoshikawa of Cincinnati, and Teruo Tsurucka and Harry Murashima, both of Chicago.

The spirit of giving as manifested by these former local Bussei members is sincerely appreciated.

Letters From Our Bussei

SUMIO

May I express my sincere gratitude for the reading material and publications which you have been kindly sending me.

The material is indeed most welcomed, and it is gratifying to learn that the staff is actually narrowing the gap between the YBA and the relocated Bussei.

Although I am only a student, I would like to submit my small contribution to aid

the Buddhist movement.

Sumio Kubo
St. Louis, Mo.

NANCY

Thank you so much for the copy of the Buddhist calendar which I received sometime ago. I certainly appreciated your kind thoughtfulness in remembering me.

I am glad to see that the YBA is doing such splendid work in promoting Lord Buddha's teachings.

Nancy Mori
St. Louis, Mo.

Know A Soldier?

Do you know a soldier who likes to hear about home and friends?

Why not have the Denson YBA keep him on the mailing list for the BULLETIN?

Postage will be taken care of, if you will submit the addresses to 28-12-E.

OGDEN YBA

At our last meeting, your publication was passed around for our members to admire. Everyone was greatly inspired with your originality as well as being informative.

With the aid of your calendar, not only will we be reminded of the national holidays of our country, but also the important dates concerning our religion. Then, too, whenever we encounter a date that is faintly familiar with us, a discussion may be held so as to broaden our knowledge of Buddhism to a larger extent.

We all join in congratulating you for your fine work.

Roy Ikegami
President,
Ogden YBA

SAKOHIRAS

The YBA Bulletin you have been sending us have always been so chuck full of interesting news--we're always looking forward to the next issue.

Really, to us your publications on Lord Buddha's teachings are

WITH GASSHO

We Thank You

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for their generous donations received during the period of Jan. 25 to Feb. 7 for the furtherance of the Resettled Home Program:

Sumio Kubo, St. Louis; Mitsuo and Haruo Kawamoto, Detroit; Henry Yoshikawa, Mike Masuda, Charles M. Inada, Yorimobu Wada, Frank A. Tokumoto and Harry Nakagawa, all of Ann Arbor.

Maseji Shinto, Tule Lake Center; Akiko Kamikawa, now Mrs. Nobuko Matsui of Chicago, and Sanford A. Sato, Mesa, Ariz.

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ROHWER HO-ONKO

(cont. from page 1)
from Denson, Fusako Matsui spoke on "Gratitude to Shinran."

Rev. Kono sermonized on "Reverence of St. Shinran," inspiring the congregation with

the "shining beam" of Lord Buddha himself guiding us no matter where we may be.

The calendar, too, really comes in handy. You'd think we would find a calendar living in the city, but yours was the first we received.

Pfc. and Mrs. Harry Sakohira, Little Rock

adoration and gratitude for Shinran.

Denson YBA delegates who visited Rohwer on a two-day trip and attended the service were Grace Nishi, Sumiko Tsuji, and Fusako Matsui. They were given a warm hospitality during their stay.

MORE ON
SOCIAL

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yoshi, Teruko Fukano and Yoshiko Saki.

Nori Masuda will MC while Florence Masai will chair the devotional preceding the social.

A SERMON

'Finding Oneself Truthfully'

When men who gazed at the heavens and saw the movement of the stars and of the sun were told of how the earth on which they were standing and which they thought so firm was also in motion, how surprised and amazed and fearful they must have been.

When one realizes that the one who grieves over another's death and is saddened by another's sickness will eventually be the object of someone else's grief and sadness; when one realizes that the self who laughs at others and who blames others for their sins is the self which will be laughed at by others and blamed by others, then one truly recognizes that the sword with which one used to cut others was in reality the sword which was cutting oneself.

Plato grieved over the darkness of self by saying: "I see my black figure in all things of the universe." Nietzsche declared

that "Repentance is the most sacred of human experiences." Before we abuse ourselves by saying, "I cannot believe in such things", or "I cannot think of such things," it is necessary that we look back upon ourselves.

The Lord Buddha declared that just as a mirror, no matter how beautiful and perfect, cannot reflect the mirror itself; just as a sword, no matter how keen, cannot cut itself, so it is impossible one's self to understand one's self. Occasionally, there are persons who say that they contemplate themselves, but these persons in the main are contemplating themselves arbitrarily. Thus, I wish to say--find yourself in someone else.

World of Light, The Path of the Buddha--these are not found by forgetting oneself, but by finding oneself truthfully and finding oneself in someone else. At

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PRESIDENT'S BALL SUCCESS

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George Kitahara, baton twirling by Shuko Kiyokawa, vocal solo by Julie Irie accompanied at the piano by Lily Nagatani.

Trumpet solo by Nor-

man Nishimoto, violin solo by Ted Kanamine and quartette numbers by Sarah Kimura, Amy Sasaki, Fumi and Misa Asakawa, accompanied by pianist, Mary Kasai. Committee chairman

were: Yoshiko Hoshiko, program; Kimiye Kikuta, refreshments; Masako Yatabe, invitation; Minnie Kuwahara, decoration and Masao Ikeda and Jack Matsui, arrangements.

'Harmony Can Also Be Yours'

Once upon a time there were two exceedingly contrasting families. One of the homes was known as the House of Harmony and the other as the House of Conflict.

In the House of Harmony the people were immensely happy and there was much joy, kindness and understanding to be shared by everyone.

On the contrary, in the House of Conflict there was great deal of disunity and unhappiness.

Desiring harmony and happiness to be theirs as well, the woman of the House of Conflict met one day with the woman of the House of Harmony for a muchly desired conversation.

"Why is it that there is so much sunshine and joy in your house while there is nothing but turmoil in mine?" asked the woman of the House of Conflict to the woman whose home was blessed with

the luxury of human love.

The answer was that of profound thought and perfection.

"There is much happiness in my house for we are all such simple people, while in your house there is conflict, as you say, for you are all such great people.

"Conflict is the result of selfishness. When people claim to be better or as good as others, there is bound to be difference in opinion and misunderstanding.

"Try to forget your own self and spread your blessings to others. By forgetting your own self, there will be less greed and boastfulness, and there will be complete understanding and harmony."

The woman of the House of Conflict went home enriched by the wise counsel of the woman of the House of Harmony and determined to practice the good teachings received. --Rev. G. Kono

MORE ON

A PRIVATE PENS OF PAST

(cont. from page 4) conference at the island of Kauai, and I remember it as a great success

"We were all set for another conference in '41 in the Island of Maui, but unfortunately it had to be cancelled

because of strained international relations. Our usual program during the conference consisted of meetings, athletics, socials, entertainments, sight seeings, oratoricals and banquets.

"At the Kauai confab,

I took first place at the forensic meet (not boasting), speaking on the 'Nisei'.

"This is but a part of the numerous eventful days I remember before the war. I hope you will continue to keep up the YBA work!"

SOCIAL WHIRL

Dan Cupid Has Busy Season

With leap year rolling in, Dan Cupid was kept busy for the month of January with seven Buddhist marriages in this Center.

First wedlock was that of Mary Nakao to Sgt. S. Nakao of Camp Chaffee, Ark., on the fourth of January.

Hatsumi Ampo, formerly of Los Angeles, was married to Takumi Sunada, formerly of Fresno, on Jan. 15.

On the same evening Teruko Mitsui and Ichiro Inouye, both from Delano, pledged their matrimonial vows.

Eiko Kodama became the bride of Sadao Yonaki on Jan. 20. They

also were from Delano.

Akiko Kamikawa, former member of the Donson YBA Board, wedded Nobuho Matsui on the 26th of January.

Yukiko Ideta and Koichi Watanabe, who came from Hawaii, were united in marriage on Jan. 23.

On January 30, Kichitaro Hamada and Akiko Kaizumi, recent arrival from Hawaii, were married.

The first five wedding ceremonies were performed by Rev. Kono, while the latter two were solemnized by Rev. Kouchi.

MORE ON

'Finding Oneself Truthfully'

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this instant, the World of Light, the Path of the Buddha unfolds itself. This state is called the entrance to faith; it is called rebirth. The self that

is infinitely transcended, in other words, the self that receives the Light of the Buddha is the true self.

Rev. Z. Kawasaki
"Bussei Review"
Poston III YBA

LILY NAGATANI LEAVES

Lily Nagatani, active Bussei member and former YBA music chairman, left Feb. 7 to major in music at Milwaukee State Teachers College, Wisconsin.

MORE ON

DISTRICTS IV-V
members were Miyeko Fujiwara, Mits Yamagiwa and Roy Mori.

MORE ONYBA FUTURE

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ourselves socially.

We can be recognized as Americans even though we are Buddhists, and once the people know we are Americans that is all they will want to know were the points stressed.

In Memoriam

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family of Yoshito Fugita, former Donson YBA member who passed away on February 4.

His untimely death followed an appendectomy performed two weeks previously in Chicago.

NEWBERRY SPEAKS TONIGHT

Miss Georgia Newberry will be the guest speaker at the Young Buddhist Brotherhood service tonight at 7:30 p. m. in Dining Hall 23 with Taro Matsui as chairman.

After the lapse of three months, the services will be resumed to foster Sanghahood, or fellowship, among the members.

In her second ap-
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JOINT AFFAIR CLIMAXED FRIDAY

With District IV as a guest of District I YBA, a joint devotional-social was favorably climaxed on Mar. 10, in Hall 23.

Lorraine Kumano led the devotional while Terry Ohono emceed the social. Greetings were extended by Masao Ikeda.

Those on committees to prepare for the af-
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YBA PREPARES FOR DISBANDMENT

As a shocking blow to the Denson YBA came the untimely announcement from Washington on Feb. 22 that the Jerome Project would be officially closed by June 30, necessitating inevitable disbandment of the now active Bussei organization.

The matter was the subject of grave discussion on March 3 at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors and representatives called by Chairman Kiyomi Nakamura since the disclosure of the plan.

In preparation for
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THREE PRIESTS ARRIVE

From Santa Fe Internment Camp came Reverends H. Miyasaki, Y. Miura and S. Hida on the evening of Mar. 6.

The above parolees were formerly from Hawaii, and were inducted in this center to reunite with their respective families.

TOY BAZAAR SLATED

The Denson YBA will join a bazaar with the Community Christian Church on March 14 and 15 at the Christian Chapel for the disposal of numerous toys still remaining from the Center-wide Christmas

gift distribution.

In charge are Kiyomi Nakamura, Michiko Kataoka, and Fusako Matsui.

The profit from the sales will defray expenses for a party tentatively planned for the children.

MARCH 21

O-Higan, Other Shore

Higan service as an old Buddhist custom is observed for five days with March 21 in Spring and September 23 in Autumn, the equinox, as middle days.

Higan means the other shore, in other words the ideal world or Buddha-land, Nirvana. Contrasting this, this world is called Shi-gan, the world of illusion filled with suffering and sorrow.

The observance of Higan-ye signifies that by the exalted teaching of Buddha we endeavor toward the Buddha-land by escaping from this world of suffering.

By "jiriki" method, Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us the eight-fold noble path, while by "tariki" method we board Amida's ship of mercy to cross the ocean of birth and death.

"One Ark only, that Ark of the Divine Promise of our merciful Father, doth voyage and bear us unto the shore of the eternal peace—even us who so long have drifted hither and thither in the ocean of birth and death."

EXCERPT

By Acts Alone

Position in the world no longer holds the value we may once have felt enslaved to admit, but rather does activities today warrant the only respect and admiration that had before been extravagantly rendered to hollow shells.

Surely well do you remember in the Dhammapada how it is to be found that by acts alone does one become noble. If we are to live, and I am now meaning you and I vitally, not a general theory, we must then live alertly, awaredly in our religion.

Rev. Julius A. Goldwater

EDITORIAL

Notes

No sooner than a solid foundation for the YBA has been laid, preparations for dispersment must be made.

It may be a little drastic, but this further proves that "All compound things shall dissolve again for everything is transient and nothing endures. Only the Teachings of the Buddha will go on forever...."

WELCOME

The YBA welcomes the three new Reverends and feels their arrival will greatly bolster the Buddhist Church.

PERSONALITIES

Guest writer Sunio Kubo returned to enter Washington U. Dental College while former Board head, Kikuo Oga-
wa, also visited here.

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settled Home Pro-
gram committee.

MORE ON YBA TO DISBAND

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the dissolution of the YBA in time for the first transfer movement of the members, various Bussei activities have been heavily scheduled for the remaining months of April and May.

A gala "Hara Matsuri" festival on the week-end of April 9 will be followed by a Parents' Nite on April 30 and a Bussei Memorial service on May 28.

A farewell "blow-out" will probably climax all activities for the season.

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FELLOWSHIP

HOSTS, GUESTS JOIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The District I & VI social was held on February 19 with Tom Nakagawa emceeing. Joe Miyamoto rendered vocal selections during the intermission after the refreshments were served by the District VI girls.

Preceding the social was a short devotional service chaired by Michiko Masai, while Ayako Kurushima played the accordin during the Meditation and singing of the gathas. Incense offering was done by Masao Ikoda and Jack Matsui.

A successful joint devotional-social was held on March 2 in Hall 18 with the District II YBA playing host to the District III Bussei members. Guests included the Board and remaining district officers.

Fusako Matsui of the Board gave an inspiring talk on "Essence of Faith" during the brief service which preceded the social emceed by Roy Kawabata.

Tasty refreshments of sandwiches and cola were partaken during the intermission.

DIRECTORS MEET

BUSSEI PROBLEMS MOOTED

To discuss the possibility of starting a Buddhist movement on the outside, the members of the Board of Directors met on Feb. 18 with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brinton, of Cincinnati Hostel and with Mr. Ralph Smeltzer of Chicago Hostel on Feb. 24 at the Buddhist

Church Office.

The Brintons have intimated the news of the Bussei and friends relocated to Cincinnati and urged many more to resettle. They thought that if an English speaking Reverend can be had, and if Caucasians were invited to attend the Buddhist

meetings, it would be possible to carry on Buddhist activities.

Mr. Smeltzer related different problems confronting relocation and how they were overcome. However, there is still the public relations problem which must be fought,

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LETTERS

Rev. Ishiura Encourages

It is apparent by your publications that the Buddhist are still carrying the torch of Faith in the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and I am mighty proud and inspired to see you young people incessantly working for the establishment of a firm foundation in the institution of religious belief.

As a religious sect or denomination we are of the minority. We are inferior in material facilities and etc., but let's not be discouraged by these outward shortcomings, for we are gifted with spiritual wealth, and dwell in the treasures of the Buddha.

Strive on, with sincere and strong Faith,

PEGGY

Thank you for sending me the Denson Buddhist Bulletin which I have enjoyed reading.

My best wishes goes to all the members of the publication.

Peggy Yasukawa
Fairfax City, Va.

in the eightfold path.
Sincerely in Dharma,
Newton Ishiura
Yale Graduate School
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Thanks

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for their recent generous donations:

Fusaye Tokumoto,
Kikuo Ogawa, Cleveland;
Frank and Herbert Hironaka, Mesa Ariz., and Masao Dobashi, Des Moines.

LILY

I certainly enjoy reading the Bulletin, and I am eagerly looking forward to the following issues.

I miss going to Sunday School services. Unable to be there physically, my thoughts will always turn to the center and spiritually I'll be there repeating "Namu Amida Butsu" with all.

Lily Nagatani
Milwaukee, Wis.

HEART MT.
SENDS
LAURELS

May we commend you for the wonderful work you are doing in contacting the relocated Bussei through your various publications. We in Heart Mountain are sorely in need of such a program, and the heartening work of the Denson YBA for the furtherance of our religion will serve as an inspiration for us to carry on.

Best wishes to the entire staff of the Denson YBA for your truly splendid achievements.

Ht. Mountain YBA
Kiyono Wakaya,
Corres. Sec'y.

SHIGERU

I am, indeed, very glad to learn that the YBA is continuing its splendid work. Since I have been outside, I fully began to realize the importance of such teachings, and I deeply regret that I didn't familiarize myself more thoroughly.

Shigeru Wakasa
St. Louis, Mo.

'Mightier Than The Sword' _____ G. KONO

The time was during the history of persecution, before Salvation Army was on the fairway. Not satisfied with only church evangelism, Mr. and Mrs. Booth, on the cold windy curb would await for the factory workers on their way home and zealously preach the blessings of the God.

But there was no one to lend them the ear. Rather the passers-by would call them insane and Christian believers being heretic would abuse the couple and throw stones and manure at them.

But the faith like the blazing fire could not keep the couple away from the city street. Furthermore, they earnestly gave their life in their mission.

Once when Mrs. Booth was desperately preaching to a group of people, a war cry suddenly rose in the air and scores of armed ruffians stormingly rushed to Mrs. Booth, surrounding her. A one-eyed hussy known as a "she-devil" stepped forward thrusting a dagger before her, cuttingly crying, "You hypocrite! Imposter!

Stop your oratory or I shall slay you!"

Mrs. Booth's life hung by a thread, with fate hanging in balance.

Unexpectedly the words that sprouted from her lips were, "Close your mouth."

Her calm but immoveable words sent shivers through the mob

Without showing her emotion on her face and kindly turning to the she-devil she said, "The street oratory is a holy work bestowed to me by God. The one who is performing the duty here now is not myself but one belonging to God. There is no reason for my retracting. Stab me to your heart's content if you must. I shall gladly die at my post."

What great faith! A she-devil as she was, the hussy lost her prestige and unconsciously retreated, at which moment she fell in the eyes of Mrs. Booth a God's form. The sword quietly dropped to the ground.

One can see in our teacher,
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MORE ON

JOINT AFFAIR CLIMAXED

(cont. from page 1) Fair were as follows: Fumi Inahara, Lillian Haruko Kawano, Betty Taniguchi, Yuri Nitta, Jo Wakasa, Mary Okano; general chairman, Sumi Lorraine Kumano, Sumi and decoration, Mary Nakamura; refreshment, Nakamura; invitation, Yamada.

RELIGION

'Solid As The Pyramids' _____ S. KUBO

Almost everyone has heard of the majestic pyramids which stand on the western banks of the fabulous Nile, but few people realize the actual significance of these gigantic constructions.

Perhaps, one might protest, "Oh, they're not large--at least they don't appear huge in pictures," but such beliefs can be quickly shattered by several astounding dimensional facts. The renowned pyramid of Khufu at Gizeh, Egypt is 483 feet in height, has a volume of 83,000,000 cubic feet, and covers a 746-foot base which is equal to approximately 13 acres.

According to Herodotus, a famous, ancient Greek historian, 100,000 men worked constantly on this pyramid for twenty years. Just imagine what an undertaking it must have been to transport the Cyclopean limestone across the Nile from the eastern rocky plateau--especially in the years around 2800--2700 B.C. Even

with today's modern machinery, such a project would be a tremendous task.

Why did they construct these massive pyramids which required enormous amounts of labor and time? Through the studies of scholars, particularly the archaeologists, a satisfactory explanation has been secured. They have found that the driving motive behind these constructions underlies in the Egyptian religion.

The Egyptian religion is unusual, but interesting. It applies only to the upper class of people, which includes the Pharaohs, priests, and noblemen. They believed that the human being consisted of two forms. One is the actual physical body, and the other is an intangible spiritual duplicate of the body called the Ka. At the time of death, the Ka leaves the physical body and passes westward across the Nile

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MORE ON

'mightier than the sword'

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Shinran Shonin, this faith which does not fear death. In that famous legend of "Bennen of Itajiki-Yama", that burning faith in Shinran caused Bennen to become his disciple.

As it is said, one who is

strong in evil is also mighty in good. Bennen received the name "Myohobo" and served St. Shinran for the rest of his life.

This faith purifies others and makes life sublime as well as it elevates oneself.

--Rev. Gyodo Kono

Personnel Vacancies Filled

Fusako Matsui, active Bussei leader and member of the Board of Directors, replaced Roy Kawamoto at the beginning of February as full-time research director for the YBA.

Alice Uyeda has been serving as secretary at the Buddhist Office since March 1, replacing Fumi Satoda who is now Block 28 Secretary.

LARRY HIKIJI DEPARTS

Departees last week included Larry Hikiji, Board member, who left for St. Louis.

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solid as the pyramids
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until it reaches the Lower World where the Ka is judged by the many Gods of whom Osiris is the ruler. If the Ka is ascertained as virtuous, it is returned to the earth to hover about the original corpse. The Egyptians had a conviction that some day, perhaps a million years in the future, all the Kas will receive an order to return to the bodies restoring life and attaining immortality.

Roy Kawamoto Donates

The Denson YBA wishes to acknowledge the donation of \$26 received from advisor Roy Kawamoto last month for equal distribution among the six district chapters as announced by Larry Hikiji, clubs

and organizations head.

The contribution was the salary in entirety paid Roy as YBA research director for the month of January, for which he had previously offered voluntary service.

MORE ON

PROBLEMS MOOTED

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and which can be won by thorough assimilation with the Caucasian society. He believed that if the Bussei should carry on their religion by themselves in Chicago it would become a segregated

group.

Almost every organization in Chicago has unanimously welcomed the resettlers, and hereafter it will be up to the nisei themselves to let the public understand them, concluded Smeltzer.

Because of this religious belief, it was necessary to construct everlasting graves and to mummify the corpses in order to preserve them so that the Kas will be able to re-enter. Consequently, the sturdy pyramids were erected to be used as royal tombs of the pharaohs. Over 4000 years have elapsed since their constructions, but even today they still give a serene impression that they will endure until eternity.

—Sumio Kubo

SOCIETY

Early Spring Nuptials Held

The bells of matrimony continue to ring for the months of February and March with five marriages.

Eddie Nagatani and Mitsuko Soraoka, both relocatees to Chicago, returned to the Center to be married on February 17.

On Feb. 27, Yuriko Takagaki became the bride of Cpl. Shigeso Ishii from Camp Maxey.

Patsy Nakamura, formerly of Fowler, and Sgt. Ray Ashida, of Camp Robinson were united in marriage on March 4.

MORE ON NEWBERRY

(cont. from page 1) appearance before the Bussei congregation, Miss Newberry will relate her experiences in Japan, highlighting her talk with scenic films of the Orient and of the return voyage made on the Gripsholm.

The public is cordially invited to hear the speaker.

Toshihiko Kaneko and Kikuye Kinura pledged their matrimonial vows on March 5.

On March 7, Hiroshi Shigenaka and Kazue

Shikuma were married

The first two nuptials were ceremonized by Rev. Kono, while Rev. Kouchi solemnized the latter three.

DONATION

Gratitude Expressed

Belated gratitude is extended to former YBA chairman Kikuo Ogawa for his generous donation of \$15.35 received by the Buddhist Sunday School during the winter holiday season.

BROTHERHOOD SERVICE

March 12, 1944

Program

Chairman Taro Matsui

Part I

Meditation "Shiguzeigan"

Pianist - Grace Nishi

Incense Offerings District I

District II

Three Homages Rev. Gyodo Kono

Welcome Address Chairman

Address Rev. Kono

Announcements

Gatha . . . "How Glorious Is Thy Dharma"

Closing Meditation "Nenbutsu"

Part II

Introduction Chairman

"Life in Japan" . . . Miss Georgia Newberry

(With motion picture illustrating her narration)

'HANA MATSURI' SCHEDULED

With a two-night entertainment program scheduled for Sunday and Monday, April 9-10, from 7 o'clock in the Center Auditorium, the Denson Buddhist Church

will climax its week-end of gala "Hana Matsuri" activities.

Skits, odori, a special "kabuki" and other numbers will run the gamut of features at

the first major program to be staged in the spacious new auditorium completed in time especially for the occasion.

A special issei devotional service was conducted Saturday, April 8, with the Rev. Gukyo Nishii, who recently arrived from New Mexico, as the (cont. on page 6)

DENSON BUDDHIST.



BULLETIN

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REV. KONO SUNDAY SERVICE TO VISIT CHICAGO

To study relocation possibilities and Bussei activities in the Chicago area, the Rev. Gyodo Kono of the Denson Buddhist Church will depart for the Windy City Tuesday evening, April 11, on a short term leave from the Center.

The Rev. Kono plans to visit as many local Bussei relocatees in that area as possible during his stay in the city.

As the realization of a long planned wish, (cont. on page 7)

Commemorating the 2,510th birthday of the Gautama Buddha, a special "Hana Matsuri"

ly constructed Center Auditorium.

The venerable story of the Life of the Blessed Lord will be related both in English and Japanese respectively by the Revs. Yeshe Miura and Kyosho Naito, both recent arrivals from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Michiko Kataokawill be the chairman of the service while Kiyomi Nakamura will represent the Board in a YBA address.



ri" service will be held Sunday, April 9, at 10 a.m. in the new-



APRIL 8

'HANA MATSURI'

"That Buddha that was made flesh in India was in this world manifested that he might preach the Divine Promise of Him who is Infinite." -- (Buddhist Psalms)

"Hana Matsuri" or Wesak-Tide is celebrated on April 8th each year throughout the world to commemorate the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha. This year will be our Lord's 2510th birthday.

Sakyamuni Buddha was born unto this world not only to become a great man but to show all beings the way to emancipation.

The perplexity of the Karma and ignorance within us would not have cleared eternally if we did not have the mercy and teaching owing to the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha.

As we are able to tread the path of life peacefully by the guidance of the World-Honoured Gautama Buddha, although infinitesimal, from our heart we must thank and make a return unto Him for His Grace.

May we this glorious day bear in our minds the Truths and Paths shown by Him and find the truest wealth of freedom and felicity.

BUSSEI WRITES HOME

WITH YOU IN SANGHA

I've heard that "Hana Matsuri" is going to be held in the Center Auditorium. I certainly wish I were there to attend it.

On Saturday and Sunday, even though I'll not be there physically, I'll be there with all of you in Sangha. I do hope everything will turn out smoothly for the big affair.

I certainly do miss the services. However, I keep remembering it by reciting the "Junirai" and singing the gathas whenever I have a chance. This I shall do on "Hana Matsuri."

-- Fusaye Tokumoto
Cleveland, Ohio

EDITORIAL

Notes

THIS WEEK

This weekend we join with fellow Buddhists throughout the land in paying homage to our Lord Buddha on his 2510th birthday.

This week we join with all local Bussei in extending "Good Luck" to departing Kono Sensei. May the relocated Bussei give him a hearty reception.

HOW COME?

We thought it was bad strategy when two joint socials were scheduled on two consecutive nights involving District II YBA on both occasions.

Much credit goes to Morris Yamasaki and his District V group who suffered a beating by lack of support at the V-II get-together.

Buddhist
BULLETIN

Published by the
Research and Re-
settled Home Pro-
gram committee.

ENGLISH SERMON HEARD

Heard by an attentive crowd, the first English sermon given by the Rev. Yesho Miura was favorably received at the Brotherhood service on March 26 where Lorraine Kumano served as chairman.

"Buddhism is everywhere," he spoke.

"It is not only in the church, but in our work, play and sleep. We can apply His Teachings in every phase of our daily lives."

SAYONARA BALL SET

With the date of the Bussei Sayonara Ball tentatively scheduled for May 11, the Denson Board of Directors are hard at work preparing the program for a gala

YBA AIDS RED CROSS

Always at the aid of a good cause whenever possible, the Denson YBA contributed \$10 toward the National

DISTRICT II CABINET INSTALLED

The newly elected officers of the District II YBA were installed at an impressive candlelight ceremony on March 31 with Marie Izumi chairing.

Following the pledge administered by Kiyomi Nakamura, an inspiring message on "Our Future" was delivered by Ayako Noguchi. Sus Ishikawa, the new chairman, also gave an address.

Incense offerings were made by Hatsumi Wada, Mary Yamamoto, and Mary Sasaki while

Kiyoko Makimoto read the scripture.

The latter part of the evening was spent dancing, emceed by Charles Nishi.

Guests for the evening included Board, District IV and remaining district officers.

The new officers of the district include Sus Ishikawa, chairman; Hisa Yatabe, vice-chairman; Grace Yamaguchi, secretary; Rosie Arima, treasurer, and Gladys Nakaoka, religious director.

DONATION RECEIVED

A generous donation of \$10 was recently received from the Rev. Julius A. Goldwater of Los Angeles for the purpose of helping the YBA publication work.

Rev. Goldwater, who visited the local Bussei here last Spring, is the organizer of the Buddhist Brotherhood of America.

evening.

The dance will be held at the Center "Paladium" with negotiations now underway to secure an orchestra for the event.

Red Cross War Fund drive last month, swelling the local donations to \$1,708.80, it was reported.

LETTERS

OGDEN YBA ENCOURAGES

After the hard work --of which you must have gone through-- laying the foundation and assembling together your members which resulted in your successful organization, it was a disappointment to read of the plans taking form toward the closing of your Center on June 30.

Although this problem has risen, may you carry on your fine work until that time arrives and also, be able to continue on after the interruption.

The Cabinet and our

thanks

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for their recent generous donations:

Grayce Uyeda, Ann Arbor, Mich., Pvt. Philip K. Eidmann, Camp Robinson, Ark., and the Rev. Julius A. Goldwater, Los Angeles, Calif.

members join me wholeheartedly in sending our best wishes to you and your well-chosen staff for their commendable work on the publication.

Sachie Shiki,
Corres. Sec'ty
Ogden YBA
Ogden, Utah

FUJIMORI

Your Bulletin is most welcomed to the ones who has relocated as via bulletin is the only way of knowing of the works of the Bussci in Denson. All your articles are most interesting and helpful. Thank you so much.

Mrs. K. Fujimori
Omaha, Neb.

HOSODA

During my leisure moments, your reading materials and publications are always interesting and worthwhile.

I am always looking forward to your next issue.

Joe Hosoda
Ann Arbor, Mich.

AMACHE
EXTENDS
PRAISE

May we extend our sincere congratulations on your successful publications. We appreciate your kindness in sending us copies. Keep up the good work fellow Bussci and may the teaching of our Buddha spread to every corner of the country.

Kindly extend our greetings to all the Bussei in Denson.

Richard Iseri
Pres. Amache, YBA

UYEDA

I wish to thank you for sending me the bulletins and many other things which I have received since my departure.

Grayce Uyeda
Ann Arbor, Mich.

YAMAGUCHI

I was certainly happy to read the Bulletin with all of its interesting news.

Just letting you know how much I appreciated your remembering me.

Bill Yamaguchi
Chicago, Ill.

Why Buddhism?

M. YUMIBE

Although Buddhism is considered a universal religion, Buddhist temples are not to be found in every community as are Christian churches in America. The number of English speaking reverends are few--so few as can be counted on one's fingers--among the thousands of Buddhists.

The great majority of the American people are not familiar with Buddhism but many are aware of the fact that our parents and we, the nisei, are the followers of His Teachings. Following the days of Pearl Harbor, doubt, fear and suspicion have arisen, hindering the progress and spreading of our religion.

In this gloomy but yet hopeful situation, the future of our religion rests upon our shoulders. We are the pillars on which the church itself must stand. Because of the adverse circumstances and the feeling of insecurity, many are reluctant to

say with pride that they are Buddhists. In spite of all this I still choose Buddhism.

It is a philosophy as well as a religion showing man the essential nature of his own being, demanding no blind beliefs but inviting investigation and study. His Teachings proclaimed more than 2500 years ago have never been said to be unscientific or undemocratic nor will it ever be. It is practical to anyone, anywhere and at any time.

It is the newest of religions brought over by our fathers and mothers from their homeland and now as we have become of age, they are passing on the significant inheritance to us, the nisei.

What was it that spurred our fathers to carry on? What spirit was it that carried them through their trials and tribulations? Have we not a dark future ahead

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A MESSAGE

WE WILL CARRY ON . . .

It has been our great desire to write and express our deep appreciation for the nice publications which we have been receiving regularly. long silence, no doubt many of you have often wondered what became of us. There is much to be done, but we have not forgotten you Bussai back in Denson.

Indeed, due to our The Mesa Bussai are

doing their share for the interest of Buddhism. Just recently we had a membership drive which boosted the total members of 18 or so to approxi-

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JOINT EVENTS WEEK-END GATHERINGS HELD BY DISTRICTS

With District VI as guests, District III sponsored joint devotional-social was favorably climaxed on March 31.

Laura Ogawa chaired the devotional while Tak Yamaguchi emceed the social. Greetings were extended by Yayo Machigashira.

Those on the committee to prepare the enjoyable evening were as follows: Toshio Kawamoto, general arrangements; Laura Ogawa, devotional service; Edna Uyeno, refreshments; Yayo Machigashira, decoration, Yoshi Hoshiko and Tak Yamaguchi, program.

BUSSEI SLATE PARENTS' NITE MAY 7

To repay the parents for the favors bestowed upon us the Denson YBA has tentatively planned a Parent's nite on May 7 with Morris Yamasaki in charge of the preparation.

The District V YBA held a devotional-social with the District II members as guests on March 30 in Hall 38.

Morris Yamasaki led the devotional with Rev. Hirayama giving a sermon on "Forgiveness."

Incense offerings were made by Wilma Yamasaki and Bill Tanaka while Sus Ishikawa spoke for the guests.

Tad Shoda emceed the social for the evening.

Tasty refreshments of cola and sandwiches prepared by the girls were served during the intermission.

MASS MEETING PLANNED

Prior to the disbandment of the Denson YBA, a mass Bussei meeting will be held to settle important business matters.

All members are urged to attend the session according to individual notices.

PARTY HELD

Honoring the Rohwer Sunday School teachers who were week-end visitors in Jerome on April 1, 2, 3, an informal get-together was held in 28-12-E by the Denson YBA.

An enjoyable evening was spent playing bridge and Chinese checkers.

Guests were Bernice Matsumoto, Janet Inamasu, Mitsuye Nishimura, Takeyo Yamasaki and Mary Wakai.

MORE ON

'HANA MATSURI'

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main speaker.

The Rev. Ryugen Matsuda, who also came here from Santa Fe, will sermonize at a similar service Sunday.

MORE ON

CARRY ON

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mately 70.

We assure you that we will "Carry On" and do our part. Our best regards to all.

Frank and Herbert
Hirohata, Mesa, Ariz.

MORE ON ENGLISH SERMON HEARD

(cont. from page 1)
the Reverend's temporary departure is made possible through the recent arrival of several Buddhist ministers from New Mexico.

Sensei's itinerary also include plans to visit the Bussei of Cleveland and Minneapolis. While in Chicago he may be reached at: 1311 W. Adams, Chicago 7, Ill.

The Rev. Kono will return to the Project by the end of this month, after which he will probably transfer to the Rohwer Project along with the remaining local priests.

Denson, Arkansas

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ORCHIDS

we the people . . .

In an all-out effort to complete the building of the Center Auditorium in time for the three-day "Hana Matsuri" program this week, much credit goes to all of the members of the construction and plumbing crews, and to electrical supervisor and Board member TAK YAMAGUCHI and his men for rushing the electrical installations.

More headache has been acquired by YBA Board Chairman KIYOMI NAKAMURA who was the recent unanimous choice for Block 46 Councilman.

Impatiently (?) waiting for Uncle Sam's call for service is LARRY HIKIJI who re-

turned from St. Louis in time to pass his Army physicals with flying colors.

Former Welfare Chairman FUSAYE TOKUMOTO is reported doing mighty well with similar interests at the Cleveland Welfare Federation.

Also enjoying her "white collar" job immensely is another former Board member HAZEL MIZUSAKI who is employed by the War Manpower Commission in Washington, D. C.

Just in case you didn't know, former Board member and present District II Religious chairman GLADYS NAKAOKA has been en-

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Why Buddhism?

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of us? What can bring more harmony among the members of the family than by having the same faith as our parents?

We, too, then can follow the path that He had laid down for us to walk. By our actions and deeds, the American public will come to know that Buddhism is

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nothing to fear and suspect but a religion that will be an asset to a greater and a finer America. The satisfaction of the heart and soul, the consolation and assistance it gives in all circumstances of life is worth keeping and worth supporting. This is my answer to Why Buddhism.

M. Yumibe

HANA MATSURI — APRIL 9



Chairman Michiko Kataoka

Sutra Chant . . . Rev. G. Kono, Rev. T. Kouchi
and Rev. S. Hida

Oshoko and Sweet Tea Ceremony
Masao Ikeda, Dist. I
Susumu Ishikawa, Dist. II
Toshio Kawanoto, Dist. III
Kimiye Kikuta, Dist. IV
Tad Shoda, Dist. V
Suniko Tsuji, Dist. VI

Three Homages and Pledge Rev. Kono

Gatha "Hana Matsuri No Uta"

Address Kiyomi Nakamura,
Denson YBA Chairman

Scripture Reading Ayako Noguchi

Sermon Reverend Kyojo Naito

Vocal Rendition Dorothy Taniguchi

English Sermon Reverend Takeo Miura

Announcements

Gatha "Softly Blew The Breezes"

Closing Meditation Rev. Miura

BUSSEI SOCIETY

four couples pledge troth

The wedding bells chimed through the spring bouquet of orchids and gardenias with the following marriages.

On March 19 Hiroe Yama saki became the bride of Takeo Mori-kuni.

Yoshie Sueyasu wed-

ded Toshio Tanabe on March 27

On March 26 Sgt. Jim S. Onchi and Fumiko Yumibe pledged their matrimonial vows.

Fumiko Kawai and Magoshiro Nakajima were united in marriage on March 29.

The nuptials were

performed by the Revs. Gyodo Kono and Tadao Kouchi.

MORE ON people

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CHICAGO Y B A PLANNED

Fulfilling the hopes of the relocated Bussei by assisting in establishment of Chicago YBA, Rev. Gyodo Kono's trip to the "Windy City" has not been in vain.

For an organizational meeting, representatives of Bussei relocatees from different centers met with Rev. Kono on Friday, April 21, at 4040 So. Ellis St., Chicago, to discuss various YBA problems and activities.

The temporary board
(Cont. on page 4)

SHINRAN'S BIRTHDAY

In observance of the 77th anniversary of the birth of St. Shinran, a special Bussei service will be held on May 21, from 10:00 a. m. at the center auditorium.

Rev. G. Kono will deliver the sermon, while Misao Yumibe will be the chairman.

DENSON BUDDHISTS'



BULLETIN

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'AU REVOIR' THEME FOR BUSSEI SOCIAL

With the scene set at the center "Palladium", the Denson YBA co-sponsored with the C. A. will hold their last social before the closing of Jerome. A timely theme to fit the

SHIMADA BETROTHED TO OGAWA

Coming as a complete surprise to their many Bussei friends in this center was the recent betrothal announcement of Miss Kaoru Shimada to Kikuo Ogawa.

The groom-to-be is the past chairman of the Denson YBA until his departure to Cleveland. He is an electrical engineer graduate of the U.C. while the charming bride-to-be is a very talented Japanese odori exponent.

The YBA join in wishing the two a "happy marital voyage" ahead.

occasion is "Au Revoir", yes, it's just "until we meet again."

It's going to be the "drift and dream" music, just the way you love to hear it, by the ever-popular Densoneers. Genial Yone Satoda will emcee, with Districts 1 and 5 taking over general arrangement; District 2, refreshment; District 3, bids and invitations; District 4, program; and District 6, decoration.

A real gala time is promised for all dance lovers, so fellas, make a date for May 20 with your best girlfriend.

Bids may be obtained at 25 cents per couple
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MAY 14

GRATITUDE TO MOTHER

"A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it's too late to let her know that he sees it." -- W. D. Howells

All of us receive mother's love and kindness as though it is a natural thing. It is after she is gone that we fully realize what she has meant to us, which is too late to let her know that we are thankful.

Let us on this Mothers' Day pay our respect to her and show our gratitude for her immeasurable compassion. Today and everyday let us show our love for her not by words only, but in deed and in truth.

LOVE

OVERCOMES HATRED

There is no fire like passion; there is no losing throw like hatred. Let a man leave anger, let him forsake pride. Let him overcome anger by love and conquer the liar by truth. For hatred ceases not any time by hatred, but only by love.

--- "The Splendour of Asia".

MAY 20

'Waltzing With You'

On May 20th, I'll be with you,
We'll all be there to bid adieu,
At 7:30 p. m. at the new Palladium,
She'll be there, waltzing with him.

Three cheers to them--the Densoneers!
Soothing melodies will ring in your ears.
11 p. m. is drawing so near,
So tis Sayonara, to you, my dear.

It's Auld Lang Syne that echoes away,
Thus we part in so friendly a way!

--- Edna Uyeno

FROM BURMA

Received your Denson YBA Bulletins 1-5 a few days ago. I'm grateful to receive one in far away land of Burma; also you do not forget me that I myself came from Denson (5-5-F). This land as you know, people believe in Buddha.

At this moment I can't tell you much about this area due to the military security. However, I may be able to tell you that I was promoted to a rank of technical-sergeant in the field under fire.

We had several terrific battles already, but fortunately I did not even get a scratch. Instead, I'm up to a couple of citations. I guess I better withhold the detail what took place until I come back to Denson as a souvenir. However I'm happy to report that I did a bit of contribution to the Nisei's sake. In this thick jungle only thing I want is the news back
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BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

With a capacity crowd attending, the special Bussei Hana Matsuri service in observance of the 2510th anniversary of Lord Buddha's birth was held on April 9 in the new auditorium.

Revs. Gyodo Kono, Tadao Kouchi, Yesho Miura and Kyojo Naito led the chanting of the sutra. Oshoko and Kwanbutsu was represented by the District officers: Masao Ikeda, Dist. I; Susumu Ishikawa, II; Toshio Kawamoto, III; Kimiye Kikuta, IV; and Sumiko Tsuji, VI.

Kiyomi Nakamura, chairman of the Board of Directors gave a short address, followed by Ayako Noguchi's scripture reading.

"One must not be misguided by one aspect," related Rev. Naito, the guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of observing all views in all directions for there are Truth and Buddha

THANKS

The Denson YBA wishes to thank the following persons for their recent generous donations:

Otto, Tom and Neva Uyehara, Madison, Wisc.; Pfc. Cooper Tahara, Fort McClellan, Alabama; Barry Saiki, Chicago; Isako Horie and Nancy Ninomiya, Peoria, Ill.; and Fukiko Horie, Galveston, Texas.

Final Bulletin Planned

The souvenir issue of the final Bulletin, to be published before the closing of the center, is being planned by the Resettled Home Program Committee.

The directory of the relocated Bussei from this center will also be included.

Nature in everything that surrounds us.

Rev. Miura, also a guest speaker, sermonized in English on Buddha's Life and His basic teachings of Love, Mercy and Har-

SATO MEMORIAL HELD

Relatives and friends of Sanford Sato, who died suddenly on April 13, following an operation in Mesa, Arizona, gathered here Monday evening, April 17, and paid their final tribute to the late Bussei leader at a memorial service held by the Denson YBA.

Roy Kawamoto, an intimate friend of the deceased, served as evening's chairman, while Rev. S. Hida gave a memorial sermon.

The late Sato was an energetic leader of Bussei activities, serving as president of the Southern Calif. District YBA and as cabinet member of the California Y. B. L.

He also was an enthusiastic supporter of our Bussei Bulletin.

He is survived by his mother, brother, and sister, all of Mesa.

mony, which are the essentials to the livelihood of man.

BAZAAR PROFIT DONATED

The net proceeds of \$111.43 from the Christian and Buddhist jointly-sponsored bazaar was equally divided and donated to National Red Cross and National Student Relocation Fund.

MORE ON CHICAGO

(Cont. from page 1)
members to make plans for the formation of the YBA were chosen as follows: Chairman, Barry Saiki (Rohwer); vice-chairman, Marion Nakatsuma (Jerome); rec. secretary, Sueko Masuda (Ht. Mt.); corres. secretary, Tatsuko Fukushima (Gila); treasurer, Shizuo Nakashita (Rohwer); and advisor, Rev. G. Kono.

Besides the above-mentioned, present at the meeting were Mike Maruyama, Fred Mitsu-eda, Shig Kitahata, Akira Yebisu, Yento Tsuji, Asako Kubo, and Mrs. Masako Iwai.

Johnson Kebo, former CYBL leader, earnestly assisted Rev. Kono on the program.

After 10 days' sojourn in Chicago, Rev. Kono visited New York for 10 days to study

DISTRICT 1 CLIMAX WITH BLOW-OUT

The final "blow-up" social was held by the Dist. I YBA on April 20 with Harry Hirakawa emceeing.

Those on the committee to prepare the affair were Sumiye Nakamura, Lorraine Kumano, Lillian Taniguchi and Mas Ikeda.

'AU REVOIR'

(Cont. from page 1)
from the district chairmen or at the Buddhist Office, 28-12-E.

Patrons and patronesses for the evening will be Rev. G. Kono, Rev. and Mrs. Tadao Kouchi, Dr. and Mrs. Kikuo Taira, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nikaido.

the Bussei activities there. He returned to the center on May 7.

SISTERS OBSERVE WESAK-TIDE

Although physically unable to attend the Hana Matsuri service together with the Bussei on April 9, Ella and Nobuko Yoshinaga were with us spiritually by observing the service in the hospital beds.

Joining the Yoshinaga sisters in the quiet service were Grace Kato, Aiko Matsunaga and Mabel Ikeda, nurse's aides.

V... MAIL

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in the states as there is no recreation in the bush.

Gassho,
T/S Roy Matsumoto
c/o Postmaster
New York City, N. Y.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement.

With Gassho,
The Sato Family

