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VFW Post Asks Repeal of Utah Land Law

Future Organizational Policy Outlined at National JACL Conference in Salt Lake City

Action to enlarge the scope of the Japanese American Citizens League national program was taken by JACL national officers and regional representatives at a special meeting in Salt Lake City November 23-24.

Mike M. Masaoka, national secretary, was relieved of his duties to permit his fulltime work with the Anti-Discrimination Committee, which will push for early legislative action in behalf of Japanese Americans during 1947.

California Files Suit to Seize Farm Property

Escheat Case Claims Violation of State Alien Land Statute

DEL REY, Calif. — Charging violation of the Alien Land law, the State of California has filed suit to escheat 20 acres of farm land near Del Rey which is now being operated by a Japanese American family.

The state petition was filed against Mitsuo Akahori and his wife, Umiji; Fumiko Helen Akahori, their citizen daughter and the commissioner of the Federal land bank, charging that the land is being held unlawfully by Akahori and his wife.

Although the property is deeded to an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, the state charges that the alien parents of the citizen owner are the owners and operators of the land.

Dr. Togasaki Back from Work with NRRA in Italy

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Yoshio Togasaki, who recently returned from service as a captain in the United States Health Service in Italy, will be associated with the California Public Health Service after her discharge on Dec. 15.

While in Italy Dr. Togasaki served as a member of the NRRA staff.

Elmer Smith Named Main Speaker for IDC Meeting

Elmer R. Smith, assistant professor in anthropology at the University of Utah, will give the principal address at the Intermountain District Council meeting on Dec. 14-16 in Boise and Weiser, Idaho.

Smith will speak at the convention banquet on Dec. 16 at the Hotel Boise.

Report Kenny Denies Issuing Order Recently to Investigate Property Owned by Nisei Group

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California this week has reported to have denied that he had issued instructions to district attorneys of California counties to investigate the deeds of property owned by Japanese Americans following the decision of the California Supreme Court upholding the Alien Land law in the Oyama case.

A report that Attorney General Kenny had issued such an order was indicated in newspaper stories published in San Jose and Palo Alto which reported that District Attorney Leonard R. Avila of Santa Clara county had ordered a survey of titles to land owned by American citizens of Japanese ancestry in an effort to detect violations of the Alien Land law.

These news reports noted that District Attorney Avila had been instructed by Attorney General Kenny to conduct the survey as a result of the Oyama case decision by the Supreme Court. In San Francisco this week, the Pacific Citizen was informed that Mr. Kenny had denied he had issued such a statement following the recent court verdict.

Nisei Canadians Plan Survey of Evacuation Losses

TORONTO, Ont.—The Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy has appointed a committee to study the question of property losses resulting from the evacuation and to draw up a "property questionnaire" to be used in a comprehensive survey proposed for the near future.

Federal Court Action Filed For Renunciants

108 Still Being Held By Justice Department At Crystal City Camp

SAN FRANCISCO—The unconditional release of 399 renunciants of Japanese ancestry in the Crystal City camp in Texas and at the Seabrook Farms project in New Jersey was sought in the Federal court of Judge A. F. St. Sure by Attorney Wayne M. Collins on Nov. 18.

Thomas Cooley II, director of the alien enemy control unit of the Justice Department, argued the case for the government.

Collins reported that 108 of the renunciants still were being held at Crystal City while the remainder were under "relaxed internment" at Seabrook Farms.

The issue involving the right of renunciants to regain their full citizenship rights is expected to be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

Satow Named Acting Executive Secretary of National JACL

Mike Masaoka Will Concentrate on Legislative Activity

Masao W. Satow, eastern representative of the JACL, was named acting national secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League at a two-day special meeting held Nov. 23-24 in Salt Lake City by national officers and regional representatives.

The action was taken to allow Mike Masaoka, national secretary, to devote full time to the legislative program of the JACL through the Anti-Discrimination Committee, of which he is executive secretary.

Satow, who formerly worked through the Chicago and New York offices of the league, will henceforth have offices in Salt Lake City at the organization's national headquarters.

Satow will assume his new duties immediately, it was announced following the special meeting. His first official act will be to aid in the reactivation of the Pacific Northwest District Council, formerly known as the Northwest council, in Seattle December 1 and 2.

Subscription Rate Of PC Will Be Raised Jan. 15

Mounting publication costs, including a recent 15 per cent rise in the cost of printing, have forced the Pacific Citizen to operate at a slight loss in recent months. In order to meet expenses, the yearly subscription rate will be increased 50 cents for members and non-members of the JACL on Jan. 15, 1947.

The new subscription rate will be: Members, \$2.50. Non-members, \$3.50.

New subscriptions and renewals will be accepted at the present rate of \$2.00 and \$3.00 until Jan. 15.

Salt Lake City Veterans Say Statute Violates Fundamental Concepts of Americanism

Ex-GIs Call on Legislature for Immediate, Effective Action to Rescind Wartime Statute Restricting Rights of Persons of Japanese Ancestry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' Atomic Post No. 4355 in Salt Lake City on Nov. 27 called for the "immediate and effective repeal" of the Utah Alien Land law and declared that the restrictive statute was adopted in 1943 "while most of us and our comrades in arms were overseas and when hate, hysteria and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry were rampant."

The Atomic post, whose 900 members comprise the largest

JURY INDICTS MRS. HONMA ON MURDER CHARGE

FAIRFIELD, Calif.—Mrs. Masu Honma was indicted for murder by the Solano County grand jury this week for the "mercy killing" of her two-year-old daughter on Nov. 6.

The indictment was issued by James Brosnahan, foreman of the grand jury.

Howard Imazeki Gets Civil Service Post in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Howard M. Imazeki, English editor of the Progressive News, was en route to Japan this week on a War Department civil service assignment.

Mr. Imazeki was employed by OWI during the war.

merly known as the Northwest council, in Seattle December 1 and 2.

Satow will leave Seattle December 2 to meet with the Mid-Columbia chapter in Hood River, Ore.

On December 7 and 8 he will be in San Francisco at a Pacific coast meeting of the JACL. All reactivated district councils of the west coast will be represented at the meeting, during which future policy on a coordinated JACL program will be established.

The meeting will be called primarily to designate the organizational and civic programs of local chapters and to coordinate their efforts in a state-wide program, Satow said this week.

The San Francisco chapter will be the host chapter for the conference. Arrangements will be made by the San Francisco regional office under Joe Grant Masaoka.

On December 13 Satow will return to Seattle to attend the combined veterans' testimonial and JACL inauguration dinner. During the dinner Satow will officially install new chapter officers.

Obtain Parole for Three Aliens Held in Wilmington

SAN FRANCISCO—Three Japanese aliens who have been held without bond for five months at the immigration station in Wilmington, Calif., on the charge of illegal entry have been released on parole to their attorney, Wayne M. Collins of San Francisco, the Nichi-Bei Times reported last week.

The three men are Asakichi Kusuda, Mataichi Nakao and Iwasuke Hiraoka.

Collins had the three cases transferred to San Francisco and secured the temporary release of the defendants pending the outcome of several test cases involving the deportability of aliens of Japanese ancestry.

VFW group in the intermountain area, passed the resolution unanimously. It was presented by Glen E. Thompson, post commander, who left the chair to present the resolution from the floor.

Copies of the resolution, certified by Post Adjutant Walter A. Kasma and Commander Thompson, were sent to Governor Herbert B. Maw and State Attorney General Grover Giles on Nov. 29.

The resolution declared that the alien land law is "directed against the innocent parents of many of our comrades in arms of Japanese ancestry who fought so gallantly on all the battlefronts of World War II, the alien Japanese who through no fault of their own cannot become citizens of our country."

The resolution stated that the law "violates the fundamental concepts of Americanism and resembles the fascism which we had hoped to have destroyed, and negates the very principles for which we and our comrades of all nationalities fought and so many died."

The resolution also cited the work of alien Japanese who, "though actual citizens of enemy Japan," contributed to the American victory in counter-intelligence work, as instructors in Army and Navy language schools, and on the country's industrial and farm production.

The Utah land act is a "dead-letter statute" which is "contrary to the spirit of our state and federal constitutions," the resolution declared. It further asked that every effort be used "to effect the immediate and effective repeal of this un-American alien land law by the legislature of the state of Utah."

An anti-alien land act was first passed by the Utah legislature in 1943, but was vetoed by Governor Herbert B. Maw because it outlawed occupancy of land by Japanese aliens as well as the use of alien farm labor.

The legislature then modified the bill to prevent aliens "ineligible to citizenship" from acquiring, possessing or transferring real property within the state. It was signed by the governor and became law on March 16, 1943.

The Atomic post, all of whose members are veterans of World War II, recently extended by unanimous vote an invitation to Japanese American veterans to become members of the post.

Among Nisei members are Mike M. Masaoka, executive secretary of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Mas Horiuchi, secretary of the JACL national headquarters.

Second Nisei Teacher Signs For Work in Salt Lake School

Miss Shizuka Ikeda of Salt Lake City became the second Nisei school teacher in the city public schools this week when she signed a contract to teach the fourth grade at Franklin school, 7th West and 2nd South.

Miss Ikeda is a graduate of the February, 1946, class of the University of Utah. She formerly lived in Portland, Oregon.

Also teaching in the public school system of Salt Lake City is Amy Hiratzka, who teaches the kindergarten and 1st grade at Lafayette school.

California Supreme Court Rejects Oyama Case Petition

Rehearing Appeal Turned Down By State's Highest Tribunal In Alien Land Law Test Case

By JOE MASAOKA

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Without explanation, the California Supreme Court on Nov. 25 rejected a petition for rehearing of the Oyama escheat case filed before it on Nov. 14. The notice was received from William I. Sullivan, clerk, upon authorization of the State Supreme Court justices. The decision is the latest development in this attempt by the county of San Diego and the state of California to escheat the farm of Fred Oyama, citizen, upon charges of violation of the state's Alien Land Law.

The decision rendered Oct. 31 in the Oyama case has been interpreted as so broad and sweeping as to nullify the earlier Yano and Fujita decisions under which most of the properties of Japanese Americans had been acquired. This decision, most recent since 1932, on the state's Alien Land Law, has been construed to upset the constitutional rights of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and throws millions of dollars of Nisei-owned property into jeopardy.

Following this ruling the Japanese American Citizens League, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California joined with Attorney A. L. Wirin in petitioning for a rehearing to clarify citizen rights. It was pointed out that this latest decision was issued five days before the election, which carried a legislative request for validation of amendments to the Alien Land Law. Four reasons were set forth in the writ for rehearing, which asked the court to recall and reverse its judgment.

The writ contends that the court bypasses the constitutional rights of the citizen Fred Oyama. Secondly, it argues that the sovereign legislative power vests in the people, who on Nov. 5 repudiated certain legislative amendments under which this escheat case was initiated. Further, it holds that while the constitutionality of the Alien Property Initiative Act of 1920 was upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, the 1923 and later legislative amendments are such substantial and material additions as to extensively modify the original provisions of the 1920 initiative act. Finally, the writ states that the citizen Oyama is deprived of the equal protection of the laws by denying him the defense of the Statute of Limitations, which is available to all other persons in California, in connection with all other matters, criminal as well as civil.

It is expected that the only recourse open will be utilized by a petition for certiorari to the U. S. Supreme Court to be filed within the next two weeks. Those joining in this petition will be the Japanese American Citizens League, the JACL Legal Defense Fund of Southern California, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Legal observers have averred that this certification to the Federal Supreme Court is very rarely granted. It is only on issues involving the public interest that the court accepts the submission of appeals from the state supreme courts. Since the state has manifested a strong concern in the status of the Alien Land Law and California Justice Traynor in his concurring opinion had expressed opinion California statutes remain in force until declared otherwise by the U. S. Supreme Court, there was strong likelihood of favorable reception, in the opinion of the appealing attorneys.

Evidence of the uncertainties created by this latest California Supreme Court decision is noted in the refusal of certain title insurance companies in various localities of California to issue title policies to any person of Japanese ancestry, whether citizen or alien. Insurance companies which have policies outstanding on properties of Japanese Americans declare when escheat actions are served upon their policy holders that they are not bound to defend the legal rights of their clients on the ground that complete details of the transaction were not revealed to them and that a condition of fraud existed.

Sponsors of the Oyama test case to the federal Supreme Court believe that the extreme

disparity and differences accorded in the treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry and those of Caucasian descent probably will dispose the higher court to accept the writ of certiorari. Under this latest opinion of the California justices, a citizen of Japanese ancestry may not receive a gift of land from his alien father. Such a transaction would be entirely lawful and legitimate if the parent, though an alien, were of European stock.

Legal observers have expressed the hope that the present federal Supreme Court will recognize the historical and sociological background of the enactment of California's present Alien Land Law. The racial hysteria and political pressure by which it was originally passed and the present-day discriminatory enforcement may carry considerable weight, rather than the purely legalistic precedents. It was noted that the U. S. Supreme Court has demonstrated on occasion its concept of social consciousness in declaring outmoded and ethically "dead letter laws" unconstitutional.

Drawing to Be Held For Tule Lake Farms

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Farm lands developed during the war by Japanese and Japanese Americans at the Tule Lake relocation center will be given to 86 lucky veterans of World War II in the homestead drawing on Dec. 18.

There have been 2024 applications by war veterans for the homestead farm units which are valued at \$25,000 apiece.

Fire Destroys Miners' Hall in Bingham Canyon

BINGHAM, Utah—Fire partially destroyed the mess hall and clubroom of the Japanese camp at Copperfield on Nov. 24. Damage was estimated at \$3000.

The building is used as living quarters for some of the workers of Japanese ancestry of the Utah Copper company in Bingham canyon.

Cause of the fire was believed to be an overheated stove.

West Coast Action Conference Called for JACL Chapters

Attorney General Kenny May Participate In Forum at Meeting; Cooperation With Civic Groups, ADC Will Be Discussed by Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Citizens League will call a west coast action conference of JACL chapters over the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8 in San Francisco to plan a coordinated program of action for the Pacific coast chapters and district councils.

Robert W. Kenny, California attorney general, has been tentatively scheduled to participate in a forum on the techniques of securing political and social gains for Japanese Americans. Mike Masaoka, executive secretary of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, will be moderator for the forum. The forum will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 p. m. at the American Friends Service center, 1830 Sutter street.

A. L. Wirin, JACL legal counsel, will discuss the major legal hurdles confronting Japanese Americans on Sunday at 10 a. m., at the northern California regional office of the JACL.

Other subjects to be discussed during the action conference will be a coordinated public relations program, cooperation with civic

Saburo Kido Named To Honor Roll of Civil Rights Group

NEW YORK — Saburo Kido, wartime president of the Japanese American Citizens League, this week was named by the Workers Defense League as one of the "twelve persons outstanding in the struggle for labor's rights and civil liberties in 1946."

The Rev. Donald Harrington, national chairman of the Workers Defense League, declared that Kido had been selected "for inspiring and courageous leadership in defense of the civil rights of Japanese Americans."

Chicago JACL Organizes New Credit Union

Will Be First Local Chapter to Conduct Own Credit Group

CHICAGO—The Chicago chapter of the JACL this week announced receipt of a credit union charter from the state of Illinois, thus becoming the first local chapter to establish its own credit group.

Jack Nakagawa was elected president of the credit union, with the following cabinet to assist him: Kumeo Yoshinari, vice-president; Vincent Tajiri, secretary; Noboru Honda, treasurer.

The board of directors was announced as follows: Thomas Masuda, Vincent Tajiri, Masaji Morita, one-year terms; Kiyoshi Kasai, Kumeo Yoshinari and Mari Sabusawa, two-year terms; and Jack Nakagawa, Noboru Honda and Jack Ota, three-year terms.

Noboru Honda, Masaji Morita and Mari Sabusawa were named on the credit committee, while Kiyoshi Kasai, Thomas Masuda and Jack Ota were elected to the supervisory committee.

Nakagawa Elected President of Chicago JACL

CHICAGO — Jack Nakagawa was elected 1947 president of the Chicago chapter of the JACL at an election meeting November 21 at the Loop YWCA.

Mari Sabusawa was elected vice-president.

Other officers will be Marvel Maeda, corresponding secretary; Mary Suzuki, recording secretary; Masaji Morita, treasurer; and William Sims, Kiyoshi Kasai and Martha Hayes, members-at-large.

Following the meeting the group held a social. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Dorothy Kitow and her committee.

Washington News-Letter

Former Ambassador Believes In Integration for Nisei

By JOHN KITASAKO

An elderly gentleman appeared at a Nisei gathering in Washington several years ago and circulated very freely among the Nisei, shaking hands with them, asking them where they were from, and what type of work they were doing in Washington.

He appeared genuinely interested. There were a number of other Caucasians present that day, and some Nisei figured that gentleman was perhaps a former missionary to Japan. Others thought he was some Caucasian who had just recently come into contact with Nisei for the first time and was eager to know more about them.

He was neither. He was Mr. William R. Castle, former Ambassador to Japan. And of course when everyone learned who he was after he had left, a wave of surprise swept over the entire group. "But he didn't act like an ambassador," someone remarked. No, Mr. Castle doesn't act like a former diplomatic envoy. He is a soft-spoken, kind man, with a wide range of interests that aim to help better the lot of his fellowmen.

Mr. Castle is chairman of a number of civic groups, and serves on so many other committees that he is unable to keep track of them all. His willingness to serve so many causes stems from his desire of "just trying to be useful," as he puts it.

He was a member of the Washington Committee for Americans of Japanese Ancestry, Inc. His usefulness to the Committee was not confined to the great prestige his name lent to the Committee letterhead. He was active in raising funds and advising the committee on various corporate matters.

Mr. Castle believes Nisei have acquitted themselves well as citizens under the strain of suspicion and discrimination. He thinks they are as thoroughly Americanized as any other second generation Americans.

He does not want to see emphasis continuously put on the Nisei angle. He would like to see the Nisei try to merge more into Caucasian society instead of becoming a separate group. If the Nisei keep to themselves too much, he says, as an organized body or as individuals, they will likely be inclined to invite suspicion and criticism.

He was happy to see the Washington Committee dissolved, for he sincerely believes that Japanese Americans have no real distinct problems. Their problems are the problems of all Americans today, and if they want to be treated as Americans, they in turn must be willing to take the hard knocks of today's living along with the next fellow.

Mr. Castle came into government service immediately after the first World War. Prior to that he was assistant dean at Harvard. While serving as U. S. Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Castle came to know and respect many high Japanese officials, men of fine caliber who wanted to see Japan pursue a policy of peace. These men, he said, would have been magnificent citizens of any country of the world.

Mr. Castle is of the opinion that General MacArthur is doing an excellent job in Japan. Mistakes are inevitable, he said, but taking the occupation as a whole, MacArthur's record as an administrator will hold up under any amount or type of criticism.

Mr. Castle favors the removal of occupation forces at an early

date. "The sooner they allow the Japanese to stand on their own feet, the better will it be," he declared. Reconstruction is progressing rapidly in Japan, faster than it is in any other occupied area in the world.

"When the Japanese people do not have the poison of militarism in their system, they are a fine people," he observed. "They are and they can be very progressive and aggressive."

"I want to see Japan again the leading nation of the East, with its military spirit wiped out completely, of course," he added.

During his tenure as ambassador to Japan, Mr. Castle came to know and like Japan. "I am sure that democracy will succeed in Japan unless it is pushed too fast. National customs and traditions cannot be broken down overnight. Patience must be the watchword in our rule of Japan."

Mr. Castle thinks the retention of Hirohito was a good idea. He said he talked with Hirohito and came to understand better than most foreigners. He believes the Japanese Emperor, stripped of his divinity, is capable of serving as a stabilizing influence to his people. "The Japanese need an ideal just like all people of the earth, and Hirohito is their ideal. A monarchy can be just as democratic as a republic, just as it is in England," he concluded.

Isobe Discusses Problems of Nisei At Milwaukee Meet

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Mas Isobe, boys' work secretary at the Central YMCA in Milwaukee, was a participant in a panel on the problems of racial minorities sponsored by the Milwaukee Ministerial association at the YMCA on Nov. 25.

Isobe stressed the necessity for compensation of losses suffered by the evacuee and pointed out that discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry existed in the Federal immigration and naturalization statutes and in the alien land laws of various states.

Nisei Soprano Appears in "Mme. Butterfly"

NEW YORK—Tomi Kanazawa, lyric soprano, recently appeared in the title role of "Mme. Butterfly" in a production of the opera at Temple theater in Scranton, Pa.

Miss Kanazawa, who in private life is Mrs. Leo Mueller, is scheduled to appear with the New Orleans opera this winter.

Formerly of Los Angeles, Miss Kanazawa recently was featured on a program over WNYC. She is scheduled to give another radio recital over WNYC in December.

Japanese Canadian Evacuee Situation Will Be Reviewed

Report Race Tensions Still Exist Only in Isolated Districts

OTTAWA, Canada—A full review of the situation of Japanese Canadians and resident Japanese nationals will be presented at the next session of parliament by Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell, it is reported here.

This report by Minister Mitchell, whose department is in charge of the resettlement of Japanese Canadian evacuees, is expected to stress that race tensions involving persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada continue to exist only in a few isolated places.

Minister Mitchell also will report that Canadian farmers, industrial employers, housewives and logging operators and others who

have utilized evacuee workers of Japanese ancestry are completely satisfied with the qualifications of members of the group as employees and that the Department of Labor could place ten times the available number of Japanese Canadians in jobs.

It is reported here that by the time Minister Mitchell's report is presented to parliament the Privy Council in London will have delivered its ruling on the appeal from the judgment of the Canadian Supreme Court which, if upheld, would permit the deportation of all aliens and naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry who signed declarations asking for repatriation and deportation while confined in British Columbia internment housing projects.

Gen. Kendall Will Speak at Seattle Dinner

Testimonial Affair
Will Honor Nisei
GIs From Washington

SEATTLE, Wash. — Fifty gold star mothers and more than 500 Japanese American veterans in the state of Washington will be honored with a testimonial banquet sponsored by the newly-organized Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League on Friday, December 13, at the Civic auditorium.

Major General Paul Wilkins Kendall, who led the famous 88th Central Postal Directory in the Italian campaign, will be the principal speaker at the dinner.

General Kendall was in command of the 88th when the 442nd Central Postal Directory was attached to it during the crossing of the Arno river west of Florence.

Approximately 2000 persons are expected to attend the dinner, according to George Minato, president of the Seattle JACL.

Co-chairmen for the event will be Joe Hirabayashi and Mitsuye Uryu.

"We are trying to get not only the Nisei, but the Issei, to turn out so that these returned servicemen and their kin will know that all of us, citizens and aliens alike, appreciate their war effort," Hirabayashi said.

Present plans include a program including a dance which will follow the dinner, the chapter announced this week. Stanley Karikomi, program chairman, has signed up Horst Farnham's 15-piece orchestra.

Assisting the co-chairmen and Karikomi are the following: Clarence Arai, hall; George Minato, dance; Toru Sakahara, communications; William Y. Mambu and Davis K. Hirahara, invitations; Dr. Terrence Toda, ticket sales; Keith Oka and Frank Hattori, souvenir program; Nori Makino, decorations; Teru Oka and Motoi Mahto, posters; Sachi Yoshida, usher crew; Howard Minato, veterans research; Mrs. Shigeko Uno, reception; Joe Hirabayashi, finance; and Hideo Hoshida and Budd Fukei, publicity.

All veterans, gold star mothers and widows who have not been extended personal invitations to the testimonial banquet are urged to contact immediately either Davis K. Hirahara, 4264 Escalonia Court, Seattle 8, Washington, or Dr. Terrence Toda, care Jackson Building, 318 Sixth Avenue South, Seattle, Washington.

Fair Play Groups Credited with Change in State Attitude

SAN FRANCISCO—The change in California's attitude toward persons of Japanese ancestry as shown in the vote defeating Proposition 15 at the recent elections reflects the "grand work" done by the West Coast Committee for American Principles and Fair Play throughout California throughout the war years. Dr. Hubert Phillips of Fresno State college told the Institute on Democratic Relations on Nov. 19.

Organized for the purpose of achieving the peaceful return of evacuated residents of Japanese ancestry to their Pacific coast homes, the Fair Play committee was disbanded in 1945, but the work it had accomplished in presenting the situation of the state's residents of Japanese descent probably had a great deal to do with influencing voters against the Alien Land law proposal, Dr. Phillips stated.

Dr. Phillips, who was recently the Democratic candidate for the United States Congress from the Fresno area, headed his local Fair Play committee.

Nisei Rescues Fellow Employee in Denver Fire

DENVER, Colo.—George Shiyomura, 30, rescued a fellow employee in a fire on Nov. 19 at the Silver Auto and Radio Supply Co., 400 Champa St.

Three of the employees, including Shiyomura, were nearly trapped in the basement by the fire. One of the three, George Burdick, attempted to clear a path for the group and was partially overcome by smoke.

He was led to safety by Shiyomura.



CLEVELAND, O.—Despite racial and religious differences, students at the Cleveland Roosevelt Student Co-op House of Western Reserve present an example of "Democracy at work" by living, working and studying together. From left to right: Fluffy Riviera from Puerto Rico; Ralph Lum, Chinese medical student from Honolulu; Janet Kuwahara, house president, Honolulu; and George Booker of Youngstown, O.—Photo by Toge Fujihira.

Co-op Housing Project Shows Campus Democracy at Work

By Toge Fujihira

CLEVELAND, O. — Democracy is working at the Cleveland Roosevelt Student Co-op House of Western Reserve University, where four Nisei, two Negroes, one Chinese, one Puerto Rican, five Jews and eight Gentiles are living together.

Here in an atmosphere of racial and religious differences a Nisei girl shops for food with a Negro journalism student; another Nisei, a Jew and a Negro serve on the budget committee; and still another Nisei serves as chief cook for the week which may include a suki-yaki dinner. All this in a spirit of economy, good fellowship, and trying to understand each other better.

Membership is limited to graduate students where they get a room and two meals a day for \$35 a month. A strict budget and all the housework and repair jobs done by the residents make it possible to keep out of the red.

House president this past summer was Janet Kuwahara from Hawaii, a social work student at the School of Applied Social Science at the University.

"We invite outstanding persons in the city to our house, have discussions, lectures and forums, and send speakers to acquaint the public with our aims," Miss Kuwahara said.

But it's not all work, high thinking and no fun at the Roosevelt House. There are parties, bridge games, folk dances and entertainments. And around the dinner table each night, the talk may center around a new dress Sachie Fukiage, Nisei social work student from Jameison, Oregon, has made, or inquiries of Puerto Rican Riviera's sprained ankle just taped by Ralph Lum, Chinese medical student from Honolulu, or a discussion of the current topic of the day, such as what the UN is doing.

Members of the Roosevelt House also give service. Recently a gift of food and clothing was sent to a needy young Dutchman in Holland. The youth happened to be a "pen pal" of Michiko Uno of Honolulu before the war, and with the end of the conflict, correspondence was resumed. Finding the boy in need, Miss Uno and Roosevelt House has "adopted" him.

"The House is a dream," Miss Ruby Dewa once replied when questioned by a Cleveland reporter. She has just completed her thesis for a master's degree in social work and has returned to her home in Hawaii.

The FDR House has received enthusiastic backing. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt wrote the house residents: "I am glad to see the interracial house work." Carey McWil-

liams, noted author familiar to Nisei, said after a visit, "Your house is a challenge to America."

The local Cleveland newspapers have given several front page stories and pictures in support of the Roosevelt House. "Ebony," the Negro picture magazine devoted six pages and photos under the title: "Co-op House Youths Live Together and Like It" in its March, 1946, issue.

A GI stationed in India, hearing about the Roosevelt House wrote: "Your project is an example of the democratic ideals, I am fighting for."

The co-op housing plan is spreading. Students in a number of universities are pioneering in interracial living, an experiment in which the younger generation is showing their elders that "democracy does work."

Radio Speaker Asks For Nullification Of Alien Land Laws

Pointing out that in certain states parents of Japanese American servicemen cannot own land, Min Yasui of Denver Tuesday night asked for repeal of restrictive alien land acts during the "Radio Forum" on KALL of Salt Lake City.

The forum, sponsored by the Salt Lake City Council for Civic Unity, the NAACP and the JACL, is presented weekly as a program on the problems of minority groups.

Joe Curtis, instructor at West high school, was the moderator. Other panel speakers were the Rev. J. Ford and Stan Margulies of the AVC.

Discussing the subject, "What Do the Minorities Expect of the Governor," the speakers agreed that the head of the state could and should exert his influence in the passage of state laws on civil rights, the FEPC and other minority-related problems.

Financial Report Given on Reception For 442nd Group

NEW YORK—Residents of the New York area contributed \$2052 toward the reception of the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team last July, according to a final report submitted last week by Kaworu Mayeda and Sam Kai, treasurers.

The committee announced that \$1,292.96 was spent for the reception and that the balance of \$759.39 was donated to the Japan Relief Committee.

Chicago Mayor Receives AVC Report on Violence Against Family of Nisei War Veteran

Co-operative Group Condemns Racist Activity in Chicago

CHICAGO—The Garfield Park Co-operative announced this week it had decided to assist a Nisei war veteran, John Yoshino, and his family "in every legal manner possible to safeguard their rights as American citizens" following two instances of violence against the Yoshinos.

"Some misguided individuals, bitten by the bug of racism, apparently feel that folks of Japanese ancestry are undesirable, and are attempting to intimidate these neighbors of ours," Horney M. Eby declared in a statement on behalf of the co-op group.

Noting that bricks were thrown through the window of the Yoshino home twice within a week, Mr. Eby said:

"The board of the Garfield Park Co-operative feels that such actions must stop. The same intolerance which makes the Yoshinos feel insecure within a block of our co-op, makes other racial and religious minorities insecure in these United States. We just finished fighting a war to end that sort of thing. Mr. Yoshino helped fight that war. None of us is secure until all are secure."

New York Nisei Paper Resumes Publication

Announce Change in Ownership of Nisei Weekender

NEW YORK—The Nisei Weekender resumed publication on Nov. 21 under new ownership after a temporary suspension.

The Nisei weekly will be published by the Japanese American News Corporation, who also issue the weekly Japanese vernacular, Hokubei Shimpō.

Kakutaro Inoue, editor of the Hokubei Shimpō, will act as editor of the Weekender.

Chiye Mori of the former staff of the Weekender will be managing editor under the new setup.

The Nisei Weekender, originally planned as a cooperative enterprise, issued its first copy on Dec. 28, 1945, under the management of Nisei Press Associates.

Harry Oshima, now assistant professor of economics at American University, is chairman of Nisei Press Associates, who are now liquidating the account of the Nisei Weekender up to Oct. 17, the date of the last issue.

The transfer of operation was effected in negotiations between Oshima, for the Weekender, and Takeshi Haga, chairman of the Japanese American News Corporation.

Kobe Shoji Plays In Traditional Game

LOS ANGELES—Kobe Shoji, scaback star of the Pomona college team, got away for one 15-yard run and several shorter gains as Pomona and Occidental played a scoreless tie in the mud on Nov. 23.

Santa Clara County Defeats Proposition 15 by 5 to 2 Ratio

Discrepancy in Early Returns Shown by Official Count

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The official canvass of votes by the board of supervisors has disclosed that Proposition 15, the Alien Land Law amendments, was defeated by a 5 to 2 vote in Santa Clara county.

The unofficial report released immediately after the election had reported that Santa Clara county had voted in favor of Proposition 15 by a narrow margin.

The official vote on Proposition 15 for Santa Clara county's 396 precincts was: NO, 33,386; YES, 14,920.

No reason was given for the discrepancy between the unofficial

CHICAGO — The American Veterans' committee has reported to Mayor Kelly on anti-racial activities in the Garfield Park residential area centering around John Yoshino, World War II veteran, residing at 3504 Harrison St.

Yoshino and his family reported to police on Nov. 9 that a brick was thrown through the window of their two-story white stone building. On Armistice Day a similar event took place and was again reported to the police.

William Sims, chairman of the minority relations committee of the AVC, said that these acts were the result of "prejudice, intolerance and ignorance" and were the first on record of violence directed against a Japanese American on racial grounds in Chicago.

Albert Gore, chairman of the Garfield Park chapter of AVC, pledged the full support of his organization to John Yoshino.

"I know that the citizens of our community and the members of my chapter revolt against the oppression of individuals of any minority group in Garfield Park," Gore said.

"We will not tolerate the introduction of racial recriminations in our area," he continued. "If such acts of violence should persist, the Garfield Park AVC will help mobilize the civic organizations in the community to stamp out this blight."

According to Gore, John Yoshino is one of four brothers who volunteered and served in the United States army in World War II. John Yoshino was trained at Fort Custer, Mich., Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minn., from which point he was shipped to a staging area and embarked for the Philippines in May, 1945. On V-J day Yoshino was on Okinawa, and was assigned to the 11th Airborne's advance echelon, which flew in to Atsugi's airstrip near Yokohama. Yoshino served with occupation forces in Japan until November, 1945, when he was discharged and came to Chicago to reside with his wife, the former Mary Louise Seo of San Francisco.

He is at present attending Roosevelt college in Chicago.

Yoshino was one of the six panel members on a radio discussion of the subject, "Meeting the Challenge of Unequal Opportunity," which was broadcast on Nov. 20 over WAAF under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Two New York Nisei Girls Return from Stay in Japan

NEW YORK—Two of the first Nisei to be repatriated from Japan, Yuki and Hinako Kosai, arrived in New York City recently.

They landed in Seattle on Oct. 27.

The girls left for Japan in 1939 with their mother and father, a former secretary of the New York Japanese association. The father, Jiro Kosai, returned to the United States before the outbreak of war and then repatriated to Japan on the first exchange ship to join his family.

The two girls were able to obtain permission to return to the United States after making applications to the State Department.

count and the official tabulation by the board of supervisors. The unofficial return had been: Yes, 25,029; No, 24,434.

Philip Matsumura, executive secretary of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County, declared that reports from the county's communities had indicated that every district with the exception of Gilroy had voted against Proposition 15. In Gilroy the vote was 389 for the measure and 383 opposed. In most areas the vote was better than 2 to 1 against the proposal.

"Santa Clara county is now on record as having defeated Proposition 15 by the biggest margin of any county in California," Matsumura said.

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EDITORIALS: Program for Action

A JACL organization streamlined for effective action and efficiency was outlined by national officers and regional directors who met in Salt Lake City the weekend of November 23-24.

Under the recommendations made during the meeting, they set a course of positive action that will, if carried through, result in many gains during the new year for persons of Japanese ancestry throughout the country.

First in importance under the new JACL program will be the work of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, the new agency of the JACL that met its first test during the California elections. During those elections the ADC, ill-equipped and untrained to meet the challenge of moneyed organizations which have long sought to displace Japanese American agricultural interests in California, won a hard fight to defeat Proposition 15, the proposal to validate legislative amendments to the state's Alien Land law.

During 1947 the Anti-Discrimination Committee will fight first and foremost for citizenship for persons of Japanese descent. No one equipped with the facts can dispute the right of Japanese nationals in this country to American citizenship. The Issei in this country are, in the majority, life-long residents of these United States. They encouraged their sons and daughters in the ways of America and in the final test, the war with Japan, they were happy to see their children fight against the country which was their homeland.

Citizenship for the Issei means primarily a recognition of the worth and loyalty of these Issei.

But further, it will in one act nullify the effect of many discriminatory laws which today keep from them the full benefits of the country which they have known as their home.

Citizenship for the Issei will mean nullification of the anti-alien land acts, which are based upon the phrase, "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

Liberalization to citizenship and naturalization laws would also mean the amelioration of "hardship cases" concerning deportation of Japanese businessmen, whose mandatory return to Japan would mean the breaking up of Japanese American families.

Second major problem of the Anti-Discrimination Committee in 1947 will be the evacuation claims measure, which was defeated at the last moment in the 79th Congress upon the protest of certain diehard California congressmen.

The evacuation claims measure would give equitable returns to persons of Japanese ancestry who suffered proven financial loss during the evacuation of 1942.

This is the program which the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the JACL must work for in the coming twelve months. It is a program that deserves the support of every American, whether or not he is of Japanese descent.

Mr. District Attorney

District Attorney Leonard Avila of Santa Clara county in California announced shortly after the election returns had been posted and showed his county in favor of the Alien Land law amendments that he would investigate all property deeds held by Americans of Japanese ancestry in an effort to find violations of the Alien Land law. He de-

clared that prosecutions would be initiated to confiscate any property which he considered to be held in violation of the state statute.

Last week the Santa Clara county board of supervisors announced the official count of ballots in the Nov. 5 elections and the results are enough to make even the most ambitious district attorney pause in his zeal to enforce a racist and discriminatory law. Instead of favoring Proposition 15 by a vote of 25,029 to 24,434 as originally reported, the citizens of Santa Clara county defeated the Alien Land law proposal by a vote of 33,386 to 14,920. The margin of defeat suffered by Proposition 15 in Santa Clara county is the largest recorded in any of the counties of the state and can be interpreted as condemnation of the racist principles inherent in the Alien Land law itself.

In support of his proposed investigation of land titles held by American citizens of Japanese ancestry, Mr. Avila declared that Attorney General Robert Kenny had recommended that such action be taken as a result of the recent California Supreme Court decision upholding the law in the Oyama case. This week the *Pacific Citizen* was informed that Mr. Kenny had issued no such statement as a result of the State Supreme Court's verdict. The statement attributed to Mr. Kenny by the Santa Clara county district attorney is one which the former issued two years ago after the California legislature had voted his office \$200,000 for use in the investigation and prosecution of violations of the Alien Land law.

The supporters of the Alien Land law have shown themselves to be bigots like the Gannons and the Tenneys, white supremacists like the Native Sons and the California Preservation Association and economic opportunists who hope to eliminate the Japanese Americans from the industrial life of the state. It may be expected that in the face of the revised results of the Santa Clara county balloting on Proposition 15, for which no reason has been advanced, District Attorney Avila will prefer to align himself with the great majority of the people of his county rather than with the bigots and the profiteers and will await judicial interpretation of the validity of the Alien Land law, particularly since the Oyama case is now being appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The Edge of Blight

By T. W. Tanaka

The Chicago Plan Commission has prepared maps showing the blight and near-blight slum areas of the nation's second largest city. In this city approximately 25,000 Japanese Americans are now residing.

Nearly three-fourths of the resettler population is concentrated around the edges of two blight districts.

Conservative estimates place at a million dollars the total investment of Japanese American resettlers into Chicago properties, most of it in apartment housing. Most of this has gone into the two districts ringing Chicago's blight.

Blight, according to the legal definition, means those "urban districts in which the major portion of the housing is detrimental to the health, safety, morality, or welfare of the occupants by reason of age, dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangements, lack of ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors."

The Quaker and Brethren relocation workers who welcomed the first contingents of evacuees to reach Chicago in '42 and '43 foresaw the unhealthy consequences of resettlers congregating in near-blight areas. And they strove energetically, first to ward it off by vigorously assisting in locating desirable housing, and secondly, when the influx overwhelmed their small staffs, to minimize the evil.

They wanted to avoid, if humanly possible, racial segregation in slums and ghettos.

To some extent they succeeded, as shown in the fact that resettlers today reside in nearly five-sixths of all the community areas of the city of Chicago and also in Evanston. But to the extent that they are concentrated in two areas on the periphery of near-blight districts, in Chicago, the effort to achieve residential integration has fallen far short of the desired goal.

Segregated Japanese American activity is an accomplished fact in Chicago today. It will remain so and expand for some time to come. It is not as intense and concentrated as in Los Angeles, where returnee housing is in many respects far worse but it is of the same cut and fabric.

Until Japanese Americans are no longer denied access to such communities . . . (where desirable housing is available, but is denied, is on the basis of race and color discrimination) . . . the hope for non-segregated, integrated living by Americans of Japanese descent must give way to the Little Tokyo kind of slum and near-slum developments. But we have a notion that intelligent Nisei are not going to be satisfied with this.—From a column by T. W. Tanaka in the Nov. 25 issue of the *Colorado Times of Denver*.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Claims Bill in Congress

The bill to create a Federal claims commission to compensate persons evacuated from the Pacific coast during the war for accountable business and property losses sustained as a result of their forced displacement will be introduced in the forthcoming 80th Congress. Although the measure was sponsored by President Truman and the administration, it received bipartisan support and was passed unanimously by the Senate when Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, agreed to accept certain amendments proposed by the Republicans. The bill died when Congress adjourned last August without House action on the proposal.

The bill's chances for early passage probably will depend largely upon the degree of interest shown by the new Republican majority in both houses. The measure had the benefit of administration backing, including a letter from President Truman to the chairman of the House and Senate committees which favorably reported on it, when it was originally introduced. It also had the strong backing of the Department of Interior and of the War Relocation Authority. The WRA no longer is in existence, but administration support for the bill, which Interior Secretary Julius Krug has called "a matter of simple justice," can be counted upon when the legislation is resubmitted.

White House support helped expedite the consideration of the claims bill at the last session, but much will depend upon the relationships and liaison between President Truman and the GOP Congressional leadership, whether the consideration of the measure can be similarly expedited in the coming session.

The bill will need sufficient impetus from some quarter if it is to get a place on the Senate and House calendars in the face of the Republican backlog of proposed legislation to restrict labor and to rescind any remaining wartime controls. The JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee and several groups which have maintained an interest in the welfare of the evacuees are expected to work for its passage and will be impelled by the knowledge that early passage of the bill is a necessary factor in rebuilding the economic structure of the evacuated group. The claims bill, however, is not at present a matter of national concern and will not be unless the American people as a whole can be apprised of its necessity. And unless the relationship of this proposal to the government's integrity can be shown, the claims bill will be regarded merely as special legislation affecting only a small group of Americans.

Mass evacuation, as carried out under the orders of General Dewitt in 1942, also was a specialized activity affecting only a single racial group, but its effects, from a standpoint of precedent and policy, are such that it constitutes a time-bomb which menaces the future welfare of all individuals in our democratic society. The government has expended no little effort in providing for the relocation of the evacuated families. The proposed bill is an important part of the government's program of remedial action.

The claims bill which was passed unanimously by the Senate last summer contained two amendments to the bill which was proposed by President Truman. An amendment by Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan took the functions of the evacuation claims commission out of the Department of Interior and provided that the President would appoint the three members of the commission with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sen. William Langer of North Dakota insisted that the application of the legislation solely to "persons of Japanese ancestry" who were evacuated be changed to include all persons who were excluded from the West Coast. The argument against Sen. Langer's proposal would have been that "persons of Japanese ancestry" were the only ones who were

forced to submit to mass evacuation on the basis of race and were not given access to individual hearings. However, both the Ferguson and Langer amendments, which Sen. William Knowland of California concurred, were accepted by the administration leadership in the Senate and were incorporated in the bill.

Following Senate passage, it was believed that a majority of House members supported the bill. However, the measure did not reach the House until the final week of the session, when members were anxious to return to their homes for the election campaign and the rule of unanimous consent was in effect. When Rep. Clair Engle and John Phillips of California told Speaker Rayburn that they objected to the bill, the proposal was not introduced. Rep. Engle's opposition was based on his argument that repatriates and citizen renunciants would stand to derive the same benefits as all other evacuees from the bill, but the Californian's previous record of racist activity against Japanese Americans indicated that he would have opposed the proposal in any form. Incidentally, Rep. Bernard Gearhart of California, who also was reported to oppose the claims bill, made a pre-election promise to a constituent that he would support the bill in the next Congress. The rejection of Proposition 15 by the voters of California, which has been widely interpreted as a mandate by the state's citizens against restrictive legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry, also is believed to have increased substantially the possibility of support of the claims bill by the state's Congressional delegation.

The evacuation claims bill is an important piece of the unfinished business of the 79th Congress. Its passage will create a tribunal which will have jurisdiction to adjudicate claims by evacuees for damage to or loss of real property or other impairment of assets "which arose from or as a natural consequence of the evacuation and exclusion program. Secretary Krug has pointed out that the only other clear recovery which the evacuees now have, the passage of private relief bills, "is totally impracticable" and will place an additional and unnecessary burden upon the evacuees and Congress itself.

The government's responsibility in the evacuation situation will not have been completed until the legitimate claims of the evacuees for property and other accountable losses have been met. It is to be hoped that such a procedure will be authorized and the job ahead will be to apprise the members of Congress of the issues involved. Although the administration has suggested the legislation, the existence of a bipartisan agreement is indicated in the statement of Sen. Ferguson, one of the ranking Republican members of the Senate judiciary committee.

"Some day I think we shall have to provide compensation for all of the wrongs that have been done to these people."

Early consideration of the claims bill should be on the agenda of the next Congress.

EDITORIAL DIGEST

Relocated Evacuees FRESNO BEE

"Whatever a large racial segment of the population has to contribute to the United States is best contributed widely rather than in a specific region," the *Fresno Bee* commented in an editorial on the relation of Pacific coast evacuees in eastern areas.

The *Bee* noted that 20,000 evacuees now are permanent residents of Chicago and said "the decision of 20,000 and the many others who have located in the East and Middle West is at least a healthy sign."

The *Bee* wondered if the economic and social welfare enjoyed by Japanese Americans in Chicago would attract any more members of the group to live permanently in the Midwest city.

Vagaries

Robeson . . .

Paul Robeson is cognizant of the problem of Canada's 20,000 Japanese Canadians and recently became a honorary life member of the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy . . . The JCCD, whose headquarters are in Toronto, Ont., is undertaking a survey of losses suffered by Japanese Canadians as a result of the evacuation in 1942 . . . The Salt Lake City JACL is a co-sponsor, with the Council for Civic Unity and the NAACP, of the weekly Utah Forum which is presented each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. over KALL. * * *

VFW . . .

Although the Spokane post of the VFW still refuses to admit Japanese American combat veterans to membership, most other VFW posts are not discriminating against the Nisei. The VFW's national policy was shown recently by its monthly magazine which carried an article on the exploits of the 442nd Combat Team . . . Following the passage of its resolution inviting Nisei veterans to join, the Atomic post of the VFW in Salt Lake City is expecting to induct a large number of Nisei ex-GIs at a forthcoming ceremony. The Atomic post, with more than 900 members, all of whom are World War II veterans, is the largest VFW unit in the intermountain area. * * *

Noguchi . . .

Another facet of the versatility of Isamu Noguchi, noted sculptor, is shown in a full-page reproduction in Harper's Bazaar for November of his drawing of an impression of ballet dancers in the recent production of Poe's "The Bells." . . . Probably the only Nisei announcer in U. S. radio is Oye Hayashi, a war veteran, who is on the staff of a radio station in Buckley, West Virginia. Hayashi is the brother of Dr. Teru Hayashi of Columbia university. * * *

Keglers . . .

Bowling: Nisei bowling leagues are now in action in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Spokane, San Jose, Ogden, Denver and Chicago. The latest is a four-team league in New York City . . . Some of the top bowlers in the two L. A. leagues at the Vogue alleys are Chinese and Korean Americans. * * *

Yuriko Anemitsu (Mrs. Charles Kikuchi) will dance with Martha Graham and her company again during the coming season . . . Iva Toguri, released recently from Sugamo prison in Tokyo after the U. S. authorities announced that there was insufficient evidence to establish the fact that she was "Tokyo Rose," recently turned down an offer to manage one of Tokyo's most modern beauty shops. Miss Toguri said she decided not to accept the offer when the beauty shop owners advertised that the establishment would be run by "Tokyo Rose." * * *

Author . . .

Literary: According to Togo Tanaka, an Evanston housewife Mrs. Anne Emery, has written a first novel on the relocation of a Japanese American family in a Midwestern community. The book is called, "Tradition," and reportedly was inspired by a real-life incident in Evanston when neighbors sought to oust a Nisei family which had rented the home of a Northwestern university professor . . . A Nisei CO has been picketing the office of Attorney General Tom Clark in Washington with a sign, "Free War Objectors." * * *

Allegory . . .

Taro Yashima, author of "The New Sun" and the forthcoming "The Horizon Is Calling," is the author of a new Japanese language play, "Shin Momotaro," which is being sponsored by the Japanese American Committee for Democracy. Yashima, who served with OSS during the war, declares that his play is a modern allegory on the "Momotaro" legend . . . Yashima is one of the organizers of a new group, the New York Council of Japanese American Culture, composed of artists, musicians and writers.

Report from Hood River: The Nisei Are Back Home And Happy in Valley Where Racism Flared Two Years Ago

By MRS. MAX L. MOORE

WE are winding up the final details of our harvest here in beautiful Hood River Valley. There is still a small tonnage in the hands of a few of the growers which the processing plants have been unable to find space to receive, but this will all be under cover in the next few days. Empty orchard boxes are being stored away to await another season, equipment is rapidly being run into the tool sheds where it will be reconditioned for another season's work. The tree props must be gathered and piled in protector spots and the cover crops disced into the ground to aid in soil building. Presently the pruning will get under way. This job need not be pushed, as most of the other labor attached to the production of a number one box of fruit must be. A few of the Caucasian growers hire a crew of pruners and get the job out of the way as soon as possible but most of the Japanese growers take care of this job alone.

The Nisei are all happy. They have handled entirely alone, their first crop since the evacuation, in an orderly efficient manner, and have experienced no unpleasant treatment, nor have they been pushed back for the benefit of the Caucasian grower. Their trucks have unloaded in turn at all of the packing plants just as their Caucasian neighbors have done. A pleasant exchange of conversation has been the regular procedure among those waiting in line to reach the receiving doors. We frequently found a Caucasian lad helping a Nisei unload his truck to hurry his own place in line and of course, the same thing vice versa.

As we traveled about this valley taking care of our own line of work we found more Caucasian workers than any others in the Japanese owned orchards, and sometimes a Japanese worker helping a Caucasian neighbor. Particularly last spring, we found them helping at the pruning of orchards that had suffered from a long period of neglect because of the labor shortage during the war. Later, when the 1946 crop was under way most of these people had all they could take care of in their own orchards. One fruit company had a young Nisei in their office as typist and receptionist. It is doubtful that a position of this kind could have been found here by this young lady before the war.

In December, 1944, the storm that had been brewing every since the entry of the United States into World War II, broke with the removal by the American Legion Post of the Nisei GI names from the honor roll of Hood River county. Almost co-incidental with this move was the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that the Nisei of this country were American citizens as well as any other national born under our flag. Immediately War Relocation Authorities proceeded with well mapped plans for the return of the peoples of Japanese descent to their homes on the West Coast. And immediately there flared an anti-Japanese program, the like of which had never before been viewed in these United States, even during our turbulent Civil War period.

In the face of the wild predictions and threats of violence against the persons of the Japanese race, caution was necessary and test returns were put into practice in all areas of high tension. It is doubtful if any greater bravery was displayed in the combat areas on our victorious war fronts than was indicated by those lads who volunteered to be the first to return to their western homes in order to pave the way for the large group to follow. At least the combat man could fight back. These lads knew not what might be their lot. They had been threatened with everything from arson to physical violence, yet they were willing to make the test for the sake of their families and the democracy in which they had been taught to believe.

In our valley their experience was pretty rugged but we who love this place and recall with shame the unAmerican program launched against a defenseless minority, who were giving all they had to give to their country under the most trying circumstances, are most happy and proud that even the most violent anti person-

ages among us were far too civilized to put into practice any of the violent threats they had made.

We did fear that among the influx of several thousands of itinerant labor which each harvest brings among us, there might be a few of those bitterly "anti" persons we had heard of in other sections and that they might put into practice some of the violence we had read of happening in other parts of the west. For that reason we were most anxious that no more publicity than necessary be given to our recent outbursts of unAmerican propaganda. We were confident that without the support of presumed public sentiment there would be no "incidents." We did have a couple of fires this season but we have some every season. One of these did happen to be in some abandoned shacks owned by a Japanese grower but one of them was in the living cabins of a Caucasian controlled co-operative sales group. It is doubtful if these acts of arson had any roots in racism. More likely they were the outgrowth of the ever present antagonisms among the laborers of the type that follow the harvest work.

The GI, almost to a man, is loyal to his Nisei buddy. Yesterday one of these lads, whom I have seen in our place of business several times in recent months, happening to catch me in our store, somewhat flustered and embarrassed, stammered out a sincere commendation of our work in helping the Japanese people to re-establish themselves. "We GIs take our hats off to you. We think guys like that fellow that wouldn't sell fireworks to those Nisei GIs for their kiddies last Fourth of July ought to be hung up for the birds to pick and I told him so. I was born below the Mason and Dixon line and I don't hate the Negro. I served out there in the Pacific and I know the job these guys did. There were three of them in our outfit and I saw their work. I don't usually take things up but I had to tell that guy what we thought of fellows like him. It burnt me up to see those boys wearing the uniform and the discharge buttons turned down on things they wanted." The support of these lads can do more to allay the prejudice built and fostered by selfish interests and war hysteria than any other group in the country.

A young Nisei nurse sat in my office a few days back and smilingly remarked, "Oh Mrs. Moore, things are so much better than when I came home last year. I feel the difference everywhere I go." I assured her that the condition never was as acute as they had been led to believe, though it was bad enough and could well have developed into something quiet serious.

When our League for Liberty and Justice was formed we had only thirty or forty willing workers, persons who did not count the possible cost to themselves but looked to the larger aspect of the American way. They were persons who sincerely and earnestly believed if one group could be pushed around and their civil liberties curtailed at will, in time none of us would be safe from persecution upon one pretext or another by any group that happened to be in power. Almost immediately we were approached by dozens of our best citizens with assurance of their moral support though they did not care to appear in the fight. While this did not provide material aid, it forecast the final victory would surely be with us and gave us the courage to stay with the fight.

Thus, today, all is well in our Hood River valley. The Nisei may buy his needs in most any store with which he desires to trade. With rare exceptions his

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From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Corporal Wayman Finds a Room

Denver, Colo.

This is the story of Cpl. Duane Wayman. He wears the shoulder patch of the Philippines division, the head of a carabao or water buffalo on a red background. On his chest, among other ribbons, are a Purple Heart with two clusters, indicating three battle wounds; a Silver Star with one cluster, which means he was twice decorated for conspicuous bravery in combat; and a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with three clusters, denoting that his outfit was cited four times.

Corporal Wayman appeared at the door one day.

"Mrs. Hosokawa?" he said. "The USO told me you had listed a room for rent. May I look at it?"

The room was satisfactory and he agreed to take it. She showed him the bathroom and said: "We have a big automatic water heater; you'll have plenty of hot water."

"There were times when I didn't get much of that," he replied. "Oh? The army?"

"I was a prisoner of war in Japan almost four years," he said quietly. "I'll be back tomorrow to take the room."

Corporal Wayman moved in the next day. He turned out to be a quiet, considerate tenant, and as the first strangeness wore off, we got to talking.

Duane Wayman was just out of high school when he enlisted in the spring of 1941. Pearl Harbor day found him in the Philippines. He was in an anti-aircraft unit, but before long he found himself on Bataan as an infantryman. There were no more shells to be fired at the Zeros.

After the surrender the Japanese marched the Americans five days and four nights with only two 20-minute rest stops. That was the Bataan death march, although they didn't call it that then.

It was a long voyage to Japan, 5,000 men in the hold and only three of them allowed above decks at any one time to use the toilet facilities. Once they lay in the harbor in Formosa for 19 days, kept in that stifling hold all that time except for the few moments when they were one of the fortunate three.

"None of us would have survived our years in Japan," Corporal Wayman declared, "if we hadn't been assigned to work around railroad yards and other places where we could steal food."

"Often we prisoners would go weeks without speaking to each other. We had talked ourselves out. We could only think food and talk food, and if anyone thought out loud, someone else would throw something to shut him up."

"Our captors would go out of their way to humiliate us. We would be subjected to savage beatings without cause. It was impossible to talk and try to reason with them as they had no sense of fairness."

"Our guards stole from Red Cross and relief parcels we received from home. My parents weren't notified I was a prisoner until two years after the capture. I was allowed to write one post card home and it was delivered months after I got back."

"In all my time in Japan in the half dozen camps to which we were shifted, I met only two Japanese who went out of their way to treat us decently. And those two risked their own lives to be good to us."

"When the Japanese surrendered, 90 of us broke out of the stockade, climbed aboard a train and made our way to Tokyo. We were among the first to be repatriated."

How does Corporal Wayman feel now?

"I have no bitterness toward the people," he says, "only pity because they've never had a chance to learn differently. In some ways I respect them, for they gave everything to their nation until they were almost as poor as those of us in the prisoner of war camps."

"I hate some of the individuals who mistreated us so bitterly that if they came into this room this minute, I'd get my gun and shoot them down without hesitating. Almost every one of them has been executed as a war criminal or sentenced to long prison terms by Allied military courts."

And the Japanese Americans?

When Corporal Wayman got back his hometown newspaper at Greeley, Colo., published his picture and a story of his experiences. After that Wayman noticed Nisei would cross the street to avoid meeting him.

These Nisei were afraid because they had been subjected to discrimination and hatred simply because they were of Japanese extraction. They feared that this returned soldier who had suffered so much in the hands of the Japanese would take it out on them.

But Corporal Wayman has another view. He says:

"I don't hate a man because of his race or who his ancestors were. A man must be judged as an individual—who he is and what he has done."

And that, it seems to us, is an eminently just and American viewpoint expressed by one who has gained wisdom through suffering.

Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

ON MEETINGS . . .

Recently I attended the first speaker's meeting of the Twin Cities Chapter of the JACL at the International Institute in St. Paul. It was a joint meeting with the Issei group. They were passing around ash trays when we entered the packed room. I've discovered you meet all kinds of people at a meeting. There was a Master Sergeant, very conspicuous in a place which had at one time been practically an army town. Closer examination proved that he was an old friend, Susumu "Suzy" Kojima, and I could feel that dam of old memories flooding forth. Then as we progressed forward, we saw Jon Matsuo of the Matsuo housing restriction case, lounging against the wall. He looked very young. We reached our objective, George Matsuyama, president of the chapter, surrounded by AVC members. He teaches chem at the "U." Someone told me that the striking feminine figure was the former Teiko Ishida, who was a pioneer on the West Coast for the wartime JACL.

On Monday night, I was invited to a meeting of the Twin Cities committee for Japanese Relief . . . and you can't imagine my relief in being seated next to a Nisei in my almost composite Issei group; furthermore, he was the speaker for the evening. He was Samuel Ishikawa of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, now headed westward.

IN SERVICE . . .

It appears that as soon as some people are discharged from the army they're very rapidly put back into service . . . wearing civies. I'm thinking particularly of two ex-sergeants from Fort Snelling, Hank Makino and Pete Ohtaki. They're both students at Macalester College in St. Paul. Hank, they say, was turning theatrical, and quite wrapped up in a school play. He used to edit the Fort Snelling Bulletin; and as an extra-curricular activity, did a good job of assimilating among the Caucasians. Pete's the guy who edited the MISLS Album, which is supposed to make an appearance soon. He's chairman of the publicity and publications committee for the JACL here. We've also got a deadline to meet since we're putting out the "Northwest Nisei," a local organ, together.

You possibly can't be bored listening to their long, smooth talk, which I gather was taught them with the compliments of the army. Nice though, to see such marvelous readjustments to civilian life . . . Now, I can discard all those books on maladjusted veterans.

LEAFING THROUGH . . .

I was leafing through the pages of a condensed version of Wendell Willkie's "One World." It's a tapestry of greatness in thought with a clear perspective and a sincere faith in a hypothesis which states that all mankind is basically good. I like his sentence, "The test of a people is by their aim and not their color." Willkie died comparatively young, but even death cannot quench great dreams.

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Of Nisei Division
Of Church Group**

LOS ANGELES—The reactivation of the Nisei division of the Southern California Church Federation was discussed at a retreat attended by 30 Nisei and Issei ministers and other full-time religious workers at Pacific Palisades on Nov. 18 and 19.

The consensus of opinion in the discussion on the proposed reactivation was that such a move uniting Christian groups would be an asset in the development of wider social relationships and in the consideration of the common problems and opportunities which concern the Nisei.

A planning session will be called in late January or early February to consider plans for the reactivation. The pastor or leader and two delegates from each organized Christian group will be invited to attend.

Further plans call for district rallies and a Southern California conference to be held in late April or May.

Nisei religious leaders attending included Waichi Oyanagi, Paul Nagano, Harper Sakauye, George Hirose, Hideo Aoki, Dave Nakagawa, Robert Kodama, Donald Toriumi, Arnold Nakajima, John H. M. Yamazaki, Harry Murakami and Seido Ogawa.

**Sakauye Nominated
For Presidency of
San Jose JACL**

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Eiichi Sakauye is the choice of the nominations committee for the presidency of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County for the coming year.

Other nominations can be made at the election meeting on Dec. 12, it was reported. Others named by the committee are Akira Shimoguchi and William Yamamoto, first vice-pres.; Henry Hamasaki, 2nd vice-pres.; Helen Mineta, sec.; Shig Masunaga, treas.; Mrs. Diana Payne, historian; and Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, reporter.

Wayne Kanemoto, Eiichi Sakauye, Ruth Hashimoto, George Hori, Akira Shimoguchi and Edward Nakano were named to the staff of the county-wide directory, which will be published by the United Citizens League.

Other staff members are William Yamamoto, Shig Masunaga, Sam Takaichi, Helen Mineta, Henry Kiyomura and Clark Taketa, business; Charles Mizota, Alice Ichishita, Tom Sugishita, Bessie Sasao, Ethyl Iwata, Sho Araki, Nobu Fukuda, Roy Ozawa, Mitsuo Okubo, Esau Shimizu and Amy Kurasaki, clerical; and Paul Zaima, art editor.

**Singer Hinaye Koito
To be Featured
In Choir Concert**

CHICAGO — Choir members of the Armitage Young People's church, under the direction of Mrs. Kay Takagishi, will present a Christmas concert Friday, December 20, at 8 p. m.

Hinaye Koito, soprano, will be the soloist during the presentation of Handel's Messiah.

The public is cordially invited to attend the concert, which will be held at the Armitage Avenue Methodist church, 834 W. Armitage avenue.

Hood River Report(Continued from Page 5)
trade is wanted and appreciated. He cast his vote in the recent elections along with his Caucasian friends and in so doing became an integral part of his government. The scars of his wounded heart will always be with him, but in time he will forget his instinctive dodging of a further hurt and when that time comes to him he will look around him and come to know that mortal fear makes brutes of men. When the sun of knowledge and common understanding shines upon the people of the world and all men come to know that after all, we really are, "Brothers under the skin," then will true peace and happiness come upon the earth.**RADIO REPAIR SERVICE**
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Dear Editor, Pacific Citizen:

The defeat of Proposition 15 in the State of California was a smashing blow at the forces which had evacuated us.

A belated congratulation to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee and all other groups cooperating for the defeat of this vicious referendum.

Now let's kick the teeth out of restrictive covenants!

JOE OYAMA.

25 Claremont Ave., New York.

**Regional Office
Has New Secretary**

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Yuki Nagano is the new secretary of the Northern California regional office of the National JACL at 2031 Bush street, according to Joe Grant Masaoka, regional JACL director.

Mrs. Nagano came to San Francisco from Minneapolis. Her husband, a U. S. Army soldier, is stationed in San Francisco.

**Girls' Society Holds
Installation Service**

- SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A beautiful candlelight service was held for the newly elected Puella Societas' (Girls' Society) cabinet at the Young Women's Christian Association clubroom. The reading of the installation was performed by Mrs. Perry Simpson, member of the board in the absence of Mrs. Bert Neville, advisor. The constitution was presented by the secretary, Jean Nagata, and it was approved and corrected by the members.

Plans are being compiled for the many activities in which the girls will participate.

A business meeting will be held on November 30, at the Parkview Church from 7:30 p. m. All members and those who are interested in joining this organization are urged to attend this meeting at which time plans for the holiday season will be discussed.

Following the installation of officers, tea was served with Margaret Osuga as hostess.

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Star Discusses JACL Dance Plans



CHICAGO — Plans for the Chicago JACL's Inaugural Ball to be held on Dec. 13 were discussed by JACL officials at a dinner with Joe E. Brown, screen and stage star, at the Wisteria tea room on Nov. 17. Mr. Brown, an outspoken advocate of fair play for Nisei, will be

the guest of honor at the ball. Left to right: (front) Jiro Yamaguchi, Claudia Cassidy, Harry Mayeda, Mrs. Joseph C. Shea, William Simms, and Mary Suzuki; (back) William Crawford, Marion Lorne, Noboru Honda, President of the Chicago JACL, Mr. Brown, Mari Sabusawa and Mr. Shea.—Photo by Fred Matsumoto.

New Car Offered By Chicago Chapter

CHICAGO — A 1947 Chevrolet will be given away by the Chicago chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League at a drawing in March, 1947, as part of the fund-raising campaign of the chapter.

Other prizes will be a Philco console radio-phonograph and an Elgin wristwatch.

Tickets as donations of 50 cents each will be distributed by the committee and JACL members. Committee members under Dr. R. Mas Sakada will be Eli Sasaki, Noboru Honda, Harry Mizuno, Mrs. T. Masuda, Jane Nishino, Roland Joichi, Kay Yamashita, Wiley Higuchi, Grace Hagiwara, Miye Okamoto, Tom Okabe, Tad Yemoto, Yuri Tanaka, Eiko Yoshihashi, Elaine Ishikawa and Mas Nakagawa.

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Maria Miyamoto Will Give Concert Soon in Chicago

CHICAGO — Maria Miyamoto, young Nisei pianist, will be presented in a joint concert with Mary Frances Crowley, soprano, Sunday, December 8, at the Abraham Lincoln center by the Cultural Arts Concert Committee.

Miss Miyamoto has appeared twice as soloist with the symphony at Orchestra hall. She graduated from the Chicago Musical College in 1945. She has been a scholarship student under Dr. Rudolph Ganz for the past six years.

The concert is the second in the 1946-47 season of the Cultural Arts Concert Committee. It will be held at 4 p. m. at the Abraham Lincoln center, 700 Oakwood boulevard.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Baer Kawakami a girl on Nov. 12 in Farmington, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nakano of Mountain View, Calif., a boy, Glenn, on Nov. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matsumoto a boy on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Tanimoto a girl on Nov. 10 in Gridley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Aoyama a boy on Nov. 12 in Walnut Grove, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Tom Sunada a boy on Nov. 11 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tsujimoto a boy on Nov. 26 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoto Sakai a girl on Nov. 13 in Fresno, Calif.

DEATHS

S. Ando, 70, of Parlier Calif., on Nov. 22 in Fresno.

Ishitaro Miyano, Petaluma, Calif., on Nov. 20 in San Francisco.

Mogichi Shidawara, Marysville, Calif., on Nov. 18.

Kakuichi Mori, 66, on Nov. 18 in Gardena, Calif.

Mrs. Uno Ishizaki, 54, on Nov. 21 in Los Angeles.

Yuriko Fujikawa on Nov. 14 in New York City.

Shigetoshi Sugiyama, 54, on Nov. 22 in Long Beach, Calif.

Hosaku Miura on Nov. 20 in Sacramento.

Hisashi Hajiya, 39, formerly of Seattle, Wash., on Nov. 20 in New York City.

Skatefest

SALINAS, Calif. — The Westminster Fellowship of the Japanese Presbyterian church has made arrangements to sponsor its second skatefest at the Salinas Rollerland on December 2.

The skatefest will be a benefit to aid in repair of the church. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Fellowship.

Bridal Shower

CHICAGO—A beautiful surprise bridal shower was held for Miss Edna Ito, bride-elect of Mr. Shig Kimura, on Nov. 7 by Miss Mary Inouye and Mrs. Tom Oye. Guests were the Misses Martha Take-mura, Thelma Tanaka, Ruby Tashima, Sumi Hata, Fumi Onishi, Margaret Ito, and Mesdames Cornie Ouye, Harry Tanaka, Elmer Shirrell and Inouye.

MARRIAGES

Aiko Oku to Richard S. Honna on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.

Etsuko Katayama to Harry Andow on Nov. 2, in Los Angeles.

Nancy Karakane to Smith Takaya on Nov. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miyaji, Bakersfield, Calif., a girl on Nov. 15.

Betty Takeuchi to Warren Tsuneshi on Nov. 16 in New York City.

Natsuko Kawano to Ryo Shimada on Nov. 24 in Sacramento.

Mieko Gamo to Eiro Baba on Nov. 16 in San Francisco.

Regina Shimane to Shigenori Yasukawa on Nov. 24 in San Jose.

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Bandits Victimize Businessmen in New York City

NEW YORK—Two persons of Japanese ancestry were victims of bandits here in recent weeks on the eastern midtown section of Manhattan, according to the Nisei Weekender.

Hickie Noma, formerly of San Francisco and owner of Hydro Products company, was held up by two men while driving home recently. As Noma stopped for a traffic light, two men jumped on the running board of his car, forcing him to stop. Noma got out and began exchanging blows with one of the men, while the other attempted to assault him with a lead pipe. Police arrived while Noma and the thugs were fighting and apprehended the two men.

Masakichi Kashiwa, proprietor of a restaurant in Harlem, was held up at the door of his restaurant, 471 Central Park West.

Several Japanese Americans living in the east 96th and 97th street area have been the victims of thefts in recent weeks.

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Portland Chapter Schedules Dance

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland JACL will hold an informal orchestra dance Saturday, November 30, at 8:30 p. m. in the largest of six ballrooms at the Pythian building, 918 S. W. Yamhill street between 9th and 10th streets.

Van Armitage and his 12-piece orchestra will provide the music. Admission will be \$1.25 per person. The public has been invited to attend.

Information

Information as to the present whereabouts of George and Mary Yoshimura, formerly of Seattle, is sought this week by Miye Kikuchi of Seattle, on behalf of a former friend of the Yoshimuras. George Yoshimura, who worked in the Sumitomo bank in Seattle, is now believed to be a resident of Utah or Idaho. Any information can be sent to Miss Kikuchi, 513 23rd street, Seattle, Wash.

Sought

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle Selective Service System Local Board No. 9 has requested the present addresses of the following persons: Hideo Ota, 26; Masahi Kawaguchi, 28; Kazuo Sakuma, 28; George Masaaki Kawahara, 24; Austin Naato Takeuchi, 23; Toshiharu Hinatsu, 24.

They may contact the board at 305 Harrison street, Seattle.

Canadian Nisei Soldiers Serve In East Asia

Volunteers Were Trained at Vancouver Language School

HONGKONG—Japanese Canadian servicemen with the South East Asia Command are packing their kit bags and are heading for home.

The Japanese Canadians have been attached to the South East Asia Translation and Interrogation Center and have been working on the repatriation of Japanese nationals in East Asia.

The Nisei from Canada, all volunteers, now are returning to their base at Singapore from where they expect to return to Canada by way of the United Kingdom.

"Several hundred" Japanese Canadians have seen service with British Empire units in Asia. At the present time there are approximately 30 still on duty, mostly graduates of the Canadian army's Vancouver language school. These Canadian Nisei are in Bangkok and Singapore and in Burma, India, Hongkong, Malaysia and in Japan.

These Japanese Canadians have NCO ratings and are employed as interpreters, translators and interpreters in screening Japanese army personnel, restoring civil government to liberated countries and assisting in the investigation of war crimes and war criminal trials.

Dr. Kurumada Leads Salt Lake Bowlers With High Series

Dr. Jun Kurumada's high series of 606 (191, 191, 224) led Okada Insurance's league-leading bowlers to a 4 to 0 victory over the third-place Orem Farmers in the tenth round of play in the JACL bowling league.

The Okada squad rolled a scratch series of 2613.

In other matches Dawn Noodle took three points from OK Cafe. Terashima Studio and Main Jewelry blanked ABC Townshop and Aoki Produce respectively. Wally's Flowers split with Kasai Insurance, while the Ogden Vets and Davis County broke even in their match.

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Speakers Bureau Formed in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—In order to meet the demand for Nisei speakers by various civic and educational organizations, a speaker's bureau has been organized in Portland under the chairmanship of Abe Oyayama, according to the JACL.

Nisei willing to offer their services are asked to contact Mr. Oyayama.

A library will be formed in conjunction with the speakers bureau in order to keep all Nisei informed on the problems of minority groups.

Information

The present address of Megumo Makino, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, and the Columbia Mercantile company, 1123 Broadway, New York City, was sought this week by S/Sgt. George H. Kakehashi, who has contacted Mr. Makino's brother in Japan.

Mr. Makino's last known address was the Santa Fe camp.

Persons knowing his present address may contact Sgt. Kakehashi, 36979411, EM DET. ATIC, GHQ, APO 500, San Francisco, Calif.

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Nomura's Run Leads To Spartan Score Against Fresno State

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Babe Nomura sloshed 55 yards through the mud and water of Spartan field on Nov. 22 to set up the first San Jose State touchdown as his team defeated Fresno State, 13 to 2, to win the California Collegiate conference championship and a place in the Raisin Bowl on New Year's day.

On the sixth play of the game Nomura took a Fresno punt on his own 29-yard line and ran it back to the Fresno 16, where he lateraled to Tackle Val Marchi, who ran it down to the Fresno 5-yard line. San Jose scored in four plays.

The game was played in a driving rain.

Jake Kakuuchi played a sturdy game at guard for the San Jose team. Kakuuchi played for the Camp Grant army team during the war.

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