

# **Hatsuaki James Wakasa**

**1880 - 1943**

**Hatsuaki James Wakasa was born on Feb 24, 1880 in Takahama, Japan. He emigrated to the United States in 1903 at the age of 23.**

**Mr. Wakasa loved traveling and worked throughout America as a chef and culinary instructor including in NY, Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Iowa and Kansas.**

**After the signing of EO 9066, and at 61 years old Mr. Wakasa faced forced removal from 142 Taylor Street in San Francisco in April of 1942. He was unjustly imprisoned at Tanforan and eventually would be sent to Topaz.**

**On April 11, 1943 James Hatsuaki Wakasa was murdered by a U.S. Sentry Guard while walking his dog. He died alone with no known family.**



## PUBLIC RITES SLATED FOR JAMES H. WAKASA

A public funeral for the late James Hatsuaki Wakasa, 36-7-D, who was shot to death by a sentry Sunday night, will be held Monday, April 19, at 2:30 PM, it was decided at a meeting of the 66 block representatives held Wednesday night at 1-10-C. Residents of Block 36 are

### TOMORROW SET FOR PARENTS' DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Tomorrow afternoon will be PTA day for the parents of nursery, elementary, and high school students.

On the program for the day will be high school classroom visiting from 2 to 3 PM and a general PTA meeting from 3 to 4 PM at Dining Hall 32. With "Character Building Through Co-operation of Home and School" as the theme for the meeting, short talks will be given by Drayton

making arrangements for the funeral, it was added.

The block representatives also decided that a full discussion of the Wakasa case will be held when the representative of the Spanish Embassy arrives here this Saturday afternoon. Other problems and requests will also be laid before the Spanish Embassy representative.

Representations to have the fence around the City removed completely will be made by the residents through the national WRA office or the Spanish Embassy, it was brought out.



# FUNERAL HELD FOR THE LATE J. WAKASA

Before a gathering of about 2000 residents, the outdoor funeral service for the late James Hatsuaki Wakasa was held at the southern part of the high school area yesterday afternoon. With the opening of the Protestant funeral at 2:30 PM, the coffin was carried on to the platform, which was beautifully decorated with over 30 large wreaths and ornaments of artificial flowers.

After the singing of a hymn, the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. J. Fujii. A scripture reading by Rev. I. Tanaka followed.

At the conclusion of a biographic sketch of the deceased by S. Nakajima, a vocal solo was rendered by Kōru Inouye.

Introduced by Rev. M. Nishimura, who officiated at the ceremony, 5 residents, Tatsumi Watanabe, Masazo Ogawa, Shigeto Yamada, Taira Iwata and Frank Yamasaki ceremoniously offered flowers to the deceased.

Words of condolences were offered by Rev. Okayama in behalf of the Inter-Faith group, Aizo Takahashi, Tsune Saba, chairman of the Community Council, and James F. Hughes, assistant project director, in behalf of the appointed staff.

Sermon given by Rev. F. Swannorin was followed by the expression of appreciation by Tatsumi Watanabe. The outdoor funeral was ended with a benediction by Rev. Swannorin.

## NISEI TROOPS MAY VISIT WEST COAST

American soldiers of Japanese ancestry on leave or furlough may now visit the Pacific Coast evacuation area freely, according to an Associated Press report dated April 18, from San Francisco.

Public Proclamation No. 17, issued as of April 19 by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commandant of the Western Defense Command, suspends existing prohibitions against the presence of Japanese American soldiers and officers in the evacuation zones.

This is the first relaxation of barriers erected against West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry in the months immediately following Pearl Harbor.

The AP news dispatch added that the nature of the order contracted sharply with convictions expressed only last Tuesday by Gen. DeWitt when he told a House naval affairs Subcommittee in San Francisco that he didn't want any more of J. A. an-

