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## New National JAACL President



Hito Okada, new national president of the JAACL, is shown addressing the convention after he had accepted the responsibility of organizational leadership for the two-year term. Mr. Okada, former national treasurer, is a resident of Salt Lake City and a former member of the Portland, Ore., chapter of the JAACL.

## Restrictions on Hawaii, U.S. Mainland Travel Lifted for Oriental American Veterans

**Japanese Americans With War Service Records No Longer Will Be Required to Obtain Citizenship Certificates, According to New Regulations**

HONOLULU — Certain travel restrictions between Hawaii and the mainland have been lifted for American war veterans of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and other Oriental ancestry. The Hawaiian chapter of the American Veterans Committee reported on Feb. 27.

The AVC said that these Oriental Americans as well as citizens of mixed Oriental extraction who are veterans of World War I or World War II henceforth will not be required to obtain citizenship certificates from immigration officials before applying for citizenship.

The Oriental American veterans, according to the AVC chapter, now is required only to present his birth certificate and his military discharge certificate when applying for passage, the committee said. Wives and children of these veterans also benefit by the new regulation.

The National JAACL in November, petitioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service to eliminate discriminatory restrictions against Japanese Americans traveling between the United States and Hawaii. In a reply to the JAACL, Immigration Commissioner J. P. Carson declared "there is no basis for the belief" that there is racial discrimination in travel for Japanese Americans between the United States and Hawaii.

(Hito Okada, new national president of the JAACL, declared in Salt Lake City this week that the removal of "restrictions" for Nisei and other Oriental Americans was a victory for Japanese and other American veterans and that these practices are still being enforced against civilian Japanese and other Oriental Americans.)

Information regarding the change in regulations was contained in a communication to the AVC from Honolulu. Sgt. vice president of Castle and Cooke, Ltd., and local sub-agent for the War Shipping Administration.

## JAACL National Convention Urges Citizenship for Issei

### Special Convention News in This Issue

The Pacific Citizen is this week publishing a special four-page section, included in this issue, to make possible a more complete report on the JAACL national convention held in Denver, Colo., from Feb. 24 to March 4 at the Commodore hotel.

## Federal Court Gives Freedom To Renunciant

**Judicial Action Also Stops Deportation Of Mrs. Tamura**

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. F. Tamura, in whose behalf attorney A. L. Winn filed the first petition for writ of habeas corpus seeking to free her from deportation, won her freedom last week when the United States Department of Justice not only stopped her deportation, but released her from custody.

Upon the filing of the habeas corpus petition in the Federal District Court at Los Angeles, Federal Judge Lewis B. Tamm issued a writ of habeas corpus stopping Mrs. Tamura's deportation to Japan, and ordering that she be brought into court for a hearing upon her claim that her deportation would deny her due process of law.

The Department of Justice agreed to grant a hearing to Mrs. Tamura as to whether she should be deported. At the hearing held in Los Angeles and presided over by attorney J. B. Tamm, associate of Mr. Winn. Mr. Tamm stated that he represented her American citizenship through misrepresentation and in order to join her mother who was in Tokyo. He explained that she understood that only by renouncing her citizenship could she get to Los Angeles to be with her last mother.

## Passenger Assistants In Delivery of Child Abroad Train

SAN LOUIS OILFIELD, Calif.—A Nisei baby came into the world on a Southern Pacific train Feb. 20 via the services of the train personnel.

The baby's mother, whose name was not given, was traveling from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo to Goleta when the baby decided to hurry its entrance into the world. The brakeman on the train, noting the mother's condition, rushed the train for a doctor.

The doctor could not be the brakeman thought the problem solved when his eyes lit upon two Army WAGs with the medical corps. The WAGs were willing but regretful. Their experience had not extended to such emergencies.

A Negro mother on the train volunteered to assist the Nisei. John Turner, conductor, wired Santa Barbara to have an ambulance at the station, and passing up the woman's destination at Goleta, the train was sent safely off to the hospital with the new baby, both apparently "doing fine."

## Hospital Reopened In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Japanese Hospital, closed at the time of evacuation, was reopened this week. Dr. Kikuo Tashiro heads a staff of doctors and nurses of Japanese ancestry.

## Delegates Vote to Retain Headquarters in Salt Lake City; Seek Evacuation Compensation

DENVER, Colo.—The sixth biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, meeting in Denver from Feb. 23 to March 4, adopted a forward-looking program designed to carry out its general objective of promoting "the interests and welfare of all Americans in general and those of Japanese ancestry in particular."

Electing Hito Okada as national president, the convention voted to carry on a program to win naturalization and citizenship rights for all persons of demonstrated loyalty to the United States, "without regard to national origin, race or creed."

In his advocacy of the JAACL's basic program, which was approved by the convention, National Secretary Mike M. Masaka declared:

"We believe that the enactment of the foregoing legislation would strike at the heart of most discriminatory acts and thinking against persons of Japanese descent. For these laws are based upon the fact that, by law, Japanese nationals are 'inadmissible to citizenship.'"

It was stressed that the JAACL was concerned with the status of persons of Japanese ancestry who had made an outstanding war record but who were denied the privileges of naturalization.

The convention voted to retain the national headquarters of the organization in Salt Lake City for two more years. The headquarters had been moved from San Francisco to Salt Lake City in March, 1944.

The JAACL delegates unanimously supported a resolution to Congress, urging the enactment of legislation for the creation of a claims commission in order to compensate legitimate claimants for losses sustained as a result of discriminatory treatment during the war.

The convention asked for federal affirmation of responsibility for the relocation and rehabilitation of West Coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

JAACL delegates also supported a program which will call for organizational action in support of equal rights and opportunities for all in employment and in housing and in the business and professional fields. It was announced that the JAACL would oppose all forms of "discrimination based upon arbitrary distinctions in race and national relationships."

The organization's support of FEPC legislation and local civil rights laws was reaffirmed. "We believe in equal rights, equal opportunities and equal pay for all men and women. We oppose all restrictive practices which tend to discriminate on the basis of race." (Continued on page 10)

(For more JAACL convention news see pages 9 to 12.)

## Nisei GIs Give Object-Lesson In Democracy to Japan People

NEW YORK.—The presence of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry with the occupation forces in Japan is giving the Japanese "the finest object-lesson in democracy," Henry F. May, Jr., declares in his article, "MacArthur Era Year One," in the March issue of Harper's.

The author, who served in Japan as a Japanese-speaking Navy lieutenant, noted that during the war Japanese newspapers "had carried plenty of stories about relocation camps, California mob spirit, and so forth."

He said that the people of Japan have noted that the Nisei soldiers and their mothers and fathers who abound in Japanese ci-

ties "have the same luxurious American uniforms as other troops; they are 50 percent heavier than most homeland Japanese and grow with good health."

"They (the Nisei) are obviously on the best possible terms with American soldiers and their mothers and fathers. Some Nisei have located parents, or grandparents in Japanese villages and are rearing the old people with presents and tours of Tokyo sight-seeing. These Nisei seem to many Japanese a sufficient proof that America means no harm to the Japanese and that the newspaper stories about discrimination in the U. S. are lies. They are the same old lying propaganda."

## Memorial Rites Held For Nisei Sergeant Killed in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — Memorial services were held on Feb. 28 for Master Sgt. John S. Kato who was killed in an automobile accident at Fukushima, Japan, on Jan. 29.

The rites were held at the Union church with the Rev. Morris in charge.

Sgt. Kato was the son of Gen. Shichi Kato and was a student at the University of California at Berkeley before the evacuation.

## Sixteen Canada Nisei Reported En Route to Japan Occupation Duty

BRAMSHOT, England.—Sixteen British Columbia soldiers of Japanese ancestry now are en route to the Hiroshima area in Japan as part of the British occupation forces, it was reported.

The group arrived in Britain recently aboard the liner Aquitania. None of the Japanese Canadians has ever been in Japan.

Sergeant J. C. Oki, formerly of Haney, B. C., declared "many of us wish we could have enlisted in the Canadian army earlier during the war as it would have done much to lessen the feeling against Canadian Japanese."







## Fred Fertig: "I Stood on the Pacific Shore"

### Union Members . . .

There are Nisei members in 23 AFL and unions in Chicago. The American Jewish Committee is the sponsor of the Chicago Nisei News, a newly edited by Tom Teraji, 31, of the American Veterans' Bulletin edited in its 11 issue that Japanese-Americans are protected to Governor and Senator Douglas of Illinois last fall when the Chicago Sakamoto returned Nisei camp, was burned in Loomis, Ill. incidentally, ex-Sergeant, back from the Pacific, as a delegate at the JACL convention in New York. The new law has been completely revised, partly from funds donated from country as well as from plant country in all parts of world.

### Anthology . . .

Ken Kuroki's speech on the Town of San Francisco, published by Reader's Digest in January, may soon be published in an anthology of outstanding literary utterances of the past year. . . . A terra cotta bust by the artist, Nisei, from the Colorado River, is one of the featured exhibits of the annual art show at the Milwaukee Art Institute. . . . Tami Ota, New York girl, was recently named one of the most beautiful and a member of the famous names, singer of the song "Labor and the People."

### Coast Press . . .

Among the new newspapers under consideration in the West is a bi-lingual daily (two languages) and Japanese San Francisco. The proposed press is apart from the efforts of the Japanese American community. The Southern Pacific railroad has been carrying on an intensive campaign for Nisei and Japanese writers. . . . The top-secret report of the Roberts Commission, regarding the investigation of the disaster, were opened to the public recently during the Congressional hearings. . . . Pearl Harbor hearings also had several witnesses in Hawaii. The FBI questioned the loyalty of the territory's Japanese Americans. None of the dire predictions have been borne out.

### Documentary . . .

Canada's National Film Board, which has produced some of the finest documentary films of the world, has announced the production of "The Japanese in America," a film based on the wartime experience of Japanese-Americans. The film, a technical record of what life was like at that time, is the only one of its kind. According to the New Canadian, the picture indicated only the Japanese experience. The film was against a colorful background of the Canadian Rockies. "Unpleasant" from the film, but felt nevertheless, were the inadequacies of the present policy as well as the Japanese experience. Behind the laughing faces portrayed, and behind the most beautiful of the world, living in the inferior ghost town, there shone a shadow . . . the shadow of a great mountain, which is the pulse of short town living.

### Sinatra . . .

Frank Sinatra recently introduced Ted Manaka at a Los Angeles reception. The reception, reading the wartime record of the five Manaka brothers. . . . The Manaka brothers were appointed by the Portland Oregonian to the Portland Oregonian to the Los Angeles and the Denver Post, the flamboyant daily which has ruled Rocky Mountain for many years. The reception, noting the Post's bias against labor, Democrats and Japanese Japanese-Americans. The reception, that Hoyt and the Oregonian had been distinctive in its fairness to the Japanese. The reception, that Hoyt's attitude of fair play to the Japanese was shown last weekend in the Denver Post's editorial in the JACL convention. It surprised that Denverites who knew "Ez" Hoyt.

I stood on the Pacific shore the other day.

I was alone, but with a myriad memories, as many longings, as many and more than the waves that came up and lost their strength in foam upon the sand. I was alone—and made loud by not by the wind but by these memories.

I remembered the evil that had flown so recently across that ocean, both waves, Alombers, Fire balloons. As if all men were not brothers—and were unable to understand each other in their common need, their passion for love and eternity, War, and now revolution, the end?

I remembered, too, the canoes, the ships and planes that had carried immigrants, missionaries, traders, students, travelers, explorers: Explorers All.

I considered whether these millions of voyagers through the hundreds of years had moved across this water and into new lands and among new peoples, only that the white man might become a subjugator and the yellow man a perill.

Against these memories were the longings . . .

That one could do more with any man of the East or West and in a common language of beauty and truth and goodness speak our hearts. That we should together erect our universities of the mind and spirit, not to study each other, but to study Man and Nature. That our families picnic together in the California redwoods, that we plant a mixed and greater civilization in Hawaii, as we climb Mt. Fuji and visit the famous restaurants in Peking, respect India's ancient and creative past in the ruins of Mohenjodaro, that we plant the rice in the East Indies: Together as brothers to live, have joy, and build.

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I was not alone. There were a myriad memories, many longings, and millions of people with these same memories and longings. If we stand and know that we stand among this company of brothers, there shall be freedom from the war and now the revolutions, and peace and happiness shall rule and neither hate nor imperial will.

## Washington News-Letter

### Main Issues of FEPC Bill Sidestepped During Debate

By JOHN KITASAKO

THE FEPC has been discussed in this column on several occasions, and today we bring it up again—for the last time—to offer a few post-mortems before interring it in our cemetery of colonial topics.

One of the most deplorable aspects of the debate over the FEPC in the Senate was the scurrilous attempts of the opponents of the measure to obscure the chief objectives of the bill. The main and real issues of the bill were deliberately and painfully sidestepped. This was neither surprising nor new to us, nor any other Nisei. It was the old, old, old tactic of the politicians to misrepresent the pertinent issues revolving around a bill.

The anti-FEPC forces sought to confuse the chief issue by charging that the bill was aimed at establishing social equality. The FEPC bill contained no such provision. The bill was aimed at abolishing discrimination "in all employment relations which fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government." Not a word was said about social equality.

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## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### There's a Sun-Kissed Lure in California

What is that haunting instinct which sends pilgrims and salmon and Nisei on long pilgrimages back to their (to completely scramble a metaphor) old stamping grounds?

The westward movement of evacuees perhaps is not strange in view of the fact that the national population trend is to the west. And admittedly there is a sun-kissed lure to California.

But every week there are Japanese Americans giving up good jobs, the midwest and east to return to prewar homes where the economic outlook is precarious.

If we could get a sponsor like some of the radio stars, we'd offer a pound of butter and a pair

of styfens for the best answer in 25 words or less.

### WRA Camp Diet

Dr. T. Shimizu of Whittier, Ariz., in a two-page single-spaced typed letter wants us to know what we eat in the camp. He refers to a Frying Pan man recently in which we said our diet was bland. WRA camp diet for the large number of cavities which have developed in our 2-year-old teeth.

"I must grant you," Dr. Shimizu writes, "that at times the diet is not as good as it should be, but it is not as bad as it is sometimes reported to be. I believe most of the responsibility as to the child's condition rests with the parents."

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### No Tears

Those who, we can't find any tears to shed over the plight of the 5,000 residents of Greenview, Conn., who were evacuated to the United States organization in their midst.

They are in an area where the prospect of having to share some of their countryside with headstrong, uneducated, and uncivilized people hope will be able to head off World War III before the Japanese get into the area.

The people of a small area of New York State are being asked to make a sacrifice—if it can be called that—for the benefit of a people dedicated to permanent peace.

Few if any of the residents will have rationalized their lives. Those who do will receive fair compensation.

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## EDITORIAL DIGEST

AJAs and Earl Finch

VENTURA STAR PRESS

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WRA Survey Reveals Nisei  
Win Acceptance in Schools

CHICAGO — Children of Japanese ancestry in the public schools of Chicago are well accepted by teachers and their fellow students and have never grouped together but mixed well with other students, a survey made by Shota Hirada, relocation officer of the WRA, reveals.

The survey on the adjustment of Nisei children in public grammar and high schools in Chicago was made during February under the direction of Frances Ross, area supervisor.

The process of evacuation and their having lived together in relocation centers has, according to teachers and principals interviewed, left no evidence of handicapping the children socially or scholastically, the survey showed.

It was the unanimous opinion of principals and teachers interviewed that the Nisei children are well disciplined, regular in attendance and maintain a fine work record. Several comments were made on their exceptional ability in art classes. Scholarship plans for outstanding students were discussed by some of the teachers and principals.

All schools reported that they had difficulty in drawing the parents of Nisei students in to parents-teacher organizations. Hirada attributed this apparent lack of interest to language difficulties on the part of some parents and frequent conflicts between the meeting time of these organizations and the work schedule of the parents. Both Hirada and the school principals were in agreement that even better school relationships would be quickly developed if more Nisei and Issei parents would interest themselves in the PTA groups.

Teachers and principals report that children received on transfers from relocation center schools are

well able to keep up with their classes, indicating that center schools maintained a good standard of teaching.

Schools surveyed were the Oakwood grammar school, Ogden grammar school, Franklin grammar school, Shapeways grammar school, May grammar school, Goudy grammar school, and the Walker, Hyde Park, and Stein high schools.

The school with the largest number of Nisei children enrolled is the Oakwood grammar school, 41st and South Lake Park. Of 850 pupils enrolled, 120 are of Japanese ancestry. Mrs. Edna Watts, principal, particularly commended the good discipline, neatness and quick thinking of the Nisei children.

Many of the school principals commented upon exceptional Nisei students in their schools.

## SOCIAL NOTES:

FRESNO, Calif. — Miss Toshiko Tera of Frazier, California, and Mr. Masao Tsutsumi of Alhambra, Colorado, became man and wife at ceremonies held at the Fresno Buddhist church on March 4. They will reside in Alhambra.

LOS ANGELES — Miss Akiko Nishimoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saneichi Nishimoto of Los Angeles, will become the bride of Mr. Steve Kuroki Yang on Sunday, March 17, in Los Angeles. Mr. Yang was recently discharged from the U.S. Armed forces, after serving in the Pacific theater.

ROCHESTER, Mass. — Miss Marie Shimizu became the bride of Lt. Hiroshi Nakamura at rites held at the First Presbyterian church in March. Miss Sachiko Shimizu was maid of honor, and Sgt. Lewis Matsushita acted as best man. The bride, formerly of Los Angeles, is a recent graduate of

College Conference  
Slates Agenda for  
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LARAMIE, Wyo. — The college conference for the Intercollegiate conference will be held in Denver March 10 and 11. The agenda for the conference was announced here on Tuesday morning, 8 p. m.

The conference will open registration and a mixer on Friday morning, 8 p. m. Panel discussions will be held at 10 to 12 noon on the following subjects: "Alleviating domestic violence," "Cooperation among students," "Adjustment of women," "Should Nisei women go to college?" and "Vocational training for the Nisei college women."

Discussion groups will meet Friday afternoon at 1 p. m. A talent show will be held at 8 p. m. on Saturday. A dinner at 12:30 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, followed by a luncheon on Monday, closing assembly.

New cabinet members for the conference are president Takayama, secretary Manabe, and co-treasurers Bob Takayama and Roy Iritani.

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# Coast Sportswriter Attends Hawaii "Luau" for Nisei GIs

SAN FRANCISCO—Officials of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League and visiting Francisco newspapermen were among the guests at a "luau" for Nisei veterans of the 442nd Central Postal Directory (Central Postal Directory American) Regimental Band Team at the Waiolua sugar plantation, near Honolulu, Hawaii, last night. The Nisei, who were killed in action on the island of Iwo Jima, were being honored by the Seals in a special exhibition series. The Nisei, who were killed in action on the island of Iwo Jima, were being honored by the Seals in a special exhibition series.

en. Hawaiian ladies of matronly figure knotted out tunes on guitars and younger girls sang the hula that was the soul of propriety and grace. "After the eating, the master of ceremonies called for one minute of silence in memory of those gone. A description of Japanese ancestry read a prayer of his own composition in thanksgiving for the favor of having so many return. He spoke in English and addressed the same deity as the Occident knows. "Then girls placed bright paper leis around the necks of veterans. The purple leis were reserved for mothers who lost sons. They were called up to the stage, some stoical, some weeping, but none touched her eyes with a handkerchief. Hands grappled with work in the cane fields were folded in front with the resignation of age. "Col. Forrest L. Turner (original commander of the 100th Infantry Battalion) pinned on each woman a gold star.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Murakami of Sacramento, a girl on Feb. 25.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fujii, Sacramento, a girl on Feb. 21.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yutlin Imura, Sacramento, Calif., a girl on February 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terumichi of Lodi, Calif., a girl on Feb. 20.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arai, Denver, Colo., a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Kariya, 5215-1/2, Lodi, Calif., a girl on Feb. 1.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka Tokuo, 3007-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 5.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Tsuno, 5212-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Tami, 1106-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shunzo Yoshikawa, 4313-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Heichiro Koyanagi, 2503-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 8.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masakazu Hamaguchi, 7312-1/2, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 10.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sano, 2501-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 10.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiro Inai, 3006-13, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 12.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sakata, 2005-10, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 12.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Miki, 1414-1, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 14.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsumoto, 6006-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 14.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hanzo Sakai, 8307-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 16.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Sakai, Clarksville, Calif., a son on Feb. 21.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takayuki Kikuchi, Lodi, Calif., a daughter on Feb. 25.

**DEATHS**  
Hiro Iida, 38, on Feb. 25 in Los Angeles.  
Yuki Hasegawa on March 4 in Los Angeles. She survived by her husband, Gijiro Hasegawa, four boys, Wataru, Tomoyuki, Fujio, and Noriko, and her daughters, Mitsuo, Etsuko and Katsuko.  
Genjima Nakamura on March 4 in Los Angeles. He leaves two sons, Masaharu and Hiroshi, and three daughters, Sachiko, Yamamoto, Miyoko Sumada and Nobuko Fujimoto.

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Masa Alice Mito, four-days, on Feb. 9 in Tule Lake.  
Yoshiko Kouchi, 69, Bingham, Utah, on March 4.  
Kaichi Hirokawa, 61, Parlier, California, on Feb. 25. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Shima Hirokawa.  
Taayuki Kawamura, 23, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.  
Dorothy Suyano Yamada on Feb. 16 at Weimann, Calif.

**MARRIAGES**  
Yoshiko Okada to Pvt. Jun Hino on Feb. 17 in Washington, D. C.  
Kim Yashimura to John Fujita on Feb. 24 in Gardena, Calif.



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## Sixty Race Relations Groups Organize on Statewide Basis

SAN FRANCISCO—The formation of the California Council for Civic Unity, a new organization in the field of racial and interracial relations, was announced Feb. 21 by Mrs. Ruth Kingman of Berkeley. Some sixty local organizations throughout Northern and Southern California, devoted to the improvement of relations between people of different national, racial, and religious backgrounds, took active part in the preparatory organizational activities. The resulting new organization is a statewide federation of local organizations, many of whom are already well known in the state. California, thus becomes the first state in the union to establish a statewide voluntary organization of this type.

Mrs. Kingman, who acted as chairman of the temporary organizing committee, which has worked for the establishment of the new state federation, stated, "We believe the new federation was an absolutely necessary step since it

really represents a natural development resulting from the activities of the many organizations who are interested in interracial problems."

The organizational meeting at Fresno on February 19 was the most recent in a series of meetings which began in San Francisco last January. Another was held in Sacramento in July, 1945. Two regional organizational meetings were also held for Northern and Southern California some three weeks ago.

Reporting further on the meeting, Mrs. Kingman stated enthusiastically, "There can be no doubt that this progressive step in the field of interracial relations will supplement and strengthen the activities of many community organizations. The activities of many of these local organizations have been handicapped in the past several years by the lack of an organizational structure at the state level to which they could refer for the solution of statewide interest and from which assistance based on the experience of other communities could be obtained."

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## Aiko Yamashita Chosen Head of Seabrook Club

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An installation service for the new officers has been scheduled.

## Kaneko Relected President of JACL Group in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Mac Kaneko was reelected president of the Milwaukee JACL at the chapter's recent election meeting.

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## Ogden Chapter

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