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Application for Naturalization Will Be Accepted from Issei By Immigration Department

Request for First Papers Will Show Intent, Desire for Citizenship Although Japanese Aliens Still Considered Ineligible for Naturalization

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—All field offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are being notified by Ugo Carusi, director, to accept applications for first papers for citizenship from Japanese nationals who are legal residents of the United States and are otherwise qualified for naturalization.

Although aliens of Japanese ancestry are not now eligible for naturalization, it was indicated that the taking out of applications for the first papers will show intent and desire to be-

come an American citizen and will facilitate the naturalization process if legislation is passed which will make the resident Japanese aliens eligible.

(In Salt Lake City Mike Masao-

State Brief Filed in Alien Land Act Case

Defense Contention Of Limitations Statute Disputed in Argument

AUBURN, Calif.—A joint brief has been filed by the State of California and by Placer county denying the defense contention that the statute of limitations applies in the escheat proceedings brought against Sengiro Kondo and Eiko Kondo for alleged violation of the California Alien Land law.

The brief is signed by Attorney General Robert Kenny, District Attorney C. E. Tindall and Deputy District Attorney Thomas Sargent. Further refutation of the point is made in a supplemental brief filed by Everett W. Mattoon, deputy attorney general of California.

After outlining the preliminaries to the acquisition of the land by the Kondos the brief states the transactions "were and are a subterfuge and . . . a fraud on the people of California."

Mr. and Mrs. Kondo are charged in the suit with supplying the money for the purchase of the property in question by their son, Aster Kondo, an American citizen of Japanese ancestry.

The action was filed in April, 1945 after an investigation by J. H. Mulvey of Attorney General Kenny's office.

Four other actions against persons of Japanese ancestry in Placer county have been prepared by District Attorney Tindall and have been in the attorney general's office for several months for review by Mr. Kenney's staff. Tindall indicated he expected the suits to be returned soon for filing.

Sakamoto's Hawaiians Sweep National Swimming Honors

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Coach Soichi Sakamoto's Hawaii University Swimming Club won the National AAU men's swimming championship at the U.S. Navy pool in San Diego last weekend, rolling up a total of 72 points. Pasadena AC was second with 30 points and Ohio State College, NCAA champions, was third with 27.

The Hawaiian team included three veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Charlie Oda, Robert Iwamoto and John Tsukano, who returned to civilian competition in the meet.

Halo Hirose, another Hawaiian Nisei and a veteran of the 442nd, competed for the Ohio State team. Oda was a member of the Hawaii University team which won the 800-meter free-style relay in 9:25.4.

Hirose anchored the Ohio State team which set a new American record for the 300-meters in 3:20.7. Some watches caught Hirose at 58s flat for the 100 meters in this relay event.

Oda placed third behind the sensational schoolboy, Jimmy McLane, in the 1500-meter event. McLane won the 400 and 800 meter events to become the first triple champion

ka, national secretary of the JACL, urged Issei who have expressed the desire to become citizens to take advantage of the new policy of the Immigration Service. Masaoka said that all JACL chapters and offices are being advised to help any Issei in filing applications for first papers.

(Masaoka asked that any cases of refusal by officers of the Immigration Service to issue applications for first papers to Issei be reported to the National JACL.)

Investigate Alleged Discrimination in New York Housing

NEW YORK—An investigation of reported discrimination in housing faced by evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have resettled in New York City is now being conducted by the housing subcommittee of the New York Committee for Japanese Americans.

The subcommittee which has been taking a door-to-door canvass in certain New York areas is under the chairmanship of Robertson Fort, formerly of the American Friends Service, who has been active in the resettlement of evacuees in the Chicago area. Other members of the committee represent Japanese American organizations in New York City.

The subcommittee is meeting every two weeks to report on possible vacancies as well as on any reports of discrimination on the part of landlords.

Two Hurt as Car Plunges Off Road

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Otogoro Matsumoto, 60, Rt. 1, Box 703, Santa Clara, and his son, Lloyd, 10, suffered serious injuries when the car in which they were riding plunged down a 100-foot embankment near Holy City on the Santa Cruz highway last week.

in the national championships since Kiyoshi (Keo) Nakama won the same three events in 1944. Oda also was third behind McLane in the 800 meters.

Bill Smith, Jr., Coach Sakamoto's most famous protege, won the 100 and 200 meter free-style events. In the 100 meters Smith matched stroke for stroke in a stirring duel with Halo Hirose, nosing out the later by two-tenths of a second in 59s. Herb Kobayashi of Hawaii was fifth in this event.

McLane's 19:23.1 in the 1500 meters clipped 19.5 seconds off Nakama's old meet mark. Nakama, now a swimming coach at Farrington high school in Honolulu, was declared ineligible for competition this year because of his coaching status. The American record of 19:12.4 was set by Kusuo Kitamura of Japan in 1932. The world record is held by Amano of Japan at 18:58.8.

The championship was the third for Coach Sakamoto. In 1940 and 1941 he led the Alexander House, Maui teams from Hawaii, including the Nakama brothers and Takashi Hirose, to national championships. This is his first year as swimming coach at the University of Hawaii.

SEN. TAFT BLOCKS APPOINTMENT OF MYER TO POST

WASHINGTON—Opposition by Senator Robert Taft, Ohio Republican, last week blocked confirmation of Dillon S. Myer, former chief of the War Relocation Authority, as administrator of the United States Housing Authority in the National Housing Agency.

Mr. Myer remains at his posts as a coordinator in the Department of Interior.

It is expected that Mr. Myer's nomination will be resubmitted by President Truman when the Senate reconvenes next year.

Bill to Permit Entry of GI's Wife Planned

Legislative Approval Sought for Bride of Nisei Lieutenant

The National JACL has been informed that a private bill will be introduced in the next session of Congress to permit the entry into the United States of the Japanese Canadian wife of Second Lieut. Makoto M. Kimura of Fife, Wash., now on duty with American occupation forces in Tokyo.

Mrs. Kimura, the former Seiko Inamoto of Vancouver, Wash., is now residing in Montreal where the couple was married in Feb., 1945.

Although the foreign-born wives of GIs are permitted to join their husbands in the United States, Mrs. Kimura has been barred by the Immigration Service because she is of Japanese ancestry and considered an "ineligible alien."

Lieut. Kimura recently received permission for his wife to join him in Japan but has been unable to get authorization for her to enter the United States.

Lieut. Kimura asked the JACL to help his case in a recent letter from Japan.

Mike Masaoka, JACL national secretary, also disclosed that the effect of the recent Federal court decision in Seattle in which Judge McCormick ruled that a Japanese wife of an American soldier could enter the United States as a non-quota immigrant was being studied to see whether the decision could be applied in the case of Mrs. Kimura and Mrs. Robert Kitajima, Japanese Canadian wife of a former army sergeant.

Nisei Girl Named To Honor List at Engineer School

CINCINNATI, O.—On the spring honor list at Ohio State University's Engineering College is Mary Hisaye Kozaki of Cincinnati. Miss Kozaki, a freshman, became a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, national honor society.

Majoring in civil engineering, she is at present employed as an engineering draftsman at Wright Field in Dayton. Miss Kozaki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Kozaki, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif.

Caldwell Labor Camp Resident Commits Suicide

CALDWELL, Idaho—Denzo Kawato, 60, a resident of the Caldwell farm labor camp, hanged himself from a ceiling joist in a cabin at the camp on Aug. 1. F. W. Arnold, justice of the peace, reported.

Kawato was found by Kintaro Takeda, storekeeper at the camp and a distant relative.

Sheriff A. A. Moline said that Kawato had been despondent for some time and had several times threatened to take his own life.

Kawato was evacuated from Puyallup, Wash., and was a resident of the Minidoka relocation center before coming to work in Caldwell.

California Judge Restrains State Body from Restricting Rights of Issei Fishermen

New Test Case Filed to Prevent Fish, Game Commission from Interfering with Return of Japanese Group to Commercial Fishing Industry

LOS ANGELES—A temporary order restraining the State Fish and Game Commission from discriminating against aliens of Japanese ancestry in coastal commercial fishing operations was issued on Aug. 5 by Superior Judge Henry M. Willis.

LOS ANGELES—A test case was filed on Aug. 5 in Los Angeles Superior court to restrain the California Fish and Game Commission and Attorney General Robert W. Kenny from prosecuting resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who engage in commercial fishing in California waters.

The suit was filed on behalf of Yoshikazu Tsuchiyama, one of 250 fishermen of Japanese ancestry who have been unable to obtain a commercial fishing license as a result of a wartime amend-

ment to the Fish and Game code. The suit was filed by A. L. Wirin and John Maeno, Los Angeles attorneys, to assure that Japanese alien fishermen will be able to return to their work without the delay incident to awaiting a decision of the California law which bars "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from commercial fishing.

In a decision in the suit filed by Torao Takahashi, Judge Henry M. Willis of the Superior court declared that the 1945 amendment to the Fish and Game code was unconstitutional because it discriminated on a racial basis against persons of Japanese ancestry. Judge Willis directed that a license be issued to Takahashi and other Japanese aliens otherwise qualified as fishermen. However, the State of California filed an appeal to the Superior court decision and the Fish and Game Commission has refused to issue the licenses, pending a decision from the California Supreme Court.

Judge Willis has issued a temporary restraining order enjoining the Fish and Game Commission and Attorney General Kenny from prosecuting or causing to prosecute any fisherman of Japanese ancestry on the license issue, pending a hearing set for Aug. 14.

The new test case, sponsored by the Japanese Fishermen's Association, in cooperation with the Japanese American Citizens League, the Civil Rights Defense Union and the American Civil Liberties Union, was filed by Tsuchiyama on behalf of approximately 250 other Issei fishermen who have returned to pre-evacuation areas of Terminal Island, San Diego and Monterey but who have been unable to resume fishing operations as a result of the law which was passed during their absence.

Issei Believed To Be Suicide Victim in Bay

SAN FRANCISCO—The apparent suicide of Heijiro Fujii, 63, of San Francisco, was revealed this week after a 10-day investigation by police authorities and friends, according to the Nichi-Bei Times.

Fujii, a former Gila resident, on July 25 wrote a friend, Kinji Ishii, 719 Baker street, telling of his suicide plans.

Stating that he was tired of life, Fujii wrote that he would jump off the pier at the end of Van Ness ave. Ishii notified police authorities upon receiving the letter, whereupon search disclosed a hat belonging to Fujii on the Aquatic park pier, north of Van Ness.

Search for the body has thus far proved futile.

Congress Gives Citizenship to Japanese Alien

Mrs. Sebald Is Wife Of State Department Official Now in Japan

WASHINGTON—President Truman this week signed a private bill passed by Congress which confers American citizenship on Mrs. Edith De Becker Sebald, wife of a San Francisco attorney, who was born in Japan and was considered "ineligible for citizenship" because of the Japanese ancestry of her mother.

Mrs. Sebald, who worked for the Office of Strategic Services during the war, is the daughter of a British father who founded an international law firm in Japan. She was born near Yokohama and graduated from a Boston finishing school.

Because she was partly of Japanese ancestry and foreign-born, she was considered "an alien ineligible to citizenship" under the immigration law of the United States.

She was married to Sebald 19 years ago in Kobe, Japan. Her husband is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Throughout the years she has been stalked by the fear that she would be refused re-admittance to the United States after trips abroad with her husband on ground of racial ineligibility.

Sebald is now in Tokyo with the Far Eastern division of the State Department.

A private bill was introduced in Congress for Mrs. Sebald and was passed by the House and Senate during the closing weeks of the session.

Postpone Hearings For Alien Japanese Facing Deportation

SAN FRANCISCO — Hearings in test cases filed in the U. S. District Court on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry who have been ordered deported will be put over until some time in September, the American Civil Liberties Union reported this week.

The cases had been scheduled for hearings on Aug. 5.

Attorney Wayne M. Collins is representing the petitioners.

By agreement with the Justice Department, pending final decisions in these cases by the U. S. Supreme Court, it has been reported that no hardship or treaty trader cases will be deported to Japan.

Ben Kuroki, Shige Tanabe Married in Pocatello Rites

POCATELLO, Ida.—Ben Kuroki, Nisei Air Forces veteran, and Miss Shige Tanabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yohei Tanabe of Pocatello, were married in a simple ceremony on Friday, August 9, at the home of the bride's parents.

Close friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kuroki of

famed war veteran, arrived in Pocatello on August 8 to attend the wedding.

The former sergeant and his bride will make their home in New York City, where he will be connected with the East-West Association.

The bride is a graduate of Pocatello schools and the University of Idaho, Southern.

Statewide Committee Planned To Campaign for Defeat of Alien Land Law Amendments

SAN FRANCISCO—Organization of a statewide committee against Proposition No. 15, the ratification of legislative amendments to the California Alien Land Law, was under way in San Francisco this week.

It is reported that the committee will recommend defeat of Proposition 15, also known as Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 17, which seeks ratification by voters of the state of the 1923 and 1943 amendments by which the California legislature "tightened" the provisions of the law which prohibits "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from owning or operating agricultural property in California.

It was also announced that the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., legislative offshoot of the JACL, will file an argument against the measure with Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan before the Aug. 20 deadline for such arguments.

Secretary of State Jordan announced last week in Sacramento that no arguments had been filed against the proposed amendment. Pro and con arguments will be summarized and printed by the state for distribution to the 4,000,000 registered voters in California.

Other California organizations are expected to file statements against Proposition No. 15 before Aug. 20.

In a letter to Secretary Jordan Joe Masaoka, representing the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the JACL, noted that opposition to Proposition 15 will be filed "by a number of organizations and individuals."

Masaoka characterized the Alien Land Law as "race legislation," pointing out that persons of Japanese ancestry are the only group affected by the law and against whom the law has been enforced.

He said that the measure originally had been passed as a "land grab" and that the law had been used to expropriate the properties of persons of Japanese ancestry in California.

Nisei DSC Winner Attends Purple Heart Group Parley

George Sakato Guest Of JACL Chapter At Portland Convention

PORTLAND, Ore.—George Sakato, Nisei winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism and leadership in action, attended the national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart this week as the guest of the Portland chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

A member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Sakato killed five Germans and captured four others in a single day at Biffontaine as his platoon reduced two enemy defense lines. He made a one-man rush under pounding fire and, according to the army citation, so encouraged the platoon with his fearlessness that, having lost their appointed leader, Sakato led them in a victorious charge.

He was seriously wounded in the engagement and spent many months in hospitals and still carries shrapnel in a lung. His family lived in Redlands, Calif., before the evacuation and operated a store. They later moved to Glendale, Ariz., where they are engaged in farming.

The Nisei veteran plans a career in diesel engineering and will enter a school at Los Angeles.

Texas Nisei Invited To Attend Retreat At San Marcos

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—A retreat for Nisei residents of Texas and the Southwest will be held in San Marcos, Tex., from Aug. 15 to 18, the Rev. C. S. McKinney, pastor of the Alamo Heights Baptist church, announced this week.

Rev. McKinney said that an open invitation is being extended to all persons of Japanese ancestry in Texas and neighboring states to attend the retreat. Applications may be sent to Rev. McKinney at 5808 Broadway, San Antonio 2.

The retreat will be held at San Marcos Academy and the school is offering the use of its campus, dormitories and other equipment,

Mary Ogawa Elected Chairman of USO Junior Hostesses

WASHINGTON—Mary Ogawa was elected chairman of the Nisei YWCA-USO Junior Hostesses at a picnic meeting in Rock Creek park on July 31. Assisting her will be Misawo Uyeoka, recording secretary; Mae Watanabe, corresponding secretary, and Yuki Tanaka, editor of the D. C. Doin's.

The outgoing officers were Seiko Nishio, chairman; Mary Nanbara, recording secretary; Eiko Narita, corresponding secretary; and Fumi Takayanagi, editor.

The meeting also served as a farewell for Mrs. Eric Bellquist, volunteer worker with the Nisei group, who is returning to Berkeley. In recognition for her services, she was presented with a gift by the hostesses and a USO service badge and corsage by Miss Gretchen Feiker, director of the YWCA USO.

Mr. Eric Bellquist spoke briefly on the fine record of the JACL following an announcement of plans to organize a chapter in Washington. Mr. Bellquist is returning to his teaching post at the University of California. During the war he served with OWI and later with the State Department.

Miss Kenko Nogaki commended the USO for the reception tendered the 442nd Combat Team. She turned over to the YWCA USO the surplus of the funds contributed by Nisei toward the reception.

WOUNDED NISEI WILL BE GUESTS OF JACL GROUP

PORTLAND, Ore.—The two Nisei delegates to the national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, held in Portland this week, will be honored at a dance given by the Portland chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League on Aug. 10 at the Nichiren church.

The delegates, George Sakato of Arizona, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action at Biffontaine, France, and Spady Koyama, wounded in action on Leyte, were guests of honor at a JACL reception on Aug. 5 at the Japanese Methodist church. Marian Hara was chairman of the reception.

The Arizona Nisei is attending the convention as a special guest of the Portland JACL, while Spady Koyama is the official delegate of the Spokane, Wash., chapter of the Purple Heart organization.

A testimonial dinner will be sponsored by the JACL on Aug. 11 at Hotel Multnomah at which time all of Oregon's veterans of Japanese ancestry will be honored.

E. B. McNaughton, noted Portland banker and civic leader, and Monroe Sweetland, publisher of the Molalla, Ore., Pioneer and former national chairman of CIO War Relief, will be the guest speakers, according to May Zakoi, banquet chairman. Both Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Sweetland are national sponsors of the JACL.

Kenzo Nakagawa, president of the Portland JACL, and Mr. Oama, representing the Issei, will also speak.

Charles Shimomura will be toastmaster.

Veterans Will Get Farms at Minidoka

BOISE, Idaho—World War II veterans will be given preference when 40 new farm units are opened for homesteading on the Minidoka project, located on the site of the wartime relocation center for Japanese Americans at Hunt.

Chicago Year Book Will List Names of 15,000 Evacuees

CHICAGO—Listing approximately 15,000 names of persons of Japanese ancestry now residing in Chicago, a Japanese American Year Book of the Chicago area will be published in September, Joseph Komaki of the Kalifornians Enterprise, publishers of the directory, announced this week.

The yearbook will also present pictorial highlights of the business, social and religious activities of persons of Japanese ancestry who have resettled in Chicago, Komaki said.

Photos were taken by Bill Yamamoto of Oriental Studio.

Komaki reported that his group had collaborated in a picture story on Chicago's Japanese Americans which is being prepared for publication by a local newspaper.

Delay Hearings On Cases of Peru Deportees

State Department Indicates Peru May Accept Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO—The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California reported this week that the Justice Department has indicated that it can no longer litigate two test suits filed by the ACLU on behalf of former Peruvian residents of Japanese ancestry who were seized by United States military forces in Peru and brought to the United States for internment and who were subsequently ordered deported to Japan as "illegal entrants."

The State Department, it is believed, has now been informed that Peru will accept the persons of Japanese ancestry who are now confined at the Justice Department internment center at Crystal City, Tex.

Hearings scheduled this week before Federal Judge Goodman were postponed until the status of the Peruvian Japanese is clarified.

If there is no prospect of sending the Peruvians back home in the next few months, it is believed they may be released from confinement to go to work as a group at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey. The subject is now under consideration by the Immigration Service, the ACLU reported.

Nisei Doctor Attends Medical Conference

CINCINNATI, O.—Among the active participants at the American Urological Association Convention held July 22-25 in Cincinnati was Dr. George Nagamatsu.

Dr. Nagamatsu was recently promoted to assistant professor of surgery at Flower Medical College in New York City, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a Diplomat of Genito-Urinary Surgery.

While in Cincinnati, Dr. Nagamatsu was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Makoto Yamaguchi.

Rev. Ogawa Named For Evacuee Work

LOS ANGELES—Appointment of the Rev. Seido Ogawa as field secretary of the Congregational Committee for Christian Democracy was announced this week by Dr. Clarence Gillett, executive secretary of the organization.

Rev. Ogawa, a graduate summa cum laude from Chicago Theological Seminary, will give general assistance to the Southern California area and will give special help to churches in San Diego, Pasadena and Los Angeles.

Noting that Rev. Ogawa is coming to the work from a successful pastorate in Hawaii, Dr. Gillett said that he "should make a real contribution to solving race problems in this area."

Special attention will be given problems of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

Nisei Veteran Wins Scholarship

PULLMAN, Wash.—Hiroshi Furukawa, 1825 D Street, Pullman, is one of 59 war veterans who have been awarded \$2000 scholarships by the American Chemical Society.

Washington News-Letter Minority Rule Prevails As Claims Bill Defeated

By JOHN KITASAKO

Mike Masaoka came back from Capitol Hill one afternoon last week, feeling beaten and disgusted. That was the day Rep. Clair Engle and a few of his cohorts of the "anti-Japanese" bloc let it be known they would vote against the evacuee claims bill. That meant the bill, which had passed the Senate by a unanimous vote a few days before, would be killed. Under rules adopted by Congress in the closing days of the session, a single "no" vote could strangle any bill.

"And they call this a democracy with rule by majority," mused Mike. "It's nothing of the sort. It's rule by minority. The same clique of California congressmen who harassed the WRA are still taking it out on the evacuees. And this is the bill which many representatives and senators feel that Congress as a matter of simple justice should pass without hesitation."

It was a heartbreaking let-down for Mike—a miserable pay-off for days of relentless labor. And just when things seemed to be breaking smoothly.

We can fully appreciate Mike's complaint, for we know how doggedly he and others fought to get the bill through. Few people realize perhaps how much sweat and pain are necessary to get Congress to act on a measure.

It's not simple even under normal circumstances, so you can imagine what a task it is when Congress is hurrying to adjourn for its first real vacation in years. And the situation can become downright nightmarish when one is not adequately prepared, which is exactly what happened to Mike. He came to Washington as the legislative representative of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee to do some spadework on the naturalization and immigration measure.

But when he got here, he learned that President Truman had written letters to the chairmen of the House and Senate judiciary committees urging immediate action on the claims bill. And the Interior Department all of a sudden got busy on the bill, too.

Mike was not caught off base by this unforeseen development, although he had not brought informational matter regarding the bill. He had been led to believe that the claims bill was considered dead for this session, as both committees had sat on the bill after it had been introduced back in April.

However, Mike lost no time in getting into action with James Reed, legislative representative of the American Friends Committee for National Legislation. Mike and Mr. Reed did the heavy leg work around Capital Hill.

They worked marvelously as a team. The chief objective was to contact as many congressmen as possible. So with time running short, Mike and Mr. Reed made the round separately in order to

cover the most ground. If Mr. Reed did not have some information requested by some congressman, Mike was sent around to supply it.

And if some congressman refused to see Mike, Mr. Reed was dispatched to visit him. Mike and Mr. Reed met every day at lunch to check over their plans, and every night they conferred by phone.

In describing his activities on the Hill at the end of each day, Mike used his favorite word, "rough." It was rough alright, rough on his body, his nerves and his wits. He estimates that he contacted, directly and indirectly, approximately 100 congressmen.

He tramped back and forth from the Senate office building to the House building, and in and around the Capitol trying to track down congressmen. And Washington's oppressive summer heat isn't exactly the ideal kind of climate for tramping on stone floors and concrete sidewalks. By day's end, he was worn to a frazzle.

In his talks with congressmen, Mike discovered that generally they were woefully misinformed as to the scope of the bill. Many times he had to present a picture of the measure's background in a few minutes, which is no mean feat.

The lack of understanding and proper appreciation in some instances was appalling, says Mike. One congressman, after being told about the hardships evacuees had to endure, exclaimed, "My God, is that what happened to you people?"

All of which points to one thing, says Mike—a great deal of educational work is required on the part of the JACL and Nisei generally to help present to congressmen and others a deeper insight into the sufferings and injustice of the evacuation.

Mike is not discouraged by the bill's defeat in the House. He feels that considerable progress has been achieved toward the bill's eventual enactment, and that when Congress convenes next year and the measure is brought up again, chances for favorable action are stronger.

He sounds a note of caution, however. It will by no means be a walkaway. The opposition has been alerted now and can be expected to build up reaction against the bill in the interim.

COMMEMORATION of V DAY IN HAWAII

August 15, 1946

IN FONDEST MEMORY OF OUR BUDDIES OF CO. I. 442ND INF. REGT. WHO FOUGHT AND DIED TO PRESERVE THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY

(By Members of CLUB ITEM—Co. I. Hawaii)

Los Angeles AVC Council Raps Engle's Opposition to Evacuee Claims Legislation

LOS ANGELES—The action of a California congressman, Rep. Clair Engle of Red Bluff, in blocking House consideration of the evacuee indemnification bill last week was "severely criticized" by the Los Angeles Area Council of the American Veterans Committee on July 31.

The Los Angeles Area AVC, consisting of more than twenty chapters, unanimously adopted a resolution to endorse the scope

of the bill to reimburse evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses resulting from the evacuation in 1942.

The AVC forwarded communications to Congressmen Ned Healy, Ellis Patterson and Gordon McDonough and Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, all of Los Angeles, to "exert your influence" on Rep. Engle to the effect that he withdraw his objections to the bill.

DeYoung Explains Continuation Study on Evacuee Problems

CHICAGO—At a recent executive board meeting of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee, Mr. John DeYoung, formerly with the Community Analysis section of the Minidoka Relocation project and now with the WRA Continuation Study, known as the Department of Interior Resettlement Study, spoke of his work in Chicago for the next six months.

Speaking informally, he said that the Department of Interior was interested in following through with what happens to Japanese Americans with the end of the WRA on June 30th. The Resettlement Study is a one year project from July 1946 to July 1947 in three major areas: the West Coast, Chicago, and Denver. On the West Coast, the three centers of study will be Los Angeles, Seattle, and Portland.

DeYoung said the study plans to maintain a staff in Washington and have research men in the field. Mr. Toshio Yatsushiro will be working with him in the Chicago study. It will be their problem to find out what is going to happen and to make recommendations. Because the study is under the sponsorship of a government agency and will be a scientific one, DeYoung believes that their recommendations would carry some weight.

Mr. DeYoung added that any suggestions about resettlement and the clearance of WRA unfinished business could be referred to the War Agency Liquidation Unit, Mr. B. Larsen, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.

Work of Nisei Veteran Artists Go on Exhibit

LOS ANGELES—Art work of two Nisei veterans, including one prize winner, went on exhibit at the Los Angeles County museum August 4 as part of a world War II veterans show and will remain on display until September 9, according to the Rafu Shimpō.

The Nisei are Harry Osaki, whose work, "Dolores," won first place in the sculpturing division, and Susumu Tanaka, who was awarded 2nd honorable mention in the field of illustration.

Osaki is attending fine arts classes at the University of Southern California. His award will entitle him to a year's membership in the California Art Club. Judges selecting his work were Karoly Falop, Edgardo Simone and Roger Noble Burnham.

Tanaka, student at the Art Center school, was awarded honorable mention for his work, "Garbage Collector."

The show is sponsored by the California Art Club in cooperation with the Veterans Administration and the museum.

U. S. Marshal in Portland Seek "Contraband" Owners

PORTLAND, Ore.—A hangover from the contraband regulations issued by Gen. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command in 1942 is proving a headache to officials of the United States marshal's office in Portland.

Under the regulations Americans and aliens of Japanese ancestry, as well as German and Italian aliens, brought radios, cameras, binoculars, knives and firearms to the United States marshal shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Many of these items, unclaimed by their owners although the "contraband" regulations long since have been rescinded, lie unclaimed in a Portland warehouse.

Since the end of the war, only

JACL Chapter Reactivated in Los Angeles

Southern California Unit Rejoins National JACL Organization

LOS ANGELES—With 100 paid up members, the Los Angeles chapter of the JACL was re-activated at a meeting held on the evening of July 31 at the Koyasan auditorium. Eiji Tanabe, former president of the LA chapter and regional representative of the National JACL, presided.

Raymond Booth, executive director of the Los Angeles Council for Civic Unity and Dr. A. A. Heist, director of the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, speakers for the evening, impressed on those present the importance of the Nisei organizing themselves and contributing to the community welfare.

Past national president Saburo Kido related the activities that national headquarters has been carrying on. He also gave an account of the deportation and indemnification bills and also the progress of the naturalization movement for the Issei.

By unanimous vote, those present decided that the Los Angeles chapter should be re-activated immediately. A committee including past chapter presidents Shigemi Aratani and John Maeno, was appointed to draft the constitution and present at the next meeting.

Eiji Tanabe read a challenge from the Denver chapter, which today boasts 314 members, as to which chapter will be the largest by the end of 1946.

There were several Caucasian associated members present who were interested in the local chapter resuming activities.

Nisei Serves With U. S. Constabulary

WITH THE U. S. CONSTABULARY, Germany—Pfc. Ben Yamashita, whose brother, Joe Yamashita, is a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, is serving as a member of the special U. S. constabulary who carry out security missions with light tanks, armored cars and jeeps, motorcycles, horses and liaison-type aircraft.

Pfc. Yamashita is assigned to a mobile security unit which is policing American zones in Germany and Austria.

about half of the material turned in has been reclaimed and Federal authorities are beginning to lose hope that the rest of it ever will be called for.

Unless the articles are reclaimed within the next few months, the government will sell them at public auction, Dorothy Adler, deputy marshal, said last week.

Cameras, totaling 385, are the most numerous of all items in the collection. Most of the cameras are the small "Brownies" and other inexpensive pocket-size makes.

Persons of Japanese ancestry who turned in the articles were given receipts for them and these must be presented to the marshal's office in order for the owner to regain possession, Miss Adler stated.

Nisei Heads New Company To Build Personal Planes

Advanced Type Craft Designed By Nagamatsu; First Model Will Get Test Flight Soon

BUFFALO, N. Y.—A new aircraft corporation, headed by James K. Nagamatsu, Nisei aeronautical designer, has been formed by former Curtiss-Wright employes to undertake commercial production of "the most advanced personal airplane in the world."

The first plane of the Aero-Flight Aircraft Corp. is now being built in a hangar at the Buffalo Airport and will be ready for a test flight soon.

Nagamatsu, who worked for Curtiss-Wright in their experimental department and at its research laboratory during the war, said that several Nisei are connected with the corporation at the present time.

He said that use of the Buffalo Airport facilities was only temporary.

"Aero-Flight Aircraft was incorporated for \$500,000 and plans are underway for obtaining factory space for producing airplanes," he said.

"A registration number already has been assigned by the Civil Aeronautics Administration for test flight purposes and one of the most capable test pilots in the country has been engaged for testing the plane," Nagamatsu added.

The plane nearing completion is a two-seater model but Nagamatsu said the company plans other designs.

"Since the spring of 1945 I have been working on the design and construction of what we believe to be the most advanced personal airplane in the world," he declared. "My brother, who is in charge of aerodynamic research at the Cornell aeronautical laboratory has been acting as a consultant on the project."

A feature article on the new plane is expected to be published in the September issue of "Aviation."

A total of 15 former aircraft workers and ex-servicemen are now employed in work on the new plane.

Nagamatsu said the plane has a cruising speed faster than "maximum speed of 135 miles per hour of other airplanes with the same 85 horsepower plant and a landing speed no greater than some of the light planes.

Recreation Program Planned by Seattle Buddhist Leaders

SEATTLE—The Seattle Buddhist church, which served during the war as a Maritime Commission training center, became a shrine of worship again this week as the building was reoccupied by returned evacuees.

First services were held at the temple on Aug. 4. The Rev. Tatsu-ya Ichikawa and Rev. Kikan Nishina officiated.

Noting that the building has fine recreational facilities and a kitchen in the basement, Rev. Nishinaga said that dances and other events would be held, "not only for our boys and girls, but for all those in the neighborhood who would like to join us."

"We intend to make it more cosmopolitan than in former times, and are going to do our best to promote real Americanism," the Buddhist priest added.

Nisei Youth Drowns In Swimming Pool

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Theodore Hiroshi Okajima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Okajima, was drowned on July 30 while swimming in a private swimming pool at a Saratoga home where his father was gardening.

Funeral rites were held on Aug. 5 at the Buddhist church in San Jose.

Utah's Forgotten Man Will Be Freed from State Penitentiary

Masato Karumai, 71 years of age, Utah's "forgotten man," will walk out of the state penitentiary on Aug. 11 after more than 20 years imprisonment.

Sentenced to be shot to death in 1926 for first degree murder, Karumai's case was "forgotten" by Utah authorities and he lived for 16 years "on borrowed time" until 1942 when his case was re-discovered.

He was resented in 1942 and scheduled for execution. The case was appealed and the state board of pardons commuted his sentence, first to life, then to 20 years and six months.

This week Masato Karumai, who last saw the outside world more than 20 years ago, tried on his new brown suit, blue striped shirt and a crimson belt made by a fellow inmate. He will leave prison with a \$10 gratuity from the state

and \$43.88 which he accumulated during his imprisonment by doing odd jobs.

Karumai was convicted in Carbon county in 1925 for the murder of another person of Japanese ancestry during a fight at Helper. The first jury disagreed and the second convicted him of first degree murder. He was sentenced to be shot and filed an appeal with the State Supreme court while awaiting execution.

Meanwhile, he was sent to the state mental hospital at Povo where he was confined for more than seven years. His appeal was "forgotten" by authorities and when he was returned to prison, the sentence of death also was forgotten. The error was not discovered for 16 years.

During that time he became one of the most popular inmates at the prison and took on work as handyman for Warden John E. Harris.

Lack of Housing Temporarily Halts Canadian Movement

LEMONT CREEK, B. C.—Lack of accommodations in eastern provinces has temporarily stopped the movement of evacuees of Japanese ancestry from British Columbia to other provinces.

Eastern relocation centers, established to receive the resettlers, have filled rapidly in recent weeks and only the Transcona camp has accommodations to handle any sizable group.

Officials of the Department of Labor's Japanese Division, which is in charge of the resettlement program for the Japanese Canadian evacuees, are proceeding with their plan to close Lemont Creek as soon as possible.

It was reported here that the majority of evacuees at Lemont Creek are "confused and undecided" and appear unwilling to make up their minds to leave the camp for individual relocation outside of British Columbia.

It was stated that they are complaining that compulsory measures are being taken to force them to move.

California Ministers Hold First Parley Since Evacuation

LOS ANGELES—Twenty-seven Issei and Nisei ministers and thirty lay delegates representing twenty-four Japanese American churches met for the annual convention of the Southern California Church Federation on August 5 and 6 at the Los Angeles Union church under chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. John M. Yamazaki.

The key note for the convention, first to be held since the evacuation, was "United action of Christian forces in the Southland for three major endeavors: 1. Evangelism, 2. Resettlement adjustments, and 3. Integration into American life."

The convention adopted a resolution of deep appreciation for the service and sacrifice rendered by Nisei members of the U. S. Armed Forces.

Resolutions expressing gratefulness for wartime service given on behalf of Japanese Americans were adopted for the following: Church Federation of Los Angeles, Protestant Wartime Commission, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, American Friends Service Committee, Committee on Fair Play and American Principles, American Civil Liberties Union, Board of Missions of various denominations represented in the convention and individuals who rendered service during the evacuation period.

The Rev. Dr. John M. Yamazaki was elected president for the coming year.

Chicago High School Nisei Will Award Camp Scholarship

CHICAGO—Almost 200 Chicago high school Nisei have formed a fund to send a representative to a church summer camp. Applicants for the award are being submitted by Nisei church groups throughout the city.

Announcement of the winner will be made before the start of the interdenominational United Christian Youth Movement conference from August 19-31, for which the scholarship will be given.

The Nisei winner will be sent as the delegate of the Protestant Nisei Christians of Chicago.

Cincinnati Nisei Enjoy Picnic

CINCINNATI, O.—Approximately 75 Cincinnati Nisei enjoyed a picnic at Meadow Brook park in Venice, Ohio, July 14.

Fun seekers found the picnic grounds accommodating their sport desires. Swimmers found the large swimming pool inviting while softball and horseshoe enthusiasts found ideal spots for their games.

The second of such summer activities was sponsored by the Young People's Activities Committee with Jim Takeuchi as general chairman.

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EDITORIALS:

Againt the Racists

Advocates of Proposition No. 15 on the California ballot in November, the proposal for the ratification of legislative amendments to the California Alien Land law, are using the self-same race myths which were exploited by the selfish economic interests who were responsible for the passage of the original law, aimed at farmers of Japanese ancestry, in 1920.

Proponents of the constitutional amendment, which seeks to tighten the provisions of the anti-alien law, ignore the wartime record of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, the persons directly affected by the proposal. In his speech before a San Francisco Commonwealth club committee in support of Proposition No. 15 last week, Senator Nelson Dilworth of Riverside used Gen. De Witt's report on evacuation and the reports of the notorious Tenney "Little Dies" Committee of the State Senate as his texts in stressing his argument for the necessity of restrictive race legislation against Californians of Japanese ancestry.

Gen. DeWitt's report on Japanese Americans was filled with inaccuracies and suspicions in place of fact. President Truman in his letter to Congress on July 22, 1946 repudiated, in effect, the conclusions of Gen. DeWitt when he stated that "the fears which impelled the Government to adopt the harsh expedient of excluding Americans of Japanese ancestry from strategic military areas have, most happily, proved largely groundless."

President Truman answered Senator Tenney, who is the sponsor of Proposition No. 15 and other California race-baiters, when he told Congress that "an overwhelming majority of our Japanese American population has proved itself to be loyal and patriotic in every sense."

Indicative of the present public attitude on Japanese Americans in California is the report that a member of the Commonwealth club challenged Senator Dilworth's statements. Noting that Gen. DeWitt's report has been refuted by high authorities, this member suggested that Senator Dilworth quote the present commander of the western defense area, Gen. Joseph Stilwell, on the Nisei.

Recent developments, such as the passage of the Hindu and Filipino immigration bills, sharpen the racist nature of the California Alien Land law. Originally written to embrace all aliens of Asiatic ancestry, although intended as a discriminatory weapon against Japanese farmers, the law prohibited land ownership by "aliens ineligible to citizenship." Today the only sizable group affected by the law are the Japanese aliens. In effect, however, the law touches and infringes upon the citizen rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry since it prohibits the transfer of property from alien parents to Japanese Americans. Most of the fifty prosecutions undertaken by the State of California against persons of Japanese ancestry for alleged violation of the Alien Land law concerns property reportedly purchased by alien parents in the name of their citizen children.

The listing of Proposition No. 15 on the November ballot fulfills the purpose sought by State Senator Tenney who sponsored the amendment in order to provide a controversial issue involving Japanese Americans in the coming elections. But public attitudes have changed in California as it has in other parts of the United States. The appearance of Proposition No. 15 on the ballot will provide an opportunity for the people of California to repudiate the racism inherent in the Alien Land law and the racist ideology of the sponsors of the proposed amendment.

JACL: Postwar

With news of the reactivation of the Los Angeles chapter of the JACL and the formation of a unit in Washington, D. C., it becomes apparent that the Japanese American Citizens League is rapidly approaching its pre-war eminence, insofar as the number of its members and chapters is concerned. Month by month, through re-activation of old chapters and through the establishment of new ones in areas in which the Nisei have settled down since 1942, the JACL nears the 66 chapters and membership of 20,000 listed before the war.

But the postwar JACL will be in many ways unlike the JACL of old.

It achieved maturity during the war. The impact of the war, of suspicion and hate strengthened the JACL. Instead of weakening and bending to wartime foes, the organization learned to fight back. With little experience in the arena of politics, it learned how to combat the vicious attacks of the Jap-hungry politician and the land-hungry "patriot." And it based its fight upon the sole proposition that the Japanese Americans are loyal Americans and entitled to the rights, privileges and duties of loyal citizens.

The JACL learned that the fight against political and social evil is a common fight, and that there were many who would support it. It learned too that the cancer of discrimination touches not only the Japanese American but to a far greater extent millions more of our fellow Americans, and it learned to look with new perspective upon the "Nisei problem."

The JACL today is inter-racial in character and national in scope. It is prepared for a far greater future than was ever envisioned for it, back in the days of its early history.

T. W. Tanaka:

Effects of Evacuation

The Native Sons of the Golden West notwithstanding, evacuation is still unfinished business. Whether or not a hundred thousand or more forcefully displaced residents of America are compensated for their economic losses by an act of Congress may be the issue of the moment; but it is secondary to the unfinished business of evacuation as an encroachment upon individual liberty and freedom in American life.

Even if the Supreme Court, in hatching a wartime gem of inconsistency of reasoning, upheld the main features of "relocation" as constitutional, there is a wide margin of latitude to speculate on the day when the whole question will be reexamined. And when that day comes, we may indeed get a reversal of the wartime decisions.

On what basis can anyone properly expect such a reversal? Simply on the basis that America, we feel, is not yet prepared to accept as a permanent principle the two main suppositions upon which mass evacuation was based: (1) that a man is presumed to be guilty until he proves his innocence and (2) that American citizens do not stand before the law on an equal footing but do so according to their race, color or creed. Evacuation stands for these principles. Ask John L. DeWitt.

Some will offer as rebuttal the fact that war with Japan was an extenuating circumstance justifying temporary shelving of basic American concepts of law and justice for some American citizens and residents. But even if one were to accept such specious arguments, shown up rather badly by the war record of the people who were initially abused by evacuation, there still would be no valid reason for preserving a decision born of wartime expediency.

What happens to the wartime decisions of the Supreme Court which upheld the main features of Gen. DeWitt's exclusion orders may bear close observation by people who want to know whether Americans—all Americans—140,000,000 of them—will enjoy more or will suffer less individual freedom, liberty and protection from dictatorial and despotic treatment.

If the decisions stand and become a permanent pillar of the American tradition, militarism will have gained enormously in American life at the expense of civil authority. Here, in perspective, is the larger unfinished business of evacuation.—From a column by T. W. Tanaka in the Colorado Times of August 2, 1946.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Some Unfinished Business

The news is that the Interior Department's bill to create an Evacuation Claims Commission missed by only a cat's whisker of becoming law. The name of the cat's whisker is Clair Engle, a young (33 years of age) California congressman. Spurred by the backing of President Truman who dispatched letters to Senator Pat McCarran and Rep. Hatton Sumners, respective chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary committees, urging passage of the evacuee indemnification proposal, the measure was approved unanimously by the Senate after its scope had been broadened to satisfy Senators Ferguson of Michigan and Knowland of California.

It lost out in the House because of the rule adopted in the closing days of the 79th Congress, requiring unanimous approval for the consideration of any legislation. Under this rule the opposition of a single legislator was enough to block the passage of any legislation. That single man was found in the person of Rep. Engle, although several other congressmen, including John Phillips of California, also indicated their opposition.

The consensus on Capitol Hill last week, however, was that the bill had the support of a great majority of the congressmen, including the backing of most of the West Coast delegation. It probably would have passed under normal procedure. It probably will be passed if it reaches the floor of the House in the next session in 1947.

The greatest argument in favor of the bill is the wartime record of Americans of Japanese ancestry. As President Truman noted in his letter to congress on the bill, the wartime conduct of the evacuees has proved that the fears and suspicions which inspired the evacuation have been proved to be unfounded. Even Rep. Engle, leading the opposition to the bill, could not deny the Nisei record in World War II. Instead, Engle's opposition was based on the assumption that several thousand evacuees who were segregated at the Tule Lake camp after renouncing their American citizenship would share in the benefits of the bill. There is reason to believe, however, that Engle would not have been satisfied with a compromise on this issue and that the real reasons behind his opposition were his racism and his feeling of vindictiveness against the War Relocation Authority.

The opposition of Engle and Phillips to the bill probably resulted from a sort of reflex action. Both have a record of advocacy of restrictive legislation for Nisei and parents. Their reaction to the proposal undoubtedly was conditioned by their background of legislative activity in which Japanese Americans have been exploited as political scapegoats.

It is interesting to note that there was little or no pressure from the West Coast against the measure. The evacuation is no longer a burning issue for the folks at home. The evacuees have returned to the areas from which they were moved. Attitudes have changed in Hood River, Placer county and the Imperial valley. Many members of the many racist and exclusionist organizations which were formed to oppose the return of the evacuees now are ashamed of their part in such activity. There was no outcry against the indemnification bill.

President Truman presented a forthright statement to Congress, in asking passing of the bill to create the Evacuation Claims Commission. The President's statement may be regarded as the official attitude of the administration at this time on the evacuation and on Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"The fears which impelled the Government to adopt the harsh expedient of excluding Americans of Japanese ancestry from strategic military areas have, most happily, proved largely groundless," President Truman declared. "An overwhelming majority of our Japanese American population has proved itself to be loyal and patriotic in every sense. Those of them, and there were many, who entered the armed services have acquitted themselves with great distinction. It would, in my opinion, be a tragic anomaly if the United States

were, on the one hand, to acclaim and decorate with honors the brave Nisei troops who fought so valiantly and at such sacrifice overseas, while, on the other hand, ignored and left unredressed the very real and grievous losses which some of them, together with their immediate families, have suffered as a result of Government action in the midst of the same war."

Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee which studied the claims bill, called the attention of the House of Representatives to the "outstanding record of our 23,000 Japanese Americans who served in the armed forces" and recommended that the bill should pass "in all fairness."

Although the bill was finally blocked by the action of Rep. Engle, one of the developments resulting from its consideration by Congress has been the fact that both legislative bodies and the President have gone on record concerning the wartime loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"The records of the intelligence agencies show no case of sabotage or espionage by Americans of Japanese ancestry during the entire war," Rep. Walter told Congress in the House subcommittee's report.

Among the unfinished business of the 79th Congress were some forty private bills introduced on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry who face deportation as a result of the discriminatory nature of our immigration and naturalization laws. Also marooned in the House is the Farrington bill which will eliminate race, ancestry and national origin as a condition of citizenship and will assure equal treatment for all foreign born residents of the United States under the law. The Judd and Eberharter bills which were still buried in committee as congressmen left Washington would have given the Justice Department the discretionary power to permit stays of deportation in hardship cases involving Japanese aliens. With the passage of the Hindu and Filipino immigration bills, the Japanese are the only sizable group of resident aliens whose deportation is arbitrary and for whom no executive discretion is permitted.

On the whole the batting average of the 79th Congress was poor on legislation submitted for the extension of the democratic rights of members of racial minorities. The FEPC, which protected the minority group American from job discrimination, was killed by a filibuster of Southern Democrats. The anti-poll tax bill, which would have extended the right of franchise to millions of citizens, both white and black in eight southern states, was blocked in the Senate.

Most of the private bills, as well as legislation designed to remove the discriminatory features of our immigration and naturalization laws, probably will be introduced in the 80th Congress which convenes in January. The evacuee indemnification bill also will be re-introduced. Meanwhile, however, justice will be delayed and, in some cases, denied.

Midwest Buddhists Hold Elections

CHICAGO — The semi-annual election of the board of directors of the Midwest Buddhist church (Chicago FBA) was held in July and the fifteen members of the board were installed in a candle-light installation ceremony held at the Olivet Institute.

Those chosen to serve on the board for the ensuing term are as follows:

Akira Yebisu, chairman; Bill Adachi, vice chairman; Edith Chikaraishi, recording secretary; Janet Tateishi, corresponding secretary; Ted Mirikitani, treasurer; Shig Kitahata, assistant treasurer; Tak Izuzo Nakashita, rel. chm.; Tak Kawa, publicity chairman; Allan Hirai, music chairman; Allan Hagiwara, co-social chairman; Bob Mitsuada, co-social chairman; Yo Furukawa, welfare chairman; Allan Asakawa, George Katahira and George Matsuura, members-at-large.

Vagaries

by Lawyer . . .

Margaret Echigoshima's picture appears in the August issue of *Magazine*. The magazine notes: Margaret Echigoshima, a successful lawyer at twenty-seven, overcame two prejudices—she's a Japanese American and a woman. Nevertheless, when she received her law degree from Washington University, St. Louis law firm of Neuhoff & Miller took her in. Now she's a lawyer.

and Law . . .

The American Civil Liberties Union has asked Attorney General E. A. Tamm to widely disseminate the fact that while his department is actively prosecuting violations of the California Alien Land law, he is personally on record as believing that the law should be repealed. . . . One of the special agents, "David Hard-Counterspy," tracked down the names who have been fomenting discrimination against Americans of Japanese ancestry in the program broadcast on Aug. 4 over the American Broadcasting company network. The script was prepared by . . . Thompson.

and . . .

The statute of limitations may be the filing of other damage suits against Lieut. Gen. John W. Witt as a result of the army's evacuation orders in 1942, according to Lawrence E. Davies, New York Times correspondent in San Francisco. Mr. Davies also stated that general opinion on the subject was that the \$100 (assessed against Gen. DeWitt by Judge Thompson Hall in the Wilcox case) never have to be paid by Gen. Witt.

and . . .

At least one Hollywood studio expressed an interest in Ben Hira's story, "The Boy from Naha," which Ralph Martin has written and which Harper's will publish on October 9. . . . It's one since the atom bomb was dropped on the city that was Hiroshima but many U. S. residents of Japanese ancestry have not yet about the fate of relations who were presumably in Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. . . . Three of Monterey's fleet of 75 saratoga boats are now skippered by trained GIs of Japanese ancestry.

and Grad . . .

Robert O'Brien, first chairman of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, is giving the name of the first Nisei graduate from an American college. The information will be in a book which he is writing on the college Nisei and the relocation program. The information may be sent to Robert O'Brien, Room 514, 1201 Chestnut Philadelphia 7, Pa. . . . Another book on Nisei GIs, this time Hawaii's soldiers of Japanese ancestry, will be published in Honolulu soon. It is being written by Sakamoto, a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory and Combat Team, and Lawrence Matsuka, Honolulu newspaperman.

and . . .

Before evacuation many of the "Nisei" showgirls in San Francisco's Chinatown night clubs were really Nisei. When evacuation was ordered by Gen. DeWitt many of these night clubs lost members and their floor shows. Last week the Chan of the Lion's Den was certified for a Nisei dancer and . . . for his club.

and . . .

Former hospital buildings at the Colorado relocation center in Colorado are now being used to house students at Denver University. . . . National prosecutions of persons of Japanese ancestry in California alleged violation of the Alien Land law are being held up pending the State Supreme Court's decision in the Oyama test case.

and Whereabouts

Relative overseas is seeking whereabouts of Ken Tani, formerly of Seattle. Anyone knowing Tani's present address is asked to notify Miss Toshiko Shoji, Blackstone St., Chicago, Ill.

The Japanese Canadians: BRITISH COLUMBIA'S POLITICAL SCAPEGOATS

By ELMER R. SMITH

The following discussion does not intend to be a complete report on the conditions affecting persons of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia. It is rather the result of impressions received during a brief stay in Vancouver and vicinity during the week of July 21, 1946. The writer was closely associated with the situation relative to persons of Japanese ancestry in this area since he was there presenting a picture of the Nisei in America to interested groups—and to some not so interested, at least in the positive sense.—The Author.

At the outbreak of the war with Japan, there were in British Columbia some 22,317 persons of Japanese ancestry. Among these there were 7,300 children under 16 years of age. Outside of British Columbia there were approximately 1,000 persons of Japanese descent. Seventy-five per cent of the above persons were Canadian citizens, either because of birth or by naturalization.

The "Japanese" in the British Columbia area before evacuation were in terms of economic status very much like their "brothers" in the United States. They were occupied in agriculture, fishing, lumber industry, small businesses and domestic services. Their educational rating was high and many of them had attained an excellent degree of training in various professional fields. There were, however, more severe and blatant discriminatory practices leveled against them than in the "States." Segregation was, if anything, more pronounced in British Columbia.

Between December 17th, 1941 and December, 1942 the Japanese Canadians underwent the same basic type of evacuation and "center" experiences as did the persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. However, the Canadian government in January, 1943 granted power to the "Custodian" to liquidate, sell or otherwise dispose of the properties of evacuated persons. This order has been carried out to a phenomenal degree at the present time. On September 17, 1945 a letter was sent to General MacArthur expressing the Canadian government's desire to proceed with the deportation of 10,347 persons of Japanese racial origin as soon as possible to Japan. The month of October, 1945 saw the introduction of Bill 15 into Parliament with a clause authorizing deportation and revocation of nationality of all persons of Japanese ancestry. This bill was withdrawn as a result of opposition. Orders-in-Council on December 17, 1945 by-passed Parliament and authorized deportation. At this writing the Orders-in-Council deportation proceedings still stand but they have been appealed to the Privy Council in London through the work of the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians. Persons of Japanese ancestry are still excluded from the areas west of the Rocky Mountains in Canada.

At the present time the solution of the problem revolving around persons of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia is closely connected with politics and political parties.

It has become a political football, and is used by certain parties to "blacken" the record of the political group or groups upholding the democratic principles as they should be applied to the solution of the "Japanese Canadian problem."

One person stated to the writer that "as far as the liberal parties were concerned, I am for them in all their basic principles, but I cannot support them because they are for the return of the Japs to this part of the country."

The persons in British Columbia are divided into three main groups: the anti-Japanese Canadian element, the "middle-of-the-roaders," and the pro-Japanese Canadian group. It is believed by some that if a vote was taken at the present time there would be about a 50-50 division on the "Japanese" question. This means of course that many of the "middle-of-the-roaders" would vote on the side they considered safest and most politically expedient.

The main arguments used against the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to British Columbia are five in number, and they conform to the general pattern of negative arguments used by the "antis" along the Pacific Coast in the United States some 18 to 20 months ago and earlier. These five arguments are summarized as follows:

1. "The 'Japanese' are disposed to crimes of violence." The statistics on crimes committed by persons of Japanese ancestry up to the time of their evacuation shows that the records of "Japanese" were conspicuously better

than the population as a whole.

2. "The integrity of persons of Japanese ancestry is not high." A study made by Young, Reid and Carrothers entitled THE JAPANESE CANADIANS and published in 1938 showed that the Japanese Canadians enjoyed an enviable reputation in terms of personal and business integrity. This has been substantiated by a number of persons the present writer had a chance to interview while on his recent trip into the Vancouver area.

3. "The 'Japanese' were increasingly usurping the fisheries and other major industries of British Columbia." The demonstrable facts point to exactly the opposite conclusions. Over a 10 year period trolling licenses fell off from 1989 to 970 and gill net licenses from 332 to 161. The MONETARY TIMES for October, 1944 states: "Before December, 1941, Japanese interests held less than 14 per cent of the total fishing licenses issued in British Columbia; supplied probably less than 10 per cent of the labor, and not more than 5 per cent of the capital required in the industry." The increases and business controls in these two types of fishing fell to the whites and American Indians. In logging, planing mills, saw mills, and shingle mills the number of Japanese Canadians employed had appreciable decreases.

4. "The Japanese birth-rate is high." An analysis of relevant statistics shows this statement to be false. The REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS IN CANADA, 1942-44, Department of Labor, Ottawa, states on page 3 the following: "During the period between the wars the average Japanese family in British Columbia was approximately four persons and the birthrate was at or below the occidental level."

5. The argument presented by General DeWitt "Once a Jap always a Jap" has been taken up by the anti-Japanese Canadian forces. This argument is so fallacious from the point of view of all that is known from psychology, anthropology and sociology that it need not be seriously considered in this discussion.

There are however in British Columbia (and elsewhere in Canada) groups of public and democratically minded groups that are waging a courageous battle for the rights of Japanese Canadians.

One such group located in Vancouver is sending a petition relative to Canada's Japanese population to the prime minister and the governor general in council. That petition asks for the restoration of the "full rights and privileges normally incidental to citizenship or residence in Canada" to all persons of Japanese origin not subject to deportation. The petition asks for immediate cancellation of special wartime restrictions upon the purchase or lease of real property by them and further asks that all discriminatory restrictions upon movement within, into, or from any part of Canada except coastal British Columbia be abolished. The petition ends with the request that all measures adopted by the government of Canada relative to any racial group be in "accord with the commitments of Canada as one of the United Nations, bound to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of race, class, language or religion."

Another group, the Co-operative

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

First Hand Notes on Housing

Denver, Colo.

And how is your housing problem today? In the dim long ago when we were securely settled in Des Moines, the question was something to be looked at with a sympathetic but detached air.

Now, after three weeks of frantic scouting around we are equipped to discuss the problem's grimmer aspects with the wisdom and sorrow of first-hand knowledge. There just isn't any thing to be had to rent, and they want appalling prices for any old shanty with a roof and four walls if you even so much as hint that you might like to buy a home.

There are two stories about this city's housing muddle that illustrate the situation which, we presume, is no worse in any of a dozen war-swollen towns. It seems a certain physician was the owner of a desirable home into which he had put some \$10,000. When one day he was offered \$20,000 cash, it looked like too good a deal to pass up. So he signed the papers promising to

vacate within 30 days.

He scurried about for another place to buy or rent and discovered there was nothing even remotely suitable. In danger of being forced into the street, he tried to buy back his own home. He did, finally, for \$25,000.

The second story is about a house which was built in 1913 for \$3,000. Today it is on the market for \$13,500.

We got these stories from persons who should know and we have no reason to question their veracity. We repeat them with a grim and hollow laugh because this inflation is a frightful thing.

Won Ton

One night this week we had dinner at Denver's Cathay Legion post clubhouse which claims to have the best Chinese food this side of San Francisco.

The Cathay Post membership is made up entirely of Japanese Americans and Chinese Americans. This is something of a surprise to Denverites who think the "Japs" and the "Chinamen" are blood enemies whose feud ought to reach into the heart of the Rockies.

It doesn't seem to occur to them, until it is explained, that these descendants of the warriors of Cathay and the Rising Sun were both in the O. D. of Uncle Sam and brothers in arms with Americans of many other hues embattled in a single cause.

We didn't consume enough of the Cathay Post's food to be able to pass judgment, but we did notice a dish called won ton on the menu.

Eddie Luke, with whom we cut, and dozed through, many a class, introduced us to the won ton at one midnight lunch in Seattle's Chinatown. It's the Chinese ravioli, he used to say.

Many years later in Shanghai we decided to have won ton again. Our Chinese companions, who certainly had never soiled their hands in toil said incredulously: Won ton? Won ton is coolie food?

Maybe we have coolie tastes, but we still like it.

Nisei Grow Old

Of late we have been brooding more than ordinarily on the age of the Nisei, once referred to seriously as the younger generation. A Nisei in his fifties is no longer a rarity. The Nisei are growing families and pot-bellies, they are becoming grey and bald and their wives are putting on weight where it flatters them least. How swiftly the years have been speeding lately.

In another 50 years, we ventured the other night, the Nisei and his offspring largely will have lost his identity as the so-called insoluble ingredient in the American melting pot. He will have scattered and inter-married and his communities will have dwindled into ghostly relics of what they once were.

This contention was challenged, but then we pointed out that the Issei will be no more in another decade or so, and at the progress the Nisei have made over their parents in the process of social acclimitization described by the word Americanization.

Do you remember when the Nisei held their first public dance, and how many of their mothers were scandalized by the unladylike behaviour of their daughters who dared to indulge in such indecencies as embracing a man and jiggling in a fox trot?

And when Mrs. S. learned that her daughter smoked cigarettes, why, she was fit to be tied.

There is bound to be another revolution soon. The offspring of the Nisei will rebel at the ideas of Pa and Ma, even as Pa and Ma once thumbed their collective noses and said: "But mama, you're so old fashioned!"

Certainly the new lines of battle will not be so clearly marked as they were between Issei and Nisei. But conflict there will be, and progress there will be. Thus has it ever been.

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Mary Kitano:
Return to Manzanar

(Mary Kitano who lived in Manzanar as an evacuee after the 1942 evacuation returned to the former war relocation center recently to do a war surplus story for the Metropolitan News Service of Los Angeles. The following description of Manzanar, nine months after the departure of the last evacuee, is reprinted from her column in the Rafu Shimpo on Aug. 3.)

The cemetery on the outskirts of Manzanar is a pathetic scene with the artificial flowers, on the platform of each grave, sun-bleached and brittle. The winds have knocked the flowers and vases over, but have failed to level off the mounds on each grave.

For the most part, the camp is like a blood-drained corpse. The cottonwood trees are branching out wildly, the weeds grow and the tumbleweed roll. The lawns are dried out to a crisp brown, and the earth is dry and dusty.

Children's Village (once the orphan's home at Manzanar) is hidden among the untrimmed trees, weeds and bushes, while lilacs bloom only 20 yards south of it.

Pleasure Park, once the most picturesque scene in Manzanar, is also overrun with weeds, dry brush and bushes, but the summerhouse is weathering both time and weather. The brooks are dry and full of tumbleweed.

The ivory-colored housing quarters used by the Caucasian personnel will soon be used to house World War II veterans of the valley.

The fishpond by the hospital is still being taken care of. We took a gander at the old guayule lath-house and found the guayule plants are still alive but almost dry, while scattered all over the place were hundreds of milk cartons cut in two.

The auditorium with its clear-cut cornerstone is the only thing which looks alive in Manzanar but the flagpole in front minus the flag looks odd.

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Japanese Canadians

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nese Canadians has become a political football, and is colored by political mud-slinging and related issues in the national scene.

2. The "anti-groups" are using the same basic type of propaganda found associated with any type of race baiting. The only possible remedy for such action is to present freely and vigorously the facts in the case to the people upon the principles of democracy and ethical ideals.

3. It is doubtful if many persons of Japanese ancestry will be allowed to return to British Columbia within the near future, and perhaps in not very large numbers if and when the ban is lifted. In this respect, it would pay the groups working for a positive solution to the problem to gain specific information on the treatment and adjustment of persons of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the Pacific Coast in the United States. What has happened to the returning Japanese Americans in the United States gives a lie to much of the anti-Japanese Canadian propaganda!

New Hibiscus Is Named After 100th Battalion

HONOLULU, T. H.—A new hibiscus called the "Hawaiian Hundredth Battalion Hibiscus" has been created by John A. Johnson of Hawaii in honor of the famous Japanese American fighting unit and in memory also of the grower's son, Major John A. Johnson, who was killed in action while in service with the battalion, reports the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Major Johnson was one of the first of Hawaii's officers to go overseas with the 100th Battalion. He died in action on January 25, 1944, on the Cassino front.

The flower was produced after months of patient and skilled experiment and is a huge five-petal flower of greenish yellow tinge, the yellow predominating. From a pale yellow-green at the outer tips of the petals it shades to pink and then to magenta red where the petals join the stamens.

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Seek Complete List of Nisei War Casualties

Seattle Veterans Group Compiling List Of Washington Group

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Veterans Committee of Seattle is presently compiling a list of Nisei from that city and vicinity who died in the U. S. Army Forces that their names may be placed on a permanent Seattle monument according to Davis K. Hirahara, secretary.

The committee is also seeking full and correct names of deceased war veterans whose names have already been obtained.

Because many of the deceased were inducted from war relocation centers or from the middle west to the east, Hirahara has asked aid in the compilation of the names.

Forty-three names have been obtained up to present time, Hirahara said, as follows:

Beefo Amabe, Robert Endo, Eiji Fujiwara, Eddie Fukui, Ken Fujino, Ben Hara, John Hashimoto, Masao Ikeda, Shunchi Imoto, Masami Inatsu, Mitsuo M. Iseri, Hiro Ishida, Hisashi Imai, William Imamoto, Hiro Kanetomi, Akira Kanetomi, Yoshio Kato, John Kawaguchi, Francis Kinoshita, Isamu Kumazawa, William Mizukami, George Nakamura, William Nakamura, Y. Noritake, Ben Ninomiya, Isao Okazaki, Takaaki Okazaki, Ken Onoda, Satoru Onodera, Tadao Sato, Y. Satow, Tetsuo Shigayo, George Takeda, Taul Seike, Masao F. Shimura, Yohei Sagami, Matsushige Tanaka, George Tatsumi, Shiro Takehara, Masaru Tamura, Jim Takeda, Setsuro Yamashita and deo Yasui.

Any persons wishing to make corrections or additions to the list may contact Hirahara in care of the Nisei Veterans Committee, Jackson building, 318 Sixth Avenue south, Seattle 4, Wash.

Japanese POW Given Freedom in Hawaii by Army

HONOLULU, T. H. — Nobuo Gima, a Japanese prisoner-of-war born at Spreckelsville, Maui, recently been granted his freedom in Hawaii, the Hawaii Times reported.

Army authorities announced that Gima had been freed, reported that he had been born in Hawaii on Sept. 24, 1927 and had been sent to relatives in Japan at the age of six. Gima was returned to Hawaii last year as a prisoner-of-war, having been captured on Okinawa where he was found serving in a labor battalion.

Gima's mother saw him for the first time in many years when she visited him in a Hawaiian POW camp last October.

Gima's release was ordered by the army after he had been checked and it had been established to the satisfaction of army authorities that he had been impressed into labor service on Okinawa at the age of 16 and that he had rendered to American soldiers the first opportunity following the invasion of Okinawa.

Part-Japanese Bride Reunited With Husband in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—Mrs. Helen ... German-Japanese who was ... by immigration authori- ... Seattle for nearly three ... was reunited with her hus- ... John A. Bouiss, in Portland ... week as Immigration and ... zation Service officials in ... delphia studied the decision ... federal Judge McCormick in ... which declared that Mrs. ... although ineligible to citi- ... because she is an alien of ... ancestry, may enter the ... States as a non-quota im- ... because she is the wife ... American soldier.

and an American school where she learned to speak English. When she was 15 her father died and she did secretarial work for several years. After American troops landed in Japan she went to work for the American army and interviewed prisoners of war. It was while working with United States forces that she met her present husband.

Twin City Bussei Elect Cabinet

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The first cabinet election for the Twin City Buddhist organization was held on July 14 at the Unitarian church in Minneapolis.

Frank Yanari of St. Paul, formerly active in Stockton Bussei circles, was chosen president. Other officers are May Kuroda, vice president; Masako Hirota, corres. sec.; Hatsuko Okamoto, rec. sec.; Thomas Suechika and Susumu Hirota, co-treasurers; Ted Sugano, religious chm.; Jayne Suechika, social chm.; Gladys Goya, music chm.; and Amy Ueda, reporter.

Mrs. Terakawa, formerly of Portland, Ore., and advisor and organizer of the Twin City Buddhist Organization, conducted a candlelight installation ceremony on July 28 at the Unitarian church.

Regular church services are held bi-monthly with the Rev. Kono of Chicago giving the sermon on every fourth Sunday. English services, led by Mrs. Terakawa, are held on the second Sundays.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Ota of Walnut Grove a girl on July 18 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Oda a boy in San Francisco on July 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomoyuki Makita a girl, Arlene Midori, on July 12 in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Shigekawa a girl on July 30 in Anaheim, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monkichi Natsume, 2975 Clay street, San Francisco, a son, on July 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yaichi F. Takashoji, Loomis, Calif., a girl on July 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kakumin S. Fujinaga, Fresno, a son on July 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teimei Tim Okimura, Reedley, Calif., a son on July 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Ota, Reedley, Calif., a girl on July 11.

DEATHS

Hideko Uyeda on July 24 in San Diego, Calif.

Nobuo Imazu, 81, on July 20 in Visalia, Calif.

Mrs. Toki Suzukida, 66, on Aug. 4 in Chicago.

MARRIAGES

Martha Nakano to Shinobu Tanihara on July 21 in Chicago.

Mitsuko Nakamura to George Kiyoshi Sankey on July 27 in Los Angeles.

Kay Takenaka to Arthur Yano on July 27 in San Francisco.

Sueko Tokunaga to George Yoshio Tanaka on July 28 in Denver.

Chiyoko Murasaki to Ted Ishibashi on Aug. 1 at Los Angeles.

Corrections:

Capt. Tomoyuki Takahashi was married to Miss Junko Hedani in Detroit on June 1. In a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen, Capt. Takahashi's name was inadvertently printed as Hedani.

The name of Tsuguo Murakami who died recently in Caldwell, Idaho was listed erroneously as Mitsugu Murakami.

Baby Shower

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — A surprise luncheon and baby shower was given for Mrs. Hitoshi Marumoto, the former Bettie Kamimura, on Aug. 2 at the home of the hostess, Mrs. Dorothy Simonsen. Among the guests were Mrs. Sunny Pette, Mrs. Claudia Branch, Mrs. Maurine Austin, Mrs. Evelyn Brewer, Mrs. Frances Freudi, and Mrs. Margaret Pelly.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Two articles on the Japanese Americans by Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional representative, appeared last month in two church publications, World Call and Social Progress.

World Call, a bi-monthly published by the Disciples of Christ, featured Masaoka's article, "Message to Americans," in its June-July issue.

"Barriers Delimiting Japanese Americans," an article on anti-Nisei discrimination and the problems confronting the reestablishment of Japanese Americans, appeared in the June issue of Social Progress, publication of the Presbyterian church.

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Depositors Will Receive Full Claims

SAN FRANCISCO—Seven hundred depositors of Japanese ancestry will receive \$1,442,000 following completion of the liquidation of the Yokohama Specie bank of San Francisco, State Superintendent of Banks Maurice C. Sparling announced this week.

Liquidation proceedings are expected to be completed within 90 days. Claims will be paid in full.

Claims may be paid in two dividends and may include some interest, it was stated.

Several smaller Japanese banks in the state also are being liquidated.

Chief Deputy William J. Murphy noted that many persons with funds in the banks now are on relief. Release of the funds will permit them to support themselves, he added.

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San Jose Zebras Lose to A's After Nine-Game Streak

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The nine-game winning streak of the San Jose Zebras was snapped here in a night game on Aug. 5 when the Nisei squad lost to the San Jose A's, leading team in the current San Jose invitational semi-pro baseball tournament, by a score of 9 to 8 at Municipal stadium.

The A's scored two runs in the last half of the ninth to defeat the Nisei team.

Lefty Henry Honda hurled for the Zebras, allowing eight hits, while his mates were garnering twelve blows off Stasi of the A's.

Babe Nomura with three for four, including a booming triple, led the Zebra attack.

The Zebras meet the Watsonville Vets at Municipal stadium on August 11.

Engagement

RICHMOND, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Sakai of Richmond, Calif., recently announced the betrothal of their daughter, Ruby, to Mark Muneyuki Hayashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sosuke Hayashi of Los Angeles.

Both are graduates of the university of California.

The groom-to-be is in the Air Forces at present.

Salt Lake, Chicago Teams Enter Denver JACL Tournament

DENVER, Colo.—Three teams from Salt Lake City and two from Chicago will meet the best of Denver's Nisei bowlers in the first Denver JACL Nisei Invitational Bowling tournament to be held at the Recreation alleys on Aug. 17 and 18.

The tournament will witness the resumption of competition between the Okada Insurance team of Salt Lake City and the Denver Pin Topplers. Last May the Pin Topplers, composed of Frank Ota, Hooch Okumura, George Takeuchi, Moon Kataoka and Dr. Takashi Mayeda, nosed out the Salt Lake team in a special match but lost to the Okadas in the team division of the Salt Lake Intermountain tourney the next day.

In the Denver meet Okada Insurance will field two teams. The Okada Reds will be composed of Dr. Jun Kurumada, Tadao Sako, Maki Kaizumi, George Kishida and Sho Hiraizumi. The Okada Blues will be represented by Doug Ogata, Jack Aramaki, George Sakashita, Bill Honda and Larry Tajiri.

A third Salt Lake team, composed of players from the JACL league, will also enter the tournament.

Two Chicago teams, Bob's Cafe and Maruhachi, are expected to be on hand.

Other Denver teams entering the tournament are the Cathay Post of the American Legion, Manchu Grill, Silver Dollar and Nikko Low.

Play in the singles and doubles divisions will be held on Aug. 18.

Colorado Student Crowned Nisei Queen By College Group

DENVER, Colo. — Miss Eunice Kumagai, student at the Colorado State college at Fort Collins, was crowned Colorado Nisei queen on August 4 at a dance sponsored by the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate conference at the Shirley-Savoy hotel.

Other candidates for the title were Joyce Chiba, Miss Kuwahara, True Shibata and Rose Shiramizu.

Teamwork by San Francisco Agencies Aids Evacuee Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Thanks to smooth teamwork by three San Francisco agencies, this city's group of returned evacuees "found no vacuum waiting" when the WRA locked up shop recently, says Robert R. Brunn in the Christian Science Monitor.

Japanese American problems arising from the lack of centralized source of information, a lack of understanding of community resources and the existence of racial discrimination are being solved by the International Institute, says Brunn.

The Institute is now aiding an average of 100 Nisei and Issei each month with direct service involving property, furniture, housing, families, homeless children, health and the aged. Three Nisei and three other full-time social workers help individuals and aid community groups. Individuals are taken to the proper social and education agencies, families of deportees for Japan are helped in the adjustment and attempts are being made to find employment for the 3,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the city. A third of these persons are now employed, says Brunn, although many are on substandard jobs.

Indigency among the 3,000 returned persons has been reduced to no more than 50 cases, according to the City Department of Public Welfare. Of the cases 60 per cent are single men and the remainder are aged couples. The department reported "an amazing slackening" in the number of cases, though it was expected the figure might rise at any time because of the number of families living on marginal incomes.

Working primarily on the matter of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry as employees, particularly in the white-collar and professional groups, is the Council for Civic Unity.

Adequate jobs for men are a premium, says Brunn. Many have taken manual employment to support their families. Nisei men in the 18-to-25 year group have had no difficulty finding retarial work, though unable men in this age bracket are meeting refusal.

The Council's Japanese Researchment Committee meets monthly consider basic public policy questions affecting Japanese Americans and makes specific suggestions for salutary legislation. Monitor correspondent reports.

As a result of their efforts, construction will begin soon on family units in the Hunter's Point shipyard dormitories, where a majority of the relocated group are living. Community bathroom facilities and a cafeteria are available here, but no cooking facilities are provided.

The three-agency team also provides a referral service for Japanese Americans in the absence of WRA. Job hunters are sent to USES, Japanese American employment agencies, the Civil Service Commission, state, county and personnel boards and union halls.

Legal cases are referred to private attorneys, the Legal Aid Society, representatives of the Lawyers' Guild or the Civil Liberties Union.

Pro-Evacuee Group Opens Fight on Anti-Semitism

YUBA CITY, Calif.—The Yuba City Citizens League, an organization which was started during the war to combat racist propaganda against Americans of Japanese ancestry this week called all civic-minded persons in Yuba City and Marysville to join in fighting an anti-Semitic campaign now under way in the area.

Rev. Bernard W. Lowrey, pastor of the Methodist church in Yuba City and chairman of the Twin Cities Citizens League, noted that the organization had been founded at a time when a campaign to prevent Americans of Japanese ancestry from returning to their homes in California was under way behind the leadership of the California Preservation Association and associated groups.

The organization won the support of ministerial, labor and professional groups in Yuba City and Marysville.

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