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THIS DAY DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF A BUDDHIST NISEI SOLDIER



MANABU YUKUDA
Timely Topics

One of the profound and remarkable changes this war has affected in this world's contemporary fighting generation is shown in the attitude of young sailors, soldiers, and marines toward religion. It is clearly evident that men of our fighting forces are instinctively searching for spiritual strength as they bravely face death.

They boys who have acquired spiritual interest and who go out against impossible odds, who look at death squarely in the face, who fight courageously against equally courageous foes, are not suffering from any complexes of fear, either physical or psychological. There are no hysterical outbursts among the boys. Their reaching for spiritual strength and mental comfort has been instinctive and calm.

In this all-out conflict, when this whole world is engaged in a life and death struggle to preserve its very existence and the way of life, the young manhood is taking a longer and a more serious look at fundamentals of human life. The movement is said to be spontaneous. No campaign has been launched to bring these boys under the influence of religious and moral teachers.

Coming close to home, there are thousands of young men of Japanese ancestry who may be marching into the fire of deadly weapons, become the targets of frightening drive-bombers, and all other murderous machines. They will be under same

kind of a fire and be subject to same kind of sufferings, physical and psychological, of that of our fellow Americans of Caucasian extract.

They will be going out to fight against frightening odds and stare into the future beyond this frightful thing called death. I have come to the conclusion that these boys will need, and should demand equal amount of spiritual consolation which is granted the other American soldiers. However, it is a known fact that over 80 percent of the Japanese Americans in the U.S. Army are Buddhists, many of them very earnest followers of the teachings of Buddha.

Already, many of our fellow Japanese Americans have made the supreme sacrifice for his country. This stark reality has been driven home into the minds of the Poston residents when Sargeant James Shiranizu, formerly Salinas, California, was killed in action on January 11th in the bloody battle of Italy. We are now feeling the effects of this second World War in our own back yard for Sargeant Shiranizu has shown to us the fact that this war is a life and death struggle for the Niseis as well as for any other group of people on this earth.

Therefore, I believe that we should seriously consider the importance of religious education in these times of stress.

NEHAN-YE

Some 2500 years ago, Gautama, Sakyamuni died at the ripe old age of eighty in the town of Kucinagara, on February 15th, 483 B.C. And so it is on this day that all the Buddhist followers of all sects commemorate the anniversary of the death of Buddha. It is known as Nehan-ye.

Gautama Buddha lived the life of an ordinary man, discarding the narrow distinctions of castes, rank and wealth. He was a son, husband, father, and devoted friend. In some of the legends, the Buddha is represented as having voluntarily endured infinite trials through numberless ages and births, that he might deliver mankind, foregoing the right to enter Nirvana, and casting himself again and again into the stream of human life and destiny for the sole purpose of teaching the Way of Liberation from sorrow and suffering. Lay-disciples can always take the Buddha as his model so that the recollection of his heroic and saintly life may assist Him to be a hero and a saint as well.

The following is taken from the GOSPEL OF BUDDHA, "The Buddha's Final Entering Into Nirvana":

Now the Blessed One addressed the venerable Ananda, and said: "It may be, Ananda, that in some of you the thought may arise, 'The word of the Master is ended, we have no teacher more!' But it is not thus, Ananda that you should regard it. It is true that no more shall I receive

a body, for all future sorrow has now forever passed away. But though this body will be dissolved, the Tathagata remains. The truth and the rules of the order which I have set forth and laid down for you all, let them, after I am gone, be a teacher unto you. When I am gone, Ananda, let the order, if it should so wish, abolish all the lesser and minor precepts."

Then the Blessed One addressed the brethren, and said: "There may be some doubt or misgiving in the mind of a brother as to the Buddha, or the truth, or the path. Do not have to reproach yourselves afterwards with the thought, 'We did not inquire of the Blessed One when we were face with him.'"

And the brethren remained silent. Then the venerable Ananda said to the Blessed One: "Verily, I believe that in this whole assembly of the brethren there is not one brother who has any doubt or misgiving as to the Buddha, or the truth, or the path! For even the most backward, Ananda, of all these brethren has become converted, and is assured of final salvation."

Then the Blessed One addressed the brethren and said: "If ye now know the Dharma, the cause of all suffering, and the path of salvation, O disciples, will ye then say: 'We respect the Master, and out of reverence for the Master do we thus speak?'"

The brethren replied: "That we sh-

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THE PARABLE =

"THE TWO RIVERS AND THE WHITE PATH"

BY REV. N. TSUNODA

One of the most famous of parables in the Shin Sect Teachings is that of the Two Rivers and the White Path (Niga Byakudo). It is found in a commentary called the Sanzen-gi, written by the Chinese Buddhist scholar, San-Tao. (Zendo Daishi). This is a commentary on the Amitayur-Dhyana-Sutra (Awan-muryoju-kyo), and in this commentary is the famous parable which expresses the faith of the Shin Sect. Roughly translated it is as follows:

"A man is travelling westward on a road, when suddenly he is confronted by two rivers directly in front of him in the middle of the road. On the southern side is a river of fire. On the northern side is a river of water. The depth of each of these rivers is immeasurable and they extend to the north and south as far as eye can see. In the middle of these rivers of fire and water there is a white path, its width being only four or five inches. The length of this white path, extending from the east shore to the west shore is 100 feet. The sprays of the water and the tongues of flame intermingle and wet and scorch the path incessantly. This man is all alone; a flock of ferocious animals seeing that he is alone trail him with the intent of killing him and devouring him. The man, afraid of death, starts to run toward the west, but sees the rivers of fire and water.

"He thinks to himself: 'This ri-

ver has no ending either to the north or to the south. In the middle there is only a little white path but this path is very small and narrow. The distance between the two banks is very short, but how shall I get there. There is no doubt that the day of my death has arrived. If I turn around the wild animals are waiting to devour me. If I turn to the north or south the wild animals will still pursue me and still kill me. If I go straight forward in a westward direction and take the white path, again I shall lose my life by falling into the rivers of fire and water'.

"Thus he is terrified. Then he thinks again: 'If I return I shall die, if I remain here I shall die, if I go ahead I shall die. Whatever I do there is no chance of escape from death. If I am going to die whatever I do, I shall go forward. This path exists. I shall cross by this path.'

"When he makes this determination in his mind a person's voice from the eastern shores encouraging him is heard. 'Make up your mind and go forward on the white path. Go. You will escape the dangers of death. If you remain you will die.'

"Again from the western shore a person appears and calls: 'Be of one mind and come across at once. I shall protect you. Do not be afraid of falling into the dangers of fire and water.'

"This man (the traveller) hearing
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NEW CABINET INSTALLED AS LARGE CROWD ENJOY SOCIAL

The Installation Ceremony for the newly elected officers of the 1st term of 1944, were installed at the 322 Buddhist Church on Feb. 13th. Our new president, Masami Honda, successor to Frank Doi delivered a few words regarding full cooperation by the members to further the establishment of our YBA Organization. Rev. Tsunoda introduced the new cabinets and concluded with an inspiring sermon on the topic, "Race prejudice and Relocation, Resettlement Problems for young Nisei's" with chairman, Bill Taji concluding the Installation Ceremony.

At 310 Mess Hall, one of the most successful and eventful Installation Social, since the establishment of the YBA Organization in Unit III was held with capacity crowd of approximately 300 enjoying the evening of frolic and fun.

Fusako Ashida, game chairman, led the games to open the evening's entertainment. During the intermission entertainment by some of the talents were well received while refreshment were being served. Among the Bussei talents were Ben Hattori, Anna Mae Fujino, Mary Kajioka, Yutaka Sera, and many others.

Remainder of the evening was enjoyed by dancing with dedication numbers to the newly installed officers soldier, and clubs highlighted the affair. Rev. Tsunoda led us in Gashe as the party departed. Tom Tanaka closed for the evening.

PAST PRESIDENT DOI LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Frank Doi, hard working, popular YBA Presy-left Poston for New York, Tuesday, February 22. His leaving is keenly felt by the many YBA friends, as his earnestness, his willingness to go our of his way to help others, and his pleasant personality endeared him to all.

He served as president of the YBA from July, 1943 to January, 1944. He was head of the Poston III Agriculture Department.

Good luck to you, Frank!

ROKU TWO JR. YBA HOLDS ELECTION

Masaro Harada was elected president of Roku II Jr. YBA at a meeting held on Feb. 12 at 316 Buddhist Church.

Assisting him will be Dorothy Yamamoto, vice pres.; Mary Nakagawa, secretary; Yoshio Harada, treasurer; Taro Mukai, literary chrnm.; Emma Kodama, music chrnm; Yoko Kawasaki, assistant music chairman.

Installation of officers was held on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 316 Buddhist Church, with Mary Nakagawa as General chairman. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

MANABU FUKUDA SPOKE AT 307 YBA NITE

Manabu Fukuda was the guest speaker from Camp II at the YBA Nite, sponsored by 307 at 316 Buddhist Church, Feb. 11. He gave a timely sermon on the necessity of spiritual salvation during these times of stress.

Tomoko Matsumura was the chairman.

DEPARTURES

Toshie Ezaki, 306, Philadelphia, Pa; Ben Hattori, 329, Chicago, Ill.; Wmiko Ogata, 326, Hartford, Conn.; Dale Okazaki, 316, Detroit, Mich.; Hataune Aoto (Kamiura) 323, Denver; Umeko Kinishige, Sumiye Ishida, 305, Cleveland, Ohio; Carol Fujisaki, 305, Gila (transfer); John Sakamoto, 309, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Jim Ueta, Frank Doi, 325, New York, N.Y.; Joe Fujitaka, 309, Chicago, Ill.; Kaye, Marnelle, Wesley, Carol Watanabe, 326, Cincinnati, Ohio; Sawayo, Yonekichi, Marv, Lily, Masaru, Haruo, Mitsuko Nishimura, 305, Salt Lake City, Utah.

VISITORS

Sgt. Noboru Togioka, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Toshio Ezaki, Philadelphia.

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all nat, O Lord." And the Holy One continued: "Of those beings who live in ignorance, shut up and confined, as it were in an egg, I have first broken the eggshell of ignorance and alone in the universe obtained the most exalted, universal Buddhahood. Thus, O disciples, is it not even that which ye have yourselves known, yourselves seen, yourselves realized?"

Ananda and the brethren said: "It is, O Lord." Once more the Blessed One began to speak: "Behold now, brethren," said he, "I exhort you, saying, 'Decay is inherent in all component things, but the truth will remain forever.' Work out your salvation with diligence!" This was the last word of the Tathagata. Then the Tathagata fell into a deep medita-

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HOSTLESS YBA NITE
HELD AT 322

On Tues. Feb. 15th, a hostless YBA Nite was held at the 322 Buddhist Church, where after the service, the remainder of the evening was turned into a regular bull session with everybody contributing their opinion on the current topic.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

AOTO - KAMIURA

Henry Aoto, claimed Hatsune Kamiura, 322 as his bride on February 12 at the 306 Buddhist Church officiated by Rev. Z. Kawasaki.

SUEDA - MORIOKA

316 Buddhist Church was the locale for Paul Sueda and Alice Moriooka when they were united in marriage by Rev. Z. Kawasaki on Valentine's Day.

Alice was a great help as a Sunday School and Summer Session assistant for the past year for Roku I. She will be missed greatly by her co-assistants in Roku I.

LET US KNOW

NOTICE TO RELOCATEES: promptly let us know of your new address or change of address, so we can send you the copies of the BUSSEI REVIEW without delay. Don't miss any of the issues. Furthermore, if you know of any friend who would enjoy reading the BUSSEI REVIEWS, will you let us know?

NEW ADDRESS

LETTER RECEIVED

Following is a letter received from Rev. Z. Okayama, Deputy Bishop Buddhist Churches of America:

I have acknowledged your "Bussei Review" and thank you very much. It is indeed commendable the way the Bussei activities are being functioned in your center.

We are formulating many activities for the Buddhist Churches of America this year. We will inform you of the various plans at a later date. May we call upon you to render us the kind assistance as you have done in the past? Your efforts have been well organized and has done a great deal in maintaining the Buddhist movement in America for the welfare of all.

Again many thanks for your enlightening "Bussei Review and Carry On, Busseis!

With Gassho,
Rev. Z. Okayama
Deputy Bishop

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED

The YBA acknowledges \$2 from our former vice president, Azusa Tsuneyoshi; Minnesota; Rev. Boden Udale San Francisco, \$1.

Also from Toshio Ezaki of 306, \$2 on her farewell; Paul Sueda of 316, \$5, upon his recent marriage.

ENGAGED

Mitsuye Takasaki announced her engagement to Tadashi Mori on Feb. 12, 1944 at her home.

RELIABLE PRESCRIPTIONS

YBA NITES

With the draft and relocation bug setting most of the Busseis into a first degree trance, it's no wonder there's no time for love, weep, or religion. You just go 'round 'n 'round and nobody knows where you're going to stop till you land in the Army. For these guys we suggest some block to sponsor a social at 310 mess hall, and have our Rev. Tsunoda tell them how to rely on faith. It's a very good medicine.

GIRLIES

If you like kids and want to teach them, we suggest the most practical course in child care, the Sunday School Teachers. Anyway, we would appreciate if you can help.

MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE WANTED

All members, please be on the lookout for a automatic-fed machine worth around \$75 and up, used or otherwise which the church can buy. It will make it easier to publish this BUSSEI REVIEW, if we had one. Please inform us, relocators.

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THE PARABLE CONTINUED

the person from this side encouraging him to go forward and hearing the person from the other shore calling him, makes up his mind and without any doubts in his mind whatsoever starts to cross over on the path. Then the wild animals on the eastern shore call to him saying, 'Return, this path is dangerous. You cannot possibly traverse it. There is no doubt that you will die. We do not harbor any evil intentions and will not harm you.' The man hears the voices of the animals but does not pay any attention to them. With one mind he crosses over the path, and lo, he reaches the western shores and escaping all dangers, meets a good friend and they lived in happiness ever after.

This is a parable. The eastern bank represents this earth. The western shore represents the Land of Bliss, Land of Paradise. Wild animals represent the greed of man, the river of fire represents anger that arises in the minds of man. The person on the eastern bank represents Shakamuni Buddha, who, although He himself is no longer on this earth, still lives on in his Teachings, and the person on the western shore represents Amida Buddha."

This parable, so famous in the Teachings of the Shin Sect, expresses the Buddhist faith in a manner which we can all understand and appreciate. Although we sentient beings are groping in the dark, not being able to control our minds, from which arises ignorance, anger,

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tion, and having passed through the four jhanas, entered Nirvana.

Then the Mallas of Kusinara gave orders to their attendants, saying, "Gather together perfumes and garlands, and all the music in Kusinara!" There they passed the day in paying honor and reverence to the remains of the Blessed One, with hymns, and music, and with garlands and with perfumes, and in making canopies of their garments, and preparing decorative wreaths to hang thereon. And they burned the remains of the Blessed One as they would do to the body of a king of kings.

When the burning ceremonies were over, Devaputta said to the multitudes that were assembled round the pyre:

"Behold, O brethren, the earthly remains of the Blessed One have been dissolved, but the truth which he has taught us lives in our minds and cleanses us from all error:

"Let us, then, go out into the world, as compassionate and merciful as our great master, and preach to all living beings the four noble truths and the eightfold path of righteousness, so that all mankind may attain to a final salvation, taking refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha."

lust, avarice and greed, the instant we put our faith in the Teachings of Shakamuni Buddha and in the Mercy and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we are assured eternal salvation by being reborn in Amida's Western Paradise.

COME TO THE NEXT YBA NITE WITH A FRIEND AT 316, FEB. 29
AT 322, MARCH 7TH—ALSO TO YOUNG PEOPLES' SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY

Personal

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GIRLS' DAY

KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE

MANABU FUKUDA

Relocation has made Poston a much smaller community than the original Japanese city which sprang up in this wilderness two years ago. Many more young people will bid farewell to a town where only Japanese face adorn the street corners, the schools, and the homes.

We have sent many eager and ambitious youths into the outside world with which we have lost contact. We have said farewell to many of our Bussei friends. Parting is sad, but it is part of life. Whenever we are separated from the loved ones, we have the consolation of knowing that someday we may meet again.

To those who are relocating I want to say, "Please keep your dreams alive". I believe that every human being must be full of hopes and full of dreams. No matter how dark and fearful the future may seem. Behind the threatening darkness of the storm clouds, the sun is always shining, eagerly fighting its way out. The "light of the world" has not disappeared from the universe yet. It is waiting for the appropriate time when it can show its benevolent face to this darkened world.

Yes, at the present, we have lost sight of this life-giving planet, which is no necessary to the welfare of this human world. However, we must admit that the sun is always shining.

Without exaggeration it can be said that people who have lost sight of their dreams and their

hopes made up the greatest single tragedy in this world. When we have ceased to dream, when we have stopped hoping, then we plunge into the agonies of earthly hell where no hope and no future exist.

Perhaps our hope and our dreams may never be fulfilled; our dreams may even be shattered to pieces. But, our courage and our earnestness will make us "real people" with spirits of undying faith.

We have been pushed into these unfortunate circumstances, but we must not accept this as a defeat. These circumstances bring out the weaknesses of human beings and we try to escape responsibilities.

I firmly believe that there is nothing finer on this earth than those who seem to be unlucky, but yet, keep on living with hopes and dreams and with determination to stand up their feet again.

What lies ahead of us none of us can foretell. It may be one of disappointment, one of frustration, and one of defeat. Certainly, things will not be easy for any of us. But now, we must dream of the world when peace and freedom is once more. Furthermore, we must face the stark realities of life, because upon tomorrow's young people rests the hope for a new world of freedom, justice, and decency. Tomorrow, the world which is tired and worn out by war, will seek our vision, our spirit, and our power to restore light to a world which was once dark and sad. (Cont. on Page 4)

TRIBUTE

(Delivered at funeral of Sgt.
Shiramizu, Camp II, Feb. 19.)

By Rev. N. Tsunoda

We are here gathered to pay our last respects and tribute to the memory of Sergeant James Kiyoshi Shiramizu, who laid down his life with the 100th Battalion, which spearheaded the attack on the Italian mainland.

To those loved ones whom Sergeant Shiramizu leaves behind, his aged father and mother, his widow and his orphan, his brothers and sisters—we bow our heads together with them, our hearts go out to them in their hour of deepest grief.

Until now, we have been reading of the casualty lists issued by the War and Navy Departments, but it was difficult for us to understand fully the significance of those names and addresses sent to the families of those American soldiers who died on the field of battle. Sergeant Shiramizu's sacrifice has brought home to us in a manner which we cannot forget the tremendous sacrifices in human lives, the grief, anguish, and heartaches of those who have lost their loved ones. The war is being brought closer and closer to us as the thousands of our boys—our sons, husbands, brothers, and friends—are now in the midst of the struggle, and we join with other families throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia who have sent their loved

Girls' Day

The cover picture of this issue depicts a girl, probably in her teens, washing her baby doll's clothes. Even the camp life have not altered the natural instinct of this or any other girl for the practice of "mama". Her tender care for the health and neatness of the doll, expresses in itself the ultimate desire of every girl to become someday like her own dear mother. Although she may not know it, she is molding her life to what she was born. With her desire to play with dolls, and extend to it her infant compassion and love as if it had contracted a slight cold, the beginning of the Motherly Love or Buddha Love become radiantly warm. She expresses her Buddha Nature from her childhood till she is a grandmother and beyond with Infinite Love and Compassion, just as Amida Buddha taught us, whether you are young or old; and it is to this end that all girls must strive.

ones to fight for what they believe is right.

Sergeant Shiramizu died fighting for the principles and ideals for which America stands—freedom of speech, thought, and press; freedom of religion, the ideal that all men regardless of race, color, or creed be given an equal opportunity to share in the tribulations and the rewards of democracy.

These ideals, the preservation for which men are dying all over
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TRIBUTE

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the world, are something which once having been won by one generation cannot be taken for granted by the following generation. They must be fought for and guarded most jealously by each successive generation. As General John J. Pershing declared, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

If Sergeant Shiramizu could speak to us today, I wonder if he would not speak to us in the words of Lieutenant John MacGræ, who wrote the following lines a few days before dying in action on the fields of Flanders in World War I:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow

In Flander's Fields."

I recall the words of a great American President, Abraham Lincoln, when he dedicated the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, five months after the bloody battle had been fought and thousands had laid down their lives. He said, in part: "It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

"KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE" *continued*

I know that many more Bussei friends will be leaving here, each one going his own way to seek a place in this war-conscious world. Someday, when this world has seen the light of peace once more, I hope our roads may cross again. Until then let us treasure the hour that we have spent together in the churches and always cherish the joys and blessings of many beautiful friendship, which have taken root here under the desert sun of Southern Arizona.

May Lord Buddha always be with you and may you always live in the blessings of the Namu Amida Butsu. Also, please keep your dreams alive.

WRITE TO US

What are you doing? Who are your leaders? Give us some worthy news about your YBA and its activities. If all the chapters, free zone and centers cooperate and send to the BUSSEI REVIEW a regular news-report every two weeks, we can exchange information through this means of a central clearing house, and thereby create a closer brotherhood of all Busseis. Please appoint someone in your chapter to report the news regularly. Even a short item is appreciated, if it is newsworthy.

Sergeant Shiramizu, all of us present here at this service firmly do resolve that you shall not have died in vain. We promise you and your comrades-in-arms that your fight shall be our fight.

TAX STATUS OF COAST CHURCHES PENDING

The following is a report from the Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America, Rec. Hall #2, Topaz, Utah, February 25th, 1944 by Deputy Bishop Rev. Z. Okayama:

One of the main things that have been confronting us to this day was the matter concerning the church buildings left in California. The topic of course, will be in regards to the tax assessment of the church buildings, in most cases no longer actively used as houses of worship. We, as the Buddhist Churches of America, have been contacting the War Relocation Authority Evacuee Property officers and other authorities in this regard. We have received to this date several letters about the tax status. According to the State Board of Assessor's opinion, places of worship that had not been used for that purpose for an year should be assessed. Presently, we are waiting for Attorney General Kenny to issue an opinion, declaring that the church properties continue to be exempted from taxation so long as they are not used for other purposes.

It was the suggestion of the WRA that, pending the issuance of an opinion from the Attorney General, the officials of the various churches protest the payment in writing in order to keep the record clear. In order to prevent the possible penalties for failure in paying the taxes, it is suggested that payment be made accordint to the status.

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MISSIONARY SPIRIT WANE, SAYS REV. LATIMER

Despite the unusal "like-California" rain, which had drenched Poston for four days, a small but determined group of Busseis braved the adverse weather to hear Rev. Latimer, a Buddhist minister of the Shingon Sect, speak on the interesting topic of the future of Buddhism in America, on Wed. Feb. 23rd. The regular YBA Nite was purposely extended a day in order that Rev. Latimer can be heard.

He regreted that the present Buddhist followers have lost the very nature of the purpose in which Gotama Buddha found the Truth, and urges the revival of the missionary movement if Buddhism is to become a great religion in America. He bases the acceptibility of the religion on the fact that its teachings are in harmony with science and does not contradict scientific principles; rather it has been proven scientifically true and thus the intelligent and learned will seek salvation in a religion that will not contradict their modern beliefs in science. He thereby gave one of the reasons for being converted from Catholicism to Buddhism and another that there exists no authority like God above human beings, but that all man have equally the necessary Buddha-Nature only to be polished to become a Buddha himself.

The balance of the evening was turned to question and answer, and in closing 309 promised to combine with Roku III for the next YBA Nite.

WEDDINGS

Tadashi Mori of 316, and Mitsue Takasaki of 317, were united in matrimony last Saturday, March 4th at a beautiful ceremony held at 316 Buddhist Church. Rev. Z. Kawasaki officiated the nuptials.

Reception followed at 316 Mess.

Kay Koga claimed Fusako Kobayashi as his bride at 306 Buddhist Church on March 1st, 4:00 P.M. with Rev. S. Sakow officiating the nuptials.

Reception followed at 307 Mess.

Anna Yamada, 317 became the bride of Tokuo Yamamoto, 221 at Camp II Buddhist Church on Monday, March 6. Reverend Iwanaga officiated the ceremony. The reception followed at the 221 Mess Hall.

ENGAGEMENTS

Yoshiko Aoki, 318, has announced her engagement to Yoshio Ishibashi of Gila Center on Saturday, at her home.

Jimmie K. Takashima, 322 mayor of Poston and chairman of Poston III Community Council was engaged to Yoshiko Taniguchi, Block 53 (Camp I) on March 2 at her home. The wedding date has been set for 18th.

FUNERALS

March 4: Funeral service was held for baby Kazuhiko Kirihara at the 306 Buddhist Church.

March 4: Funeral service was held for Mrs. Haruno Ando of Blk. 308 formerly of Los Angeles at the 306 Buddhist Church.

CAMP II DOINGS

Fred Nitta, Camp II Buddhist leader, left for Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, February 28th. His loss will be keenly felt by the Poston Buddhist group.

Tokuo Yamamoto, YBA leader of Unit II married Anna Yamada of Unit III on Monday evening at the Poston II Buddhist Church. Reception followed at the 221 mess hall. The choir sang "I Love You Truly". We wish them loads of luck and success and congratulations! *Continued on page 8.*

CALENDAR

MARCH 12

SUNDAY SERVICES

Roku I....Children & Juniors 9 A.M.
305 in charge; pianist, R. Watanabe
Roku II.....Children 9 A.M.
Juniors 10 A.M.
Roku III..Children & Juniors 9 A.M.
YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE 10 A.M.
ADULT SERVICES.....7 P.M.
306, Rev. Kawasaki; 322, Rev. Sakow

MARCH 14, Tuesday...YBA NITE at 322 sponsored Block 325.

MARCH 19

SUNDAY SERVICES

Roku I....Children & Juniors 9 A.M.
306 in charge; pianist, H. Inouye
Roku II.....Children 9 A.M.
Juniors 10 A.M.
Roku III..Children & Juniors 9 A.M.
YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE 10 A.M.
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322, Rev. Kawasaki; 316, Rev. Sakow

MARCH 21, Tuesday...YBA NITE at 306 sponsored by Block 317

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND

LETTER RECEIVED

Following letter was received from the Rohwer YBA Executive Secretary, Kenneth Saga, February 25th:

In behalf of the Rohwer YBA and most sincerely from myself, I express my sincere appreciation for the many issues of the "Bussei Review" that you have kindly mailed us in the past.

Papers such as your periodicals, are a great value to us. In the absence of a national headquarters, we look to the news-paper as goodwill ambassador bringing us the current ideas and activities of Busseis throughout America. We regret that we do not publish a paper of our own that we can exchange with the young Buddhist in Poston, but we are working to see the day when we, too, can pride in a sheet of Rohwer Bussei News.

What a wonderful medium for exchanging ideas and coordinating Bussei activities!

Thanks again for your most interesting paper, and I hope that you will continue favoring us with the pleasure of reading the "Bussei Review".

With Gassho
Kenneth Saga
Exe. Sec. YBA

LET US KNOW

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YOUR NEW ADDRESS

DEPARTURES

Mrs. Misao Hosaka and children, Henry, George, Ayako, Sayoko, 327; Haruo and George Fukushima, 307, Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kawahara and children, Ayako and Tokio, 318; George Kusatake, 318; Mr and Mrs Tom Sakamoto and children, Sidney and Mildred, 306; for Tule Lake.

Jero Kodama, 305, Chicago; Rosie Narimatsu, 306, Jeanne Kobayashi, 308; St. Louis, Mo.; Toshi Kajiya 316, Mary Miyoshi, 322, Shigeo Mori Yoshio Hasebe; 316, Chicago; Mabel Ota, 328, Denver; Harley, Irene, Harley Jr. Mimura, Cleveland, Ohio.

VISITORS

S/Sgt. Kazuo Otani, S/Sgt. Lloyd Nagakayama, Camp Shelby; Pfc. Yoshi Kashiki, Camp Shelby;

THANKS & FAREWELL

May we take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks to the Reverends and all young Busseis. Your friendship and kindness has made our stay in Poston an enjoyable one.

With Gassho,
Henry, George, Ayako, and Sayoko
Hosaka

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The YBA acknowledges a generous donation from Azusa Tsuneyoshi, Minnesota, of \$5.

YOUR NEXT BUSSEI REVIEW

Your next issue of the BUSSEI REVIEW will be out two weeks from today on Tuesday, March 21st, so be sure to send all the news by the deadline, Saturday, March 18th.

REPORT FROM BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA CONT.

under protest so that a refund of the tax may be obtained in the event that it is decided by the authority that it will not lose its exempt status.

When a tax notice arrives, here is a suggestion that we offer if and when you make payment. This is the form which we advise you to use:

"We attach hereto check in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of 1st half 1943-1944 City (County) Tax for church property located _____ since the property has never been used for other than religious services. And it is therefore tax exempt. It is understood that this payment is made under protest pending decision to be rendered by the Attorney General on tax status of such church properties. It is further understood that the payment is made in good faith in order to avoid penalty."

We find it to our advantage if all matters pertaining to church buildings be taken care of by the Buddhist Churches of America, as we feel more empowered, being this the headquarters. If you have any problems in regards to the church buildings in California, please write to us in detail so that we may be able to assist you to the fullest extent.

Another thing which we hope you will take action on is in regards to the various churches whose finances are frozen. We suggest you discuss this matter with the Project Attorney in your center and file applications of claim. We feel very confident your Project Attor-

ney will do his utmost in helping you clear the church finances.

FOUR REVERENDS FROM SANTA FE

Report from Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America:

We are again happy to welcome back the Reverends, Jokai Kow, Dai-tetsu Hayashima, Gikwan Nishinaga and Koyo Tamanaha, who were until this day, detained in the Santa Fe Internment Camp, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Their new address are: Rev. Kow and Hayashima, Heart Mountain, Wyo. Rev. Nishinaga, Corinne, Utah; and Rev. Tamanaha, Tule Lake, Calif.

CAMP II DOINGS *continued*

Camp II YBA membership drive ended on February 29th. The results of the drive will be made known soon. The new membership cards will be on sale at 15¢ per card.

Mas Yamamoto, brother of "Tok" Yamamoto, returned home for the wedding. The girls would all agree that his lily-white complexion is tops, including that handsome looks.

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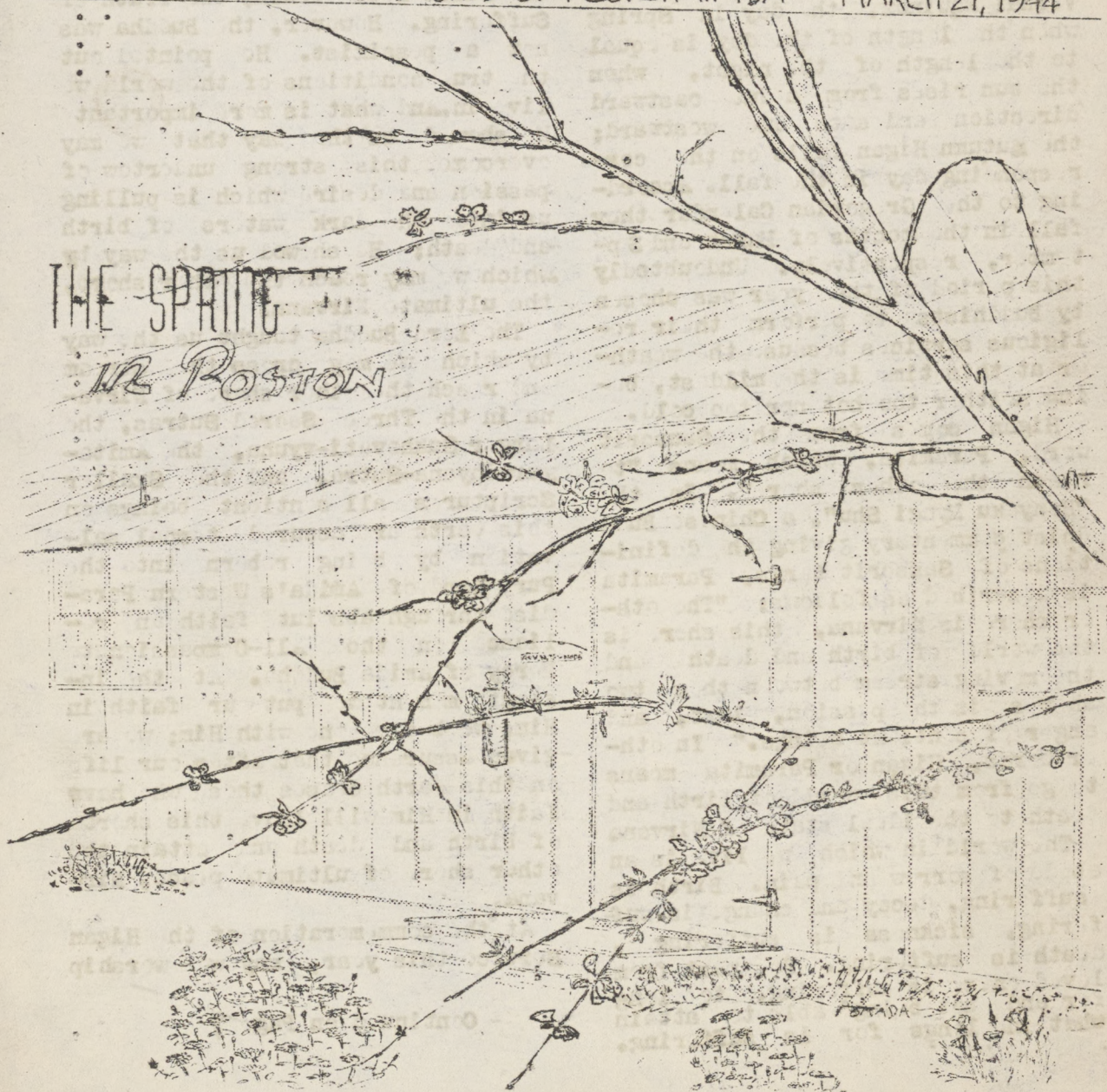
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THE SPRING
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The Meaning and Significance of Higan *By Rev. Isunoda*

The Higan Festival is celebrated twice each year by Buddhists, the Spring Higan and the Autumn Higan. The former is centered around the Vernal Equinox, the day in Spring when the length of the day is equal to the length of the night, when the sun rises from a due eastward direction and sets due westward; the autumn Higan falls on the corresponding day in the fall. According to the Gregorian Calendar they fall in the months of March and September, respectively. Undoubtedly this period of the year was chosen by Buddhists to perform their religious services because the weather at this time is the mildest, being neither too hot nor too cold.

Higan comes from the Sanscrit word, Paramita, which means "to reach the other shore". In the "Honyaku Myogi Shu", a Chinese Buddhist commentary giving the definitions of Sanscrit terms, Paramita is described as follows: "The other shore is Nirvana, this shore is the world of birth and death and the moving stream between these two shores is the passion, lust, and anger of sentient beings." In other words, Higan or Paramita means to go from this world of birth and death to the ideal state of Nirvana. The world in which we live is an abode of sorrow and pain. Birth is suffering, decay and change is suffering, sickness is suffering, death is suffering. To part from loved ones is suffering, to long for and not being able to attain what one longs for is suffering.

Life that is not free from desire and passion is a life of suffering and pain. This the Buddha called the First Noble Truth, the Truth of Suffering. However, the Buddha was not a pessimist. He pointed out the true conditions of the world we live in. And what is more important He showed us the way that we may overcome this strong undertow of passion and desire which is pulling us into the dark waters of birth and death; He showed us the way by which we may reach the other shore, the ultimate Nirvana.

The Lord Buddha taught us the way by which we may cross the stream and reach the other shore of Nirvana in the Three Sacred Sutras, the Larger Sukhavati-vyuha, the Amitayur-dhyana-Sutra, and the Smaller Scriptures all sentient beings on this earth are assured eternal salvation by being reborn into the Pure Land of Amida's Western Paradise through absolute faith and reliance on the All-Compassionate Mercy of Amida Buddha. At the instant moment we put our faith in Him, we become one with Him; we are given assurance that after our life on this earth ceases those who have faith in Him will leave this shore of birth and death and attain the other shore of ultimate peace, Nirvana.

At the commemoration of the Higan Service this year, may we worship

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"This World of Hatred" by M. Fukuda

"We can live happily if we do not hate those who hate us. Even if we live among those who hate us, let us dwell free from hatred."

Above is a passage from the Dhammapadam or the "path of virtue" left for us by Lord Buddha. This is one of the most difficult thing for us to practice in life. Have you ever tried loving anyone who hated you? It is only a saint who can actually respect, admire, and love those who hate him.

However, this idealistic statement should not be discarded and thrown into the winds and forgotten. It contains the essence, the most essential factor in the promotion of Brotherhood among the people of our community. It becomes more and more essential in a place like the relocation centers.

What is hatred? It is defined in Webster's dictionary as a "great dislike" or not liking anything or anyone. Why do we hate anyone? I haven't a clear-cut answer to this question, but I believe that there is a definite and a deep-rooted reason for disliking a person.

Hatred is complicated. It is more confusing and more deep-rooted than any other human sentiments. Here are some of the reasons which I wish to list as the cause for disliking a person.

- (1) We dislike a person who has advantages over us.
- (2) Jealousy is a beginning of another form of hatred.
- (3) If the ideas disagree we be-

gin to hate each other.

(4) We hate persons for their weaknesses.

(5) We hate persons for their thoughts, their speeches, their appearances, their actions, and numerous other things.

(6) We hate them for their strong character.

(7) We hate persons unjustly and unreasonably.

Hatred is deep-rooted. Fortunately these feelings of dislike do not often result in acts of violence, but they poison life with feelings of hatred and anger becoming deeply entrenched in the minds of the people.

We argue and quarrel over trifling affairs to our own harm and our own suffering. Thus our lives become only dreary rounds of unhappiness.

Lord Buddha has said greed, foolishness, and hatred is due to ignorance. Ignorance leads to misunderstanding and misunderstanding leads to jealousy, and jealousy leads to hatred. Human mind is so strange.

Hatred and anger: these two poisoned darts originate within the minds and infect it with deadly poison. If people are infected with these poisons, they will lie, cheat, chatter, abuse by word and then will actualize their words by killing, stealing, and committing adultery.

It is an ironical truth that closer one gets to the battle fronts, the finer the moral quality of the people one meets. It is said that

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hatred

the soldiers in the line seldom betray their lower nature: petty jealousies, selfishness, and cowardice are traits which are reserved for civilian group at home for whom the soldiers are dying.

People of America were told before the present war that each and every man would be given the privilege of serving his country in its hours of crisis. But as soon as the bombs had fallen on Pearl Harbor, the politicians went to work with their petty ideas, the industrialists began clamoring for contracts plus enormous profits, laborers began shouting for a share in the booty, coffee drinkers began hoarding coffee, automobile owners rushed to the store tires, and anyone who thought that the issue was not whether this country was to survive or not, but whether there wasn't some way to beat the other fellow and grab everything that came their way.

Millions of people are gripped together in a grim struggle to live, while millions and millions at home are complacently singing,

"Just around the corner

There's rainbow in the sky...."

Fight for survival is a grim business. We must realize it; but instead, our minds are allowed to become quite ignorant of such a fact. Instead of having better understanding among men in such a time of crisis, they go on being selfish and unsympathetic, hating, cheating and fighting with friends, neighbors and the public. We overestimate the

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camp two news

Rev. Fujimura is now stationed at Camp II Buddhist Church. He arrived here on Saturday, March 11. His arrival has added much spiritual joy in the hearts of the Buddhists. His home is located in 214-9-D.

Camp II YBA election was held on Sunday morning and the installation ceremonies followed on Sunday evening. Candlelight service and entertainments were open to the adults as well as for the YBA members.

Preparation is under way for a gigantic Hana Matsuri Celebration to be held during the week beginning April 20th. A one week program is being scheduled by the YBA and the church.

know a soldier?

Of course your brother in uniform misses his former friends. Let us put him on our mailing list.

value of everything else.

Religion makes us see our shortcomings; we see ourselves just as we are. We discover our own selfishness, our silly pride, our fears, our blunders. We develop a sense of moral obligations. Thus we begin our journey towards the better ways of life.

Our hatred and anger will be lessened to a greater degree. We may not be able to abolish them, but if we listen to good teachings and do a more considerate and careful thinking we can come a step closer to the ideals expressed in the Dhammapada—"Love those who hate us and there will be no hate".

gala hana matsuri membership drive

A gala Hana Matsuri program is planned by both the YBA and the Buddhist Church of Unit III on April 7 and 8 and 9 (Fri., Sat., and Sun.) coinciding on the Birthday of Gotama Sakyamuni, April 8th.

The large amphitheatre of the Poston Square Garden will be the scene of the Hana Matsuri Celebration with services and festive entertainment for the occasion. It is planned to have the Church sponsor the service, while the YBA take charge of the entertainment, with the two vice presidents act as co-chairman in planning the program. The Sunday School will be asked to present plays and musical numbers at the outdoor festival on Sat. April 8th.

On Sunday, April 9, the YBA will sponsor the Young Peoples' special Hana Matsuri service from 10 AM at the 322 Buddhist Church. The Roku II with Mary Shimozone will be in charge of the program. Efforts are made to obtain a guest speaker from either Camp I or Camp II.

For the members of the YBA, exclusively, the Hana Matsuri Social was decided to precede the outdoor services, and set tentatively for Friday, April 7 at the 310 Mess Hall. This social is planned to climax the YBA membership drive.

All YBA members are requested to help prepare the stage and clean-up after the program for the social as well as the amphitheatre. Benches, pianos, and flowers must be set on the stage, while the mess hall must be cleared.

Starting Sunday, March 19, all the block representatives to the YBA Board of Directors have begun a camp-wide membership drive. Their respective blocks are being canvassed and every person is asked to aid them in order to end the drive as soon as possible.

Although in the past, all members received their membership cards free of charge, this year's fee is fifteen cents, which will partially pay for the YBA's operation. In order that an accurate record of all Busseis in camp, and by which all future activities will be decided, it was necessary that paid membership be instituted. It has been decided that it was only fair to be of service to those members who support the YBA. This does not mean that non-paid Busseis are barred, but on the contrary, they are urged to attend our religious services and would welcome them to be members

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exe. sec. wanted

Realizing the importance and need of an executive secretary, the YBA has asked the members to find someone capable to work in behalf of the YBA. The job will begin from next month.

A committee of three and Rev. Tsunoda and Mas Honda will determine all applications and recommendations and will contact the person best fitted to the position. The committee are from each Roku.

fourth round of yba nites undecided church plan meet at topaz center

With only 317 remaining, the end of the third round of the YBA Nites will come to a close on March 28. Various suggestions were made at the YBA Board of Directors meeting, to improve the YBA Nites and continue it into the fourth round, but it was finally decided to be tabled until after the membership drive and the reorganization of the block system of representation, which if it is successfully formed will sponsor intra-club socials, sports, service et cetera and replace the YBA Nites.

three busseis fill vacancies

At the last Board of Directors meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, at the Church office, three Busseis were added to the cabinet to fill the vacancies caused by relocation and resignation.

Toru Ikeda was elected 2nd Vice President in place of Frank Doi who left for New York recently.

Bill Tsuji was unanimously elected to be the treasurer, while his former position of Ass't Treasurer was filled by Yutaka Takanishi of 326. The treasury was formerly held by Henry Hosaka who has transferred to Crystal City with his family.

Accepting Misao Nakamura's resignation, Doris Fujimoto, 330, was elected to take her place, and Grace Hosaka, 322, became Ass't Music Chairman.

Extending an invitation to all centers and free zone churches, the Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America have requested that one reverend, one issei and one YBA member be present at the first war-time conference of its organization to be held on April 28 and 29 at Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah.

Numerous topics were listed, not specific but in general, such as the Buddhist movement in the free zone, incorporation, Nisei ministry education, publications, coast church minister's pay in the centers, and others.

At present Rev. Tsunoda has been appointed by the YBA, with one or two alternates in case he cannot make the trip.

s.s. teachers honored

Two active Sunday School teachers of Roku II were honored at a party given at the 316 Buddhist Church on Wed., March 15. They were for Yoshiko Acki, who recently announced her engagement to Yoshio Ishibashi of Gila Center, and Anna Yamada, who became Mrs. Tokuo Yamamoto.

new roku II teachers

The new teachers of this roku who were added to the staff as assistant S.S. Teachers are Dorothy Yamamoto, Mary Takayama, and Michiye Nakagawa. Alyce Takayama was elected Ass't Director, and Sumiko Nakagawa was elected Advisor for the Jr. Treas.

talents highlight "nite"

The most original YBA nite by the combined sponsorship of block 309 and Roku III was held at 316 Buddhist Church, Tues. March 7th before half the usual crowd.

Japanese Dance by June Tanaka and Mary Ota, vocal by Joan Mimura, and piano solo, "Kudan no Haha"; "Sonata" by Beethoven, by Rosie Takahashi highlighted the evening of entertainment with Masami Honda as Emcee.

The devotional service was chairmaned by Grace Hosaka with Rev. Tsunoda delivering an interesting sermon on, a topic, "Do not get discouraged."

mayor takashima takes bride

K. J. Takashima, the mayor of Poston, married Yoshiko Taniguchi of 53 (Camp I) on March 18 at the 322 Buddhist Church with Rev. Z. Kawasaki officiating the nuptials.

engaged

Miharu Akiba, 325, announced her engagement to Kyoto Sakai, 325, at her home, officiated by Rev. Z. Kawasaki on March 11.

last rites held

Tome Nishida, mother of Jitsuo Jay Nishida, Block Managers' Supervisor of Camp III, died after being confined in the Poston General Hospital. She passed away on Sat. March 5. Funeral services were held on March 10 at the 306 Buddhist Church.

leaves

Miyoko and Tokiko Mikasa, 316, Cincinnati; Yoshio Hasb., 316, Chicago; Carl Kada, 323, Crowley, Colo.; Frank Mtsushima, 316, Minneapolis; Kimu and George T. rasaki, 306, La Jara, Colo.

On short term leave are--Ky and Chikara Sasaki, George Iwasaki, 318 Ruxburg, Idaho; Sadao Oda, 327, Samuel Masumoto, Weiser, Idaho; George Kawano, 309, Mary Shinazono and mother Tsuru, 318 to Gila.

Willie and Rui Katahira, 326, Chicago; Hideo and Mitsuko Sakai, 325, Cleveland, Ohio.

visitors

Sgt. Frank Oda and Haruko Oda, Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.; Kan and Irene Kabara, El Paso, Texas; Fred and Kenneth Nishida, Logandale, Nevada; Frank Watanabe, Salt Lake City; Jiro and George Watanabe, Vale, Oregon; Pvt. Shoji Nakayama, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

—continued O-higan—

together at the Shrine of Amida Buddha and while we call on His Holy Name, contemplate on our past acts and thoughts and resolve that we shall walk in His Holy Path with courage and hope.

continued on membership

The membership drive will end on April 7, with the Hana Matsuri Social, when new members of the YBA will celebrate and get acquainted. There will be no tickets on sale; the only admittance is with your new YBA card. In order that we can assure ourselves with a good program, we encourage...

Letters from our Bussais

Dear Mr. Okada,

Highest compliments are due you and your staff for putting out such an excellent church paper. The articles are interesting and ably presented. I enjoy reading every line. Keep up the good work.

If more issues are forthcoming please send them to my new address. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Henry H. Fujiura

Dear Sirs,

I wish to thank you for sending me the well-arranged and skillfully edited publication of your Organization.

It is apparent by this publication that Buddhist are still carrying on the torch of Faith in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, and I am mighty proud and receive tremendous inspiration and courage to see you young people incessantly working for the building of the firm foundation in the institution of religious belief.

We need more of your ability and earnestness and from your continuous appeal to the fellow Bussais reveals the fact that some are striving towards this attainment and others shall we say the multitude, relaxing nonchalantly, still this dream of ours which is a bumpy road obstructed with difficulty something remote to them.

Your appeals are sincere but, no matter how minor your groups that is Our group; we must strive on, with strong Faith, in harmony in the Eightfold Path. Failures cannot

CALENDAR

MARCH 26

SUNDAY SERVICES

Roku I....Children & Juniors 9 A.M.
307 in charge

Roku II.....Children 9 A.M.
Juniors 10 A.M.

Roku III...Children & Juniors 9 A.M.

YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE 10 A.M.

ADULT SERVICES..... 7 P.M.

316, Rev. Kawasaki; 306, Rev. Sakow

MARCH 28, Tuesday...YBA NITE at 306
sponsored by Block 317

APRIL 2

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daunt us, for Hope shall be born, anew. Carry on this Noble conflict, ye Disciples of Lord Buddha. Carry On!

With the Blessings of Amida, I remain,

Sincerely in Dharma,
Newton Ishiura
New Haven, Conn.

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Hana Matsuri

Festival

Birth Of Buddha

from "Outline Of Buddhism".

Chief among the leading minds of the sixth century before Christ, towers the intellect of Siddhartha Gautama afterwards known as The Buddha. The word Buddha-by the way is a title and means the Knower or the Fully Enlightened One. The task of this man was the founding of a world religion which might be embraced by all men irrespective of caste, color, or race.

That the Buddha was an actual living being, there is no doubt, and we know when and where he lived. The old reports in the scriptures are corroborated by other contemporaneous writings, even by those of adversaries. There exist also, rock inscriptions, whose antiquity and authenticity cannot be doubted, recording some of the principle teachings.

The Buddha was born in a grove in a grove Lumbini Park in the suburbs of the city of Kapilavasthu not far from Benares in India. His Father Buddhodana and His Mother Mahamaya were probably royalties, although some claim that his father was a chieftain rather than a king. Be that as it may, he has come down to be historically as a prince. His birthplace has been traced and verified by a pillar or column erected by the great Emperor Asoka about 250 B. C. on which is engraved in the writings and language of the day: "Here the Buddha, The Sage of the Sakyas was born."

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Things To Know About 'Wesak Day'

Wesak Day is the day on which our Lord Buddha appeared on this earth as the son of King Buddhodana and Queen Maya, rulers of the Sakya Clan in Northern India.

According to calculations based on the Gregorian Calendar the date of His Birth falls on April 8, April being the gentle month of soft rains and flowers.

'Kanbutsu'

The rite of pouring sweet tea on the figure of the Buddha is called Kanbutsu. When the Buddha was born in the beautiful Lumbini Garden the heavens in great joy let fall a gentle and sweet rain which bathed the body of the little babe. From this event the rite of the Kanbutsu owes its origin. It is the main rite of the Wesak Day Celebration.

'Hana Matsuri'

Hanamatsuri, another name for the Wesak Festival, means literally Flower Festival. This name has been given to this day upon which the Buddha was born due to the fact that the Shrine of the Buddha is decorated with beautiful flowers.

'Hanamido'

The altar in which the figure of the Buddha is enshrined is called the Mido. For the Wesak Festival, as the Mido is decorated with flowers it is called the Hana-Mido.

YBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMED

The new names to the YBA Board of Directors was disclosed by President Masami Honda. Many of the members are retained from last term and are here listed in full, with the new.

- 305--Masafichi Kitauchi, Fay Kajicka
- 306--Fusako Ashida, Noby Mitsuoka
- 307--Sayoko Kuranaga, Tak Naito
- 308--Kingo Fujimoto, Frank Kuwada
- 309--Sumiko Honjo, Sayoko Togioka
- 316--Jimmy Hatakeda, Gene Shimaji-Kiyesumi Matsushima
- 317--Anna Mae Fujino, Tee Mizuki
- 318--Fumiko Sasaki, Mary Shimezono
- Hiroshi Aoki
- 322--Ruth Takahashi, Kiyoshi Nakagawa
- 323--Michiyo Minamide, Meggie Hatada
- Keiko Takemoto
- 325--Masako Uota, Hisako Kamikawa
- 326--Miyoko Katano, Chiyoko Fujinaka
- 327--Hiroshi Mayumi, Sue Tsuji
- 328--Stella Kitahara
- 329--Aiko Kubo, Isamu Nakamura
- 330--Margaret Arakawa, Kikuye Kawamoto, Yoshiko Ogawa

SERA APPOINTED

James Sera, the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the YBA, was introduced to the body at Tuesday's meeting. His headquarter will be located at the 310 Buddhist Church Office.

MANABU BACK FROM GILA

The Camp II YBA Director, Manabu Fukuda who has been contributing timely articles to the Bussei Review, left accompanied with Mrs. Fukuda for Gila on Thursday, March 23rd to visit relatives and friends. They are expecting to be back Wed.

THIRD ROUND ENDS WITH 317

Winding up its third round of successful weekly YBA Nites, the 317 Bussei were sponsors of the YBA Nite on March 28 at the 306 Buddhist Church. Rev. Tsunoda delivered the talk on "Happiness", for the devotional service with Alyce Takayama as chairman.

The latter part of the evening was spent in hilarious parlor games with the entire congregation participating in its good clean fun. The capable leaders were Anna Mae Fujino and Tee Mizuki.

As a gigantic climax to the present system of weekly Bussei gathering, the YBA Cabinet members will sponsor a YBA Nite sometime after the Hana Matsuri Festival, it was announced by president, Masami Honda.

PUBLICATIONS FROM YBA & CHURCH

Congratulations to the DENSON BUDDHIST BULLETIN? BUSSEI HIGHLIGHTS (Ogden YBA), YBA BULLETIN (Poston 2) and the TEMPLE BULLETIN (Poston 1) in their splendid work in publishing such well-organized news bulletin. We wish them continued success and carry on!

The YBA would appreciate if others publishing such bulletins, can favor us with a copy every issue.

These copies are kept on file in the church office for the Busseis to read and enjoy, so please feel free to ask for them.

REPORTS BY BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA

COAST CHURCH STATUS ADVISED

We are advising you in regards to the Buddhist Churches which you have left behind on the West Coast. Realizing the fact that we do not know what is in store for the buildings that are left behind, we must comply with the Alien Land Law in every respect. We find it most urgent that each church appoint Board of Directors and empower this Board to act upon any church problems needing immediate attention so that various church problems can be undertaken by said Board. This Board must naturally be a Nisei Board consisting of at least three members and the names of the Board of Directors must be reported to the Secretary of State of the State where the church is located.

This is to be done only in those cases where the church has been incorporated.

We realize, too, that many of the Buddhist Churches did not have a Nisei Board of Directors, and that since evacuation the Board Members have been scattered about; and hence, it has been made difficult to conduct meetings to thrash out the problems of the church.

This being the case, we found it rather advisable that if the majority of the members of the certain church are concentrated in one section or a center; the Board of Director be appointed from that group

so that in an emergency case they may take whatever action deemed necessary.

If, too, though the majority of the members are in one center but find that the reverend for the said group is not there, it would be wise to select the Board of Directors and send names to the reverend for his approval. With many matters in regards to the church building coming into our office, we find it is necessary that you send to us at your earliest convenience, a list of the members of the Board of Directors of your church, so that we may give you our fullest assistance in ironing out whatever difficulty you may have.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE & CHURCH SUPPLIES

After much research, the Buddhist Churches of America has finally undertaken the task of making available in the very near future the various church supplies. Rev. T. Kashima has been selected to head this department. This department has been divided into two sections, namely, the literary department and the supplies department. The literary department has been compiling materials and data in efforts to publish an English booklet on Buddhism. The supplies department is gathering materials and in the very near future will distribute at a nominal cost, a beautifully mounted pocket-sized image of Amida (Go-ho-
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Shakamuni Buddha & Amida Buddha

by Rev. Z. Kawasaki

In the Shin Sect there are two views in regard to Amida Buddha and Shakamuni Buddha—that they are different and that they are the same.

Shakamuni Buddha was born in India 2500 years ago as a prince of a nation. He is a historical personality. Amida Buddha is not a historical personality, never having been born, never having died, but is one who from innumerable kalpas past built His Pure Land and is at the present time teaching the Dharma for the sake of all sentient beings. In other words, He is the Buddha who becomes the object of religious worship. In the Sutras various descriptions are given of Amida Buddha, but in all cases He exists from a religious basis, we cannot recognize Him from the standpoint of history or geography.

Thus, when we say that Amida Buddha and Shakamuni Buddha are altogether different the following may be said: "Among the countless Buddhas in the universe both Shakamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha exist. Shakamuni Buddha was born in India 2500 years ago.

Then there is the view that Shakamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha are one and the same. This view is that Amida Buddha taking compassion on all sentient beings took on human form and appeared on earth as Shakamuni Buddha.

St. Shinran declared that Amida Buddha and Shakamuni Buddha are the

translated by Rev. N. Tsunoda

same. This, because He was born in this world to teach mankind the Original Vow of Amida, when He preached the Larger Sukhavati Vyuha He did so as Amida Buddha.

Thus, very simply we may say that from the historical standpoint Shakamuni Buddha was one who was born in India and thus is different from Amida Buddha, but from the standpoint of religious faith Amida Buddha appeared on this earth as Shakamuni Buddha for the sake of all mankind.

In the Shin Sect these two Buddhas are regarded as one; thus the Larger Sukhavati Vyuha is not considered the Teaching of Shakamuni Buddha but the Teachings of Amida Buddha. Accordingly in the Shin Sect Shakamuni Buddha is not the object of worship. Furthermore,

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LIFE

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grand journey of pleasure. These things have proven to me the significance of the Four Noble Truths.

Happiness follows sorrow, and sorrow follows happiness; but soon all of us will no longer discriminate between happiness and sorrow because we will be able to realize the freedom of the mind and spirit in the truth of the Sangha.

We must not be bitter; we must not be pessimistic; we must not throw up our hands and say "what a life! what's the use of living."

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DON T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS

We Send
Everyone Who
And Ignorance,
Striving To



Greetings To
Are In Doubt
And To Those
Attain Truth

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Such an attitude is reserved only for a weakling and coward. A true Buddhist we must train ourselves so that after we have shed tears we can smile again, and after we have cried we can laugh once more. We must train ourselves so that we can recall that fact that there are many many more people who are in a much more miserable state than we are.

Why do we live? Why do I live? This is my answer:

I live because I was given right to live by my past Karma. I live even though I suffer because I believe that suffering is an part of my life due to my past deeds.

I live because I want to see how far I can progress in this world and I shall not stop living until my time is up.

I live because I want to help my fellow traveller on the road to Eternal Peace and I believe that

others will help one if I should stumble on the wrong path.

I live because I have faith in life. I live because I have faith in the people around me even though they seem to be bad. Above all, I live because I have faith in the Divine Name of the Namu Amida Butsu.

This is why I live and I hope this is why you live.

Namu Amida Butsu

Shakamuni & Amida

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even though They may be different from the standpoint of history both of Them are not placed on the altar as objects of worship. In the Shin Sect no other Buddha other than Amida Buddha is worshipped.

Recently all sects of Buddhism commemorate Wesak Day, the Anniversary of the birth of Shakamuni Buddha; although faith may differ in interpretation, the rituals have much in common.

GET YOUR BUSSEL REVIEW FROM YOUR BLOCK DIRECTOR

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WESAK DAY SLATED

3-DAY PROGRAM REVEALED

Wesak Day or Hana Matsuri, commemorating the birth of Gotama Buddha, will be celebrated by all the Buddhist of Camp III with a 3-day program. Socials and Services for the old and young have been prepared. On Friday nite, the members of the YBA will sponsor the Hana Matsuri Social at the 310 mess hall. The next day, Saturday, will be the colorful outdoor service for all Buddhists, sponsored by the Church at the Poston Square Garden Amphitheater, high lighted with songs, odoris, solos, and dances by the YBA, Sunday School and the pupils of Anna Mae Fujino. The celebration will be climaxed with a special Young Peoples' Hana Matsuri Service on Sunday morning 10:00 AM at the 322 Buddhist Church.

CAMP II HANA MATSURI FOR ONE WEEK

The Camp II YBA BULLETIN says: "Hana Matsuri Week this year is tentatively slated for the dates between the 22nd and 30th of April, with such events as oratoricals, casaba tourneys, YBA drama, and the Festival Ball featured".

Souvenir magazines, trophies, prizes are planned for the various affairs. The YBA, Sunday School, and the Church will combine and participate throughout the one week Festival.

HANA MATSURI PROGRAM

Saturday, April 8, 1944
Poston Square Garden

Chairman: Unjiro Muraoka

1. Gatha.....Hanamatsuri Koshin-ka
2. Opening Address.....Chairman
3. Gatha.....Roku II Junior Choir
4. Chanting of Sutra
5. Kanbutsu
6. Address:
YBA.....Tom Tanaka
Buddhist Church Saisuke Noguchi
7. Sermon.....Rev. Z. Kawasaki
8. Gatha.....Roku II Junior Choir
9. Closing Address.....Chairman

Chairman of Entertainment
Ichiro Okada

YBA HANAMATSURI PROGRAM

Sunday, April 9, 1944 10:00 AM
322 Buddhist Church

Chairman: Masami Honda
Pianist: Misao Nakamura

1. Prelude
2. Opening of Curtain
3. Opening Address.....Chairman
4. Gatha....Softly Blew the Breezes
5. Chanting of Sutra
6. Kanbutsu.....(Block YBA Representatives)
7. Gatha....Hanamatsuri Koshinkyoku
8. Sermon.....Rev. Z. Kawasaki
9. Creed.....Rev. N. Tsunoda
10. Gatha.....Namu Amida Butsu
11. Closing Address.....Chairman
12. Closing of Curtain

YBA DELEGATES

REV. TSUNODA & MAS. HONDA

It was disclosed at the last Tuesday's meeting that Rev. Tsunoda and Masami Honda have applied for short term leave to attend the Buddhist Church of America conference in behalf of the YBA. Their proposed itinerary is to leave next Tuesday, April 11th for Denver and then to Topaz, providing clearance can be obtained in time for Reverend who expressed surprise, like many of us, to be on the stop list. It is hoped that he can go, but in case he cannot attend Masami Honda will be delegate to this confab.

NEW YBA PROGRAM

ACCEPTED

At the Cabinet and Board of Directors meeting held on Tuesday, April 4, a plan to formulate a respective Block YBA was presented to the body by the appointed committee lead by Tom Tanaka; it was accepted unanimously. This plan was centered in the idea that a new system of YBA program be carried out in order to create more interest and cooperation.

During its discussion it was explained that blocks with few Busseis should go ahead and form their own block YBA and then participate in the YBA activities jointly with their neighboring YBA. For blocks with married and older Busseis are asked for their cooperation within their respective block. It was also

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DENSON YBA PREPARES FOR DISBANDMENT

The Denson Buddhist Bulletin, a monthly church publication of the Jerome Relocation Project, Denson, Arkansas, disclosed in its March issue of the inevitable dissolution of the Denson YBA. The Jerome Center is the first center to meet the fate of diminished population caused by relocation. The Bulletin says:

"As a shocking blow to the Denson YBA came the untimely announcement from Washington on February 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 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 "Hana 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.

~~assured that~~ after the membership drive now conducted in each block, a uniform constitution will be drafted.

URGE YOUR FRIENDS TO BE MEMBERS OF YBA

Wesak Day Celebrated In Europe, England

Since Buddhism is not only confined to the East, but found spreading itself throughout the World, especially picking up velocity in Europe, England and America, Wesak Day is celebrated wherever Buddhist are found. Publications from England namely the **BUDDHISM IN ENGLAND** has revealed the great strides made by various Buddhist organizations and the report of various European Wesak Day news.

Although found in an old issue of 1943, it says:

"Since we announced the formation of the Hamburg Society in May, 1932 we had heard no news of its activi-

ties until the 4th of this month when we were delighted to receive a report of its first "Wesak Festival" from one of its members, Herr Wilhelm R. Richter, who says Buddhism is "in the air" in Germany, and had this meeting been advertised no doubt the attendance would have been doubled or trebled.

And it goes on, "On the evening of the 28th May of this year, Vesakh Uposatha was for the first time celebrated in Hamburg; seventy-eight persons assembling in the hall of the Anthroposophical Society to take part there in. Some of these came from several local Buddhist Centres but many of them were isolated students".

In another report, "The Festival of Wesak was celebrated at Cambridge on Sunday afternoon, May 27th, at a meeting convened by the Ven. P. Vajiranyana Thera at the house of the Maharajah Kunar of Dharampur".

Still in another, "The Full Moon of Vaisakha fell this year on the 28th day of May. At eight o'clock that evening the Buddhist in and around London, including a few visitors from the provinces, met at the Caxton Hall, London."

Wesak Day undoubtedly is commemorated today as it has been when this report was published, although in a much restricted manner due to the present circumstances. It seems they follow the lunar calendar instead of our so-called solar calendar or

Birth Of Buddha

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The Sakyas, the people over whom Suddhodana, the Buddha's father, reigned, lived on the borders of Nepal; they were a branch of the great family of which the Germanic and Slav peoples in Europe are also members. Hence the titles Sakya-muni, wise man of the Sakyas, and Sakya-sinha, lion of the Sakyas.

Seven days after the Buddha's birth his mother died and her sister Pajapati, Suddhodana's second wife, took care of him. She later became the first woman member of his order.

In due time the name Siddhartha, meaning the "All Successful One," was given him; his family name being Gautama, he is known to many as the Prince Siddhartha Gautama.

Life

by Manabu Fukuda

Have you ever stopped to think that most of a young people of Bussei age groups have already spent anywhere from $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the normal human life? I became alarmed when I realize that I have used up $\frac{1}{2}$ of the average human life and I often wonder, "what have I done or accomplished during the past quarter of a century or more?" I do not know what your answer may be, but mine is, "nothing".

Sometimes we should sit down and ponder over the past and see what we have accomplished in the way of good deeds or worthwhile tasks. I feel that it is quite necessary that we take an inventory of our activities for a certain period of time. Not only must we investigate our physical activities, but we must also consider our mental and spiritual conditions as well.

When we realize that we have actually wasted half of our lives, we should begin to realize about ourselves. While we are here in Poston and have more time than money let us meditate a little and look over the pages of our personal biographies.

Don't you think it would be interesting and worthwhile to write our autobiographies? I think most of us would be reluctant and ashamed to permit anyone to read our past lives if we honestly describe our youthful lives detail, and would be surprised to learn how little we performed the things that we had to

and how much effort we wasted on the things which would have been omitted from our lives.

We shall be amazed at the fact that some of us merely live to eat and sleep as we stay on this earth as human beings. We are very unimportant when we think of ourselves just in terms of mere physical existence, eating, sleeping, laughing, crying, joking, fretting, grieving, rejoicing, and finally dissolving into dust. If that is all, why did we ever come into this world. Surely, we must have other reasons than to just idle away the time while suffering various tragedies of human life.

Sometimes I can not understand why all these tragedies of the present war have to come trooping together so mercilessly and so devastatingly upon the lives of the human beings. However, I can realize that during the course of life we must learn to take these bitter pills which may bring us to better world in the future. I feel fortunate for being given these bitter experiences in life for these things shall become good medicines of the soul.

My past life's experiences have taught me that I must be brave. Brave, not in the sense of physical hardship, but brave in meeting all heart aches of life. The tragedies and the sufferings have proven to be that life is not picnic nor a
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IN AND OUT INDEFINITES

Mitsuko and Hideo Sakai, 325, Cleveland, Ohio; Irene Tautsumi, 317, Atsuko Aoki, 318, Washington D.C.; Nobuo Honda, 330, Detroit, Mich.; Itsuko, Masayoshi, Mitsuyo, and Sachiko Hasebe, 316, Logandale, Nev.; Takao Yasuda, 325, Shizuo Akiyama, 330, San Antonio, Texas.

VISITORS

S/Sgt. Frank Oda and Haruko Oda, Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. Pvt. Ernest Hiratauka, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Tsune and Katsuyo Takashima, from Crystal City, Tex.; Larry Inouye, Chicago, Ill.; Toyoko Hattori, Chicago, Ill.; Frank and Roy Yamane, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Takayama, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Fred and Kenny Nishida, Logandale, Nev.; Frank Watababe, Logandale, Nev.; Helen Ota, Chicago, Illinois; Yuri Matsumoto, Mary Shigeo, Fumiko Hamada, Gila.

SHORT TERMS

Unekichi Tanaka, 307, Rivers, Ariz.; Yoshiko Aoki, 318, Rivers, Ariz.; Shingo Takenaka and Carl Shoji, 316, Centerio, Oreg.; Fujiy Abe, 318, Rivers, Ariz.; Masaichi Ota Phoenix, Arizona.

OBITUARY

Mr. Seki Sakamoto, 328-11-D, formerly of El Monte passed away on April 1st, after long illness. Funeral service was held on Thursday April 6, at 322 Buddhist Church.

BUDDHIST CHURCHES REPORT

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nzen). We are making enough to fit the needs of all Buddhists so if you desire these images, we would appreciate very much if you will send to you more information pertaining to this subject at a later date as to the actual cost, etc.

REVERENDS JOIN FAMILIES

We present to you the recent parolees from the Detention Camp in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We welcome back Reverends, Joshin Motoyoshi and Bunyu Fujimura. Their new addresses for Bunyu Fujimura Block 214 Poston, Arizona, and Joshin Motoyoshi Block 27-1-D, Topaz, Utah.

TRANSFERS TO CRYSTAL CITY, & ROHWER CENTER

The list of the latest transferees to Crystal City, Texas Family Internment Camp. Rev. Shuyu Shinokawa, Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, Rev. Masayoshi Okita, Rev. Guzei Nishii, and Rev. Hoshin Fujikado.

Rev. Daitetsu Hayashima has kindly obliged to transfer from Heart Mountain WRA Center to the Rohwer WRA Center, to fill the needs of the Buddhist Church there. We wish Rev. Hayashima every success.

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CALENDAR

APRIL 7, Friday, Hana Matsuri Social
Sponsored by YBA, at 310 mess hall
starting at 8PM; members only.

APRIL 8, Saturday, Shakyamuni's Hana Matsuri, sponsored by church.
At Poston Square Garden, 8:PM. Everybody welcome.

APRIL 9, Sunday, Young Peoples' Hana Matsuri Services, by YBA, at the
322 Buddhist Church, 10AM sharp.
(It is hoped that the Busses will make gracious offerings upon this joyous occasion, aside from their usual offers.) Everybody welcome.

APRIL 16, Sunday, Sunday Services
Roku I..Children & Juniors 9 a.m.
309 in charge
Roku II.....Children 9 a.m.
Juniors 10 a.m.
Roku III..Children & Juniors 9 a.m.
YOUNG PEOPLES' SERVICES, at 322
10 a.m. Roku II in charge
ADULT SERVICES, starting 8:30 p.m.
Rev. Kawasaki at 322 Rec.
Rev. Sakow at 316

EDITOR'S BOX

This new column requests your aid with gossip, suggestions, questions and opinions, addresses to the EDITOR'S BOX, c/o BUSSEI REVIEW and mail or give to the office or the Roku Editors. Everyone's cooperation will make this column interesting. Please write short articles.

Softly Blew The Breezes

Softly blew the breezes
On that Summer morn,
In Lumbini's garden,
Where the Lord was born.

From the earth sprang flowers,
Birds in warbles sang,
While through earth and heaven
Strains of music rang.

Gods and men and angels,
All for worship came,
Glory to the Buddha,
Glory to His Name.



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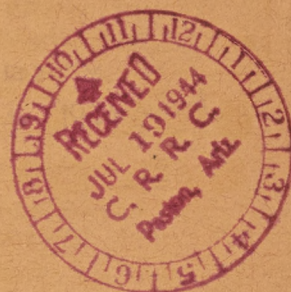
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EDITORIAL

REV. TSUNODA LEAVES POSTON

Our advisor, around whom the YBA has become the most influential and worthy organization in Poston III, has decided to leave us in order that he can be of greater service where Buddhism is greatly impaired by the lack of an English-speaking reverend.

Rev. Tsunoda has given us a new light to the spirit of Amida Buddha in his English sermons. His youthful, good-natured personality has bridged the gap between reverend and Busseis. So, our fight for Buddhism here in camp became a mutual concern.

Now he leaves us. The Truth that all things are impermanent, and that we suffer a complex of the things we want but cannot get, finally comes to reality.

After being fortunate to have him so long, isn't it like parting with your best friend?

GO-EIZO

"Only through the recitation of the Nembutsu we are saved by Amida-Buddha." Our absolute faith in Amida-Buddha, who fulfilled His Vow with austerities and work for myriads of Kalpas, and the countless Merits and Virtues and Wisdom thus attained are treasured up and realized in this Sacred Symbol, "Namu Amida Butsu". It has, therefore, the power to induce us to rely upon it. The Go-eizo is the Holy Figure of Amida Buddha, the object of our worship. Carry it with you, seek comfort in the Name, "Namu Amida Butsu".



ONCE AGAIN

.....Obon is just around the corner. In spite of the countless number of Busseis either already gone or presently relocating, we feel that this years Obon Odori will be just as gay. So, let's one and all, young and old, join in the tuneful odoris.

THE YOUNG MATRON

.....you see when you walk into the Buddhist Church office is none other than Mrs. Helen Yamakoshi, who has relieved Mrs. Mutsuyo Tsunoda of her duties as typist-secretary. Helen's doing a bang up job, too!

WE EXTEND

.....greetings (and all that goes with it) to our new colleagues Sue and Michi. We know you'll like working (?) for the Bussei Review.

AND THUS

.....we initiate this column (and what a puny one, too.) Yes, my dear friends, we are afraid it's going to be a regular feature of the Bussei Review.

● BUDDHIST LIFE

A Buddhist Pens A Letter

by frank doi

It was quite sometime ago that I said goodbye to you and many more of the good friends of Pos-ton. I thought I better stop hybinating and let you know that I still exist in perfect condition. I receive the Bussei Review quite regularly and never before did I realize the full value of the publication as I enjoy the paper now. When I left the Center and the days went by, I was always wondering how I was going to keep track of the Y.B.A. events. But as long as the paper is kept up I think it certainly allows every reader one moment of honest to goodness enjoyment.

Being here practically four months, I am, I hope, able to tell you somethings about this locality. Of course, when one thinks of New York, they have in mind the Metropolis, but let me tell you that there certainly is the hickish side to the state, also. I am in one of the numerous country villages which have been existing since the early pioneer days. There are many points of historical interest as one drives around the country. The people all seem to know each other like brothers and sisters and we were accepted as equally. I am very pleased with the public sentiment here. I don't think one could expect it any better. I was invited to the village Church of Friends almost the day after arriving. Since I am so far from the city, I am not able to take part in any of its activities. The only activity we have here is very similar to the events held by the prominent Bussei couple in McHenry, Ill. (Mr. & Mrs. H. Mayeda). Just a simple grace during meal time. However, sometimes it winds up as a complicated sermon on my part with Mr. Jim Ueta as the victim (if I only knew more about it). I am very glad to learn that a chapter is being set up at Chicago. I hope some day we'll be able to set up one in Poplar Ridge. Please note that I said someday.

We saw only three Japanese American thus far
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SUE -miling along
by estie

Hi Folks!

....Since I'm the one who's to let you in on the dope out--I'll waste none of yours or my time, but go right in to it.

GET-TOGETHER....

....318 YBA and 306 must have a lot in common--they had 2 joint socials recently, and good ole "weenie bakes" seem quite popular too. IN & OUT.....

....Among the Busseis who left camp are Fred Omachi, Mr. & Mrs. H. Yobisu both, respective Block YBA advisors.

....Incidentally I heard that many Busseis out on seasonals returned with empty pockets. Wonder why???

TERRIFIC HEAT.....

....This summer heat is terrific--coolers are really appreciated--especially when one walks to and from work 4 times a day.

ODDS & ENDS.....

....Songbird, Y.N. is working now at Ad. A. office.

....K.Y. and N.M. of Stewards prefers Ad. A to any other, namely, Supervisors and Law Office.

● RELIGION

by pfc. m. abe

Excerpts from a Soldier's Letter

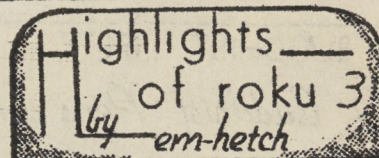
ED.'S NOTE: The following was taken from a letter to one of our members.

If there is anything which I would like to impress into the minds of the Niseis in the various centers, it is their religion....be it Buddhist or Christianity. Nothing has been more pathetic to see than those Niseis who are soldiers yet are spiritually immature. Young as we are, invariably we measure or value in terms of material things too much and....naturally, we forget that such things as spiritual side of a man's life is also essential in order to maintain a sober mind especially in time of war. War in itself is ugly, horrifying even at its best, regardless what others may say. Also, going to church may seem very sissified in the eyes of the younger set of sophisticates in the centers, but....war and its ugly nakedness of life at its worst will bring realizations that material things are useless in such times. Therefore, please tell my Bussei friends to attend churches so that they will not be one of the many who are spiritually immature!! Busseis in foxholes will tell you that what I have just said is not a laughing matter....soldiers will need it just as much as they need bullets and food and shelter while the bullets whine over their heads!

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and one of them is my good friend, Mas Uota. I had to go to see him but the other two came over to visit us. Niseis are as rare as the gasoline is in the tanks of the autos. One of the fellows was a chaplain from Camp Shelby visiting friends he acquired here while attending the seminary nearby. The other man was from the State of Maine. My, but how they are scattered.

We are doing our best to establish a good record for the Niseis by doing our share of minding our own business. I sincerely hope that each and everyone of the Buddhists, regardless of where you are strive to maintain the already strong going and expanding movement of our YBA



MINORU HATADA, 323-6-B, Fort Douglas, Utah
MICHIO MINAMIDE, 323-2-A, Chicago, Ill.

THE ROKU III

.....Sunday School is conducted weekly by our able advisor, Mrs. Tsunoda. We appreciate her untiring efforts in helping us carry on our Sunday School. Busseis helping her are Doris Fujimoto, pianist; Grace Hosaka, Midori Koba and Michiko Honda.

GOSSIP.....

....Why is K.K. all in smiles these days? Could it be because a certain fellow returned recently from Denver?

.....Who are the ideal twosome known as the "Hatakawa's"???

....How come "Mok" gets so excited when anyone mentions the Denver Bears' hardball team???

....Who is "In-a-way" whom "Kobra" is always raving about??

Thanks to Michi.....

....YBA owes much credit to Michi Minamide for making YBA posters etc....

....Served as Board of Director for Block 323.

YBA PLAN FAREWELL SOCIAL

The Poston III Busseis will hold a "Farewell Social" for Rev. N. Tsunoda on Sat. July 22.

At this time the newly elected YBA Officers Installation ceremony will be held with Rev. Tsunoda officiating.

ARMY CALLED MIN HATADA ACTIVE DUTY

In the fourth group of boys on the Enlisted Reserve leaving this center for active duty Minoru Hatada, 323-6-B, left for Fort Douglas, Utah on Sat. July 8. Previously, Minoru Fujisaki 305-12-B reported for active duty and is now in Camp Shelby, Miss (cont'd on page 8)

YBA ELECT NEW CABINET OFFICERS

As this issue is printed, the July-December cabinet was elected and we regret that names of the new cabinet cannot be published until the next issue.

The election was held on July 14 at the Board of Directors' meeting.

REV TSUNODA TO LEAVE FOR DENVER IN AUGUST

Coming as a complete surprise to many of the Busseis, Rev. Tsunoda revealed his plans to re-

BON ODORI PRACTISE BEGINS

At a joint meeting of the Y.B.A. Cabinet and the Buddhist Church last Saturday, it was decided to have the Obon Service on Saturday, Aug. 5th, at the Poston Square Garden, and the odori on the 6th, Sunday.

Mas Honda has been chosen general chairman of the odori.

It was revealed that the odori practices will commence on the week of the 24th. Sunday School directors are in charge of odori practices.

We would like to have all of the YBA members help, especially the girls to help with the odori practices.

election
Block YBA Presidents and each representative blocks voted, while the cabinet members did not have voting power.

locate to Denver, Colorado, where he is to reside and resume his ministry for the Young People of that area.

When he was invited to the Denver area, on his return trip from Topaz, Rev. Tsunoda saw the condition of the outside as far as Bussei activity was concerned, and it was during this time that negotiations were successfully concluded, except for minor details which were ironed out after his return to Poston. Moreover, not being fully recovered from his illness, Denver was chosen because of its beneficial climate.

As yet, Reverend has not set any definite date for his departure; the reverend has stated he would like to stay till after the Obon Festival.

Rev. and Mrs. Tsunoda are formerly from San Francisco. They voluntarily evacuated to Reedley, and on August 4, 1942 came to Poston.

NOMINEES CHOSEN FOR ELECTION

The Nomination Board consisting of Grace Hosaka, Midori Koba, Bill Tsuji, Fumi Sasaki, Toru Ikeda, Harry Kurana-ga, Hatsuyo Hirose and Bill Yokota met last Sunday with James Seta acting as chairman. The following nominees were chosen for the coming election.

Pres.-Masami Honda, Tom Dei, Harry Kuranaga, Tom Tanaka, Ruth Watanabe.

V. Pres.-Bill Tsuji, Toru Ikeda, Doris Fujimoto, Midori Koba, Kingo Fujimoto, Grace Hosaka. Sec.-Fusa Ashida, Hatsuyo Hirose, Alice Takayama, Margaret Arakawa, Misao Nakamura, Terry Shimizu.

Treas.-Yutaka Takanishi, Bill Yokota, Hitoshi Aoki, Michiko Honda, Tak Naito, Mas Okino. Lit. Chmn.-Ichiro Okada. Ass't Lit. Chmn.-Tom Tanaka, Doris Fujimoto, Mas Saita, Frank Saita, Mas Kitauchi, Fusa Ashida.

So. Chmn.-Kiyoshi Kawamoto, Anna Mae Fujino, Tom Tanaka, Joe Togioka, Noby Mitsuoka,

318 & 306 YBA HELD JOINT SOCIAL ADVISORS FETED

On July 9th Block 318 sponsored a social for Fred Omachi, advisor and Ibara family, who have left for the outside. As a return social, Block 306 was invited. Gen. Chmn. was Kiyoshi Kawamoto and he in turn chose the following who assisted him: Emcee, Teruko Shimizu; refreshment, Fred Masukawa and Mary Shimozono; Clean-up, Saiso Ishizue.

Go-eizo On Sale Miniature Size

A handy 2" x 2" Eizo is on sale at the Buddhist Church office for 50¢. As the order has to be sent to Topaz please put your orders in before the 30th of this month.

The YBA is purchasing Go-Eizos to give to the future inductees.

nominees

Doris Fujimoto, Midori Koba, Sakaye Inouye, Harry Kuranaga.

Mu. Chmn.-Misao Nakamura, Doris Fujimoto, Lola Tanaka, Anna Mae Fujino, Sakaye Inouye.

REV KUBOSE SPEAKS AT Y P & ADULT SERVICES

Heard by a large crowd, the first English sermon delivered by Rev. Kubose in Unit III was favorably received at the regular Young People's Service on July 2 at 322 Buddhist Church. Jimmie Hatakeda served as the chairman.

Rev. Kubose, from Heart Mountain Relocation Center, is one of the very few English speaking reverends in this country. Reverend also spoke at the evening Adult Service at the Poston Square Garden, with Eunkichi Suyeda as chairman.

EIZO ETOW, UNIT 1, GUEST SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY AT Y P SERVICE

Eizo Etow, devotional chairman of Unit I will be the guest speaker for this Sunday's Young People's service.

The service will start at 9:30 instead of usual 10:00 am, so encourage your friends to attend the YP Service.

TRI-UNIT YBA SEND TOKEN TO INSTRUCTORS OF NISEI MINISTERS

Tri-Unit YBA Directors, Presidents, and Reverends met in Camp I July 8, to further discuss the resolution passed at the Tri-Unit Conference, June 25, 1944. At this meeting, the amount of \$15 per unit, a total of \$45, was agreed to be sent to the Buddhist Churches of America for token of appreciation to instructors for their untiring effort in teaching those interested for Buddhist Minister-ship. This money is to be sent in the name of the Tri-Unit Conference.

The over-all Poston YBA Cabinet get-together will be held early next month with Camp 3 to be the host for the first meeting. The purpose of this over-all Poston YBA Cabinet meetings will be the working body to discuss problems confronting our closer cooperation of the three units.

NEWS-OTHER YBA ACTIVITIES OF OTHER YBA'S

NEW YORK YBA

At an impressive ceremony officiated by Rev. N. Ishiura, the following new officers were installed on June 10th. Pres.-Eugene Okada; v. pres.-Geo. Akinoto; rec. sec.-Sachi Tamaki; corr. sec.-TOYO MIYATA; treas. Sada Aoyama; mus. chmn.-Sakaye Mori; so. chmn.-Henry Tanabe; sports chmn.-Eddie Yoshikawa.

Acclaimed as the social high-light of Nisei New Yorkers, the Bussei Ball was held July

TOYO MIYATA, former Postonian was an active Bussei leader of this unit.

1, at the spacious Ball room of the Grand St. Bpy's Association. This gala affair was dedicated to the many Niseis about to join the U.S. Armed Forces. Music was furnished by Sal Rassa & his popular orchestra, well-known among Manhattan dance go-ers.

CORRINE YBA

The Corrine YBA held their first young peo-

WEDDING NUPTIAL VOWS EXCHANGED

MIKASA-MORI

Shigeo Mori of 316

claimed Tokiko Mikasa as his bride at 316 Buddhist Church, with Rev. Kawasaki officiating.

Kikumi Oda was the maid of honor, Stella Saruwatari, the flower girl, and James Sera served as best man. Reception followed at the 316 dining hall.

THANK YOU

The Poston III YBA wishes to thank the following for their generous contributions: Haruo Nakajiri, Cheyenne, Wyo; Frank Doi, Poplar Ridge, N.Y.; Terashi, Kan, and Irene Ibara of 318. (Ed. note: At the recent action of the YBA, it was decided not to publish the amount.)

ple's meeting on June 21st, with president Ichimatsu Nisogi, presiding. Services were offered by Rev. Kumata.

OGDEN YBA

Rev. Kumata and Pres. Geo. Kano with their crew of Busseis once again visited the Bushnell Gen. Hospital. Fourteen Japanese Americans are convalescing there.

● IN & OUT

ARMY, RELOCATION CALLS MANY BUSSEIS WHO WERE ACTIVE

● LETTERS

HARUO

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your kindness in sending me Bussei Reviews which is indeed very interesting to me, reading your articles and knowing your splendid activities.

Wishing your continued success, I remain,

Respectfully yours,
Haruo Nakajiri
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

OBON ISSUE

The next issue of the BUSSEI REVIEW, out Aug. 5, will feature the great out-door Obon Festival, one of the most important Buddhist Holidays.

Articles, letters, poems, or any other contribution will be appreciated from all Busseis, in or out, & soldiers, too. Please keep your theme on this occasion, or on the spirit of our religion. Limit: 100. Deadline: July 31.

One of the largest groups of Busseis left ~~Poston~~ on July 11, for relocation on indefinite leaves. The following list covers the period between July 1-15: Janet and Hajime Shoji, Tokio and Shingo Take-naka, Ontario, Ore; Yutako and Hoshiye Matsushima, Minn; Michiyo Minamide, Shigeru Uchiyama, Midori Yebisu, Geo. Izushita, Sally Nakamichi, Chicago, Ill; Kan, Terashi, Dexter, Irene, Taka, Magoso Ibara, Hiroshi Tozioka, Toshikatsu Ezaki, Fred Omachi, Detroit, Mich; Jack, Ayako, and Akira Mayeda, So. Lyons, Mich.

SHORT TERMS: Charles Iwasaki, Denver; Yujiro and Toru Ezaki, Shigeto Chiyeko, and Emiko Kodama, Kazuyoshi Matsuoka Gila; Eddie Hazama, La Salle; Rokuchi Tahara, Hisako and Richard Watanabe, Manzanar.

SEASONAL: Norman Kitahara, Clearfield, Utah.

TRANSFERS: Katsuyoshi, Mitsuko, and Yoshika Murakami, Manzanar.

● SUNDAY SERVICES

July 16, Sunday

Roku I 306 in charge

Children----8:30 AM

Junior-----6:00 AM

Roku II

Children----8:30 AM

Junior-----6:00 AM

Roku III

Children and Junior

8:30 AM

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

322 Church--9:30 AM

Block 318 in charge

ADULT SERVICES

306 Church--8:30 PM

322 Church--8:30 PM

July 23, Sunday

All services will be the same with the following changes:

Roku I 307 in charge

Y.P. Service

325 in charge

Adult Service

316 Church--8:30 PM

322 Church--8:30 PM

● BOOKS

Pocket-size Gatha Book Available

Rev. Kono has sent us a sample of the gatha book, which is the exact photo-lithograph copy of our well-known "little red book". It is a fine little book to have at your services, and costs only 80 cents. Orders can be left at the 310 office.

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GALA OBON FESTIVAL DANCE

IN MEMORIAM

THEY NEVER QUITE LEAVE US

They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
 Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
 A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
 To the places they blessed with their presence and love
 The work which they left and the books which they read
 Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,
 And the songs that they sang, the words that they said,
 Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air.
 And oft when alone, and oft in the throng,
 Or when evil allures us, or sin draweth nigh,
 A whisper comes gently, "Nay, do not the wrong,"
 And we feel that our weakness is pitied on high.

(Margaret E. Sanster)

Kurihara, Kunaki-305	9-12-42
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* deceased outside; funeral held in Poston.

** exact date not available.

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EDITORIALS MEMORIAL OBON

The past can't be recovered.
 And yet it is not gone;
 Love's ties cannot be severed,
 Love's blessings will live on.

-Love's Blessings

We prone to forget that we are enjoying the fruits of labor of those who have gone before us. In our selfish nature, little credit ever goes to the other fellow, without whom we could not have succeeded in our lives.

Our deeds must conform with the Love and Mercy of Amida. Get rid of selfishness and lust and extend gratitude to everybody. Live together and enjoy their fellowship; and when they go before us, remember them on O-Bon. For, on this day we live our lives over again with them.

GO FORTH, REV TSUNODA

Go forth, Rev. Tsunoda; we are proud to send forth our best ambassador. And in its sorrow, we are happy that we are serving those who are much less fortunate.

"Trustingly we say, Namu Amida Butsu! Our hearts are heavy, but yours is a Holy Mission. Wherever you go, Reverend, our hope and success will be with you.

IS THIS OUR LAST OBON FESTIVAL IN CAMP?

Everytime we send off our friends, we often wonder if our F-Day is next. Selective Service (continued on page 5)



AS THE DAYS

...go by, more anxious mothers, fathers, wives and friends, will get sad news of their loved ones. Although reported as minor injuries, Noboru Togioka, brother of Hiroshi and Joe of 309 was wounded in Italy. Yes, war has finally come home to the Japanese Americans. If these fighting youths, on the front cannot get back our rights, many will have died in vain.

IT'S HIGH TIME

...somebody noticed the splendid job our Chief Ichiro Okada is doing for the Bussei Review. And it had to take "Gleanings" of Camp II to take notice. You're not so bad yourself so don't feel too envious, M. F. Anyway, thanks for the fine tribute, and keep up your fine work.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

...to learn to dance, is it, Reverend? Life of the party at a recent 308 Social was THE Reverend.....

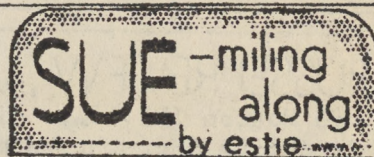
● SIGNIFICANCE

O-bon - Its Meaning And Origin

by rev. n. s. tsunoda

August 15th is the day on which the whole Buddhist world pauses to pay its respects to the dead, corresponding roughly to Memorial Day of the United States. This religious rite is called the Ura-Bon-E. Ura-Bon comes from the Sanscrit "Ulla-vana", Ura being a transliteration of the Ulla and Bon being a translation of Vana. To hang upside down signifies pain and suffering as it is very painful to be hung in the air with feet tied together. The bowl is a utensil from which all food is partaken and thus symbolizes salvation. Thus the word Ura-Bon or Ullavana means to be saved, to be delivered from pain and suffering.

The O-Bon Festival has its origin in the Ullavana Sutra, which chronicles the story of Mogga-llana, one of the disciples of the Lord Buddha. Moggallana, who possessed supernatural powers of vision so that he could pierce the veil of darkness and perceive other worlds both past, present, and future, desired to see his dead mother and determine what kind of world she was living in. With his power of vision, he searched all the worlds for her presence, and after a long search, he found her in hell of the starving demons. Through her past Karma, she had been re-born into that hell of suffering and pain. Moggallana, seeing the emaciated face and figure of his mother, offered her food, but when she attempted to partake of that food, it turned into fire. Greatly grieved by this discovery Moggallana asked the Lord Buddha what could be done to save his mother from such a hell. The Buddha told Moggallana to invite the members of the Sangha (Buddhist Brotherhood) to a service and huge feast when they gathered together the middle of the month. This Moggallana did, and through this act his mother was delivered from the hell (continued on page 4)



...here it is August again--our 3rd Aug. in Poston. Also time to commemorate the annual O-bon. Let us all attend the service and participate in the ondo. You needn't be an expert at it, just join the circle and follow the person in front of you.

...the swimming pool is the most popular spot and hour of the day. With their deep sun-tan they really look like natives.

...An incident at a movie recently, Rev. Tsunoda was chasing a dog that was evidently running away with a "lunch". He caught the dog at the west entrance and finally was successful in convincing it that the lunch was his (not the dog's) and returned to his chair--all in smiles...
...we'll all certainly miss Rev. Tsunoda, his friendly way in which he untiringly helped our Y.B.A. Good luck, Rev. and Mrs. Tsunoda. May our paths cross again.

● BIOGRAPHY

Rev. Noboru Shodo Tsunoda

REV. NOBORU SHODO TSUNODA, who hails from Santa Barbara, California, is considered THE BEST nisei reverend by all of the Busseis through out United States.

He was born in Oxnard, California, February 26, 1913 and graduated Franklin Grammar School, Santa Barbara High School, Santa Barbara State College, and majored in science with C.S.F. honors. He also graduated the Buddhist Theological College of Japan.

In April, 1938, he claimed Miss Gutsuyo Taku of San Luis Obispo as his bride. They were married in Kyoto, Japan by The Corenshi Shoji Otani.

Before coming to Boston, he was the executive secretary of the National YBA in San Francisco.

In spite of his ill health, he has done an enormous amount of work in helping the Busseis further their Buddhism in the United States. If it wasn't for his kind help, Buddhism among niseis will not have been as it is today.

Anything from a marble game to football game or a baseball game seems to be his favorite sports, and his favorite "Naniwabushi" is on Knute Rockne.

continued OBON

of hungry demons and ascended into the Land of Paradise. Kogallana and his fellow disciples greatly rejoiced and in their joy began to dance. This is the origin of the Obon Service and Obon Odori.

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and relocation have made F-day inevitable for many of us.

So, there probably will not be another O-bon festival to enjoy unless we are fortunate in living near a Buddhist Church again.

This may be our last O-bon festival in camp. Come out and join the festival.

Highlights of roku 3 by em-hetch

...OBON ODORI after two weeks of hard practice, the Obon Odori will be held Sunday night, Aug. 6, at the new site between the wading pool and the dry goods canteen. Much credit goes to all the instructors, our parents, and the YBA for their untiring efforts in putting over the ondo practices. The gala event should be successful with the co-operation of the girls and boys of all ages.

.....BEST OF LUCK to Doris Fujimoto, Yoshiko Nakamura, Suma and Emi Minaka, Sakiko Okamoto, who left for Clearfield Utah, on seasonal leave. Doris, active Bussei and pianist, is missed by the YBA and the Roku III Sunday School.

...ENLISTED RESERVE who are reporting to Fort Douglas for active duty are Fred Segawa, Noboru Sakaguchi, Hiroshi Kubota, Hideo Tsuchiyama, and Flash Sugioka. We wish all of you the Best of Luck.

...VISITORS recently in our Roku were Kiyoko Kimura and Kiyoshi Nakagawa.

● SACRED TEACHINGS

The Epistle Of Death *or of the White Ashes* translated by rev. n. s. tsunoda

Ed. Note: This is a rough translation of Rennyō Shonin's famous "Hakkatsu No Gbunsho".

As we deeply observe the transient form of man's life, we realize that in this world from the beginning to end what is momentary and passing is the illusory cause of human life.

Thus we have not heard of anyone receiving human form which lasts for ten thousand years. The cause of life ebbs very rapidly. Can a person preserve his body for a hundred years at the present time? Not knowing whether one will go first or whether another will depart first, not knowing whether it will come today or tomorrow, those who depart before are as countless as the drops of dew.

Therefore, in the morning we may have radiant health; in the evening, we may be white ashes. When the winds of uncertainty strike, our eyes are closed forever; when the last breath leaves our body, the healthy color of the face is transformed and we lose the appearance of radiant life; our loved ones may gather around and lament, but to no avail. When such an event occurs, the body is sent into an open field and cremated, leaving only the white ashes. What a sad plight.

Thus we see that what man cannot control is the passing away of the young or old alike. Therefore, we should all look to our future life and with faith in Amida Buddha repeat the Holy Name.

ED. NOTE: The above "Gobunsho" is found in your "Little red book" or the red Gatha Book on page 90 in the Japanese language. This is printed here so that we can read and understand the true significance of life as we celebrate Obon.

Last Minute **DOPE**

MAILING ADDRESS

The recent request for mailing addresses were very disappointing. Busseis outside are asking for Reviews, and soldiers APO'd, like to read them too. The other fellows' address is your only expense, so hurry.

REV. TSUNODA

Rev. and Mrs. Tsunoda are scheduled to leave Poston on or about Aug. 15 with a detour to Gil and Mesa, possibly Be patient, Denver, we'll keep him as long as we can.

MANABU FUKUDA

Camp II Buddhist Life Editor, Manabu Fukuda has improved their paper, and did you know it looks like ours, only different? Thank for the plug, neighbor.

ISAMU ISOMOTO

Another Camp II Bussei he is reported to be the youngest block manager, 227. Age? We'll ask the census.

REV. KONO

Formerly Hanford and Denson, he is now in Chicago. Look him up at 667 Cornelia Street.

BROTHER OF TSUTOMU IKEDA DIES IN SHELBY

Katsumi Ikeda, 23, younger brother of Tsutomu Ikeda, Bussei leader of Mesa, Arizona, died while training at Camp Shelby with the 442nd Infantry Battalion. He met his death by an unfortunate accident while on machine gun practice.

Poston III sends condolence to Tsutomu and his family.

The final rites were officiated by Rev. Tsunoda on July 28th at the Mesa Mortuary.

Katsumi was buried with full military honors by the American Legion.

REV. IWANAGA'S LECTURE AT Y.P. WELL RECEIVED

Rev. Iwanaga, Unit II, spoke at the Sunday Y.P. Service, July 30 on the theme "Why I am a Buddhist". His sincerity was an inspiration to the audience.

Rev. Tsunoda conducted the service with H. Sera as chairman and M. Nakamura, pianist.

ALL BUDDHISTS HONOR DECEASED ON OBON

ODORI & SERVICES AUGUST 5 & 6

The 3rd Annual Obon Festival, sponsored by the YBA and the Buddhist Church, will be held as a two day outdoor affair at the Poston Square Garden, August 5 and 6, Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Obon Services Start Tonight

August 5, 1944.

8:30 P.M. P.S.G.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. S. Harada

1. Opening Address

2. Gatha.....Jr. Choir

3. Chanting of Sutra...

Rev. Nagafuji

Rev. Fujimura

Rev. Tsunoda

Rev. Sakow

Rev. Kawasaki

4. Offering of Incense
a-representatives of
those deceased since
the last Obon.

(Hatsu Obon)

b-Buddhist Church...

K. Yamada

c-Y. B. A.....

Masami Honda

Ruth Watanabe

d-Everyone

5. Address..K. Nakayama
(Buddhist Church)

6. Gatha.....Jr. Choir

7. Three Treasures.....

8. Sermon..Rev. Tsunoda

(English)
Rev. Fujimura

Expected to be the most colorful and gayest Obon ever held in Poston, many young people are turning out to dance their last Ondo before their F-Day arrives. The Odori, held on Sunday, will, no doubt, attract the largest crowd with Poston I II, and Mesa invited. It is also expected that many Busseis will attend the Y.P. Service held Sunday morning from 8:30 at 322 Buddhist Church.

On Saturday evening the outdoor Obon Service will be sponsored by the Buddhist Church, with Rev. Fujimura of Unit II and Rev. Tsunoda delivering the sermons in Japanese and English respectively.

(Japanese)

9. Gatha.....Nedame

10. Appreciation.....

Mr. S. Miyamoto

11. Closing address

BON ODORI COMMITTEE WORKS HARD

The 3rd annual O-bon Odori festival is now in full swing. Practice were held every night between the wading pool and the dry foods store, with approximately 400 participating the first night of practice. More dancers were expected before the final rehearsal which was held on Friday, August 4th.

The following Sunday School Directors are in charge of the odori practices: Ichiro Okada, Miharu Shinaji, & Grace Hosaka. The teachers include Minnie Ichiyama, Nobuko Setouchi, Fusako Asahida, Anna Mae Fujino, and Miyoko Sasaki.

The committees for the O-bon are as follows: gen. chmn.- Mr. Kango Togioka; advisors Rev. Z. Kawasaki, Rev. S. Sakow, Rev. N. Tsunoda, and Mr. Kuichi Ueda; odori chmn.-Masami Honda; ground-Takashi Naito and Masaru Okino; electricity-Henry Wadamoto; posts-Akira Yokota; P.A. system-Fred Masukawa & Kiyoshi Kawamoto; records-Fusako Asahida, Masako Uota, and

MASAMI HONDA RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT NEW CABINET INSTALLED AT 316

At an impressive ceremony, newly elected officers of the Poston III YBA were installed on July 22, at 316 Buddhist Church in conjunction

SUNDAY Y.P. OBON SERVICES

8:30 AM 322 Bud. Chur.

CHAIRMAN: Toru Ikeda

PLANNIST: Miyoko Katano

1. Prelude
2. Opening Address
3. Opening of curtain
4. Catha.....When We See The Golden Sun.
5. Chanting of Sutra
6. Incense Burning
 - a-Busseis who have deceased members since last Obon.
 - b-Others who have deceased members
7. Meditation
8. Sermon...Rev. Tsunoda
9. Creed...Rev. Tsunoda
10. Catha.....We Are Truth's Disciples
11. Announcement
12. Closing of curtain
13. Postlude

Grace Hosaka. Chairman for the O-bon Odori night will be Ichiro Okada and Mr. Kango Togioka is to speak in behalf of the Buddhist Church. Hiroshi Nakamura replaced Henry Wadamoto, who left for New Jersey.

with the second "Jama-zono", a farewell social in honor of Rev. Tsunoda. Chairman for the service was Toru Ikeda with Rev. Tsunoda officiating.

New Officers who were sworn in are as follows: pres.-Masami Honda; 1st. v. pres.-Ruth Katanabe; 2nd. v. pres.-Bill Tsuji; sec.--Misao Nakamura; treas.-Kinco Fujimoto; aud.-Masaru Okino; lit. chmn.--Ichiro Okada; ass't-Frank Saita; so. chmn.-Kiyoshi Kawamoto; ass't-Harry Kuranaga & Anna Mae Fujino; music chmn.--Miyoko Katano; ass't-Lola Tanaka and Sakayo Inouye.

Rev Tsunoda Give Next To Last Talk

Rev. Tsunoda will also give his next to the last sermon at the Y.P. Service on Sunday morning. Regardless of the ball games, everyone is eagerly waiting to attend this special Y.P. affair.

REV TSUNODA HONORED AT FAREWELL SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PRESENTED

Poston III Buddhist Church held a farewell banquet honoring Reverend and Mrs. Tsunoda at 322 Buddhist Church, Tuesday evening, Aug. 1. The YBA cabinet and Board of Directors were also invited. Approximately one hundred cooperative and fun-loving guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment.

With Mr. Unjiro Muraoka, acting as chairman for the evening, a short service was held. Mr. K. Togioka spoke in behalf of the Buddhist Church.

A certificate of service and token of appreciation was presented to Reverend Tsunoda by Masami Honda, president of the YBA.

The entertainment for the evening was rendered by Messrs. Nakamura, Nakayama, and Araki.

Refreshments were served to conclude the evening.

LARGE CROWD ENJOY YBA NITE

With Tom Tanaka serving as general chairman and Tommy Doi, co-chairman, the Poston III YBA sponsored the second "Jamazono", a farewell party for Rev. Tsunoda, on Saturday, July 22 at the beautifully decorated 316 dining hall with a large crowd enjoying an evening of fun.

Before the social and devotional service was held at 316 Buddhist Church with Toru Ikeda as chairman. Ichiro Okada spoke in behalf of the YBA. At that time the newly elected officers' Installation Ceremony was held with Rev. Tsunoda officiating.

Following the service, the crowd assembled at 316 dining hall. During intermission, refreshments were served. Entertainment by Mrs. Kaudy Mimura and Sho Miyamoto with his clarinet; N. Setoguchi with 'La Cucaracha' and Rev. Tsunoda's solo giving "Swonatra" competition. The remainder of

308 HOST TO INDUCTEES AT SOCIAL CO-EZO GIVEN BY YBA

Monday evening, July 31, 1944, Block 308 YBA was the host at a Farewell party for the inductees who reported for active duty. Those honored were: Mitsuo Katayama, Frank Kuwada of 308; Fred Segawa, Noboru Sakaguchi, Hiroshi Kubota of 300; Masaru Okino of 327; Saburo Matsui of 317; and Hideo Tsuchiyama of 328.

The Devotional Chairman Kingo Fujimoto introduced Masami Honda, YBA President who spoke in behalf of Poston III YBA. Rev. Tsunoda pre-

continued FAREWELL

the evening was occupied by dancing. Rev. Tsunoda led in Gassho as the party departed.

Making this affair a success was due to Blks. 309, 325, 326, and 327. for their full effort. We also would like to thank each block for their cooperation.

SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION CLOSES SUCCESSFULLY

MANY PROJECT UNDERTAKEN

After six weeks of Summer School, the classes came to a close on July 26. Classes were held each Wednesday for one hour.

One half hour was taken up for religious purposes and the other half was spent in embroidery, crochet, scrap book, notebook, yarn dolls, woodwork, and artcraft.

Under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Sakow, Rev. and Mrs. Kawasaki, and Mrs. Tsunoda, the following YBA members helped make the Summer Session a success: Roku I-Elaine Morikawa, Miyoko Kajioka, Faye Kajioka, Masaichi Kitauchi, Suako Nakatsu, Nobuji Kurokawa, Alice Ozaki, Hosuye Inouye, Mary Takusagawa, Ann Iwasaki, Alice Oto, Helen Yamakoshi; Roku II James Sera, Mary Shimozono, Miharu Shimaji, Michiye Nakagawa, Helen Abe; Roku III - Michiko Honda, Midori Koba, Doris Fujimoto, Margaret Arakawa.

EIZO ETOW SPOKE AT YP

Heard by a large crowd, Eizo Etow, Unit I YBA devotional chairman was a guest speaker for the regular Y.P. Service at 322 Buddhist Church, July 16 with Rev. Sakow conducting the service.

Kiyoshi Kawamoto served as the chairman and Misao Nakamura, the pianist.

THANK YOU

The Poston III YBA wishes to thank the following for their generous contribution: Irene Tsutsumi, Washington, D. C.; Bill Tsuji, 327; Paul Suyeda, 316; and Ric. Larry Katayama, Camp Savage, Minnesota.

ROKU II SUNDAY SCHOOL HONORS SHIMOZONO-ODA

On July 21, Friday at 316 Buddhist Church, a farewell party was held for Mary Shimozono and Mary Oda, who have transferred to Gila and Amache respectively.

A hilarious evening was had with games headed by Teruko Shimizu. During refreshments, a gift was presented to the guests.

BLOCK 308 YBA HONORS REV. TSUNODA SOUVENIR GIFT PRESENTED

Block 308 gave a FAREWELL SOCIAL for Rev. and Mrs. Tsunoda on July 21, to which all of the young people of the block were invited. Gen. chairman, Noby Yamakoshi, introduced Kingo Fujimoto who spoke a few words in behalf of the YBA and presented Rev. Tsunoda a souvenir gift as a token of appreciation. Rev. Tsunoda gave the members a very encouraging talk and a few words of farewell.

308 HOST TO INDUCTEE
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sented each inductee a Go-Ezo, a gift from the Poston III YBA. He gave a short sermon on the significance of the Go-Ezo.

Due to the short notice, the Poston III YBA was unable to give the boys a ceremony and present the Go-Ezo, so it was combined with the Block 308 party.

The latter part of the evening was spent playing games and dancing. Bernice Hiratsuka was in charge of games.

● LETTERS

V-MAIL
FROM ITALY

Dear Friends,

I have received the Bussei Review a few days ago over here in Italy. I have certainly enjoyed reading every page of it. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

I have seen a few days of action and this war is a terrible thing. We are all scared when shells come landing near us but when we say our Onenbtsu we have strength and courage to fight like good soldiers. We are all doing fine and hope this will help you to return to your homes very soon.

Thanks again and good luck to you all.

Your friend,
Frank Kimura

DENVER WRITES

Dear Fellow Bussei,

.....we are sending you our initial publication of the DENVER BUSSEI BEACON, our paper.

With such a limited time and so few workers we could not make this as well as we wanted, but we hope that you will enjoy the articles
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● NEWS—OTHER YBA

Denver Busseis
Hold Obon

Denver YBA publication, BUSSEI BEACON, makes debut.

An outing was held on July 9th at Deer Creek Canyon in honor of the recent grads.

The Bussei Membership Drive began July 9 and terminated July 30.

On August 12 and 13 the group plan to have O-bon celebration. The first odori practices was on July 16.

● CALENDAR &
SUNDAY SERVICES
no adult service in Aug.
August 5, 1944.

Obon Service

Poston Square Garden

Speaker: Rev. Fujimura

August 6, 1944.

Y.P. Obon Service

322 Buddhist Church

8:30 AM

Obon Odori....8:30 PM

August 13, 1944

Roku I--309 in charge

Children----8:30 AM

Junior-----6:00 AM

Roku II

Children----8:30 AM

Junior-----6:00 AM

Roku III

Children and Junior

8:30 AM

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

322 Church----9:30 AM

Block 325 in charge

● WEDDING

Nakamura - Oda
Exchange Vows

Misao Oda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oda of Blk. 318, became the bride of Hiroshi Nakamura of Blk. 307 in a simple but impressive rites performed by Rev. S. Sakow at 306 Buddhist Church, July 18.

Bessie Oda attended as the maid of honor, and Ben Sekishiro was the best man. A reception immediately followed at 307 dining hall.

Baishakunins for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. E. Inouye and Mr. and Mrs. R. Matsumoto.

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that we have gathered to make this our first issue. Denver YBA

WASHINGTON D.C.

Dear Editor,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the Bussei Review you have been sending me regularly. Being away from home and friends and without a Buddhist Church to attend, I feel lost and lonely at times, but the Bussei Review always comes to cheer me up.

With Gassho,
Irene Tsutsumi

BUSSEI LEAVES REACH NEW HIGH PAST THREE WEEKS

BUSSEI SOLDIERS HERE ON FURLOUGH

PFC Joe Takayama, 317, Phoenix, Ariz; Pvt. Vic Hirose, 327, St. Louis, Mo; PFC Harry Kawamoto, 330, PFC Yoshio Doi, 318, Noboru Takashima, 322, PFC Masaru Abe, 318, PFC Hachiro Fukai, 318, PFC Kazuma Maruyama, 316, Shoji Nakayama, 317, PFC Tsukami Hisatomi, 305, PFC Takenori Ohara, 329, Sam Fujita, 30; Ft. Meade, Md.; Pvt. Masachi Nakagiri, 307, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Pvt. Larry Katayama, 308, Camp Savage, Minn.

VISITING

Joe Abe, Ben Koga, 318 to Gila; Kenji Osaka, 308, Layton, Utah; John and Rosie Narimatsu, 306 Cleveland, Ohio; John Sakamoto, 309, Wisc.; Mae Kuroda, 306, Minn.; Wm. Fujino, 306, Denver.

DORIS FUJIMOTO ON SEASONAL

Doris Fujimoto, Suma and Emi Himaka, Chieko Yano, 330, Yoshiko Nakamura, 329, Sachiko Okamoto, 323, Marie Kawamura, 309 Clearfield, Utah; Seizo Nakamura, 323, Colo.

RECORD GROUP OUT ON INDEFINITE

Kamekichi and Sadame Taku, 306, Elberta, Utah; Katsuro Ando, Taeko Osaka, 308, Layton, Utah; Matsue Hirose, 327, St. Louis, Mo; Roy Shimaji, 316, Sho Miyamoto, 317, Harry Takehara, 329, Burt Kitchara, 328, Mitsuko Maruyama, 316, Chicago, Ill.; Terry Nishida, 318, Ichiro Takehara, 329, Detroit, Mich.; Charles Taguchi, 326, New York, N.Y.; Taro Nakagawa, 322, So. Haven, Mich.; Michio & Stanley Sasaki, 318, Rexburg, Ida.; Mutsuko Matsushita, 306, Lebanon, Tenn.; Lily Kuroda, 306 Minn.; Shieko Ogata, 306, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tomi Okamura, 305, Ann and Georgia Yokota, 317 Weiser, Ida.

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Mitsuo Katayama, Frank Kuwada, 308, Masaru Okino, 327, Saburo Matsui, 317, Fred Segawa, Hiroshi Kubota, Noboru Sakaguchi, Kameo Suioka, 330, Hideo Tsuchiyama, 328, Fort Douglas Utah.

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Jim Fujita, Tooru Hirose, Charles and Tadashi Iwasaki, Jay Nishida, 308; Toshio Nakamura, Bill and Frank Tanaka, 307; Masaru Okino, Paul Suyeda, 316; Harry Sakamoto, 328; Wando Shinmoto, 330; George Shiozaki, Joe Togioka, 309; Bill Tsuji, George Matsunoto, Mitsuo Ikuta, 327; Henry Wadamoto, 306 Joe Abe, Ben and Tom Koga, 318; Leo Hashiguchi, Sam Takeshita, Joe Miyo-shi, 322; Bridgeton, New Jersey.

OUT ON SHORT TERMS

Ruth and Mae Takayama, 317, Johnson and Hatsu-no Mitsuoka, 306, Grace and Kiyono Sando, 328, Gonzaburo and Shieko Morikawa, 309, Phoenix Ariz; Roy Iwashita, 329 Anna Mae Fujino, 317, Denver, Colo; Rev. N. Tsunoda, 308, Mesa, Ariz Wakiehi and Kazuko Fujisaki, 305, Rivers, Ariz.

SHIMOZONO HEAD LIST OF TRANSFERS

Kunikichi, Tsuru, Mary, and Joe Shimozone, 318 to Rivers, Arizona; Kamichi and Mary Oda, 317 to Granada.