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California's Supreme Court Hears Petition of Nisei GI To Set Aside Race Restrictions

Injunction Granted by Superior Court Judge To Property-Owners Bars Japanese Americans From Occupancy of Home in Los Angeles Area

LOS ANGELES—In a case testing the legality of racial restrictive covenants which deny occupancy of homes to non-Caucasians, the State Supreme Court of California was asked on June 6 to set aside an injunction granted by Superior Judge Henry M. Willis denying an American soldier of Japanese ancestry, Shinobu Saito, from use of a home at 2941 Dalton street in Los Angeles.

The injunction had been granted by Judge Willis on a petition by Bertha Kenyon, representing a group of property-owners, who contended that the district in which the home in question was located was restricted to persons of the Caucasian race.

Another suit on restrictive covenants which will be heard by the State Supreme Court concerns the petition of a Chinese American veteran, Tom Amer, for the right to occupy a Los Angeles home in

a neighborhood in which property owners have instituted race restrictions.

Meanwhile, white property owners, in a suit heard by the State Supreme Court on June 6, challenged a recent ruling by Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke which held that racial restrictions in the West Adams Heights district were unconstitutional.

N.Y. Times Asks Congressional Action to Stop Deportation Of Japanese Who Aided U. S.

NEW YORK—The New York Times on June 1 asked for Congressional action to prevent the imminent deportation of aliens of Japanese ancestry who served in United States war agencies during World War II.

Noting that some of these aliens, who face deportation because of technicalities in the American immigration laws, operated "in confidential and important capacities" in the United States war effort, the Times declared that Congressional consid-

eration of proposed legislation which would alleviate the present status of these persons would repay these aliens "for services rendered."

The Times stated that there are in the United States "some 2,000 alien Japanese . . . whose attitudes and loyalties and activities have been scanned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation more thoroughly than those of most native-born citizens" and who now face deportation because of their immigration status.

The Times said that most of these persons have long been residents under classifications as students or "treaty merchants" and now face deportation as a result of the war.

The Times editorial cited the specific case of Jun Iwamatsu and his wife, Tomoe. Iwamatsu, the paper said, served the United States loyally in the Office of War Information and the Office of Strategic Services.

"His work was especially valuable in the latter-named organization (OSS)," the Times said. "Last fall he went to Japan as an interpreter with the Strategic Bombing Survey, thus definitely identifying himself to Japanese extremists."

"To deport Mr. and Mrs. Iwamatsu to Japan under the circumstances would probably be tantamount to a death sentence for them, and certainly poor pay for their services."

The Times noted that there are several bills covering both the group generally and special cases such as that of the Iwamatsus. It reported that the special bill introduced in their behalf would permit also the entry of their 12-year old son, Makoto, whom they left behind when they came to the United States in 1939.

"These bills run the risk of being caught in the legislative jam unless Congress can be prevailed on to consider them. It is a race between the process of immigration machinery and passage of the legislation. The loyal 2,000 would seem to deserve that much consideration from the representatives of the American people," the Times concluded.

Mike Masaoka Will Represent Salt Lake AVC

The Salt Lake chapter of the American Veterans Committee decided at their meeting this week to have Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary of the JACL, act as their delegate to the national convention of the AVC in Des Moines, I., on June 14.

Stanley Margulies, chairman of the Salt Lake City unit, issued an invitation to Nisei war veterans in the city to join the American Veterans Committee.

Treaty Traders File Suit for Deportation Stay

ACLU Says Expulsion Would Force Separation Of Many Families

SAN FRANCISCO — Nine persons of Japanese ancestry facing deportation under immigration regulations because of the wartime abrogation of their legal status as "treaty traders," were granted a Federal District Court test case hearing on a blanket writ of habeas corpus on May 29.

Trial was set for June 24.

The nine "treaty traders" involved are Hideo Yano, Santa Clara; Shigejiro Sakaguchi, San Jose; Futoshi and Yayeko Amino, San Francisco; Estuko Ito, Folsom; Goro, James and Yukiko Nakano, Carmel, and Himi Yasuda, Sacramento.

Federal Judge Louis Goodman signed an order to show cause from Irving M. Wixon, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Ernest Besig, Northern California director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said that the nine petitioners are among 70 scheduled for deportation and that the outcome of the hearing may determine the fate of 400 other cases in the United States.

The ACLU's petition for the nine persons said that such deportation would be "contrary to humanity and national hospitality" and would inflict "cruel and inhuman punishment by subjecting the applicants to possible starvation in Japan."

Besig stressed that deportation of the nine would cause the separation of four families. Several of the persons involved are married to Americans of Japanese ancestry and have American-born children.

Besig charged that the nine persons involved were denied a fair

Deportation Will Proceed Despite Pending Legislation, Washington Officials Declare

Rep. Eberharter Calls for Early Congressional Action on Bill to Prevent Injustices; Many Potential Deportees Have U. S. Families

WASHINGTON—Rep. Herman Eberharter, D., Pa., sponsor of a bill which would eliminate race discrimination from a section of the American immigration law, called for early Congressional action on his measure this week as Justice Department officials indicated that its Immigration and Naturalization Service would be forced to proceed with the deportation of nearly 400 alien Japanese, most of whom have wives, husbands or children who are American citizens.

Judd Bill Aids Japanese Who Worked for U. S.

Will Legalize Stay Of Those Who Gave "Outstanding Service"

NEW YORK — The passage of two bills introduced in the House of Representatives in May would permit many alien Japanese who served the United States during the war years to remain as permanent residents regardless of their present immigration status, the Nisei Weekender reported on June 6.

Introduced by Rep. Walter H. Judd, R., Minn., HR 6505 provides that alien Japanese who have rendered "outstanding service" to the United States between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945 be allowed to remain in the country permanently. Another feature of the measure provides that these persons will not be subject to deportation in case they have dependents who are American citizens.

Another bill, introduced by Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin, R., N. Y., will insure the permanent status of Mr. and Mrs. Jun Iwamatsu, who were employed by OWI and OSS during the war.

The Weekender said that Gen. William Donovan, chief of OSS, arranged for the introduction of the Iwamatsu bill and that the measure is strongly favored by Rep. John Lesinski, chairman of the House subcommittee on immigration and naturalization.

Passage of the Judd bill may affect "several hundred" Japanese aliens who served in the OWI, OSS, FCC and other agencies, as well as those who taught in the Army and Navy training schools during the war, the Weekender noted.

and impartial hearing at their deportation trial.

Petition to Gen. MacArthur Seeks Delay on Deportations

Supreme Commander Asked to Postpone Acceptance of Deportees

The Salt Lake City Council for Civic Unity on June 6 unanimously resolved to send a letter directly to General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo asking him to stay the deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry in cases wherein "hardship" is involved.

Gen. MacArthur will be asked to postpone the acceptance of these persons, many of whom will take with them American citizen children and wives, until conditions in Japan are stabilized.

The resolution was presented to the members of the council by its legislative committee.

The Council for Civic Unity also moved to act in support of local deportation cases and voted to work in bringing these cases to the attention of congressmen for introduction to Congress in private bills.

The council will gather the facts on each case and prepare material on each before presenting them to congressmen for action, it was decided.

The council also passed resolu-

tions supporting indemnification for evacuation losses, revision of immigration laws, liberalization of citizenship laws, and passage of HR 5454, which gives discretionary powers to the attorney general of the United States to stay deportation in hardship cases concerning persons ineligible to citizenship.

The council gave its unanimous endorsement of Senate bill 2127, which provides for the indemnification of evacuation losses suffered by persons of Japanese ancestry.

In asking for revision of immigration laws, the council moved to memorialize Congress to grant quota privileges to all countries on the same basis.

The Salt Lake City group pointed out that the Nationality Act of 1940 limits naturalization to certain groups and asked that present discriminatory provisions be eliminated.

"Naturalization is the medium for attaining national unity," the council pointed out in its resolution. It stated also its belief that discrimination "based on race or color is un-American," and asked the all residents of the country be allowed naturalization rights on an equal basis.

NISEI DIVA WILL SING ONCE MORE FOR 442ND UNIT

LEGHORN, Italy — Toshiko Hasegawa, noted Nisei lyric soprano who is now living in Milan, Italy, will make another appearance for the men of the 442nd Combat Team before the Nisei GIs leave for home shortly.

It was shortly after V-E day that Miss Hasegawa sang for the Japanese Americans when the unit was stationed at Lecco. She was recently contacted to appear once more for the 442nd and two concerts are now planned.

Miss Hasegawa is a native of Stockton, Calif. For the past several years, Miss Hasegawa has made appearances as a guest artist with opera troupes in Italy, France and other European countries. She is noted for her delineation of the role of the Puccini heroine, Cho-Cho-San, in "Mme. Butterfly."

Tamura Awarded Honorable Mention in Postwar Contest

BOSTON, Mass. — A poster, "United We Stand," which pictures Abraham Lincoln against a background of a united world, won one of the ten honorable mention awards for Yukio Tazuma of Chicago in an art poster contest sponsored by the magazine section of the Christian Science Monitor on the subject of the United Nations.

"I believe that even though the economic and political troubles of the world are resolved by some compromise, the UN will never really succeed until the majority of religious and racial prejudices are wiped off the earth," Tazuma said in a statement carried by the Monitor.

A native of Seattle, Wash., the Nisei went through high school during the war at the war relocation center at Hunt, Idaho, and came to Chicago to study advertising and industrial designing.

More than 650 posters were entered in the contest.

"There is nothing we can do to help them—we can't even stay the deportations in anticipation of special legislation to permit them to remain in this country," a Justice Department official said.

The official indicated that the present immigration law specifies that the attorney general of the United States will have no discretionary power to stay the deportations of aliens who are "ineligible to citizenship." Since Japanese aliens and other Asiatics, except the Chinese, are deemed "ineligible," the Justice Department cannot alleviate hardship cases which have resulted from the present deportation program, the official indicated.

The attorney general has power to act in cases involving other aliens and the Eberharter bill proposes to remove the restriction which places Japanese aliens in a special category.

Rep. Eberharter, who has been urging early approval of his bill by the House Immigration committee, said that many members of Congress had expressed support for the measure. Rep. George Miller, D., Calif., was among the congressmen who testified in support of the bill at a committee hearing recently.

Among the persons who face involuntary deportations to Japan because of violations of the immigration law are the 400 who were legal residents of the United States under the status of "treaty merchants" until the United States abrogated its trade treaty with Japan in 1940.

These persons, many of whom have spent the majority of their lives as residents of the United States, came here as international traders under the treaty. Many married Japanese American women and have children who are Americans by right of birth. These families will be separated or American citizen members of the families will be forced to accompany deportable members to Japan if the present deportation program goes through, it was noted here.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said that the deportations must begin as soon as shipping space is available.

The Justice Department official stressed that the Japanese alien "treaty traders" involved were not considered undesirable enemy aliens, and that the sole question involved the abrogated treaty under which they were admitted.

A large number of the "treaty traders" had sons in the United States Army during the war, one Justice Department official declared.

"They have no family ties in Japan," he added, "and nothing to look forward to there. But applicable laws give the attorney general no discretionary powers."

Rep. Eberharter said that most of the Japanese "treaty traders" involved have been residents of the United States for 20 years.

"They are victims of circumstances and we should aid them," he declared.

William Green Names Shigeura as AFL Organizer in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Lawrence Shigeura has been named a field organizer for the AFL in Hawaii by President William Green, it was reported here recently.

Mr. Shigeura, prominent in AFL labor activity before his induction into the army two years ago, was discharged recently.

350 Japanese Americans Find Postwar Haven in Washington

Andrew Kuroda, a Native of Japan, Served During War in OSS After Renouncing Emperor Hirohito From Pulpit in Tule Lake Relocation Center

WASHINGTON—Three hundred and fifty persons of Japanese ancestry who have found a postwar haven in the nation's capital "followed a devious and thorny road strewn with disappointments, discrimination and financial loss," Earl J. Wilson declared in a May 26 article in the Washington Post.

"But without exception they count themselves lucky," Wilson reported.

The Washington Post's Sunday feature on the evacuees in Washington told the personal stories of many of the Japanese Americans.

Noting that the War Relocation Authority, which will be liquidated as an agency by June 31, recently closed down its local relocation office, the Post noted that counselling for the relocated evacuees is now available from the Family Service Association.

Reporter Wilson told the following stories of Washington's new residents of Japanese ancestry, many of whom did important work for government agencies during the war:

Yaetaro Mohri is an active 70-year-old. He was born at Yawatahama on the island of Shikoku. By the time he was 28 he had enough money to come to America. He acquired 160 acres in the fertile San Joaquin Valley, and for 31 years he tilled the soil there.

When the war broke out Mohri had to give up everything. With his family he was placed in the Poston, Ariz., relocation camp. While there the aged Japanese farmer became president of the Parent-Teachers Association and worked with the education section of the camp.

After four years he was released. He followed the path his two daughters had taken to Washington three years earlier. One, Florence Mohri, works for the State Department's Cultural Relations Division, and the other, Eunice, is in Interior's Indian Office. Now they all live together at 1775 Church st. nw.

And Mohri, instead of tilling his own acres, must content himself with being a gardener. He hopes sometime to open a nursery here.

Sixty-year-old K. Oizumi's experiences have been somewhat the same. Also born in Japan, he left the country as a young man and after attending a famous school for chefs in England, cooked in most of the European capitals.

Accumulating some money he came to this country 20 years ago and opened a restaurant in Hollywood near the big studios. The stars were his frequent customers and business prospered.

Today Oizumi has a tiny counter-restaurant in a dowdy section of Denver, where he has two married daughters and a son, soon to join the Army. The old Japanese looks to the future with confidence. He plans eventually to open a shop here to pickle eels, a great delicacy, he says, and in addition hopes in a year or so to open a first-class Japanese restaurant in the District.

Another addition to our community is Andrew Y. Kuroda of 1212 North Rolfe st., Arlington. Born in Tokyo, he came to America in 1934 after graduating from the Meiji Gakuin Mission College. He was 24. First he attended Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y., and later went to the Biblical Seminary in New York City for his master's degree in sacred theology.

Things were going well in 1938 when he joined the Japanese Methodist Church in Wapato, Wash., as pastor. He married, and had two children, Francis and Shubert. When the war started he was pastor of the Japanese Community Church at Salem, Ore. With his family, he was sent to the Tule Lake relocation camp.

In the camp a Union Church was formed in which all ministers cooperated. Kuroda renounced the Emperor of Japan from his pulpit and urged the hot-head elements to follow the American democratic way of life. One night he was visited by five masked men who beat him severely. The pastor was removed and from that time on Tule Lake became a segregation center for Japanese recalcitrants.

In 1944 Kuroda was accepted by OSS and sent overseas.

In Washington Kuroda works in the Oriental Division of the Library of Congress and occasionally preaches at the Evangelical and

Reformed Church to a Japanese congregation. On leave of absence from his church, Kuroda wants to stay here and help the Japanese people with their rehabilitation problems.

An Issei, technically denied citizenship, Kuroda says simply, "At heart I am as much an American as anybody else."

And there is Mrs. Irene Asaka, and her husband, Harry, who have opened a little grocery store at 1634 11th st. nw. The couple owned a market in Pasadena, but when they went to the relocation camp, of course, they had to give it up. While there, her husband picked cotton, and she made camouflage nets. Their three boys, Ronald, Dennis and John were with them.

A captain came to the camp to recruit for the Army. Her husband volunteered and was rejected for physical reasons. But the captain said they could go to his summer home in Massachusetts and work on it until the war's end. The couple decided to go, but had to call it off because some of the captain's neighbors objected.

Their second chance was for a farm in Maryland. They bought their tickets and prepared to go. But a telegram arrived the day before they were to leave. It said a family in the community had just learned of their son's death in the Pacific. They were advised not to come.

So with the three youngsters they came to Washington. Near the war relocation office they stopped in to buy some ice cream for the children. A Japanese man owned the shop. He offered to help finance a store for them. They found one and are now working hard to eventually move to a better location. Mrs. Asaka, whose oldest son is a boy patrolman at Thompson School said the children enjoyed all the traveling.

The Japanese in Washington have jobs of every sort. There is young Mrs. Ira Shimasaki, administrative assistant in the Washington Council of Church Women, whose husband is with the Army in Germany. She lost one brother in Italy, and her husband's two brothers are on duty in Belgium.

She says "I am thrilled to death to have the opportunity to live in Washington. The people are simply wonderful."

And there is Jack Hirose, 27, who does showcard, layout, and lettering for the Advertiser's Art Studios in the Post Building. In Manzanar relocation center he met and married his wife. They now have a 7-month-old son, Glenn, and he hopes to settle permanently in Washington, building a home under the GI Bill of Rights.

Or take Dr. Henry K. Minami, 3413 13th st. ne., a dentist working at the Southwest Health Center. He had built up a practice of eight years standing in Berkeley, Calif., when the war broke. In Gila River camp he headed a staff of 12 dentists to care for 12,000 people there.

When released, unable to find a place to resume his profession, for two years, he worked in Detroit as a laboratory technician. Taking a civil service opening here, he brought his wife and two boys, Warren 8, and Wayne, 5, to Washington where he passed both the District and Virginia dental examinations. His only criticism of Washington is that of a typical Californian. He doesn't care for the hot summer weather.

Joy and Lyn Takeshita are two pretty young Nisei girls. Joy graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School here in the summer of 1944. Altogether she had attended five different high schools. Now she is working for UNRRA and studying art at night. Lyn is taking stenotype lessons. In the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp, Lyn, who is 22, was cashier in the movie, while 20-year-old Joy attended school. Both their parents worked here as translators in the War Department.

Morgan Hill Issei Ends Own Life

MORGAN HILL, Calif.—Sakumatsu Inokuchi, 71, ended his life on May 27 by hanging himself with his bathrobe cord, strung from a nail in the wall of his home, Chief Deputy Coroner Tom F. Kilmartin reported.

Will Sing With New Orleans Opera

NEW YORK—Tomi Kanazawa, Los Angeles Nisei soprano, will make her operatic debut on Sept. 26 with the New Orleans Opera company in the featured role of Puccini's "Mme. Butterfly."

WRA Director Defends Agency Against Charge Evacuees "Dumped" Into Winona Camp

Answers Inefficiency Statement Made by L. A. County Officials

LOS ANGELES—Policies of the War Relocation Authority in moving several hundred returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry into the Winona FPMA camp in Burbank when the camp was not ready for occupancy last month were defended by Dillon S. Myer, national director of the WRA, in a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors this week, the Rafu Shimpō reported.

The WRA director's communication was an answer to county officials who accused the WRA in Los Angeles of inefficiency in the handling of the returnees by "dumping them into the Winona trailer camp" at a time when sanitary and cooking facilities were not available.

"I would like to say that this organization (the WRA) has done more to house the returning evacuees than has been done for veterans or any other group," Mr. Myer said.

Admitting that the evacuees encountered some hardships, he declared that the group "did have a temporary refuge and certainly better living conditions than many other persons were able to find in Los Angeles county."

"It is true that they are still living in undesirable houses," he added, "but this situation can be improved only by solving the overall housing problem. At this time, I am told, there still remains a few returnees in Lomita under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles county charities."

The Rafu Shimpō reported that Mr. Myer had written the Los Angeles officials that "there is housing elsewhere for these people but they won't move as long as they can live on charity at Lomita."

The Rafu Shimpō said on June 6 that the Los Angeles county supervisor of charities, Arthur J. Will, would challenge Mr. Myer's assertion that housing is available "elsewhere" for the persons left at the Lomita camp.

Meanwhile, Scotty Tsuchiya, Southern California regional representative of the JACL, also challenged the statements of the WRA chief.

Tsuchiya said it was "untrue" that the people remaining at Lomita were relief cases.

"Mr. Myer apparently is still confused as to what happened to the returnees on the West Coast and the Los Angeles WRA," he added.

"Persons now living at Lomita are only waiting for the two new trailer camps, one in Lomita and the other in Torrance, to be completed."

"Jobs in the California Sea Food company and in the King's Farm Nursery at Torrance are being offered them and the returnees at Lomita would have been out long ago had it not been for so much red tape involved in setting up trailer camps to house the workers of the two companies."

It was reported that 160 persons were still housed at the Lomita camp awaiting the opening of trailer units at King's Farm and the California Sea Food company. Electric wiring has been finished but bathing and washing units are not completed.

Col. Hanley Slated to Speak At Denver Testimonial Dinner

Ruby Yoshino Will Be Featured Artist on Entertainment Program

DENVER—Col. James M. Hanley of North Dakota is scheduled to be the speaker at the veterans testimonial banquet to be held in Denver on June 15 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Col. Hanley served with the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Inf. Combat Team since their early training days at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and was the commander of the Second Battalion throughout their campaigns in Italy and France. Col. Hanley is a native of North Dakota and has been discharged from the Army. He is now practicing law in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Col. Hanley will share the spotlight with Col. Charles D. Bromley, who served on General MacArthur's staff in Tokyo, Japan. Col. Bromley will outline the exploits of the Nisei G-2 soldiers in the Pacific theater while Col. Han-

ley will give the highlights of the Nisei in the European theater of operations.

It is expected that the Denver Testimonial Banquet in honor of Nisei veterans and soldiers, will have approximately 500 dinner guests. Featured on the program will be Miss Ruby Yoshino, a former Denverite who is coming from New York to participate in this program. Miss Yoshino has extensively toured USO camps on the Eastern seaboard with Dr. T. T. Yatabe, former national director for the Chicago JACL offices. While in Denver, Miss Yoshino will give a concert on June 22 for the benefit of Nisei music lovers.

Following the Testimonial Banquet, the Denver JACL will hold a dance at the Silver Glade of the Cosmopolitan Hotel without charge to all dinner guests. George Furuta, active member of the Denver JACL, is responsible for the arrangements of this dance. Happy Logan's orchestra will provide music for this affair.

Evacuee Property in Seattle Will Be Sold Unless Claimed

SEATTLE, Wash.—Confiscated property to the value of several thousand dollars lies in the pistol range at the U. S. Marshal's office in Seattle and will be sold unless claimed within the next six weeks, according to Wesley Durland of the Seattle American Friends Service Committee.

The property includes guns, cameras, radios, knives and swords that were turned over to the Seattle police department before the evacuation.

An attempt is being made to postpone auction of the property past the six-week deadline, but there is no assurance that this can be done, Durland said.

Persons do not need to apply in person for their property, if the original pink slip issued in return for the articles, can be sent with

a note of authorization to a friend in Seattle, it was pointed out by the AFSC representative. In the event the slip has been lost or misplaced, an authentic duplicate can be secured by writing to Detective Neuser, Seattle Police department, and by giving the name and pre-evacuation address of the person who turned in the items, and a description of the articles under question.

The office of the marshal on the third floor of the U. S. Courthouse, is open for claiming confiscated property from 2 till 5 p. m. each Friday.

Any persons needing further help in reclaiming their property can obtain it without cost by contacting Wesley Durland, 308 East 77th, Seattle 5, Wash., or by phoning KENwood 6138.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our mainland buddies, members of Cannon Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who died in combat:

- HIROSHI YONEMURA
- YOSHIHARU AOYAMA
- TADAO SATO
- MINORU NAKAYAMA

Hawaiian members of Cannon Company are anxious to locate the families of these men as well as all former mainland members of our company. Please write to James H. Kamo, 3241 Paliuli Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

FORMER MEMBERS OF CANNON COMPANY, 442nd COMBAT TEAM - HONOLULU, HAWAII

Tribute Paid WRA Official



Japanese American evacuees and their friends paid tribute to the work of the War Relocation Authority in the JACL-sponsored testimonial dinner for WRA Director Dillon S. Myer on May 22 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City. In the lower photo Mike Masnoka, national secretary of the JACL, is shown presenting a scroll to Mr. Myer which paid tribute to the latter as a "champion of human justice." In the upper photo Mr. Myer is shown addressing the dinner. Mr. Myer gave four reasons for the successful relocation of the 110,000 Japanese American evacuees, citing the cooperation of the evacuees, the records of Nisei GIs, the WRA's fortune in having a group of capable and self-sacrificing men and women and the help accorded by a large number of individual citizens and public-spirited organizations. At Mr. Myer's right is Mrs. Myer.—Photos by Murrell for the Pacific Citizen.

Rep. Anderson Will Introduce Bills to Prevent Deportation Of Two California Families

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Rep. Jack Z. Anderson, R. Calif., has drafted personal bills to legalize the entry into the United States of two Issei members of American families, the JACL's United Citizens League of Santa Clara County reported this week.

A stay of deportation has been obtained for the two persons, Mrs. Mei Sagara of San Jose and Hyakujiro Watanabe of Mountain View. The two originally were scheduled to be deported this week.

With the assistance of committees set up recently to carry on the work of assisting the relocation of returned evacuees, following the closing of the WRA office in San Jose, the United Citizens Committee brought the "hardship cases" to the attention of Congressman Anderson.

Dean Pittman, chairman of the Council for Social Agencies of Santa Clara county, interested Rep. Anderson in the cases. Mr. Pittman acted as spokesman for all of the Civic Unity councils in the district, as well as the Palo Alto Fair Play committee and various interested organizations in Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Gilroy and San Jose. Cooperation of the latter groups was secured through efforts of the United Citizens League with the assistance of James Edmiston, former supervisor for the WRA in San Jose.

Mrs. Sagara is the mother of two American-born daughters in high school and a son in grammar school. Watanabe resides with his Nisei wife and a child on the Shioyama ranch in Mountain View where he is employed. Both were charged with illegal entry and faced immediate deportation.

"Tearing these families apart at this time for technical violations of immigration rules is nothing short of inhuman," Dean Pittman declared.

It was reported that Rep. An-

derson investigated the two cases when they were brought to his attention and agreed with Dean Pittman's conclusions.

A stay of deportation for 30 days has been authorized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and a longer stay will be sought by Rep. Anderson if Congress does not act upon the bills in the interim.

It was indicated by the United Citizens League that similar action may be considered for other worthy cases in Santa Clara county which are now in the courts if rulings adverse to the petitioners are handed down.

442nd Baseball Team Wins Eighth Straight In Army Competition

LEGHORN, Italy — The 442nd Combat Team's baseball team won their eighth straight game on May 21 when they tripped the 188th Military Police, 13 to 7, behind the pitching of George Nushida.

The 442nd broke the scoring ice in the third inning when George Hinaga, third baseman, sent a screaming double to deep center with the bases loaded.

The Japanese American team is undefeated to date in the Army's Como League with eight wins and no losses.

Memorial Plaque To Nisei War Dead Dedicated in Pocatello

POCATELLO, Idaho—A plaque commemorating the sacrifice of Japanese Americans from Pocatello who were killed in action in World War II was dedicated on Memorial Day.

Volney C. Watts, American Legion commander, and John R. Black, district Legion commander and World War II veteran conducted the dedication of the Nisei monument, together with Hero Shiosaki of Blackfoot, representing the Japanese American Citizens League.

The names of the Nisei soldiers who were killed in the war appear on the plaque.

Memorial Rites Honor Colorado Nisei War Dead

Denver JACL Sponsors Services as Tribute To Japanese Americans

DENVER — Under sponsorship of the Denver JACL, a community-wide Memorial Day service was held May 30 in the Civic Auditorium annex in honor of all Nisei soldiers who died in action in World War II and in special memory of 30 Japanese Americans from the state of Colorado who died in service.

The California Street Community church and the Denver Buddhist church cooperated in the memorial services.

George Masunaga, outstanding JACL leader and former veteran, presided as chairman. The Reverends K. Sasaki and S. Uemura of the Methodist church and the Reverends N. Tsunoda and Y. Tamai of the Buddhist participated in the program.

Dr. K. K. Miyamoto gave a tribute to the Nisei war veterans.

The Colorado war veterans who died in action and in whose honor the services were held were Victor Akimoto, John Akimoto, Harry Hirao Endo, Abe Megumi Fuji, George Futamata, George Gushiken, Victor Katsumi Hada, Kaneo Hattori, Takeshi Hattori, Takashi Ito, Masami Harry Inatsu, Frank Kanda, James Karatsu, Haruo Kawamoto, George Yutaka Kawano, Seike Kawano, Paul Toru Kimura, Mamoru Kinoshita, John Kyono, Peter Masuoka.

Joe Hisao Morishige, Kiyoshi K. Muranaga, Masao Nakagaki, John T. Okada, Katsu Okida, George Omokawa, Lloyd Onoye, George Shigeru Sameshima, Kenneth Kentaro Shibata, Masao Shigezane, George Masao Shimada, James Kiyoshi Shiramizu, Shigeo Tabuchi, Tadashi T. Takeuchi, Harley Tanaka, John Yukio Tanaka, Harry Tokushima, Mitsuru Yeto and Shiyoji Yunoki.

CIO Secretary Will Marry ILWU Leader

SAN FRANCISCO—Alice Takeuchi, who was one of the first Nisei to return to the San Francisco area after the West Coast was reopened to persons of Japanese ancestry in 1945, will leave shortly for Honolulu where she will become the bride of Harry Kamoku, a leading Hawaiian official of the CIO's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Miss Takeuchi, a native of Oakland, has been employed as a secretary by the ILWU in San Francisco.

The couple met when Kamoku came to San Francisco to attend the ILWU's Labor School.

Nisei Veteran Takes Part in AVC Float In Sacramento Parade

SACRAMENTO — One of the features of the Memorial Day parade in Sacramento was a float sponsored by the Sacramento chapter of the American Veterans Committee.

The AVC float carried three veterans, a Caucasian, a Negro and a Japanese American, with heads bowed facing two graves, one marked with the Star of David and the other with a cross.

The Nisei was George Masuda, a member of the AVC and a veteran of the 442nd Infantry.

In the line of parade were other Nisei veterans.

670 Japanese Canadians Leave Vancouver on First Deportation Ship for Japan

Test Cases Now Being Carried Forward to Halt Government's Mass Deportation Program; Group Aboard Marine Angel Were Voluntary Deportees

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Six hundred and seventy persons of Japanese ancestry were deported on May 31 from Vancouver aboard the SS Marine Angel.

Meanwhile, Japanese Canadians were reported carrying forward a number of test cases with which they hope to halt the Canadian government's present program of deportation for approximately 10,400 persons of Japanese ancestry.

The group aboard the Marine Angel comprised families from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia provinces. All were originally evacuated from homes on the coast of British Columbia in 1942 and were voluntary repatriates.

Most of the minor-age members among the deportees were children who were accompanying parents who were being deported. Many of

the young children, who are Canadian citizens, expressed the hope they would be able to return to Canada when they have attained their majority.

Each person took about 675 pounds of luggage, including 175 pounds of personal belongings.

Gen. Walker, Paul Robeson Hail Records of Nisei Troops At Chicago Memorial Dinner

By VINCE TAJIRI

CHICAGO — It was Memorial Day in Chicago and from their new-found homes in the scattered corners of this giant metropolis, came these many men who only a short year ago lived and fought and feared in the battlegrounds of a world at war. They were small and well-mannered, these youths, clean-shaven and dressed in smartly tailored civies, and it was difficult to imagine that these soft-spoken young men had piled up the highest combat record of any racial group in the nation.

They came to the grand ballroom of the Stevens hotel, this day, to pay heartfelt tribute to their buddies whom they had left behind in small mounds of dirt in the war-torn countries of the world.

Of the 1000 present at this memorial and testimonial dinner, 500 wore the brass emblem of honorable service, sixteen others were listed on the program as gold star mothers and wives.

Principal speaker for the evening was Lt. General Waldon H. Walker, Commanding General of the 6th Service Command, who consented to address the group in the last hour when it was learned that General Joseph Stilwell and Maj. General Frank Merrill had been detained on the Pacific Coast.

The General, who wore the same three stars that once graced the shoulders of General Eisenhower and General Patton, and were given to him by the latter when they served together with the Third Army, cited the outstanding service record of these men of Japanese parentage who had fought so valiantly for this nation.

Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer and actor, spoke out against the discrimination and the Fascist doctrines that are still practiced in this country. He also sang several numbers, among which were those songs that were born out of the struggle of the Negro race, "Water Boy," "Old Man River," and "Go Down Moses" and the United Nations hymn.

The Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, lashed out against racial covenants and other inconsistencies of our democracy.

Two of the men who were being honored at the banquet were among the speakers. Ex-Technical Sergeant Ben Kuroki, who as a tail gunner flew 30 combat missions over Europe, and 23 similar missions in the Pacific, told, movingly, of his 59th mission against racial intolerance. He described how after his combat stint he returned to this country seeking rest and peace and found himself discriminated against because of the color of his skin. Ex-Sergeant Mike Masaoka, paid a tribute to all of the war dead, at the close of which the huge crowd rose and observed a moment of silence in respect for those who had fallen. "Taps" was played by Richard Fern, one of the country's top trumpet players.

Noboru Honda, chairman of the executive council, extended greetings to all those present.

Representing the Nisei veterans of the various branches of service were ex-Pfc. Takagi Goto, who had

lost both limbs in Europe, ground forces; ex-Lt. Casey Kawamoto, military intelligence; Kuroki, air forces; and ex-Cpl. Kiku Takemura, Women's Army Corp. Dignitaries present included Marshall Field, editor and publisher of the Chicago Sun; Earl Finch and a host of others.

With the singing of "God Bless America," led by Mrs. Thomas Hiura, the group adjourned.

Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa and a pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by ex-Cpl. Takemura. Organists for the evening were Dolas Okawaki and Marianne Tamura.

Three Nisei Picked For Hawaii Team in U. S. Championships

HONOLULU — Three Nisei swimmers will compete in the National AAU men's swimming championships in August as members of the Hawaii University Swimming club, which will represent Hawaii in the nationals.

The Hawaiian team, coached by Soichi Sakamoto, famed aquatic mentor, will be spearheaded by Bill Smith, Jr. Other members of the squad are Charley Oda, Bobby Iwamoto and Herbert Kabayashi, free-style; Ralph Wright and Godfrey Kang, breast-stroke; and Harry Holiday, Bill Nuenzig and Robert Kang, back-stroke.

The Hawaiians will meet the Ohio State university squad, NCAA Champions, in a series of meets in Hawaii in July. A member of the Buckeye squad will be Takashi Hirose, now a student at Ohio State.

Oda, Iwamoto and Hirose are veterans of the famed 442nd Combat Team.

New York JACL Program Stresses Harlem's Problems

NEW YORK—Calling to public attention the most pressing needs in the field of race relations, the New York chapter of the JACL sponsored a "Harlem Night" at American Common last week.

The program was the JACL's contribution to New York's city-wide Harlem Week observance and stressed the problems facing the city's Negro population.

More than 150 persons attended.

The evening's program was prepared by Mrs. Jean Hosokawa and members of her educational committee, including Miriam Minamoto, Margaret Saito, Louise Rochester and Paul Abe.

Tom Hayashi was the master of ceremonies.

Miss Lucile Black, membership secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and Mrs. Ernestine Lipscomb, secretary to the curator of the Schoenburg collection of the New York Public Library, were the main speakers.

Dramatic readings by Osmond Hilton, assistant clinical professor of surgery at New York University, were well received.

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EDITORIALS: Stranded Nisei

The terrible death of Fred Masao Fujikawa, a young American of Japanese ancestry, in Japan during the war is indicative of the nature of pressure and persecution which many Japanese Americans, stranded in an enemy nation by the outbreak of war, were forced to undergo. Fujikawa's father, who took his son to visit Japan in 1941 after the latter's graduation from high school, is authority for the statement that the youth was forced to expatriate, and the pro-democratic Tokyo daily, Minpo, has declared that the Nisei was "tortured beyond description."

"Because he was a Nisei, and because he happened to be in Japan when the war started, he will never see his native land again," Minpo declared. "Nisei Fujikawa does not know that the war is over. He does not know that the war was won by the United States, the land that gave him his birthright and the citizenship which he cherished and kept so long under trying circumstances."

The case of Fred Fujikawa marks the extreme in the persecution of stranded Nisei in Japan by Nippon's militarists. It has been reported, however, that all of the Japanese Americans caught by the war inside Japan, except those who heeded the demand to renounce their American citizenship, were subjected to various discriminations and kept under continual surveillance. Most of the several thousand Nisei who were in Japan in the fall of 1941 were tourists who were visiting the country with their parents or had been sent abroad to study and to learn the language. Many of these persons attempted to return to the United States following the warning issued by the State Department to all American nationals in the Far East but were unable to obtain passage and, like some 10,000 other Americans of various ancestries, were caught in enemy territory by the outbreak of hostilities. Although several thousand Americans were able to return aboard the exchange ship, Gripsholm, the group included only a handful of Nisei, those who had been employed by the American Embassy and by U. S. consular offices. The remainder were forced to sit out the war in Japan and a number were killed in the raids of the B-29s and in the atom-bombing of Hiroshima.

Among these Nisei stranded in Japan were a few who, like Ezra Pound in Italy and a number of assorted American pro-Nazis in Germany, renounced their citizenship and turned their backs on their native land. Sheer opportunism undoubtedly accounts for the actions of these few, the most celebrated being "Tokyo Rose" who capped her betrayal by signing a contract with the Hearst publications to tell her story. Although it appears that "Tokyo Rose" will not be brought to trial, the unfortunate publicity she had engendered has served to diminish the effects of the participation of 25,000 Japanese Americans in the war against Germany, Italy and Japan.

Following the arrival of American occupation authorities in Japan, General MacArthur's headquarters have been besieged by hundreds of war-stranded Nisei who have sought permission to return to their families and homes in the United States. The requests have been given consideration and a definite program is being worked out which will permit the repatriation of those American nationals in Japan who can prove to the satisfaction of American authorities that their wartime conduct has not been inimical to the Allied war effort. Meanwhile, hundreds of these Nisei are now being employed by the United States Army in carrying out occupation duties.

General MacArthur's recent request to

the Japanese government for a list of American nationals who expatriated during the war indicated that action is forthcoming which will result in the eventual repatriation of all of these stranded Nisei who, like Fred Fujikawa, maintained their faith and their loyalty to the land of their birth.

Community Action

Steps taken this week by the Salt Lake City Council for Civic Unity in regard to the staying of deportation of Japanese aliens is proof again of the positive action that can be done by local groups on both a local and national level.

The Council for Civic Unity, meeting on June 6, attacked the government's deportation program in two ways. It memorialized Congress to extend our citizenship and naturalization laws to include aliens of the "ineligible to citizenship" groups and expressed its support for Congressman Eberharter's bill, HR 5454, which would extend the Attorney General's right to stay deportation in the case of persons of Japanese ancestry.

But it also acted to work upon deportation cases affecting persons of Japanese ancestry within its own area and if possible to bring these cases into Congress as private bills. The council will document hardship cases and bring them to the attention of individual congressmen for presentation. These bills will authorize a stay of deportation for the individuals involved.

On the West Coast, where the pressures of the war and evacuation have been far greater than elsewhere in the country, the councils for civic unity and other such groups have had more intensive and more personal work to do in regard to the evacuees. They have eased the return of the former West Coast Issei and Nisei. They have welcomed home the returning evacuees. They have secured jobs and housing. They have fought many local instances of personal discrimination.

These groups have been under constant strain and pressure from the anti-evacuee groups who sought to take advantage of the war situation to insure the complete economic subjugation of persons of Japanese ancestry. But the racist groups have failed in their campaign, and the "Remember Pearl Harbor" group and others of its ilk have come and gone, while the councils and fair play committees continue stronger than ever before.

Moreover, they brought directly to the fore many bugaboos and issues that even during peace were of highly controversial nature. Thus citizenship and naturalization—twin goals for complete integration of the alien Issei—have found more support since our war with Japan than in any of the years preceding it. It was during the war that the old bugaboo of dual citizenship finally died. It had been a worn-out weapon in the hands of racist Californians. In the end it was a useless weapon.

Never before have persons of Japanese ancestry received so much support in their fight to attain all the rights to which they are entitled by law and by democracy.

WRA Reports

One of the last important works of the War Relocation Authority, which is closing its offices this month, will be the publication of ten special reports concerning the evacuation program. Because of the far reaching social and economic effects of the evacuation, these reports from the WRA will be of special interest to students and social work groups and individuals.

A complete record of the agency's functions and operations have been placed with the national archives in Washington. Duplicate sets of the majority of these records will also be available at the University of California library and the University of Southern California.

The ten reports now being prepared will give an all-round picture of the agency's extensive work during the past four years. Upon completion they will be available to the public on a sale basis. Subjects are as follows: WRA—A Story of Human Conservation, Wartime Exile, Artificial Communities, The Relocation Program, Wartime Handling of Evacuee Property, Administrative Highlights of the WRA Program, Community Government in War Relocation Centers, Legal and Constitutional Phases of the WRA Program, Token Shipment (the story of the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y.), and The Evacuated People, (selective statistics on the evacuees and basic data on the Oswego settlement.)

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Jun Iwamatsu, American

The wartime activities of Jun Iwamatsu and his wife, Mitsu, in the service of the OWI and the fabulous "cloak and dagger" OSS (Office of Strategic Services) has remained something of a mystery, as has the work of scores of other civilians of Japanese ancestry, many of them aliens, in the U. S. intelligence services but the time has come when some of the story should be told by the appropriate authorities. For Jun Iwamatsu, his wife, and many other Japanese aliens who contributed greatly to the Allied victory in the Pacific now face imminent deportation to Japan.

Jun Iwamatsu is better known to thousands of Americans who read and appreciated his book, "The New Son," as "Taro Yashima." Iwamatsu, an anti-fascist artist and cartoonist in Japan, had been jailed ten times by the militarists before he and his wife "escaped" to the United States. The Iwamatsums were able to leave Japan with the aid of a few remaining officials in the Tokyo Foreign Office who were opposed to the ambitions of the militarists and they came to the United States ostensibly as visitors to the San Francisco and New York world fairs, but they had no intention of returning while the fascists remained in power in Japan.

The Iwamatsums were forced to leave their son, now twelve years of age, behind in Japan and it was for his protection and for the safety of their close relatives that they took the name of Yashima in the work which they were impelled to undertake because of their anti-fascist convictions. Those convictions, which had withstood imprisonment and brutality in Japanese prisons, brought them into actual participation in World War II on the side of the democratic nation which had given them refuge. Jun and Mitsu Iwamatsu gave their special and valuable talents to the war effort as Americans but they also fought so that others like them in Japan, in the prisons and in the underground, would be liberated from the tyranny imposed by the militarists.

Jun Iwamatsu, the son of a village doctor in Japan, is an artist who learned, as so many other artists did in so many other parts of the world, that it is not enough to have pigment and north light and good canvas. The world outside was fraught with the menace of tyranny in its many forms and men of good conscience could not be still. The Jun Iwamatsums were too few in Japan and their ranks were broken and scattered. Many were jailed and some died in the prisons. A handful of them, like Jun Iwamatsu and Wataru Kaji, the writer, escaped to the far corners of the democratic world. Their contribution to victory, in the fields of propaganda and intelligence, has been an important one.

We met Jun and his wife for the first time some months before Pearl Harbor in their little tenement studio in the shadow of the Third Avenue "El." Jun had just had his first one-man show of his paintings at a 59th Street gallery but times were still hard for the young Japanese artist and his wife. Because of foreign exchange restrictions in effect at the time of their departure from Japan, and also to avoid suspicion, they had been unable to bring any funds out of the country.

Jun recalled at the time that he and his wife had been unable to afford even a mattress to sleep on during their first months in New York before he had sold some of the first paintings he had done in America. He said that he had come to the United States, long the symbol of refuge from persecution ("... send these, the homeless, the tempest-tost to me") because it was impossible for an artist to work and to maintain his integrity in a militaristic state. Coming to America from a land of fascist oppression was, he said, like coming into sunlight from out of a dark tunnel.

The last time we saw Jun Iwamatsu was in Isamu Noguchi's studio in New York three years ago. He and his wife stood on a platform to sing the work songs of the miners and farmers of Japan. The songs were not unlike the work songs that Leadbelly and Woody Guthrie sing of the ordinary working people of America,

songs born of the sweat of the miner in the pit and the farmer in the field. Jun, the doctor's son and Mitsu, the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, had found their faith in the people a long time before and it was that faith which had sustained them through years spent in confinement in the filthy dungeons of Japanese fascism.

Democracy, Jun Iwamatsu might say, is a wonderful word and a wonderful feeling.

One day during the war a Nisei GI who had seen action in the capture of Kiska and Attu in the Aleutians walked into our office. He had an OWI propaganda leaflet which he had found on a Japanese soldier. The illustrated booklet stated in simple terms the issues of the war. The drawings were unmistakably those of Jun Iwamatsu, as anyone who has read "The New Sun" or seen his cartoons in the Pacific Citizen would recognize.

Jun Iwamatsu's work was an important factor in America's propaganda war in the Pacific which saved countless numbers of American lives. His work for OSS in the later stages of the Pacific war is in the military secret category. The New York Times which asked for Congressional action to prevent the deportation of the Iwamatsums said on June 1 that Jun's role was "especially valuable" to the OSS. On V-J day Jun Iwamatsu was in China for OSS.

Shortly after the end of the war he returned to the United States and then went to Japan as a member of the U. S. Army's Strategic Bombing Survey, thereby definitely identifying himself, as the Times noted, to the Japanese extremists.

"To deport Mr. and Mrs. Iwamatsu to Japan under the circumstances would probably be tantamount to a death sentence for them, and certainly poor pay for their services," the Times has observed.

There is little doubt that Congress were apprised by government officials of the full nature of the contributions made by the Iwamatsums during the war but the special bill which has been introduced for them would be passed. The Iwamatsums, of course, are two of a number of Japanese aliens who have aided in the victory of democracy and who also face deportation for technical violation of the immigration law or because of the status under which they legally entered this country, as students, merchants and visitors, have been abrogated as a result of the war.

America, traditionally the haven for the oppressed, permits its attorney general to exercise discretionary powers in hardship cases involving deportable aliens, provided these aliens are not of the classification considered "ineligible to citizenship." Japanese and other Oriental aliens are "ineligible to citizenship," and Attorney General Clark has no other course under the law than to proceed with their deportation. The Eberharter bill, now in committee and destined to stay there unless enough Americans can approach Congress that they favor its passage, would delete the discriminatory clause in the immigration law and would permit all aliens to be treated equally in deportation cases.

It is to be hoped that the people of America, through their representatives in Congress, will permit the involuntary deportation of those persons who, at the risk of their lives and their future welfare, fought on the side of democracy during the war. Deportation orders already have been issued against the Iwamatsums and others like them and these orders will be carried out unless the people and Congress intervene.

Appreciation

WEIMAR, Calif. — Patients of Japanese ancestry at the Weimar Joint Sanitarium this week expressed their appreciation to the Les Soleil club of Sacramento for the dinner given in their honor on June 3.

Members of Les Soleil who acted as hostesses at the dinner were Sumi Washino, Betty Harada, Shi, Miyo Washizu, Florence Iwamoto, Pauline Miyagawa and Emiko Iwamoto.

Vagaries

Air Hostess . . .
Probably the first Nisei girl to be accepted for training as an air hostess is Susie Tamaki of Philadelphia. Miss Tamaki was recently enrolled for training by TWA. Marriages between GIs and Japanese girls are "not favorably considered" by occupation authorities. GHQ in Tokyo recently disapproved the applications of two Nisei GIs who wanted to marry Japanese girls . . . The American Legion, which wants to start an all-Nisei post in Palo Alto, may meet some opposition from ex-GIs who oppose the idea of segregated posts.

Strike Note . . .
Maritime strike note: With the international maritime strike set for June 15, Hawaii, which imports many of its necessities, will be seriously affected. It's also expected that the crews of many ships will be stranded in Hawaii during the strike. Recently seven Honolulu ministers signed a statement promising that the churches "will lend a helping hand to the strikers, regardless of the merits of the strike." The ministers signing the statement included the Revs. Harry S. Komuro, Toshi Tatsuyama, Mineo Katagiri and Masachi Gocho. . . .

Perry Post . . .
Former members of Commodore Perry post of the American Legion, one of the Legion's two Japanese American units before the evacuation, are now trying to decide whether to reactivate the post. The Perry post's charter was suspended by the Legion in an arbitrary action following the Pearl Harbor attack and was reactivated later V-J day. Opponents of reactivation feel that the Perry post would be used by Legion bigwigs in an effort to confine all Nisei veterans in segregated posts. . . . Meanwhile, Los Angeles area leaders of the AVC (American Veterans Committee) have indicated their strong opposition to any suggestion that an all-Nisei post of the AVC be organized. They point out that this would be contrary to the AVC's program of non-discrimination. . . .

Mechanic . . .
Chick Hirashima of Glendale, Calif., mechanic for George Robson, winner of the 500-mile Indianapolis classic, helped build the two cars owned by Joel Thorne, millionaire sportsman, which were entered in the Memorial Day race. One of the cars was slated to be driven by Thorne but the latter was injured and unable to enter the race and the speedwagon was turned over to Rudi Caricciola of Switzerland who cracked up in it in the trials before the big race. The second car was driven by Robson. . . . Hirashima, rated a top-flight authority on racing cars, is a veteran of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team. He volunteered for Army duty from the Manzanar relocation center and served in Italy as a mechanic with the famed 442nd. . . .

Pro Football . . .
Dr. Katsumi Kometani of Honolulu, who served overseas with the 442nd Combat Team is a member of the board of directors of the new Honolulu pro football entry in the Pacific Coast Professional Football league. . . . Several Nisei stars may play for the Honolulu team which will rely mainly on local talent. . . . Andy Mitsukado, sports writer for the Honolulu Daily Advertiser, recently returned after serving in the Pacific as a combat interpreter. . . . Lyn Crost, war correspondent for the Honolulu Star Bulletin, is the only feminine member of the 442nd Veterans club of Hawaii. Miss Crost, now in Washington for the Star-Bulletin, covered the 442nd in the closing phases of the Italian campaign. . . .

Congressman . . .
George Miller, progressive California congressman who recently testified before a House committee and praised the record of Nisei soldiers during the war, was reelected at the primaries Tuesday when he won both his own Democratic party and the Republican nominations. . . .

Noah's Ark . . .
Paul Akana and Haruko Hiroiwa have featured roles in the forth-

Washington News-Letter Japanese Canadians Suffered A "Raw Deal" During the War

By JOHN KITASAKO

Japanese Americans who are inclined to indulge in self-pity would do well to ponder on the raw deal the Canadian Nisei got during the war. The Nisei north of the border really took it on the chin, and it isn't over yet, says Sgt. Roger Obata, of Toronto, who was with the Allied staff of linguists in Washington, and who was one of the organizers of the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy, Canada's counterpart of the JACL.

This month in London the climax to one of the extraordinary pieces of injustice and callousness perpetrated by the Government of Canada will be reached when the British Privy Council considers the legality of the measure to deport Canadian Japanese.

The case was lost in Canada's Supreme Court, and now at the cost of \$10,000 to Nisei and their Caucasian supporters, it is being brought to the highest court of appeals in the British Empire. Ten thousand of Canada's 23,000 Issei and Nisei, who signed up for deportation under extreme duress and deceit while in camp, will face immediate shipment to Japan if the decision goes against them.

When the battle on the deportation issue is over, the Nisei are going to bring litigation against the government for the unauthorized sale of their properties at a public auction immediately after evacuation, according to Obata. Japanese-owned properties were confiscated by the government and placed on sale. The bidding usually started at about one-eighth value, and the final sale price was about one-fourth. The proceeds from the sales were kept in government custody, and former owners who sought to recover this money had to wait for months.

A test case was brought to court two years ago, but a reserved judgment was issued. The Nisei hope to bring all these cases en bloc before the court.

The arbitrary evacuation, the deportation deal, and the unauthorized sale of properties were all performances which stank to high heaven. But what really gripped the Nisei was the extremely limited role they were forced to play in the prosecution of the war, declares Obata. This more than anything else symbolized and emphasized their ignoble status as second-class subjects.

As a result the Canadian Nisei have a strong defeatist complex. They are a bitter, disillusioned lot, says Obata, and they can't be blamed in the least. Despite their patriotism in pre-war years, they were summarily short-changed. A bungling, panicky government saw fit to determine their mass disloyalty in advance.

The Nisei wanted to form a combat team along the lines of the U. S. all-Nisei 442nd Regiment. They recognized the public relations merits of the celebrated 442nd in combating prejudice in the United States; they felt a similar unit could do as much in Canada. But their request was flatly turned down.

In fact, Nisei were not even permitted to volunteer as combatants in other units, much less as technicians. Obata was an electrical designing engineer with a big firm in Toronto, but there was no place for him in the Canadian Army. It looked as though the Nisei were going to sit out the war.

But along came the British Army seeking Nisei translators and interpreters. The need for linguists in the Southeast Asia area was great, and so the British began recruiting the Nisei.

As the demand for translators became heavy, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Southeast Asia Commander, ordered Canada to set up a language school and to call for Nisei volunteers.

The school was established at Vancouver, B. C. in March, 1945, six months before the end of the war. Thus Canada, by supreme command, was finally forced to let Nisei into its armed forces.

But a number of them still held out for a combat team. They wanted no part of the behind-the-lines warfare. Medals, citations, and purple hearts are what make news,

coming production, "Noah's Ark," which will be produced by the East Harlem Playhouse in New York. . . . Fujima Kansuma, Nisei exponent of the Japanese dance, will leave soon on a tour, including appearances in Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. . . . Ben Kuroki's book, "The Boy from Nebraska" is definitely set by Harper's for publication this fall.

they figured. The masses' concept of war is kill or get killed, and they are not impressed by intelligence work, vital as it is.

Altogether 150 have been called. The school will close when the current class of 30 is graduated. Thus Canada's roster of Nisei veterans will be small indeed, which is very unfortunate for a big body of veterans in what is needed to combat Canada's version of Anglo-Saxon democracy.

Throughout the war, it was an uphill battle. The Nisei did not have the supervision of an agency specially created to look after their interests like the War Relocation Authority. The church people, various organizations, and individuals gave them splendid support, but it was not so intense as that accorded by similar groups in the U. S. to Japanese Americans.

Furthermore, the Canadian Nisei lacked a powerful body like the Japanese American Citizens League, with its prestige, influence, and aggressive leadership.

Obata has had an opportunity to compare at close hand the Nisei here with those in Canada. The Japanese Americans, he notes, are more aggressive than the cousins to the north; they have wider interests; they are more politically conscious; and they have definite ideas which they express well. This latter contrast is especially noticeable in the girls. In Canada the idea still seems to hold forth that a girl is something to be seen and not heard.

The Canadian Nisei must snap out of their lethargy, says Obata, in order to press their fight to achieve full franchise and a rectification of wrongs.

He has carefully observed the workings of Nisei groups during his stay in the U. S., and feels he has gained a great deal of know-how. Several days before he left for home, he conferred with Dillon Myer who, he says, gave him some good pointers.

POSTSCRIPTS: Mike Masaoka, between appointments last Monday, went to Arlington National Cemetery to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in behalf of all fighting Nisei GIs.

Anna Hirakawa, former Gallup, New Mexico resident, received her associate in art degree last week from George Washington university. At the same exercises, which were held in Constitution Hall, president and Mrs. Truman saw their daughter Margaret get her bachelor of art degree. Miss Hirakawa is employed in the Department of Agriculture.

Jim Uyeno, of Portland, Ore., one of the first Nisei linguists to go from Camp Savage to India, was in Washington last week lining up a War Department job as a translator in Tokyo.

Mary Sato, former Pasadena girl, and Etty Seki, formerly of Seattle, both Community Chest employes here are getting ready to leave for Tokyo.

Sgt. Masashi Uriu, of Mt. View, California, is back at Fort Myer, Virginia, after four months in Japan tracking down documents.

Fun Night

SAN FRANCISCO—Gym sports, swimming and social dancing will make up the program for the second Nisei and Friends Community Fun Night to be held June 15 at the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate avenue.

George Yasumura was named chairman for the sponsoring group at elections held June 1 at the YMCA. Other officers are May Takakuwa, Nob Iwasa, Roy Nishida and Rose Ichikawa, vice chairmen; June Nakayama, secretary; Asako Sakai, treasurer; Kazu Taahashi, Jack Moriguchi, Marion Doi, Suzie Kumagai, Ernie Ito and Yasukazu Suzuki, refreshments.

The group is jointly sponsored by the YMCA, JACL, YBA, the Hospitality committee and the Interracial Institute.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

How Joe Moriyama Changed His Mind

Des Moines, Ia.

We'd like you to meet Joe Moriyama and Eve Erickson. You can't see them in person because they're story characters. But in them you'll recognize a great many persons you've known if ever it was your misfortune to live awhile in a WRA center.

The setting is an Arkansas relocation camp, the story is by Mataileen Larkin Ramsdell, and it appears in the Spring issue of the Antioch Review, a quarterly published at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Joe is a bewildered, belligerent 16-year-old when he arrives at the center. Eve is his teacher at the camp high school.

Where the other teachers are exasperated by Joe's apparent impertinence, Eve is more understanding. "She kept feeling that he had taken on his knotty, young shoulders all the chips of resentment of all center inhabitants and she was waiting for the day when he would grow so tired of his load that he would willingly lay some of it aside," the author observes. "Then she hoped to reach him."

Joe carries his resentment deep. He defends the pilfering of lumber by the centers residents with this:

"Spouse you was taken outa your home on 48-hour notice and put in an empty room with a iron cot and two army blankets for the duration?"

And this is Joe's reaction to religion: "My parents are Buddhists but I don't go for it and the Christians shout brotherly love on Sunday and kick us out on Monday. So I don't go for them neither."

Joe's heart lies in California. When Eve asks why he is so devoted to the state after what has happened, he says:

"It's the place I was born. It's where my father worked like a dog for 40 years. They can't change that no matter how much they hate us."

Neither Joe Moriyama nor Eve Erickson are typical. Rather, they are the personification of a number of characters rolled into one.

In facets of their character, in their reaction to situations, there is recognizable persons we all have known. Joe very well could

be the "problem boy" of the block, the one always in some sort of jam, the fellow's whose arguments always cut most sharply in the latrine bull sessions.

And in Eve there is the best of the courageous, understanding leadership exhibited by many of the teachers who presided over the barracks classrooms.

Joe is dead even before the opening of the story which is told in flashbacks. He went off to war as a slogging infantryman with the rest of the "boochies" who would have preferred to serve in the air force, or the navy, or the tank corps. Joe resented the discrimination so much that he almost didn't go.

How Eve changed his mind is part of the story. But in the end Joe went off with a will in his pocket and "all the insurance they will let me have so my ol' man'll get along o.k. if they should make a nice, big juicy gold star outa me."

The name of the story, incidentally, is "A Star is Something to Steer By." The Antioch Review terms it a "documentary."

There have been many stories about life in the WRA camps. But we believe Mrs. Ramsdell has caught one facet of center life with a degree of understanding rarely if ever excelled. The dialogue, which is the strongest part of the story, is so convincing that one is almost certain the characters are really alive.

Boys like Joe will live long after they're dead. We thank Mrs. Ramsdell for a fine word picture of an episode of American life that fortunately is past. It records much that needs to be recorded with candor and understanding.

To the Editor

THE LETTERBOX

Interracial Church Project

Editor, "Pacific Citizen:"

Back in March of 1944 the "Pacific Citizen" printed two articles on All People's Community Center in Los Angeles, the interracial project that took over the property of the Japanese Christian Institute at the time of evacuation. This submits a "progress report" on one portion of the activities at the Center.

Last Sunday Charter Day was held for the church that has been meeting regularly at the Center for the last year. Forty-three members of Chinese, Japanese, Negro and Anglo-Saxon ancestry were inducted at a special service, and the board of the new church was installed by the Rev. Kojiro Unoura, formerly head of the Japanese Christian Institute and now pastor of the Issei Christian church that has its headquarters at the same location.

Officers of the board include: Chairman, Howard Casaday; vice chairman, Akira Suzuki; clerk, Florence Abe; financial secretary, Arthur Murray; elders, Mr. Casaday, Mr. Suzuki, W. H. Dorkins, Fred Vickland; deacons, Harmon Wilkinson, Fred Fertig; deaconesses, Mrs. Beulah Gales, Mrs. Bea Araki, Mrs. Fred Vickland, Mrs. J. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. Undine Wilson.

Nisei members other than those listed above are, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ohashi, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kitagawa, Taye and Martha Yaguchi, Peter Miyake, Margaret Shimidzu, Mary Akai, Betty Fujimoto, Kiyoo Shimatsu (in the armed services), and Ruby and Ellen Oshio. Some of these were members of the former institute.

An exceptionally fine chapel choir of high school and college youth has been developed under the leadership of Miss Gloria Sing. They are meeting numerous requests to sing at various programs in Los Angeles and vicinity.

Cathedral Films is preparing a full-length film story of the Church and Community Center to be distributed as a lesson in religious and racial democracy. The Community Center has recently presented lectures by distinguished authorities in the field of public affairs. A conference on non-violent techniques for opposing social discrimination was held in the church under the joint sponsorship of the Urban League, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Committee on Racial Equality. Featured at the conference were Earl Robinson, famed as writer of lyrics of "Ballad for Americans" and "The House I Live In," and George Houser, national director of the Committee on Racial Equality. The Rev. Dan B. Genung, in charge of the work at All People's Christian Church and Community Center, has become one of the important leaders in this metropolitan area in the fight for social justice.

We who are members at All People's feel that we are taking part in a project of vital significance. What once was a church, racially segregated, has now become an interracial church where all equally participate without self-consciousness. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America recently declared itself absolutely opposed to the segregated church. In Los Angeles now there are three completely integrated churches, All Nations, Church of All Peoples, and All Peoples. There are at least three other interracial churches on the coast, at San Francisco, Berkeley and Seattle, and several across the nation. We have an humble place among the pioneers in that effort to make actual the One World through a Church of One People.

Sincerely,
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**Bronze Star Given
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After Combat Feat**

SWINK, Colo.—A Bronze Star medal which he won in Italy almost two years ago on July 4, 1944, while fighting with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, caught up with Bob Maruyama of Swink last week.

The combat medal, awarded to Maruyama when he rescued a wounded comrade under raking fire, was presented to the Nisei veteran at civil ceremonies on May 27.

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**Japanese American Vaudeville
Troupe Reopens on Broadway**

NEW YORK — Under the sponsorship of Orson Welles, four Japanese American vaudeville artists have returned to Broadway after a long absence, the Nisei Weekender reported this week.

The "Three Kanazawas," foot jugglers, and "Ishikawa," a veteran of old-time vaudeville, are among the artists featured in the new Orson Welles-Mercury Theatre production, "Around the World," which opened at the Adelphi last week.

Once a standby of American vaudeville, the Japanese acts disappeared from Broadway after the outbreak of war.

The "Three Kanazawas" are headed by Manny Kanazawa, whose troupe was well-known on the Orpheum, Pantages and Fanchon and Marco circuits during the heyday of vaudeville. The other two members are his son, Jimmy, and Kame Tetsuwari of Chicago, who is the son of the head of the original Tetsuwari troupe of jugglers.

Ishikawa, featured in a hand-balancing act, is a former member of the "Three Ishikawas."

Skating Party

SAN JOSE, Calif.—"Let's Get Acquainted" will be the theme of a skating party to be held Thursday evening, June 20, at the Berkeley rink at 1066 Alameda St. in San Jose under sponsorship of the United Citizens League.

The price of admission will include admission to regular skating from 7:30 to 10:30 and the private party, which will begin at 10:30 p. m. and continue until twelve.

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Livingston YPCF

olds Outing

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — The Livingston YPCF scheduled a day recreation and devotion for June 2 at Lake Yosemite. Committee heads for the outing were Jim Shoji, transportation; Lucy Shoji, campfire singing; Mack Yamaguchi, program; Mrs. Mamoru Masuda and Anne Ohki, food; Frank Shoji, games; Sherman Shoji, fire wood; and Mamoru Masuda, devotional service.

Graduates

LEHI, Utah—Five Nisei, Ann Morimoto, Fred Morimoto, Fusako Morimoto, and Tsugi and Kinu Morimoto, received diplomas recently upon completion of their senior year at Lehi high school. All were transfer students from vocational centers to the Lehi school, where they held high scholastic rating. Morimoto was a member of the school's football and track teams.

Engagement

DENVER—The engagement of Miss Toshi Kako, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kako of Denver, to Mr. Iwao Moriyama was announced by the bride-to-be's parents at a tea held Sunday, June 2. Miss Kako is a graduate of the University of California. Dr. Moriyama received his Ph. D. in public health at Yale university. He is now with the Department of Commerce in Washington.

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FRESNO, Calif.—Fifty dollars, the proceeds from a "Cotton Hop" held May 29, was donated to the Fresno Community Center fund by ELLE, newest Fresno organization.

The "Cotton Hop" attracted over 250 dancers. Intermission speakers were Cecil C. Hinton, director of the community center; Max Hoen, chairman of the board of directors of the center; and Kazue Sekiya, ELLE president.

Shower

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — Miss Esther Okuda, bride-elect of ex-Master Sgt. James Tanizawa of Loomis, Calif., was honored at a miscellaneous shower on Saturday, May 25, at the home of Mary Haratani. Guests were the Misses Sumi Hashimoto, June Morimoto, Janet Tsuchiya, Martha Tsuchiya and Mayme Kishi and the Mesdames Fred Hashimoto, Mamoru Masuda, Ben Noda and Lily Hirata. Miss Haratani and Mrs. Frances Tsuchiya were hostesses. The young couple will be married at the University church in Berkeley.

Bussei Queen

FRESNO, Calif. — A Bussei Queen will be crowned on August 10 in Fresno when the CCYBA sponsors its first carnival, according to Kazue Sekiya, contest chairman.

Entries from individuals and organizations are invited, according to Sekiya. Any CCYBA member who is unmarried is eligible. Entrants may send their names to Sekiya at 715 D street, Fresno. Candidates who have entered the competition by June 16 will be introduced at the CCYBA graduation dance, which will be held that evening at the Rainbow ballroom in Fresno.

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DEATHS

Sakumatsu Inokuchi, 71, on May 27 at Morgan Hill, Calif. Masano Tokaji (Mrs. Kaname Tokaji) on May 30 in Los Angeles. Shizuko Uyesaka (Mrs. Masao Uyesaka) on May 28 in Santa Barbara, Calif. Ivy Hachiyo on June 2 in Los Angeles. Mrs. Hachiyo, whose husband passed away on April 29 last, is survived by two daughters. Hidejiro Kotsubo, 49, on May 29 at San Jose, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Hatsuko, and six children. Mrs. Miyano Seo, 52, 5325 South 13th East Salt Lake City, on June 3. Choei Tsuchiya, 60, on May 27 in Stockton, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Ida Fumiko Okubo to Hiroshi Kato on June 2 in Los Angeles. Michie Jean Oishi to Teruo George Esaki on June 2 in Los Angeles. Sue Kanemasu to William Sakai in Sacramento, Calif. Hideko Okabayashi to Toshiji Watanabe on June 1 in Glendale, Ariz. Otome Saito to Daisuke Nagano in Denver, Colo., on April 19. Aimee Nomura to Akira Kishi in New York City on May 28. Keiko Oshiro to George Abe on May 25 in New York City. Waka Mochizuki to the Rev. Kenneth Dannenhauer on June 1 in New York City. Mary Mayeda to Harley Masuguchi on April 21 in Greeley, Colo.

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Returned Evacuee Files Suit To Test Validity of California New Anti-Alien Fishing Law

Discrimination on Basis Of Race Charged in Petition for Takahashi

LOS ANGELES — In the first legal action to test the constitutionality of the California anti-alien fishing law, passed by the State Legislature in 1945, a hearing was held this week in the Superior Court of Judge Henry M. Willis on a petition for writ of mandamus filed in behalf of Torao Takahashi, resident alien of Japanese ancestry who was engaged in the commercial fishing industry before the war.

Aimed at Japanese aliens who formerly were engaged in commercial fishing operations in California, the provisions of the newly-enacted law also prohibit "ineligible aliens" from non-commercial fishing and hunting.

The petition was originally filed on May 6 and was scheduled to be heard on May 28 but was postponed until this week.

The petition holds that the portion of the California Fish and Game Code which now prohibits "ineligible aliens" from fishing is unconstitutional because it was enacted "for the purpose and administered in a manner to discriminate against persons, including the petitioner, solely because of his race."

Counsel for Takahashi declared that he "has qualified to obtain a fishing license within all of the requirements of the California Fish and Game Code. . . in every respect and particular, except only that he is a person of Japanese descent."

"He has no other occupation except that of commercial fishing," his counsel declared. "Upon his return to California, he attempted to secure other employment and has been unable to do so."

It was pointed out that although Takahashi is an alien and ineligible to citizenship because of his Japanese race, his two sons, Ken-ichi and Fumio, served in the U. S. Army. The former is now in Japan as a member of the occupation forces. In addition, he has two sons-in-law, Lieut. R. B. Nonoshita and Cpl. Mas Hirashima, both of whom have served overseas.

Nisei Girl Swimmers Will Meet National Champions

HONOLULU — Hawaii's two Nisei girl swimming stars will meet some of the nation's top women swimmers this month for the first time since they won a host of AAU championships as 15-year olds before the war.

Chic Miyamoto, former national AAU champion, and Mitzie Higuchi will lead Coach Soichi Sakamoto's Hawaii University club team against Jack Cody's Multnomah Athletic club team from Portland, which includes such women swimming stars as Brenda Helser, Nancy Merki, Suzanne Zimmerman and Mary Ann Hansen in the first portwar revival of the Duke

Kahanamoku Festival on June 19, 20 and 21.

Miss Miyamoto, former national champion in the 300-yard medley event, is back in training and her recent times have approached her championship form of 1940 and 1941. Her main opponent on the Portland team will be Miss Merki, who recently won the national AAU indoor women's championship in the medley event with a mark of 4 minutes 1 second. Miss Miyamoto has done 4 minutes 4.3s.

Miss Miyamoto won four of the territorial AAU titles in a recent Honolulu meet, taking the 100-meter and 400-meter free-styles and the 100-meter backstroke in territorial record times.

Mitzie Higuchi won the 200-meter backstroke and set a new Hawaiian record in this meet.

Hawaii's Nisei girl stars also are pointing for the national AAU championships on the mainland in August.

North California JACL Leaders Plan Meeting

Seek Reactivation Of District Council Of JACL Groups

SAN FRANCISCO—First steps to reactivate the once powerful Northern California JACL district council will be taken Sunday, June 16, in San Francisco when former and present JACL chapter and district officers meet at the International Institute to elect officers and reestablish quarterly meetings.

Tom Shimasaki, former Northern California district chairman, will call the meeting to order.

Delegates will discuss the reestablishment of local chapters, development of public relations, local discrimination and boycotts, welfare, goodwill projects and local participation in national JACL projects.

Reports will be made on major JACL objectives, the present status of the JACL, operation of the Civil Rights Defense Union, discriminatory California laws and the work of the Northern California JACL regional office.

Also under discussion will be methods of setting up JACL veterans committees in local areas and a recreational program for MILS Nisei.

The meeting will convene at 9:30 a. m. at the International Institute, 1860 Washington street in San Francisco.

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