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Propose Legislation to Indemnify Evacuees

Government-Supported Bill Establishes Evacuation Claims Group to Carry Out Program

Compensation for Losses Sustained by Persons Of Japanese Ancestry During Enforced Movement, Exclusion Urged as "Simple Justice" by Krug

WASHINGTON—Proposed legislation to set up an Evacuation Claims Commission in the Department of Interior "to adjudicate claims arising out of the evacuation or exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from West Coast military areas" was submitted to the Senate and the House this week.

The bill already has been assigned to the Claims Committee of the Senate.

Passage of the proposed bill was urged on April 24 by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug in statements to Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House and Senator McKellar, president pro tempore of the Senate.

"As a matter of fairness and good conscience, and because these particular American citizens and law-abiding aliens have borne with patience and undefeated loyalty the unique burdens which this Government has thrown upon them, I strongly urged that the proposed legislation be enacted into law," Secretary Krug declared.

The Interior Secretary noted that although "it is too early as yet to make a final estimate of actual financial and property losses sustained by the Japanese Americans because of evacuation, it is well established that the losses have been heavy."

"Some lost everything they had; many lost most of what they had," he added.

"The persons evacuated were not individually charged with any crime or with disloyalty, and subsequent experience has clearly demonstrated that the vast majority of them were and are good Americans," Secretary Krug said. "This is convincingly indicated by the outstanding record of our 3,000 Japanese Americans who served in the armed forces in both the European and Pacific theaters, and by the fact that the records of the intelligence agencies show no case of sabotage or espionage by Americans of Japanese ancestry during the war."

Secretary Krug noted that the evacuation orders "gave the persons affected desperately little time in which to settle their affairs" and that government safeguards designed to prevent undue property loss "were somewhat tardily instituted."

"In a setting of confusion and hysteria, many evacuees sold personal possessions for a small fraction of their value," the Interior Secretary declared. "A large number had to accept totally inadequate arrangements for protection and management of property. Valuable leasehold interests had to be abandoned."

Secretary Krug's statement also recognized that property left behind by the evacuees has been damaged or lost through vandalism, theft or arson.

"Prohibited from returning to the evacuated areas, even temporarily to handle property matters, the evacuees were unable to protect themselves adequately," he said.

Secretary Krug added that "for the first time in our history" persons of Japanese ancestry are appearing in substantial numbers on our relief rolls.

"The least that this country can do, in simple justice, is to afford some degree of compensation for the measurable special losses that the evacuees have suffered," he recommended.

The proposed bill will set up the Evacuation Claims Commission within the Interior Department as a special tribunal to hear and determine the claims for actual damages which may be brought by the evacuees.

The proposed Commission will have jurisdiction to adjudicate claims by persons of Japanese ancestry for damage to and loss of real and personal property, or other impairment of assets, that arose from or as a natural and reasonable consequence of the evacuation and exclusion program.

Among the types of claims excluded by the bill from consideration by the Commission are claims of persons who were voluntarily or involuntarily deported to Japan after Dec. 7, 1941, or who are resident in a foreign country.

According to the bill, all claims must be filed within 18 months after the enactment of the legislation and the Commission will be required to complete its work within three and one-half years thereafter.

Okinawa Military Government Head Lauds Nisei Soldiers

NAHA, Okinawa—Assistance of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii and the West Coast to the American military government in the Ryukyus was stressed by Col. Charles I. Murphy, commanding officer, to correspondents touring Okinawa recently.

Col. Murphy said he was proud of the work of the Japanese American GIs in the occupation of the Ryukyus.

Appoint Mas Sakada To Cabinet Vacancy Of National JACL

CHICAGO — Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada was appointed national second vice president of the Japanese American Citizens League this week by President Hito Okada to replace Masao Satow, who resigned to take over the position of eastern representative of JACL.

Dr. Sakada, Chicago optometrist, is a former president of the Oakland chapter, JACL. He is a graduate of the University of California.

Fifty Persons Still Missing in Hawaiian Disaster

HONOLULU—Fifty persons, many of them of Japanese ancestry, are still missing in the tidal wave disaster which struck the Hawaiian Islands on April 1, and must be presumed dead, the Red Cross announced on May 3. The Red Cross figure raised the final official death toll to 173.

Approximately one-half of the casualties in the seismic wave tragedy were those of persons of Japanese ancestry. Most of the casualties were reported from the Hilo area on the Island of Hawaii.

Hawaii Nisei Loyalty Hailed By Eisenhower

Military Security Never in Danger, Says Army Staff Chief

HONOLULU — The people of Hawaii, including its 120,000 citizens of Japanese ancestry, kept America's war secrets loyally and well, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, told a Honolulu audience of 2,000 on April 30.

Gen. Eisenhower stated that "security never was in danger" in Hawaii.

Commending the loyalty of the territory's population, the Army chief of staff said:

"The enemy never gained a secret after the first bombs fell at Pearl Harbor."

Gen. Eisenhower addressed a crowd which filled a high school auditorium. He is on his way to Tokyo where he will confer with General MacArthur.

Nisei Student Nurse Reported Killed in Illinois Train Wreck

CHICAGO — Lucy Takashima, 28, of Quincy, Ill., was among the persons listed as killed in the April 26 crash of the Burlington Flyer and the Advance Flyer at Naperville, Ill.

Miss Takashima was identified as a student nurse in a Quincy hospital.

Civil Rights Congress Asks Indemnification for Evacuees

Resolutions Submitted By JACL Official Passed Unanimously

DETROIT, Mich. — Three hundred and fifty representatives of 400 civil liberties, labor and minority organizations throughout the country passed by unanimous vote on April 28 two resolutions asking for indemnification of evacuation losses by persons of Japanese ancestry and naturalization rights for persons now denied these rights because of ancestry.

The representatives were gathered at a Congress for Civil Rights, which convened in Detroit on April 27 and 28.

The resolutions were submitted by Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL.

The resolution on indemnification asked for establishment of a claims commission by the Congress of the United States to indemnify "all legitimate claims caused or suffered by reason of the military exclusion orders of 1942." The resolution further resolved that all organizations and individuals represented "use their good offices to secure the passage of this proposal."

Portland American Legion Post Protests Real Estate Board's Discrimination Against Nisei

City's Realtors Asked to Renounce Racist Policy In Resolution Unanimously Adopted by Members as Refusal to Sell Home to Nisei Soldier Is Cited

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Frederick and John Ravin post of the American Legion in Portland formally protested on April 24 a national real estate board code of ethics which the Legionnaires reported has barred a disabled Japanese American serviceman from buying a home in Portland.

The resolution, adopted unanimously by members of the American Legion post, charged that Shigeru Naemura, a veteran and a patient at the Army general hospital at Walla Walla,

Wash., has been denied the right to buy a home for his aged parents in Portland because of the real estate board's policy of not selling homes to persons of Oriental ancestry.

The resolution was directed to the Portland realty board and asked the city's realtors to "renounce" what it called racial discrimination and called on the National Association of Real Estate boards to modify its code.

The Legion post identified the clause as article 34 of the code which it quoted. The article reads: "A realtor should never be instrumental in introducing into a neighborhood a character of property or occupancy, members of a race or nationality, or any individuals whose presence will clearly be detrimental to property values in that neighborhood."

The resolution quoted a Portland real estate board ruling prohibiting the sale of "any property in Portland to anyone of Oriental descent."

Naemura, whose only brother was killed in action with the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team in Italy, said that Frank L. McGuire, past president and member of the Portland real estate board, told him that he would "like to sell" him a home but that he was unable to do so because of the board's ruling. Violation of the ruling by an individual realtor might result in that realtor's expulsion from the board, it was reported.

Herbert Schwab, commander of the Frederick and John Ravin Legion post, said the ruling "violates the basic constitutional rights of American citizens and could be used against any group."

Harold Rogers, president of the Portland Realty Board, said he had no immediate statement to make.

Scholarship Set Up At Ohio School in Memory of Nisei

GRANVILLE, Ohio — A Masuo S. Hoshide Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up by friends of the Seattle Nisei who passed away on March 30 following complications after an operation.

Masuo Hoshida and his wife, Kiyo, were voluntary evacuees to Granville where he had graduated from Denison University in the class of 1931. In Granville he resumed his trade as a watchmaker and became an active member of the First Baptist church.

The scholarship which has been established in the memory of the Japanese American will be awarded annually to a student at Denison.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church of Granville with Rev. Kenneth L. Maxwell officiating. A memorial service was held at Seattle on April 28 at the Japanese Baptist church.

Mr. Hoshide is survived by his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sokichi Hoshide of Seattle, and three brothers, Toshio in Washington, D. C., Akira Dean in Ogden, Utah, and Lloyd in the U. S. Army in Italy and one sister, Kazuko Catherine in Seattle.

Nisei Veterans Group Seeks Public Support

Former GIs Organize Independent Group In Seattle Area

SEATTLE, Wash. — Meeting on April 25, the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle mapped out a general fund drive to solicit financial support, discussed plans to enter an all-Nisei veterans baseball team in the Puget Sound league and planned a community dance to be held May 11.

The Nisei Veterans Committee was organized in February to form an independent, non-affiliated organization for Japanese American war veterans.

At previous meetings speakers have included representatives from all the veterans organizations to acquaint members with the aims of organizations they might join.

Harry Takagi is chairman of the committee, with Davis Hirahara secretary and Richard Settsuda treasurer.

Other officers are Albert Ichihara, Frank Yanagimachi, Ed Kiyohara and Kaun Onodera, councilmen-at-large; Kenji Ota, Howard Minato and Hiroyuki Nishimura, membership committee; George Abe, Michio Shinoda, finance committee; Minoru Masuda and William Tahara, public relations; Mac Nishimoto, Bill Yanagimachi and Joseph Nakatsu, recreation and social committee.

Civil Rights Congress Asks Indemnification for Evacuees

The resolution on naturalization noted that thousands of resident Americans "who are now denied the privileges of naturalization because of their national origin... contributed much to the winning of the war" and that "their sons and daughters served in the Armed Forces of the United States with valor and distinction."

The resolution asked Congress to enact legislation providing that all residents of the United States be privileged to become naturalized on the same basis as for all other immigrants.

The Japanese American Citizens League was represented by Mike Masaoka and Masao Satow.

Deluded Aliens Held For Flag Display

HILO, Hawaii — Four Japanese aliens, deluded in their belief that Japan has not been crushed in the war, were arrested here last week for allegedly displaying the rising sun flag on the day of Emperor Hirohito's 45th birthday, acting Police Chief Anthony Paul revealed.

Paul declined to divulge the names of the men involved,

Delegate Farrington Calls for Elimination of Discriminatory Features in Naturalization Law

War Record of Japanese American Group Stressed By Hawaiian Representative; Time Has Come to Wipe Out Race Lines in U. S. Statutes, He Declares

NEW YORK—"Provisions in our immigration laws drawing discriminatory lines against certain races have been too long the weapons of the aggressors and war-makers of the Orient to allow them to continue on our statute books," Joseph R. Farrington, delegate to Congress from Hawaii, told the annual conference of the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship at the Commodore Hotel on April 26.

"The war has given proof enough that to deny the privileges of naturalization to persons of certain races who are legally established residents of this country while providing that their children shall be American citizens by right of their birth under the American flag has created situations that simply do not make sense," Mr. Farrington declared.

The Hawaiian delegate said that such denial of naturalization rights has "in the past encouraged these parents to foster alien language schools, alien religions" and an alien press that in the case of the Japanese, particularly, has been a serious source of suspicion, to say the least.

"That these agencies were employed to foster foreign nationalism is beyond dispute," Mr. Farrington added. "But the parents found ready justification for maintaining them in our refusal to permit them citizenship in this country."

"The position of these people became even more involved when their sons went off to fight with American forces against the country to which they were legally presumed to owe their allegiance. Thus we found the sons being decorated for bravery as American soldiers while the parents were confined to concentration camps for alien enemies."

Noting the war records of men of Asiatic and Polynesian ancestry, Delegate Farrington said "the time has come to wipe out the race lines in our naturalization laws."

"Now, as never before, we know that loyalty is not a question of ancestry and race, but of heart and mind," he stressed. "We should adjust the laws of our country to conform to this great principle."

Speaking of the Japanese American group, Mr. Farrington said that when the time came for them to make their contribution to American victory, "they did so in a spirit and with a record that has become legend."

Delegate Farrington said he spoke "with some knowledge and deep feeling" for persons of Asiatic and Polynesian ancestry "as they are concentrated in larger numbers in the Territory of Hawaii than in any other part of the country."

"The population of Hawaii has been drawn from all parts of the Pacific," he declared. "It is the common experience in these islands to find athletic teams, community organizations, social gatherings and agencies of government with memberships representative of all the principal ethnic groups of the

Pacific. People of Polynesian, the Caucasian, and the Oriental origin in Hawaii have found a common meeting ground in American citizenship. The extraordinary measure of harmony in which they live in these islands may be laid principally to this reason.

"Differences that have prevailed in their mother countries have disappeared as rapidly as these people have come into American citizenship. Thus there was no consciousness of conflict between the American of Korean ancestry and the American of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii as Korea was being brutally mistreated by Japan, nor between Americans of Chinese ancestry and Americans of Japanese ancestry when China became the victim of Japanese aggression.

"Nor did the invasion of the Philippines by Japan after the outbreak of war incite attacks by the Filipinos on Hawaii on the Japanese Americans of the islands.

"The record would seem to vindicate the judgment of Congress in 1900 in making the Hawaiian Islands a territory and giving to their people the privileges of American citizenship. Today all but about 13 per cent of these people are American citizens. Despite their diverse origins, they live together in a spirit of mutual respect as American citizens. The Hawaiian experiment has been a success. It has given a new meaning to American citizenship and to democracy. The pattern of racial relationships in this American territory offers new hope and inspiration to the people of the Pacific area.

"The doubts that may have prevailed about the wisdom of extending the privileges of American citizenship to persons of Polynesian and Asiatic origin whose residence has been well established in this country cannot be justified in the face of this record. It has demonstrated beyond dispute the wisdom of extending the privileges of naturalization to all persons legally admitted to the country regardless of race."

Delegate Farrington's remarks were made at the luncheon meeting of the annual conference. Read Lewis, vice president of the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship, presided. Other speakers were Martha H. Biehle, Thomas M. Cooley II, director of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice, and Edward J. Shaughnessy, special assistant to the commissioner, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Seattle Nisei GI Commended by General in Tokyo

TOKYO—Tadashi Matsushita of Seattle, a member of the U. S. Army's criminal investigation department, was commended by Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger last week for his part in capturing two fugitives from the Yokohama stockade. Matsushita and four other CID agents captured Pfc. Bill Harris, awaiting trial for murder, and T/5 Sylvester Caston, charged with firing a pistol into a street car and wounding a passenger.

Denver Council Votes Down Anti-Bias Law

Wartime Policy of Discrimination Now Revised, Nisei Told

DENVER, Colo. — The City Council on April 29 voted down a proposed ordinance which would have made illegal any form of racial or religious discrimination in the issuance of business licenses in the city of Denver.

Councilman Harry Rosenthal cast the only vote for the proposed ordinance. Five members were opposed.

City Council officials declared that a wartime policy of refusing to issue licenses to applicants of Japanese ancestry outside the Larimer street area had been abandoned and that no discriminatory practices were now in effect.

Nisei Soprano To Sing for Church of Brethren

CHICAGO — In observance of "Music Week," May 5 to 12, the First Church of the Brethren at Congress and Central Park, will present Ruby Yoshino, lyric soprano, in a concert Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p. m.

Miss Yoshino has sung extensively in concerts throughout the country, and in 1945 made a goodwill tour of Eastern cities with Dr. T. Yatabe under sponsorship of the JACL.

She is presently preparing for a recital at Town Hall.

Evacuation Set Bad Precedent, Yasumura Tells Church Group

PHILADELPHIA — Segregation of Japanese Americans in relocation centers during the war established a dangerous precedent, Jobu Yasumura of the American Baptist Home Mission Society told the national conference of church leaders at Lincoln university on April 24.

The conference is being held under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches.

"As long as racism exists," Yasumura said, "a mass of people can be arrayed against some particular minority."

A small group conceived the plan to segregate Americans of

Report Nisei Stranded in China Gets Passport to Return Home

NEW YORK CITY—Tokiji Sugiyama, who was stranded in Shanghai during the war, has been granted a passport by the U. S. State department to return to the United States, an action which may end the unofficial classification of Nisei there as "men without-a-country," the Nisei Week-end reported recently.

The action followed representations made to State department officials by Sugiyama's sister, Mrs. George Yamanaka of New York, who went to Washington to plead her brother's case. Mrs. Yamanaka was assured that her brother would be granted a passport, though he would not be able to register at the consulate for privileges and protection as an American citizen.

According to Sugiyama's letters to his sister, the American consulate in Shanghai has refused to consider the cases of Nisei stranded there during the Japanese occupation.

In writing to his sister, Sugiyama stressed the need for immediate action, in view of the fact that Japanese nationals were soon to be repatriated to Japan. Sugiyama stated that he feared Nisei would be shipped with them, due to the unofficial status of the Nisei.

Extensive Speaking Schedule Outlined for Nisei War Hero

NEW YORK CITY — Speaking engagements throughout May for Ben Kuroki, airforce hero now on a speaking tour for the JACL, were announced this week by the New York JACL.

Kuroki will speak at the New York State YMCA convention in Syracuse on May 10 and will address the New Jersey Federation of Women's clubs in New York City on the 16th.

He will be in Cincinnati on May 20, and will attend the Annual Dinner of City Leaders group in Reading, Pa., on May 23.

On May 30 he will speak in behalf of Nisei veterans at a testimonial dinner to be sponsored by 15 Japanese American organizations to honor World War II veterans in Chicago.

Wyoming Nisei Cited for Action in Italy War

Silver Star Awarded Sgt. Tsukiyama at Ceremony in Leghorn

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy—Wounded and maintaining his Browning Automatic Rifle position to defend the costly ground which he and his comrades had gained, Staff Sergeant then Private First Class Charles I. Tsukushima, Casper, Wyoming, has been recently awarded the nation's third highest award, the Silver Star, at an informal award presentation ceremony at the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team's headquarters in Leghorn, Italy.

Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winnetonka, Wisconsin, Commander of the crack Nisei Combat Team, proudly pinned the medal under Sergeant Tsukushima's rows of ribbons and Combat Infantryman's Badge while First Lieutenant Thomas M. Kobayashi, Phoenix, Arizona, Regimental Adjutant, read the official citation.

The performance for which Sergeant Tsukushima was cited occurred near the town of Forno, Italy, one year ago this week, when his Combat Team was called secretly from France to spearhead the final Allied offensive in northern Italy.

During an assault against a numerically superior enemy force that was entrenched in an almost inaccessible ridge overlooking the town of Forno, Sergeant Tsukushima was severely wounded by an enemy grenade.

His citation reads in part: "Despite this injury he refused evacuation to have his wounds treated. Because of the larger number of casualties which the enemy had inflicted on the advancing troops, he elected to remain in position all night to defend the hard earned inches of ground gained."

"Using his ammunition sparingly he singlehandedly took up a firefight with the enemy. At dawn the troops again assaulted the German position, this time meeting with complete success."

A former hotel clerk in Casper, Sergeant Tsukushima was inducted into the Army on July 8, 1944. He came overseas in January of 1945, and with Company C, 100th Battalion, went through 442nd last three campaigns—Rhine, North Apennines, and Po Valley Drive—in Italy and in France.

Nisei Infant Starts "Baby Week" at Salt Lake Hospital

Born on April 29, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miki Mori, 23 North First West, Salt Lake City, was the recipient of special gifts this week for being the first child born at St. Mark's hospital during National Baby Week.

The mother was attended by Dr. Toshiko Toyota.

NEW YORK CHAPTER, JACL

PRESENTS ON MAY 11

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Anti-Alien Land Laws Criticized By Officials

WRA Personnel Feted By Japanese Americans At Portland Dinner

PORTLAND, Ore. — Alien land laws, aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry in the three Pacific Coast states, were criticized last week by retiring officials of the War Relocation Authority, International News Service reported on April 27.

The report said that the WRA officials were guests at a testimonial dinner given by 200 returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry at a Portland Chinese restaurant.

Clyde Linville, former Oregon relocation officer for WRA, was reported as saying that aside from the alien land laws, which prevent foreign-born persons of Japanese ancestry from owning land, the only obstacle left to Japanese Americans in the area is a Portland law which withholds business licenses from Japanese aliens.

Irwin Lechlitter of Seattle, regional WRA attorney, said he "would like to see alien land laws knocked out entirely" and declared the parents of the all-Japanese American 442nd Combat Team "certainly are entitled to citizenship."

Besides WRA personnel, members of other groups which aided the Japanese Americans during the evacuation were special guests, including members of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Portland Citizens Committee to Aid Relocation.

Charles Shimomura, a member of the 442nd Combat Team and University of Oregon graduate, was toastmaster. Capt. Bill Oda, also of the 442nd Combat Team, and M. D. Takeoka paid tribute to those who helped the evacuees.

Mr. Linville told the group that at least 60 per cent of the Japanese Americans who were evacuated are back in Multnomah and Clackamas counties, while 85 per cent are back in Hood River.

Many of the Nisei evacuees who have relocated outside of Oregon have found positions commensurate with their education from New York west to Spokane, Mr. Linville added.

Other speakers were Dr. Blair Stewart, Reed college professor and chairman of the citizens' committee; Mrs. Max Friedman, present Oregon relocation officer for WRA; Gus Solomon, state representative of the American Civil Liberties Union; Mrs. George P. Sales; Mrs. Alice Finley, head of the Portland Japanese hostel; Miss Mabel Downs, teacher at the Tule Lake center, and Vern Dusenbery, attorney.

Martha Kawabata Speaks Before Dietetics Group

CINCINNATI, O.—Among student speakers at the Ohio Dietetic Association convention held in Toledo, April 26-27, was Martha Kawabata, student at the Cincinnati General hospital, who spoke on "The Diets as Selected in a School Lunchroom."

Miss Kawabata and Margaret Utsunomiya are the two Nisei students in the field of dietetics in Cincinnati, while another, Grace Masuda, is on the staff of the Cincinnati General hospital as a dietitian.

Seattle Doctor Given Prison Term On Murder Charge

SEATTLE — Convicted of an abortion-murder charge, Dr. James M. Unosawa was sentenced to a prison term in a Seattle court last week.

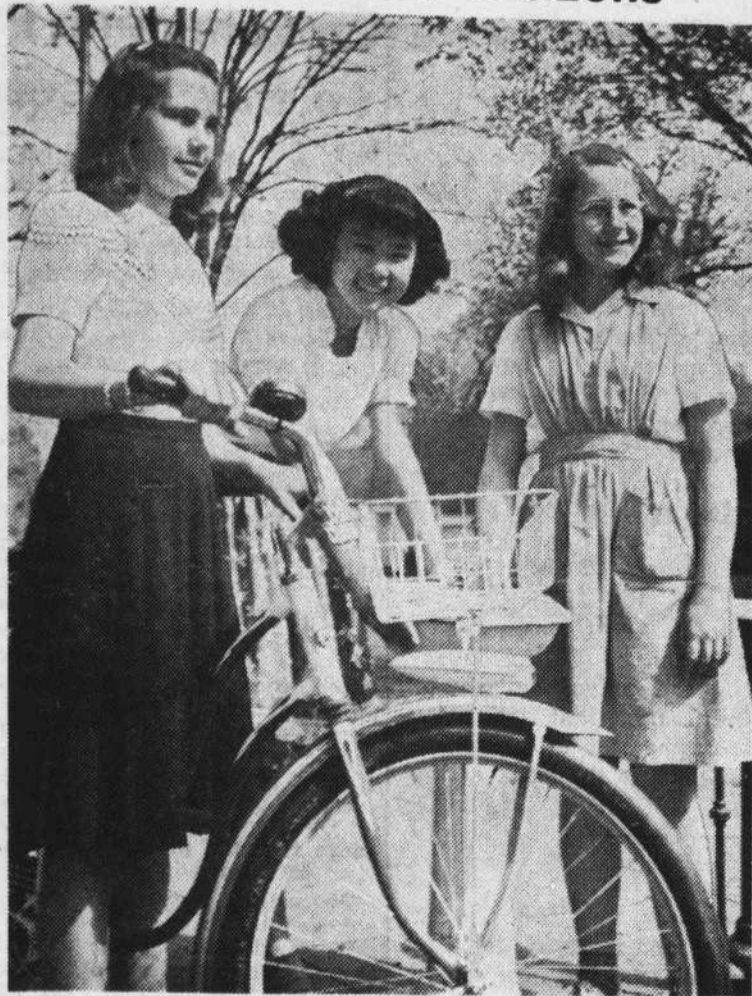
Dr. Unosawa was found guilty of second-degree murder, manslaughter and abortion in connection with the death of an 18-year old Shelton girl on Dec. 2.

The jury's verdict was announced after four hours of deliberation and made a prison sentence mandatory.

Honolulu Student Awarded Scholarship

HONOLULU — Nancy Okazaki 17, Roosevelt high school senior, has been awarded a four-year college scholarship in the annual competition held by the national administrative board for Pepsi-Cola scholarships.

They're All Good Citizens



DES MOINES, Ia.—Tomie Ikuta, 13, of Pella, Ia., is shown above with Marilyn Ver Ploeg, 14, and Ruth Buwalda, 14, who along with Tomie were nominated for the good citizenship award in the eighth grade of the Webster school. Tomie is a daughter of the only Japanese American family in Pella.—

—Photo courtesy of Des Moines Register.

Evacuee Family Finds Home In Iowa Refugee Community

Japanese Wife Of U. S. Officer Dies in Tokyo

Unable to Realize Dream of Going to America With Husband

TOKYO — The Japanese girl whom the United States House of Representatives recently voted to permit to enter the United States with her American husband, Lieut. Col. Ray Cromley, died at 42nd general hospital in Tokyo on April 26 before her dream of going to America could be realized.

During her last days of life Misao Sudo Cromley, a physician and research worker, had at her bedside the husband who had returned to her after a separation brought about when he and their 7-year old son were repatriated to the United States.

Cause of Mrs. Cromley's death was not announced but doctors sought specific blood donors for her until the final hours. She had shrunk from 130 to 85 pounds during the war years.

Cromley, prewar Tokyo correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, is on terminal leave from the U. S. Army, with which he served overseas after his repatriation from Japan. He arrived in Tokyo on April 11 and rushed immediately to his wife's family home at a village near Matsue in Shimane prefecture. It was their first meeting since a tearful parting at the Yokohama docks when Japanese officials refused to permit her to accompany her repatriated husband and son.

Mrs. Cromley practiced medicine at Nunobe, following her husband's departure for the United States, until she was taken ill two years ago.

Their son is at the home of his grandparents in Long Beach, Calif.

Midwest Buddhists To Meet At Olivet Institute

CHICAGO — Weekly Sunday services of the Midwest Buddhist church will be held at the Olivet Institute, 1441 North Cleveland, Chicago, at 1:30 p. m., due to destruction by fire of the Uptown Players building, where the services were held in the past.

The spacious chapel of the Olivet Institute has been made available for the weekly services.

DES MOINES, Ia.—The story of how a Japanese American family has found a home among descendants of refugees from Holland is told in an article by Louis Cook Jr., in the Des Moines Register this week.

The community is Pella, Ia., where 90 per cent of the population is of Dutch extraction. The family is that of Mr. and Mrs. James Ikuta who moved to Pella from the Tule Lake relocation center three years ago.

Pella was founded almost 100 years ago by Hendrick Peter Scholte, a Dutch preacher and leader of the Separatist movement which was attempting to separate the functions of the church and state in Holland.

Persecuted and faced with ruin, Scholte led a group of 800 followers to the New World to found new homes. They chose a rich bottomland area between the Des Moines and Skunk rivers in Iowa.

Today Pella is a quiet, prosperous community surrounded by well-to-do farmers of Dutch extraction. Its annual tulip festival is one of Iowa's big events.

Seventy-five per cent of the residents attend church regularly. A third of them are college graduates. The national average is 4.6 per cent.

The Ikutas work at the Pella overall factory which, with a payroll of about 40, is the second largest industry in the town. They are members of the Second Reformed church.

An indication of the part the Ikutas have won in the community is the nomination of one of the Ikuta children for the school citizenship award.

Tomie Ikuta, 13, was named by her classmates in the eighth grade at Webster school. The choice is made on the basis of honesty, co-operation, sportsmanship, respect, loyalty, promptness and attitude.

Competitors for the honor in Tomie's class are Ruth Buwalda and Marilyn Ver Ploeg, both children of old Pella families.

There are two other Ikuta children, George 12, and Junichi 9. George is a Cub scout.

Spokane JACL Slates Meeting For May 10

SPOKANE, Wash.—The newest JACL chapter, organized in Spokane, will hold a meeting Friday, May 10, at 8 p. m. at the Community church, according to Sumi Haji, temporary secretary.

Spady Koyama, temporary chairman, will preside.

All Nisei in the area have been urged to attend.

First AVC State Convention In California Adopts Resolution Condemning Anti-Alien Land Act

American Veterans Committee Elects Nisei to Post On State Governing Body; Delegates Call for Full Employment, Housing, British Loan at L. A. Meeting

LOS ANGELES—The first California State convention of the American Veterans Committee on April 29 unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the California anti-alien land law, which prohibits ownership of real property by "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

The resolution was introduced by William E. Kent of Hollywood and was supported by the Hollywood chapter of AVC.

In the discussion which preceded the vote on the resolution,

it was pointed out that the land law was designed as a discriminatory measure against California residents of Japanese ancestry and that it has been enforced to confiscate property of parents of American servicemen.

Other resolutions which were adopted included those favoring the loan to Britain and food aid to hungry nations and a demand that Palestine be opened to immigration of all Jews. The California AVC convention supported the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill and the Wright-Patman bill. Congress was urged by the convention to pass legislation providing for terminal leave pay for former enlisted servicemen.

A resolution urging full employment, along with a general program for social gains, was adopted.

Sheppard Studwick, an actor known in films as John Sheppard and a veteran of two years sea duty with the fleet as a naval lieutenant, was elected as the first state chairman of AVC. George Eby of San Jose, lecturing professor at Stanford university and former Army information and education officer, was named first vice chairman.

Dorothy Gillam, a veteran of 29 months duty as a SPAR who is now executive secretary of the Actors Laboratory in Hollywood, a GI theater school for war veterans, was selected secretary of the State AVC.

One of the members of the AVC's 11-member California State Commission, the governing body of the veterans organization, is Ken Kato, a Japanese American member of the San Mateo chapter. Kato received the second highest total of votes of the six Northern California delegates elected to the commission.

Among the delegates attending the convention sessions at the Alexandria hotel was Bob Ihara, representing the AVC unit in West Los Angeles.

Dr. T. T. Yatabe Honored at Dinner By Chicago Group

CHICAGO — Dr. T. T. Yatabe, retiring midwestern JACL representative, was honored at a testimonial dinner attended by 75 persons on April 30 at the Como Inn in Chicago.

In appreciation of his wartime services to the Japanese American Citizens League and the area he served, he was presented with a briefcase and a wristwatch. Presentations were made by Noboru Honda and Mike Masaoka.

Bill Minami, past president of the Chicago chapter, was toastmaster, and Dr. Mas Sakada served as chairman for the affair.

New York JACL Dinner Honors WRA Director

Dillon Myer Will Be Guest at Roosevelt Hotel Function

NEW YORK CITY — Director Dillon S. Myer of the War Relocation Authority will be honored at a testimonial dinner on May 22 for his ceaseless efforts to effect a democratic and orderly relocation of persons moved to WRA camps during the war, the New York JACL reported this week.

The dinner will be sponsored by the New York chapter of the JACL and will be held in the Hendrick Hudson room of the Roosevelt hotel.

Myer will officially leave his present post on May 15. The WRA official succeeded Milton S. Eisenhower as head of the WRA in June, 1942.

Tickets will be sold at \$6 each.

Snake River JACL Urges Registration For Primaries

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Snake River Chapter, JACL, is presently conducting a campaign to register all Nisei voters for the Oregon primaries.

Ida Watanabe and Beulah Shigeno will augment the group in campaigning for full Nisei registration in Ontario. Oregon Slope and Nyssa have reported favorable progress with a substantial number of voters registered.

"Thank-You" Banquet Will Be Given by San Francisco Group

Generals Stilwell, Merrill Will Be Guests At Whitcomb Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO—Two of the war's great generals, Joseph W. Stilwell and Frank Merrill, will be present Tuesday, May 7, at the Hotel Whitcomb when the Japanese American Citizens League and other community organizations hold a banquet honoring the many persons in this area who sturdily upheld the cause of Japanese Americans during the war.

Participating on the program also will be Miss Lois Moran, stage and radio star, who will read the Japanese American Creed.

Concert singer Joseph James of

the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP will be guest artist.

Many Japanese American war veterans, including some who served under Generals Stilwell and Merrill, will be present to see their former commanders.

Featured speakers will be General Stilwell and Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League. Guests will include Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Galen Fisher, Gordon Chapman, Laurence Hewes, Robert Cousins, Annie Clo Watson, Charles Miller, Mrs. Josephine Duveneck and Allen C. Blaisdell.

Kaye Uyeda will be in charge of dinner arrangements. Reservations may be made by phoning the San Francisco JACL, Market 8442, by noon, Monday, May 6.

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EDITORIALS:

Real Estate Boards

The action of an American Legion post in Portland, Ore., last week in protesting the refusal of the Portland real estate board to permit its members to sell homes to persons of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry has brought to public attention a type of discrimination which has been practiced by organized real estate groups for many years.

There are indications, however, that the discrimination of organized realtors to sell homes to persons not of the Caucasian race has been intensified in recent years and that the present discrimination against prospective home-owners of Oriental ancestry is a matter of regional, if not national, policy.

By their refusal to sell homes to members of minority groups in most residential districts, the real estate boards of West Coast cities have enforced a policy of segregation for these minorities. The validity of the restrictive residential covenant, one of the practices by which the racial exclusiveness of residential areas has been maintained, will be considered by the California Supreme Court in June. However, the outlawing of restrictive covenants will not end the discrimination which is practiced against minority groups in housing, although a decision upsetting the covenants will be a major step forward in the campaign to make present practices consistent with democratic theory. Remedial legislation which would prohibit discrimination by real estate boards on the basis of race, color or creed may be necessary.

It is significant that the real estate boards in Utah, Oregon and Washington have fought proposed legislation for State civil rights codes which would prohibit race and color discrimination in restaurants, hotels, theaters and other public places. In Salt Lake City the real estate board has taken the initiative in promoting a program for the residential segregation of non-Caucasian groups and members of the board are faced with the threat of expulsion if they handle the sales of homes or property to persons of minority groups outside of certain prescribed areas. In one instance last year a Salt Lake realty firm refused to sell a home to a Nisei serviceman's wife whose two brothers had been killed in action in Europe. The situation in Salt Lake is not unique and it can be duplicated in the policies of the real estate boards of most western cities, as witness the refusal of Portland realtors to sell a home to a Nisei soldier, the situation which prompted the protest from the Frederick and John Ravin post of the American Legion.

Unless private enterprise, as exemplified by the attitude of the real estate boards, can offer some hope of fair treatment to non-Caucasian Americans, the growing crisis in minority housing will demand government intervention and regulation.

Hoods and Hoodlums

The reappearance of the Ku Klux Klan in California has been countered by vigorous action on the part of Attorney General Robert W. Kenny who is leading an official move on the part of the State to dissolve the hooded order by law. Mr. Kenny has declared that the Klan generates "intolerance, bigotry and racial and religious antipathy."

Recent manifestations of Ku Klux Klanism in Southern California have been of an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro nature, complete with the burning of crosses, firing of shots, stoning of houses and similar acts, as reported by Rodney Brink of the Christian Science Monitor. A leader of the Klan in

California has announced that the organization was in favor of restrictive residential covenants and other devices to maintain white exclusiveness and pamphlets found by State officials in a raid on a Klan headquarters in downtown Los Angeles instruct Klan members to "fight any intermixture of alien races."

It is difficult to tell the difference between the present activities of the Klan as an organization and the wartime actions of a number of bigoted organizations and individuals on the West Coast. Such acts of terrorism as the firing of shots and the stoning and burning of homes which now symbolize the activities of the Klan had their parallels in the hoodlumism which followed the return of the evacuees to the West Coast one year ago. The revived activity of the Ku Klux Klan serves to place these acts of wartime intolerance in their proper perspective as manifestations of the type of bigoted mentality best illustrated by the hooded horsemen of the KKK.

The forthright action of California officials in combating the revived activity of the KKK will serve notice that the State will no longer brook the sort of white supremacist nonsense which is the mark of the Ku Klux Klan.

Deluded Issei

Getting widespread and in some instances malicious play from West Coast newspapers recently has been a report from Hawaii on old Issei who have been led to believe that Japan has won the war. One of these Issei, Jisho Yamazaki, a priest, has been indicted on charges of disloyalty.

Obviously any wide circulation given these stories in the press can only be harmful, since to most readers they indicate that Hawaii's Japanese are still believers in the military regime and since in addition they minimize the proven loyalty of the Japanese Americans.

Most angered by the story are Hawaii's Nisei soldiers, many of whom will be armless or legless for life, because they went overseas and fought with heartbreaking ardor for the land they called their home.

Speaking in Honolulu, Chaplain Masao Yamada, who served with the Nisei troops overseas, declared that the charge of disloyalty against Yamazaki comes as a "severe shock" to the veterans of Japanese ancestry.

"Many of our comrades have made the supreme sacrifice to prove their loyalty," Yamada said. "To us it is incredible and extremely regrettable that there is anyone who doubts the fact that the United States won the war . . . For the sake of the unity of the community and of the future of the Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Japanese community must expose the disloyal and the racketeers who are exploiting the ignorant for personal gain."

A University of Hawaii sociologist, Dr. Andrew W. Lind, however, ascribes the beliefs of this small number of Issei to a "queer social epidemic," a social phenomenon derived from a sense of frustration and emotional crisis growing out of the discovery that Japan was neither invincible nor moral, as they had once believed their fatherland to be.

"The older generation Japanese in Hawaii, particularly those least in touch with the American public, have been undergoing an emotional crisis since V-J Day as acute as that experienced by the entire community during and just after December 7, 1941," says Lind.

"Conceptions which they have held of themselves throughout a lifetime have suddenly been destroyed and many have become victims of queer social epidemics."

The epidemics have in some instances taken the form of strange religious cults, a combination of Japanese Shintoism, Buddhism and Christianity, including faith healing. In some manifestations these cults are reminiscent of the many weird cults which have flourished in this country, based on religion or power.

The cults, says Dr. Lind, will die a natural death "if you don't drive them underground." According to Dr. Lind and Bernhard L. Hormann, also of the University of Hawaii, an amused, "even indulgent tolerance" will speed the cults along their way to inevitable disappearance. And the Nisei can help in their disappearance by aiding the Issei to find other avenues of escape and expression, by building the "necessary avenues of communication" between them and the rest of the community.

Washington News-Letter

Government Initiates Action To Pay Losses of Evacuees

By JOHN KITASAKO

This week the United States Government initiated legislation by which it hopes to settle a four-year score with evacuees. Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug on April 24 sent to the Senate the draft of the proposed bill to authorize the adjudication of claims of persons of Japanese ancestry against the United States for losses arising out of evacuation and exclusion from the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii.

The House of Representatives, which was in Easter recess on that date, was to get the bill when it reconvened on April 29.

In his four-page letter to McKellar explaining the terms of the measure, Secretary Krug stated: "The least that this country can do, in simple justice, is to afford some degree of compensation for the measurable special losses that the evacuees have suffered."

"As a matter of fairness and good conscience, and because these particular American citizens and law-abiding aliens have borne with patience and undefeated loyalty the unique burdens which this Government has thrown upon them, I strongly urge that the proposed legislation be enacted into law."

The salient features of the bill are as follows:

It would establish an Evacuation Claims Commission to act as a special tribunal to hear and determine the claims. This commission would consist of a chairman and two members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Commission would adjudicate any claim "arising on or after Dec. 7, 1941, when such claim is not compensated for by insurance, for damage to or loss of real or personal property or other impairment of assets" that resulted from or as a reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation and exclusion program.

This excludes claims that are speculative, and less definitely appraisable claims such as anticipated wages or profits, deterioration of skills and earning capacity, and physical hardship and mental suffering.

In his letter, Secretary Krug stated that "on the other hand there are numerous instances in which intervening factors immediately causing the loss, such as arson, theft, mortgage foreclosure, loss of goods while in government possession, or breach of trust should not affect recovery, because the situation giving rise to the losses would not have occurred had the owners been permitted to remain in possession."

Repatriates, totaling some 7,500, and deportees would be excluded from making claims, as well as persons who established residence in a foreign country.

"Evacuation," the bill states, "shall include voluntary departure from a military area prior to but in anticipation of an order of exclusion therefrom."

The Commission would bar all claims not filed within 18 months from the date of the enactment of the bill.

The Commission would have broad powers, including that of subpoena of witnesses and documents, and would allow claimants to be "heard and to present evidence before making a final termination." It would also extend assistance to needy persons in preparing claims.

The Commission would make payments of any award not exceeding \$2,500 out of "such funds as may be made available for this purpose by Congress." However, awards exceeding this amount would be paid in the "same manner as are final judgments of the Court of Claims."

All payments would be final and conclusive. An order of dismissal against any claimant would bar any further claims.

In rendering an award, the Commission may determine the attorneys' fees, which shall not exceed 20 percent of the award. Any attorney who demands and collects any amount in excess of this 20 percent shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine, or imprisonment, or both.

In his letter to Senate President McKellar, Secretary Krug stated that it is too early to make a final estimate of the actual and financial property losses incurred by the evacuees, but it is "well established that the losses have been heavy."

The evacuees, said Krug, were not individually charged with any

crime or with disloyalty, and it has been subsequently demonstrated that the "vast majority of them were and are good Americans."

This has been "convincingly indicated by the outstanding record of 23,000 Japanese Americans who served in the armed forces," and also by the fact that there have been no cases of sabotage or espionage by Nisei during the entire war.

The governmental safeguards designed to prevent heavy losses were "somewhat tardily instituted . . . and were never entirely successful," wrote Krug, in describing the disposition of possessions at huge losses in a "setting of confusion and hysteria."

"Unlike our fighting men and their families, who also made financial and personal sacrifices in this war," declared Krug, "the evacuee group was given no statutory ameliorating benefits. These persons have had to bear the losses occasioned by the evacuation in addition to the war-time deprivations they have shared with the rest of the American people. For the first time in our history, persons of Japanese ancestry are appearing in substantial numbers on relief rolls."

Mr. Dillon Myer, in whose office the proposed bill was drafted, declared that he was glad the legislation was on its way, that it had been approved by the Bureau of the Budget and that it had been given such forceful endorsement by the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Myer thought the bill was complete and equitable, and hoped that it would be acted upon at an early date by the Congress.

POSTSCRIPTS: One hundred and ten Nisei graduated on April 26 from the Counterintelligence Training School at the Holabird Signal Depot in Baltimore. Most of them are expected to ship out to Japan after a three-week furlough.

George Oku, formerly of San Francisco, became the first Nisei vet to go into business in Washington. He opened a jewelry shop in the downtown district.

Mrs. Miye Nishida, who received her masters degree in horticulture on April 26 at the University of Maryland, left for Berkeley, where her husband is a student at the University of California.

CHRONICLE CRITIC COMMENTS ON NEW OKUBO EXHIBIT

SAN FRANCISCO—An exhibit of prints, drawing and pastels by Mine Okubo, Nisei artist, is now on display at the Mills College art gallery, according to Alfred Frankenstein, art critic for the San Francisco Chronicle.

In a discussion of Miss Okubo's work Frankenstein says:

"Miss Okubo's prints, drawings and pastels are devoted to recording the life of the Nisei confined in Japanese relocation centers during the war. Miss Okubo herself was an inmate of one such center for a time, and while there drew a picture of the guards around the camp which she sent down to a San Francisco Art Association annual, where it won a prize."

"This picture is at Mills, and it is the best imaginable commentary on the whole cockeyed situation that existed with reference to the Nisei during the war," says Frankenstein. "You may be sure that no inmate of Dachau ever won a prize in a Leipzig annual during his confinement."

"Some of Miss Okubo's designs and stylizations are interesting, but the show is valuable mainly as a document record of a group which was, apparently, quite as Americanized and quite as good natured in adversity as any of the Kelly-Kaplan-Caruso combinations which traditionally symbolize the people of this country."

Nisei Basketball Team Tours Northern Italy

Vagaries

position . . .

Hawaiian statehood's most outspoken opponent, Senator Alice Koa, who has used the "Japanese menace" as her argument, will arrive in Washington in mid-May from Hawaii to her anti-statehood campaign on a national basis. Mrs. Campbell's favorite charge is that Japanese Americans in Hawaii will be to control the region's politics to the detriment of statehood but there is no record of bloc voting by the Nisei in Hawaii to date. She is the most prominent Hawaiian public figure to oppose statehood.

pers . . .

Present prospects are that two Japanese American papers will be started in San Francisco soon. The papers will have no connections with the two Japanese American papers which were in existence in San Francisco until 1942. . . . Dr. Michi Kusaka, the young physicist who recently was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for atomic research, is now a sergeant in the army and has a technical assignment. Dr. Kusaka, who came to America with his parents as a child, is one of a limited number of Japanese aliens who have been accepted into the Army. Another, Masayoshi Matsumoto, known for his articles in U. S. publications on Japanese politics.

survivors . . .

The two Canadian Nisei sergeants, George Suzuki and Fred Yamagami, who survived a Singapore crash on March 27 were among the seven persons who were rescued. Sixteen other passengers were killed when the Sunderland flying boat crashed in the night. . . . The school board of Burnaby, British Columbia, recently refused to approve the placing of plaques bearing Japanese surrender signatures in schools of that municipality. The school was recommended by school board members who said Japanese children may be back in our schools and felt the presence of the plaques would be an evidence of racial discrimination.

deportees . . .

During the past week the Justice Department quietly took a number of Japanese aliens, scheduled for involuntary deportation to Japan, in custody. Arrangements had been made for a boat to leave Seattle later this month with the deportees. A few days later, however, the deportees were released from custody when the departure of the repatriation ship was postponed. Many of the potential deportees have filed appeals for the right to remain in the U. S. . . . The Frederick and John Ravin American Legion post of Portland, Ore., got a "hat's off" tribute from the New York newspaper for its protest against the Portland realty board on behalf of a Nisei veteran. Incidentally, while the Legion post in Portland was acting in behalf of a Nisei GI, another Legion post in the same city turned down the application of a Nisei combat veteran for membership.

Baseball . . .

George Abo is rated one of the best pitchers of the California collegiate season following his recent performances with the Fresno State college nine. Abo won six of seven games, including several shutouts. . . . Henry Tomlinson, pitcher for McKinley high school in Honolulu, who recently pitched a no-run, no-hit game against Mid-Pacific, is a favorite for the honor of representing Hawaii's prep baseball athletes in the Brooklyn Against the World game to be held in Brooklyn this summer under the sponsorship of the National League Dodgers. . . . Kazuoka, Canadian Nisei baseball star, recently turned down a tryout with the Three Rivers team of the Canadian American professional league and signed with John in the Provincial league, semi-pro loop.

Butterfly . . .

Hizi Koyke, prima donna of the Carlo Opera company, will make a second appearance this season in the title role of Mme. Butterfly in the San Carlo series at the Center theater in New York's Radio City.

Japanese American GIs Meet "Gimme" Kids, Ride Gondolas On a Venetian Shopping Tour

Chinese Italian Red Cross Girl Becomes An Enthusiastic Rooter for the 442nd's Cagemen in an Exhibition Game in Udine

By JOHN ITO

WITH THE 442ND COMBAT TEAM, LEGHORN, Italy—Recently, the 442nd basketball team boarded a fifteen passenger sedan and headed north from Leghorn for Venezia Giulia to play ball with elements of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division which is employed in keeping the peace in Venezia Giulia. The contingent of itinerants, led by Lt. Robert I. Wakuya, Regimental Athletic Officer, traveled over the rugged North Appenines, the mountain range the 442nd Regimental Combat Team fought through just a year ago. With the treacherous mountains behind them they sped by neat little farms in the flat and fertile valley that was the Po, toward Milan.

The travel weary cagers saw the city of Milan stretching out before them as the sun was receding behind the western horizon. In the waning twilight and from a distance the once proud Italian city looked like a metropolis in the states, Los Angeles, or perhaps even Chicago. The illusion vanished as the suburbs passed before their eyes house by house, building by building. Milan was spared heavy bombardment but the scars of war were upon her, a house there, a building here and a railroad junction over there. All this in the semi-darkness when neither day or night ruled introduced an air of intrigue and the dark figures of people darting across streets did not help the spirits of the usually happy Nisei cagers. The heart of the city was reached and the tall spires of the Cathedral Il Duomo was silhouetted against a starstudded sky. It was mysteriously beautiful in the night as only the outlines of the hundreds of statues and statuettes by Michelangelo that adorn the spires could be seen.

Supper and rooms for the night were furnished the basketball team by a GI hotel in the hub of the city. After supper the boys decided to work the stiffness out of their legs by going for a walk but no sooner did they get out the door when the kids came from all directions crying, "Gimme gum, Joe," "Gimme chocolate, Joe," "Gimme butts, Joe." It was no different from Leghorn except that these kids were dressed a little better and seemed to have a trifle more meat on their bones. It was a sorry sight but darn those kids, you give them something and you can't get rid of them, then again, if you don't they follow you around chanting "gimme" phrases. It has gotten to a point where the GIs no longer feel a pang in their hearts on passing a whimpering kid with outstretched hands.

With the kids following them the boys of the basketball team walked in twos and threes down the unlighted city streets as black-market operators hovered on each street corner like impatient buzzards. They passed public urinals and heavily locked shops that were in need of stock. Then there were the street cafes with their tables with colorful tablecloths. It was a bit chilly though the calendar indicated that it was spring and the people did not stop to patronize them; perhaps, they were unable to. In the doorways of hotels and the warmth of coffee shops waited the common prostitutes whose painted faces made smiles at all the GIs that passed. The smell of manure, the begging kids and the empty smiles of the prostitutes made the boys disgusted and melancholic; so they turned and made their way back to the GI hotel through a maze of people, carts, hansoms and bicycles.

In the morning the team once more boarded the sedan to continue their journey. As the long sleek sedan raced through small villages that seemed so much alike, people stopped to stare in amazement at the length of the fast American vehicle. The inhabitants of these small villages often cried, "Chinese!" "Chinese!" on seeing the Nisei occupants of the sedan. Most of the boys were tolerant but some resented the mistaken identity and shouted back "Japanese American."

The next overnight stop was made in Venice, the once gay city of colorful gondolas, gambling and

exquisite glassware. Venice, the beautiful city of canals the boys read so much about in their geography books during grammar school days, was now actually under their GI boots. Everyone was enthusiastic and wanted to hurry to the Lido where the GI hotel was located so that they might spend a few hours shopping for gifts for their loved ones back home. The sedan was left in the mainland and the boys transferred their gear onto a ferryboat which plied between the islands that made up the romantic city, Venice. Lido was their home for the night, Lido where the world's idle rich gathered in prewar years to gamble and to fashion money-wasting diversions to pass the time of day.

The boys were met at the Lido ferry landing by those kids that chant "gimme" phrases but in their hurry to the hotel they completely ignored them and the kids were compelled to skip breathlessly in pursuit. After checking in at the hotel the boys took off for the island of San Marco where all the shops and glass factories were located. Unconcerned by the toot of the ferry's parting signal, the boys of the 442nd basketball team chartered gondolas to take them across the water to San Marco. Although the trip took twice as long by gondola everyone enjoyed the leisurely crossing. San Marco was beautiful in its continental manner with its gaily colored buildings, obsequiously adorned arches, majestic towers and fabulous domes. All this fascinated the boys while they went from shop to shop buying gifts but always was to be heard the voice of one of the boys saying, "Gee, this place reminds me of a place in Salt Lake City," or "This may be oke, but give me Hawaii." That evening the boys had supper together in an Italian restaurant and recalled happier days as civilians. The boys bid picturesque Venice "arvederci" (goodbye) in the morning and continued their motor trip.

Into the disputed territory of Venezia Giulia traveled the Nisei casaba team of the 442nd Regiment. The boys had read about the situation of Venezia Giulia in the Stars and Stripes but they were unable to realize the significance of the problem merely by reading about it. Yet, what they missed in print came to them in one great splash when they saw a large Yugoslavian banner hanging from the window of a rural farm house. Every village and hamlet from that point on was decorated with flags of both factions, Italian and Yugoslavian. The walls along the roadsides bore signs that read "Zivo Tito," even the hills were not spared the unbecoming signs. In spots the Italians reigned as their flags dominated the area but in others the Yugoslavs held the upper hand. However, everywhere was to be seen "Zivo Tito."

On reaching Udine where the first game was scheduled, the boys were played host to by the 313th Medic Battalion of the 88th Division which was stationed just out of town in a hamlet called Cividale. While in Udine the boys of the basketball team visited the American Red Cross and to their surprise found a Chinese girl working there at the information desk. It is not strange to see Chinese people in Italy, for that matter in all of Europe, but never

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

American Public Not Alert to World Events

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. I. Q.'s first question was: "What member of the Supreme court is the chief American prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trials?"

Over the radio the voice of Joe Doakes, American, faltered a moment and then said: "I'm sorry, Doctor, I don't know."

Whether Joe Doakes is more or less aware of the world about him than Mr. Average American, his failure to recognize the prosecutor as Justice Robert Jackson was a sorry commentary on the American public's alertness to current history.

Soon another Allied tribunal will open court in Tokyo and hear the defense of 28 top Japanese warmakers to 55 counts of a war-crimes indictment.

Tokyo, to the American public, is more distant than Berlin. The names of the defendants are less familiar than those of the Germans, and with the exception of Tojo, more difficult to pronounce.

The crimes of the Japanese militarists are no less revolting than those of the Nazis of Hitler's gang. But now it seems likely that Joe Doakes and his neighbors on the Main streets will pay even less heed to the Tokyo trials than they have to the hearings in Nuernberg.

In the days to come a grim and

did the boys ever come across a Chinese girl who was so attractive as this young lady in Udine. Not only was she attractive, she was able to speak English fluently and had at her command four other languages including French, Russian, Italian and German. Her name was Zena Dakow and the hit she made with boys was terrific and visa versa. Perhaps, the striking of an immediate friendship between Zena and the boys of the basketball team can be attributed to their common oriental background but in all event it was a grand sight to see the Japanese American boys of the 442nd Regiment getting along so wonderfully with a Chinese Italian girl. Many of the Caucasian GIs of the 88th Division who knew Zena were a little short of being amazed at seeing her enjoy the company of Japanese Americans and so were the Italians who stared at the boys while they walked down the streets with Zena in tow but in most cases they remarked, "Chinese." Later, when the 442nd tangled horns on the maplewood court with their hosts, the 313th Medic Battalion, Zena was in the stands rooting for the "Go For Broke" boys from Leghorn.

The first game played by the 442nd cage squad was an exhibition game for the benefit of the British Sport Center in Udine whose instructors wished to introduce the popular American sport to the British soldiers. In this exhibition game the first team met the second team with approximately three hundred British soldiers looking on while an English warrant officer familiar with the game explained the finer points of the game to the soldier audience. The diminutive bucketeers of the 442nd brought rounds of applause from the well mannered spectators as they skillfully worked the ball around the court while one of their comrades broke to make clean and accurate set-up shots giving a perfect example of how basketball should be played.

On the following day the 442nd Infantry five played their first competitive game of the tour against the Udine All-Star Italians. With a crowd of close to four hundred British soldiers rooting for them the cagers of the 442nd downed the All Star Italians 44 to 37. It warmed the heart of each and every man on the team to hear the British soldiers cheer, "Go it Yank," "Atta boy Yank." With the first team on the court the game was a one sided affair so the second was used throughout most of the game. The second team played heads-up ball and kept the comfortable lead made by the first team in the first quarter of the game. It was with secret pleasure that the boys of the team watched one of their comrades bottle-up an Italian center who stood six feet, five inches off the floor. After the final whistle had blown the British soldiers gave both the 442nd Infantry boys and the All Star Italians three rousing cheers, then they all retired to the club nearby and exchanged ideas about basketball over tea and crumpets. (To be concluded next week.)

thrilling story will be unfolded in a Tokyo courtroom, tracing the course of a mad imperialistic ambition of warlords whose mental processes were back in feudal times.

It will be a story of apology, deceit and two-facedness; of the betrayal of a people; of rationalization and lies repeated so often that even the propagandists began to believe what they said.

It will be a story that should be followed closely so that free people may be educated to the perfidious methods of the fascists and thus be better armed to defend their liberty.

The Tokyo correspondents have a grave responsibility. They must keep their dispatches as free as possible of the ponderous weight of strange names, unfamiliar incidents and distant dates.

They must make their dispatches so lucid, significant and compelling that the public will be moved to read, and thus to learn.

Question-Box

Our younger offspring is at the stage where she asks questions merely for the thrill of wrestling with words and emerging triumphant. The information she draws out with her queries is incidental — she's usually asking another question before the first one is answered.

After a preliminary imperative phrase (like "Get up, sleepy-head!") the interrogatory sentences follow rapidly upon each other. Samples:

"Wha choo sleepin' for?"
"Wha choo takin' a bath for?"
"Wha choo dressin' up for?"
"Wha choo combin' your hair for?"
"Wha choo eatin' for?"
"Where you goin' now for?"
"Wha choo goin' to work for?"

So far we've been passive about answering, but we're toying with the idea of introducing a new routine soon, just to avert the monotony.

New Standard

In our chores around the house we've run into the problem of patching cracks that have appeared in teakwood chests that we picked up in the Orient.

We were assured the chests would not crack, positively. But the old Chinese craftsmen never had to contend with the rigors of central heating which, we guarantee, will dry out anything.

We doubt that we'll ever find anyone here with the skill to do a first class repair job. Nor do we expect, if we ever return to the Far East, to find chests, curios and other pieces of art for the prices at which they were available a few years ago.

Inflation and the free-spending GI have changed all that. There will be a new standard of values in the Orient for many years to come.

Hunger Stalks

Save that breadcrust, Ann Nisei, and devise a way to use it.

Hunger stalks the world as Nisei GIs will testify. The boys from the 442nd can tell you of spindle-legged children with solemn old-young eyes who begged for just such crusts. They'll tell you of respectable persons forced to paw in refuse cans for their meals; of peasant housewives that appeared out of nowhere to cut steaks off the carcasses of army pack mules that fell off mountain trails.

There's hunger, too in Japan, India and China where even the weeds are gone and people have begun to eat clay.

These are sights our GIs have seen. Every bit of food we can conserve, every meal that we can send to our starving overseas neighbors, is added insurance against the necessity of our GIs having to go back over again some day.

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Returned Group Finds Friendly Acceptance in Santa Barbara**Japanese American Population Doubles Pre-Evacuation Total**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — You may not see Japanese Americans tilling their fields of sweet peas and freesias as you did before Pearl Harbor, nor doll-like children playing in East Canon Perdido street near the little houses around the Buddhist and Congregational churches, but Santa Barbara now has almost twice as many Japanese residents as before the war, a total of 418 compared to 237, says Verne Linderman in the Santa Barbara News-Press of April 28.

The figures are those given by Jerome T. Light, head of the WRA. Santa Barbara county, however, has only 50 per cent of its former Nisei and Issei population, or 1093 as compared to 2187 in 1940.

Light gave two reasons for the increase in numbers settling in Santa Barbara. One was their inability to get land, resulting in a concentration in the city. The other was the comparatively friendly feeling.

The returned evacuees do not seem bitter but regard their situation philosophically as something that could not be avoided, says Verne Linderman.

Among them is Tom Tabata, who once owned the Toyo Shoe Shop at 628½ State street. He is now temporarily repairing shoes in the garage at his son's home. "But old customers are coming back," he assured the reporter cheerfully.

In his garage shop he can watch his daughter, Mrs. Roy Watanabe, whose husband is employed as a gardener in Montecito, weeding the little home garden. He sees his grandchildren, Kathie and Keith, playing in their pen, and his

Large Crowd Seen For New York JACL Semi-Annual Dance

NEW YORK CITY — Advance ticket sales indicate that the largest crowd in New York Nisei dance history will attend the JACL's semi-annual ball at the Hotel Delmonico on May 11, publicity Chairman Ken Hayashi announced here this week.

The dance will honor the Greater New York Citizens' Committee for Japanese Americans and the Eastern WRA office, which will be closing its doors on May 15, according to Al Funabashi, chairman. Donations from the dance proceeds will be made to both organizations, he stated.

Geno Bartal and his orchestra, who have been featured for 10 years at the Hotel Lexington, have been secured for the ball.

Several top stage and radio entertainers will be featured during the intermission period.

Table reservations for the ball will be taken by Yurino Takayoshi at Murray-hill 2-2459.

Dance tickets are being sold by local JACL members, Japanese business firms, churches and organizations. They will also be sold at the gate. Admission price is \$2.70 per person, tax included. For men in uniform the price is \$1.80.

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Home Missions Ends Publication Of Bulletin

NEW YORK CITY — The Home Missions Council of North America terminated publication of Resettlement Bulletin in April.

The last issue featured articles by Director Dillon S. Myer of WRA, Mrs. Gracia D. Booth, Kido of the JACL, Roy of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, Clark P. Gurnea, Beatrice Burr, Nelson Schick, Grayce Kaneda, Helen M. Shunji F. Nishi and James gioka.

Engaged

NEW YORK CITY — The engagement of Miss Carolyn Ikegami, formerly of Los Angeles to Mr. E. Ken Furuya of New York City was announced recently. Miss Ikegami is a nurse at the Bellevue hospital, New York. Mr. Furuya, a graduate of N. Y. U., was formerly president of the New York JACL.

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Interested persons should apply to the Overseas Recruitment Unit, the main concourse of the Pentagon building or mail the Standard Form 57 (Application for Federal Employment) to Overseas Branch, Office Secretary of War, Washington 25, D. C., attention of J. G. Nott.

Nisei Student Wins American Legion Essay Contest

KAYSVILLE, Utah—Emy Miya, high grade student at North High School, was the winner this week of an essay contest sponsored by the American Legion.

Miss Miya wrote on "American Citizens: Our Responsibilities, Our Privileges."

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SANTA ANA, Calif.—Susumu Tanaka, winner of the Purple Heart and resident of Santa Ana, Calif., has accepted a position in the art department of N. W. Ayer and Son, Inc., national advertising agency in Philadelphia, according to the Santa Ana Register. Tanaka served with the famous Japanese American regiment in Italy and later in Germany. After his discharge he attended Los Angeles Art center, where his work attracted an Ayer representative.

Nisei Stars For U. of Cincinnati Tennis Team

CINCINNATI, O. — Frank Inouye, former Los Angeles tennis star, helped the University of Cincinnati varsity tennis team score a 7-4 victory over Kentucky on April 29.

Inouye defeated his opponent 6-4, 6-2, in the singles and in the doubles with his partner defeated the opponents 6-1, 6-1.

The Nisei star was number one man on the varsity team last season and went through the season in singles with but one defeat in eight starts.

An outstanding student, Inouye has received the Taft Fellowship award for scholarship and the Browning Memorial award in English.

Twelve ATIS Nisei Leave Japan for Homes in America

TOKYO—Twelve American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who have been serving with the U. S. Army's ATIS in Tokyo left on April 15 for the Fourth Replacement Depot on the first step of their return to the United States. All are in the 24 and 25 months service group.

The returnees include T/5 Tosh Asano, star athlete who was a member of the U. S. Army's All-Japan softball team in the Pacific Olympics recently in Manila; T/3 Shigetoshi Imazumi, T/3 Douglas Miyata, T/3 Harry Toda and T/3 Tetsuchi Uratsu, T/4 Hiroshi Goto, T/4 Seichi Nakama, T/4 Tom Taniguchi and T/4 Masashi Wataguchi, and T/5 Calvin Misano, T/5 Kayji Oka and T/5 Edward Yada.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Masata Hanada, Orosi, Calif., a son, Steven Lee, on April 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sakoda a girl on April 18 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masuo G. Nishimura a girl on April 22 in Sacramento, Calif.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Hiroshi Mitobe a girl, Leslie Sue, on April 22 in St. Louis, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mikio Mori, 23 North First West, Salt Lake City, a girl on April 29.

DEATHS

Alvin N. Imada, 3, on April 23 in Denver, Colo.

MARRIAGES

Shizuko Iyama to Haruo Tsuda on April 14 in San Jose, Calif.

Lt. Commander Oda Weds Satoko Oguri In Brooklyn

NEW YORK CITY — Miss Satoko Oguri, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kanzo Oguri of 579 Seventh street, Brooklyn, became the bride of Lieut. Commander James A. Oda, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Oda of Honolulu, on April 27 in ceremonies at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown and a cap of heirloom lace. She was attended by Miss Isako Oguri. Commander Oda's best man was Toyokichi Oguri, brother of the bride, who returned recently after almost two years' service overseas with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Commander Oda joined the United States Maritime Service in 1942 and served in the European and Middle East theaters. He is the holder of the Navy Cross. The bride is a graduate of Barnard college and has been engaged in malarial research in the New York University Medical School research division, for which she received a citation from the United States government Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Graduation Social Slated by YBA

MADERA, Calif.—A June graduation social honoring all high school and college graduates in the area will be sponsored by the Central California YBA.

A sports affair, it will be held in the latter part of June at the Rainbow Ballroom. The dance will be open to the public.

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All veterans who have not as yet sent their names to the committee are urged to do so before May 15. They may contact the Veterans Committee by calling DELaware 4481 or by dropping a post card to the committee, 1110 No. LaSalle street, Chicago 10.

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Runaway Team Kills Utah Nisei Farmer

TREMONTON, Utah—A recently discharged serviceman, Royal M. Kaneko, 28, was killed on May 2 when a manure spreader he was driving, pulled by a team of runaway horses, passed over his body after he had been thrown from the machine.

The Nisei veteran was hauling a load across the highway from a corral to a farm owned by Frank Chadez, his employer, when the horses bolted. He fell from the spreader and the wheels passed over him.

The accident occurred on U. S. highway 30-S, half a mile west of Tremonton.

He was declared dead on arrival at Valley hospital in Tremonton.

He entered the Army in Sept., 1941, and served overseas ten months with an airborne infantry unit.

Survivors include his parents, four sisters, Mrs. Harold Takahashi, Price; Mrs. J. S. Tsutsui, Gunnison; Mrs. George Sugano, Iowa and Flora Kaneko, Tremonton, and two brothers, Noboru and Floyd.

Nisei Girl Named Attendant to Queen At Chicago School

CHICAGO—Suzanne Tory, Nisei student at the Englewood branch of Chicago City Junior college, was last week selected as an attendant to Queen Joanne Hogan in the college's queen contest.

Central California YBA Fills Vacancies In Cabinet Posts

MADERA, Calif.—Sakaye Oga-wa was elected corresponding secretary and Fred Nishida was appointed publicity chairman to fill cabinet vacancies at a recent meeting of the Central California YBA.

Mike Iwatsubo and Robert Kimura were appointed by President Hiro Mayeda to revise the constitution.

Asks Withdrawal of Deportation Orders

MONTREAL — Withdrawal of the Canadian government's deportation orders against Japanese Canadian evacuees was requested last week by members of Point Claire No. 57 of the Canadian Legion.

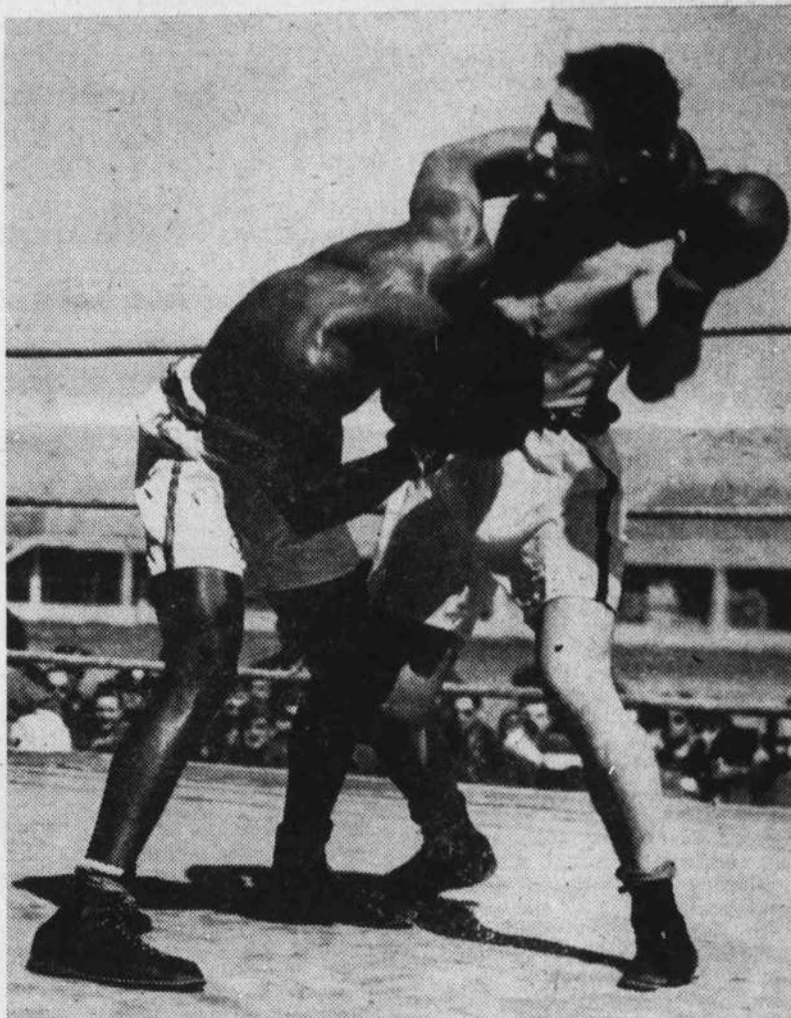
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Oakland Nisei Wins GI Match



LEGHORN, Italy—Tut Sugimoto, representing the U. S. Army's Mediterranean Theater of Operations, won his lightweight division bout against Willey Lee of Cincinnati, Ohio, representing the European Theater, in the MTO-ETO tournament staged recently in Leghorn, Italy.

—(Army Pictorial Service photo by Kobashi.)

Civil Rights Group to Back Nisei Cases

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California Civil Rights Defense Union, composed of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, will hold its two-day conference on May 28 and announced that it will use its energies in "fighting" cases, protecting Nisei Issei civil rights and financial steps to give Issei citizenship papers.

A goal of \$100,000 to be used in the protection of the civil rights of Americans and law-abiding aliens of Japanese ancestry has been set by the organization.

Representatives from the Southern California districts of A. L. Wirin explain various phases of civil rights and discuss past cases.

Joe Masaoka, Northern California regional director of the Union, was another speaker.

Headquarters of the Southern California Civil Rights Defense Union will be established in Los Angeles regional office of JACL in the Vimar building, South San Pedro St.

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