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## California Court Grants New Trial to Youth Awaiting Death For Murder of Nisei Veteran

SAN FRANCISCO—Leroy Bob, 19, of Stockton, Calif., awaiting execution in San Quentin's death row for the murder of George S. Yoshioka, wounded veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, in a Stockton alley on Nov. 16, 1945, was granted a new trial by the California Supreme Court on Dec. 5.

Bob and a companion, S. J. Johnson, also of Stockton, were convicted in separate trials of bludgeoning the 33-year old Nisei veteran to death.

## Denver Nisei Given British Military Medal

Shigeo Morishige  
Honored for Action  
With 442nd Unit

DENVER, Colo.—The British Military Medal for bravery in the field was presented to a quiet, unassuming veteran of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Shigeo Morishige of Denver, by H. S. Marchant, British consul in Denver, at a luncheon on Dec. 7 at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

Consul Marchant told luncheon guests that Morishige had distinguished himself in action on the British Eighth Army front in Italy.

He read the citation, which said that Morishige was being given the honor "for gallantry in action from July 1, 1944, to Aug. 31, 1944, with a machine gun section of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, attached to the British Eighth Army in Italy."

"During the fighting," the British consul said, "Morishige was thrice wounded before being evacuated from the combat area. His courage and tenacity . . . contributed much to the success of the Allied armies in Italy."

Governor Vivian, Mayor Stapleton and Congressman-elect John Carroll were among the guests at the luncheon, at which the Nisei veteran was honored.

## First U. S. Relief Shipment for Japan Arrives at Yokohama

PHILADELPHIA — The first shipment of relief supplies for Japan, valued at \$156,578, arrived at Yokohama November 30, the American Friends Service Committee was advised by cable on Dec. 4.

The shipment represents gifts of Americans made through the Brethren Service Committee, the Church World Service and the American Friends Service Committee. It sailed from Oakland, Calif., November 7 aboard the SS Howard Stansbury.

The 400-ton shipment included shoes, clothing, vitamins, milk, salt, dehydrated soup, hard candy, rice, flour, spaghetti, noodles, canned goods and multi-purpose meal.

Distribution will be made by the Japanese government in consultation with the Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia. Most of the supplies probably will be distributed in the larger cities, including Yokohama and Tokyo.

## Last Voluntary Repatriates Group Will Leave Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C. — The last group of voluntary repatriates of Japanese ancestry is scheduled to sail for Japan on or about Dec. 23 from Vancouver.

Nearly 300 persons are scheduled to depart and will comprise the fifth and final group of repatriates to leave Canada, bringing the total of voluntary repatriates to approximately 4000.

Nearly 200 of these repatriates are now awaiting the ship in Vancouver, while 41 others are expected from Slocan and 31 from Manitoba.

## Duration Lease Suit Won By Evacuee in California

### Army Chapel Given Fresno Church to Honor Nisei GIs

WASHINGTON — The War Assets Administration announced Dec. 10 the allocation of a surplus Army chapel to the Congregational Church of Fresno, Calif., for use as a memorial to Japanese American troops killed while fighting with United States forces in World War II. The Fresno church has members of Japanese descent, WAA said. Its pastor, the Rev. George Aki, served as chaplain with the 100th Battalion of the famous 442nd Combat Team which received a unit citation from President Truman last July.

## Nisei GI Held On Extortion Charge in Japan

Allegedly Received  
700 Thousand Yen from  
Building Contractors

TOKYO—The arrest of a Japanese American corporal in the U. S. Army on the charge of allegedly extorting 700,000 yen (\$46,666) from Japanese building contractors in Tokyo was disclosed on Dec. 4 by the provost marshals office of Allied headquarters.

The extortions ranged over a two-month period.

The report stated that the GI was attached to a unit dealing with Japanese builders renovating Tokyo billets and had obtained the money by threatening to cut off further work.

The report added that the corporal, who was not identified by Army officials, had purchased 250 pearls, sixteen unmounted cut diamonds, jeweled rings and other jewelry which he hoped to sent back to the United States with another Japanese American soldier.

The gems were recovered and the accomplice was arrested.

Both GIs are now being held for courts-martial.

## Southwest Council Will Hold Meeting

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest District Council of the JACL will hold a special meeting in Los Angeles on Dec. 22 with representatives of eleven chapters expected to attend, Karl Taku, San Luis Obispo, chairman of the group, announced this week.

that she was struck by a car driven by Hideo Yanagisako and suffered bodily injury and mental anguish.

## Co-ed Receives Real Estate License

PORTLAND, Ore. — May Abe, 21-year-old student at Lewis and Clark college, is reported by the Oregon Nippo as the first Nisei in Portland to receive a real estate license.

## Suit Filed Against Youth, Father in Los Angeles Court

LOS ANGELES—Hideo Yanagisako, 18, and his father, Tonichi Yanagisako, both of Jacob's ranch, Thermal, Calif., have been named as defendants in a \$15,000 personal damage suit filed in Los Angeles Superior court as a result of an accident in Los Angeles on Dec. 6.

Hattie Johnson and her husband, Dallas Johnson, are plaintiffs in the suit. Mrs. Johnson contended

## State Department Tells Steps To Facilitate Return of Nisei

Repatriation from  
Japan, China Outlined  
In New Procedure

NEW YORK—Procedure whereby Japanese Americans in the United States may facilitate the repatriation of their American citizen relatives who are in Japan or China was revealed by J. Holbrook Chapman, acting assistant chief of the State Department's special projects division, in a letter to Peter S. Aoki, executive director of the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, this week.

"Persons in the United States who desire to facilitate the repatriation of their American relatives in Japan and China are advised to communicate with such relatives directly and tell them to apply in person or in writing to the nearest American consular office in

China, or if they are in Japan, to the Yokohama branch of the Office of the American Political Adviser to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces, for registration as American citizens," Chapman stated.

"Each case when presented is examined on its individual merits," Chapman said. "If and when the American citizenship of an individual is established, it is possible to make arrangements for his or her transportation to the United States."

Aoki said requests for repatriation of relatives now in the Far East had been made by Japanese Americans to the Greater New York Committee.

"It is hoped that this information will clarify the exact procedure to follow in the repatriation of relatives who were stranded in Japan during the war," Aoki said.

## Believe Decision May Prove Basis for Returned Evacuees To Recover Leased Property

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—In a decision which is expected to provide a basis for returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry to recover lands and properties leased "for the duration of the war," Superior Court Judge Louis Drapeau of Ventura County ruled on Dec. 10 that the war is over in the suit of the Growers Garage against H. Y. Shimazu.

Judge Drapeau declined to grant the request of the Growers Garage which has instituted the court action to restrain Shimazu. in his eviction proceedings.

## Two Ex-Californians Get Top Posts on Tokyo Newspaper

TOKYO — Following last month's purge of ultra-nationalists, a shake-up in the management of the Nippon Times, Tokyo's English language daily, has resulted in the two top positions on the paper going to former Californians.

George Kiyoshi Togasaki, a veteran of the U. S. Army in World War I, is the new president of the Nippon Times company and Goro Murata, formerly of Los Angeles, is general manager.

## Protest Filed On Bias Shown By Patrolmen

SAN FRANCISCO—A protest has been lodged by Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California regional director of the JACL, with Raymond Cato, chief of the California highway patrol, charging discriminatory action by members of the highway patrol in accident cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry.

Masaoka cited the case of Masakazu Fujii, San Mateo Nisei who was cited for failure to give right of way and for excessive speed after his car was hit broadside while crossing a highway. The case was dismissed after the judge heard Fujii's account of the accident.

Masaoka said that in another case, still pending in court, a car driven by a person of Japanese ancestry was hit from the rear and damaged by a beverage company truck on the highway near Loomis. The state patrolman cited the Issei driver for "negligent driving."

## San Luis Obispo Hold Elections

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Patrick Nagano, veteran of both the Pacific and European war theaters, was elected president of the San Luis Obispo chapter of the JACL at the election meeting held on Dec. 6.

Other officers of the reactivated chapter are Hilo Fuchiwaki, vice-pres.; Yoshi Taku, rec. sec.; Iso Kobara, corres. sec.; Kazuo Ikeda, treas.; Karl Taku, official delegate; and Masaji Eto, alternate delegate.

The Growers Garage, a company composed of Caucasians, had leased the property from Shimazu at the time of the eviction. The lease agreement was signed "for the duration of the war."

On his return from relocation, Shimazu, a native of Hawaii, served eviction papers on the Growers Garage seeking the return of his property.

In his decision Judge Drapeau ruled that this lease was uncertain as to time and therefore the plaintiff had nothing more than a tenancy from month to month. On this basis, and because he declared that the war was over, the court refused to restrain Shimazu from proceeding with the eviction.

The garage company holding the lease is a subsidiary of the California Lettuce Growers, a concern that took over many Japanese American land leases in the Santa Maria valley at the time of the evacuation.

It was believed that the decision, if sustained by appellate courts, will provide a legal basis for the recovery of lands and properties which were leased by the evacuees in 1942 on a duration basis.

Shimazu was represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, legal counsellors for the JACL, and by Thomas Weldon, Santa Maria attorney.

Mr. Wirin commented that he believed the decision in the Shimazu case would set a favorable precedent and would aid other evacuees who had executed "duration leases" in regaining possession of their properties, subject to applicable OPA regulations.

The Growers Garage has indicated that it will appeal the case.

In Los Angeles the Japanese American Citizens League indicated that it was interested in further participation in the case, if the case is appealed by Growers' Garage, because of the importance of the issue involved to returned evacuees.

## Dr. Sato Named Research Chemist At Famed Institute

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dr. Yoshio Sato, graduate of Reed college, has been named a research chemist at the Rockefeller institute for medical research in New York City, according to word received here.

Dr. Sato was graduated from Reed in 1936 and took his master's degree at Oregon State. His wife, a graduate of the University of Oregon, is the former Lucy Shiogi of Portland.

## Twelve Returned Evacuees Act In New Hollywood Picture

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—For the first time since the evacuation, Japanese Americans are again acting before Hollywood cameras.

Twelve actors of Japanese ancestry were recruited recently for roles in a film about international narcotics enforcement, "Assigned to Treasury."

Scores of Japanese Americans were on the lists of Hollywood casting directors before the war, but only a handful have returned as yet. Two are now members of

the Screen Actors Guild while ten others were found to play Oriental characters in the narcotics film.

According to Bob Thomas, Hollywood reporter for the Associated Press, most of the Japanese Americans returned to the film colony from relocation camps but one, now working for Dick Powell and June Allyson, was a technical sergeant in the U. S. Army.

Robert Kino and a number of other Nisei played Oriental bit roles and extra parts in MGM's "Green Dolphin Street."



## West Coast JACL Leaders Approve Program, Budget At First Postwar Conclave

Authorization Given Anti-Discrimination Committee's Legislative Program; Unit Will Fight for Passage of Evacuee Indemnification Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Citizens League will continue its policy of defending and extending the citizens rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry during the coming year while the JACL's legislative arm, the Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., will participate directly in the fight for passage of measures for the indemnification of the losses of Japanese American evacuees and for the elimination of racial restrictions from the immigration and naturalization laws of the United States.

The JACL's program for the coming year as outlined at a recent meeting of the National JACL officers and staff in Salt Lake City was approved by representatives of the Pacific Southwest, Northern California and Pacific Northwest district councils on Dec. 7 and 8 at the first coast-wide conference of the JACL since the evacuation.

The delegates at the San Francisco meeting approved a budget of nearly \$120,000 for the JACL and the Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc. The three West Coast district councils will be asked to raise a major share of the \$71,000 needed to carry on the JACL's work and the \$65,000 which will be raised for the Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee which spearheaded the successful campaign against Proposition 15, the Alien Land law amendments, on the California ballot last month, will establish an office in Washington, D. C., with Mike M. Masaoka as executive secretary. Masaoka's post as national secretary of the JACL has been filled by Masao W. Satow who will leave his position as eastern representative of the JACL to establish his headquarters at the National JACL office in Salt Lake City.

The major portion of the budget allotted the Anti-Discrimination Committee will be used in the campaign for the passage of remedial legislation to remove statutory discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry and for the passage of the evacuee claims bill.

More than 80 delegates attended the sessions which were held at the Northern California regional office of the JACL and at the American Friends Service Center.

Principal speakers were Hugh Miller of the National Citizens Political Action Committee; James Stratten, director of the Booker T. Washington Institute; Judge Robert McWilliams; A. L. Wirin, attorney in civil liberties cases in-

### Halo Hirose Named on AAU All-American Team

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Takashi (Halo) Hirose, Hawaiian swimming star for Ohio State university, was named on the All-America 400-yard free-style relay team which was announced on Dec. 8 at the National AAU convention.

William Smith of Honolulu, another Ohio State star and a protege of Hawaii's famous swimming coach, Soichi Sakamoto, was named on the 400 and 800 yards relay teams and as All-America in the 200 yards free-style.

### Nisei Girls Among Beauty Queens in Detroit Contest

DETROIT, Mich.—Two Nisei girls were among the winners of the International Night beauty queens contest sponsored by the International Institute of Detroit last week.

They are May Horiuchi, formerly of Los Angeles, and Rose Nieda, formerly of Seattle. Miss Horiuchi is employed as a secretary at the International Institute while Rose Nieda is the wife of Dr. I. Nieda.

The judges were representatives of Detroit papers and the Powers modeling school.

The girls participated in a pageant on Dec. 8 at the Masonic auditorium.

Persons of Japanese ancestry; Charles Raudelbaugh, political writer for the San Francisco Chronicle and Dr. Yoshie Togasaki, San Francisco physician who recently returned after two years of service with UNRRA in Italy.

## Claims May Be Entered for Evacuee Property Damaged While in Government Storage

SAN FRANCISCO—Claims for damages to the properties of West Coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry which were held by the government in storage may be filed at the International Institute or with the Japanese American Citizens League office in San Francisco, Bob C. L. George of the Institute's Japanese project declared this week.

George pointed out that these claims may not be made for property damaged in transit or for property which was lost during the time of evacuation.

He said that in filing claims it would be necessary to send an affidavit listing the items lost or damaged and their value, as well as statements and available evidence that the loss was caused by negligence of the employees of the War Relocation Authority.

Persons who wish to send claims directly or who wish to have help in making claims should have photostats made of bills of lading, storage receipts and other identifying data which must be turned over to the government for permanent files.

Mr. George stated that it is also necessary to point out that these claims must be filed within one year of the date of the loss or damage and may not exceed \$1000. All affidavits must be sworn to before a notary public.

It was stated that direct applications should be addressed to Boyd N. Larsen, chief, War Agency Liquidation Unit, Washington 25,

D. C. Persons in the San Francisco area who wish to make claims were advised to consult with the International Institute or the JACL in order to be sure of their claims.

Mr. George advised that property losses suffered by the evacuees may be divided into four categories:

(1) Losses coming directly from the evacuation. Claim for this loss can only be acknowledged by the passage of an evacuee indemnification bill by Congress.

(2) "Contraband" items left with State officials and not yet returned, which are claimable by suit through the State Attorney General or by filing affidavits with the United States Marshal's office.

(3) Loss from negligence of employees of the WRA, claimable by filing the information listed above for sums not exceeding \$1,000.00. For larger sums, a suit must be instituted through the United States District Court.

(4) Loss suffered during shipment of property which is covered directly by the ten cents per pound insurance of the United States government.

"All persons in the San Francisco area who wish to present statements concerning their losses on property are urged to apply for service at the International Institute immediately in order to have this information straight and to keep the proper papers collected," Mr. George said. "You are urged not to destroy bills of lading, receipts or other kinds of signed property identification."

## 40-Page Holiday Issue Will Be Published by Pacific Citizen

The Pacific Citizen will publish a 40-page special holiday issue December 21.

The special edition, which will have a resettlement theme, will carry articles and features by leading writers on subjects concerning Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Included in the issue will be articles by Dillon S. Myer, Togo Tanaka, Bill Hosokawa Ralph G. Martin, John Kitasako, John Reinicke, Fred Fertig, Masao Satow, Mineo Katagiri, Lawrence Nakatsuka, Alf T. Hansen, Aubrey Haan, Elmer Smith, Frank Miyamoto, Frank Moritsugu and Saburo Kido.

Features have been contributed by Toshio Mori, Masaru Horiuchi, Sachi L. Wada and Jobo Nakamura.

Mr. Myer's article discusses the first "post-WRA Christmas." Bill Hosokawa has written "Down Larimer Way," while Togo Tanaka looks at Chicago resettlement in "They Won't Go Back Again."

Ralph Martin writes about Hood River today in "The Day the Signs Came Down."

John Kitasako's article is on Washington, D. C., while Fred Fertig has penned "A Letter to a Nisei Friend."

Lawrence Nakatsuka, John Reinecke and Mineo Katagiri are represented in a special section on Hawaii's politics, labor and economy.

A. T. Hansen, former community analyst at Heart Mountain, writes on the return of the evacuees to the Santa Clara valley, while Elmer Smith, former community analyst at Minadoka, presents a study of Japanese Americans in Utah.

Aubrey Haan discusses race and words in "Carriers of Prejudice." Frank Miyamoto, sociologist at the University of Washington, offers a study of returned evacuees in Seattle.

Frank Moritsugu, associate editor of the New Canadian, tells about the present dilemma of Canada's 20,000 persons of Japanese ancestry.

Special photographs for the Pacific Citizen's annual holiday issue have been taken by Henry Yamada and Toge Fujihira of New York, Hikaru Iwasaki of Denver, Vincent Tajiri of Chicago, Bill Hatanaka of Los Angeles and Ben Terashima of Salt Lake City. The art work is by Allen Neilsen and Carl Shiraishi.

## Legality of California School Segregation Argued in Court

JACL Enters Case Of Mexican Americans As "Friends of Court"

SAN FRANCISCO—The legality of the segregation of school children of Mexican ancestry by the Westminster School District in Orange County was argued on Dec. 9 during the hearings on an appeal before the Ninth United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The school district appealed an injunction issued by Federal Judge Paul McCormick restraining the district from further segregation of school children.

The constitutionality of the California school code which authorizes school districts to segregate children of "Indian, Japanese and Chinese" ancestry is at stake in the case. The code has not been invoked against Japanese American children since 1940, when a segregated school for Oriental American children in the Sacramento delta area was closed.

The Japanese American Citizens League has signed a brief in the Westminster school case, which holds that the California code is in violation of the United States Constitution.

Attorney David C. Marcus defended the Federal court injunction and declared that the segregation of children of Mexican lineage violated the fifth and fourteenth amendment of the Constitution.

Attorneys for the school district contended that California state laws, rather than Federal statutes were involved and contended that the school board had the right to continue its practices of segregating Mexican American children.

The court, sitting en banc, took the case under advisement.

The segregation of 5000 students of Mexican or Latin descent in Santa Ana and in the Southern California School Districts of Westminster Field, Garden Grove and El Modena.

Jack E. Ogle, Orange County counsel, and Deputies Royal E. Hubbard and George F. Holden conceded in their arguments that segregation was a violation of the California law, but held that the U. S. Supreme Court had ruled that "segregation is not a crime when equal facilities are provided for the segregated minorities."

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the ACLU and the National JACL, argued that Orange County's segregation unquestionably was a violation of civil rights.

### Tanabe Will Speak At Mass Meeting

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Eiji Tanabe, Southern California region director of the JACL, will speak at a mass meeting commemorating the Bill of Rights on Dec. 15 at the Municipal Auditorium in Ocean Park.

## List 39 Nisei Among School's War Dead

Japanese Americans From U. of Hawaii Killed in Action

HONOLULU — Thirty-nine Japanese American students and alumni are listed among University of Hawaii's war dead of World War II, according to a list prepared recently by the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, who are collecting the names for a proposed war memorial.

Seventy-eight University of Hawaii students and alumni were killed during the war while serving in the armed services, according to the ASUH figures to date.

The Japanese Americans, students and alumni, who were killed include:

Noboru Fujinaka, Akira Fukuda, Knichi Ichimura, Katsuto Komatsu, Yoshio Kubo, Toshio Miura, Robert S. Murata, Yoshio Ogomori, Francis K. Oyakawa, Uichi Sakamoto, Theodore Sueoka, Mitsuo Tanji, Honolulu.

Jenhatsu Chinen, Ewa, Oahu.

Edward S. Fuyumuro, Aiea, Oahu.

Masao Iha, Grover K. Nagaji, Waipahu, Oahu.

Jitsuro Fujikawa, Rankichi Matsumura, Teiji T. Oishi, Katsushi Tanouye, Hilo, Hawaii.

Gary Tsuruo Hisaoka, Hawaii, T. H.

George S. Ikeda, Honolulu, Hawaii, T. R.

Toshio Kiritto, Pahala.

Saburo Makazato, Hakalau.

Katsuaki Miho, Daniel Sueo Noda, Kahului, Maui.

Harold T. Higashi, Hiroichi Tomita, Kenkichi K. Teruya, Yogi Yasui, Wailuku, Maui.

Saburo Maehara, Puunene, Maui.

Akio Nishikawa, Hiroshi Watanabe, Paia, Maui.

Haruyuki Ikemoto, Hamakua, Maui.

Daniel S. Betsui, Hanapepe, Kauai.

Howard Mitsuru Urabe, Ken- sei Yamashiro, Kapaa, Kauai.

Tom T. Miyamoto, George Koi- chi Moriwake, addresses unknown.

The men were members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team.

### Attorney

CHICAGO—Joe Y. Shibata has returned from the army to open an office for the practice of law at the Central YMCA building, 19 S. La Salle St., Suite 1310.

star, lead their team with assorted runs and passes in a rough and rugged GI-style game marked by 19 penalties and 170 yards lost.

Mochizuki scored one touchdown and passed to Tom Salles for another.

### Mariko Mukai Set For Appearance with Scarsdale Group

NEW YORK—Mariko Mukai, young Nisei soprano, will be the guest soloist at the Scarsdale Chorale concert, which will be held on Dec. 14.

Ms. Mukai, who has made several appearances on the radio in recent months, also will participate in a program at the national assembly of the International Student Christian Association, to be held on Dec. 31 at the University of Illinois.

### Mochizuki Leads Team to Victory In Game in Germany

FRANKFORT, Germany—Akira Mochizuki, GI grid star from Los Angeles, led the Ninth Division special troops eleven to a 20 to 7 victory over the 16th Infantry Regiment at the Ausberg Rose Bowl on Dec. 7.

Three thousand fans saw Mochizuki and player-coach Willin van Lindingham, former Fresno State

## Report Title Companies Refuse To Issue Policies to Nisei As Result of Oyama Decision

SAN FRANCISCO—Many land title companies in California have refused to issue policies on property owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry as a result of the recent California Supreme Court decision in the Oyama test case which upheld the constitutionality of the Alien Land Law, the Nichi-Bei Times reported last week.

The Nichi-Bei Times also declared that legal entanglements involving residential property and further prosecution of escheat suits against Japanese American property owners were other developments which followed the Oyama case decision.

It was reported that the Sonoma County Land and Title Co. of Petaluma has refused to write a policy for Katsukuma Uyeda of that city on his property in Sebastopol. Uyeda, who purchased the property in 1940, was born in Japan but is a naturalized citizen because of his U. S. Army service during World War I. His wife, however, is a Japanese national and the title company turned down the application for policy because of this fact.

As a result of the Oyama decision, the title company advised Uyeda to file a petition for declaratory relief with either the county district attorney or the attorney

general of California. It was stated that within 180 days the county or state will either issue or refuse to issue a disclaimer, which is a declaration on the part of state or county officials that they recognize the American citizen of Japanese ancestry as the legal owner and will not file any escheat suits to confiscate the property in the future. Such disclaimers already have been issued in the state in several cases involving Japanese Americans.

The Nichi-Bei Times said that because of the danger that such petitions for declaratory relief may be turned into escheat cases in the event the county or state refuses to issue a disclaimer, the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union in San Francisco had urged that all Japanese Americans contact the CRDU office before proceeding in order to protect their own interests to the fullest extent.

Two such petitions for declaratory relief are being contested by San Diego County while two others were granted. All of these San Diego cases involved residential property. Heretofore, most Alien Land law prosecutions were directed against ownership of agricultural property.



## Legion Post Honors Nisei In Palo Alto

Mayor Hails Wartime Record of Group at Community Dinner

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Eight Nisei veterans from Palo Alto and nearby communities were honored at the regular monthly meeting of the Palo Alto Post 375, American Legion last week.

The eight veterans were among the 40 Japanese American veterans of World War II who were honored at a dinner earlier the same evening by the Japanese American community of Palo Alto.

Dr. California Ushiro, formerly a major and a front-line surgeon with the 442nd Combat Team, had declared that the Nisei veterans in Palo Alto want to join the local post of one of the established national veterans organizations rather than form a group of their own. The invitation to attend the Legion meeting was extended by officials of the Palo Alto post.

J. B. Blois, mayor of Palo Alto, was one of the speakers at the dinner honoring the Nisei veterans. He joined with Dr. Ushiro, Sidney Brannaman, junior past commander of the American Legion 16th District, and Gene Bishop, publisher of the Palo Alto Times, in commending the wartime record of the Japanese American group.

Ken Kitasako and Arthur Okada presided at the dinner which was held at Bertrand's restaurant.

## New York JACL To Hold Elections

NEW YORK—The annual elections of the New York chapter of the JACL will be held on Dec. 18 at the Methodist church on 108th Street.

Mrs. Everett James Starr, the former Miss Yurino Takayoshi, heads the retiring cabinet of the organization.

The nominations committee, headed by Sam Kai, has presented the name of Tom Hayashi for president of the chapter during the coming year. Kai stressed, however, that the committee welcomed additional nominations from the floor at the election meeting.

Others nominated include Ina Sugihara and Harry Kuwada, vice-pres.; Mary Inouye, rec. sec.; Chiz Hayashi, corres. sec.; Mitty Kimura, treas.; Amy Yoshinaga, historian; Grace Hashiguchi and Chiz Ikeda, publicity dir.; Mitsuo Takami, membership; Toshio Sasaki and Masaji Murai, financial director, and Toshi Miyazaki, program director.

## Morishita Elected President of Idaho Falls JACL

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Sadao Morishita was elected president of the Idaho Falls chapter of the JACL at the election meeting on December 5.

He will succeed Eli Kobayashi in guiding the JACL unit during the coming year.

Other new officers include: Sam Sakaguchi, vice-pres.; Joe Nishioka, treas.; Martha Yamasaki, sec.; Martha Nishioka and Jun Ueda, social chairmen; Yukio Inouye, Sam Yamasaki, official delegates; Takeo Sato, athletic manager; Fred Ochi, reporter; Todd Ogawa and Charlie Hirai, sergeants-at arms.

Plans for a Christmas party were approved. A dance for returned GIs in the Idaho Falls area will be held on the evening after the Christmas party.

Support also was voiced for the Christmas dance to be sponsored by the Pocatello JACL chapter.

## Chicago Christians Hear Appeal for Relief to Europe

CHICAGO—More than 200 persons attended the Thanksgiving rally of the Chicago Nisei Christian group on Nov. 27 at the Chicago Temple.

Helen Tashiro and Frances Yano were co-chairmen of the affair. Peter Matsumoto acted as master of ceremonies.

Helen Suzukida, who recently returned from a trip to Europe with a Christian youth group, spoke on the necessity for additional relief shipments to Europe.

## Ex-GI Back at Disney Studio



HOLLYWOOD — Chris Ishii, veteran of the China-Burma Theater, is back at his drawing board at the Walt Disney studios in Burbank, Calif., after his return from service in Army intelligence. Ishii created the best-known cartoon character of the assembly and relocation center newspapers, "Little Neebo," featured in the Granada Pioneer.—Photo for Pacific Citizen by Bill Hatanaka.

## Use of Nisei GIs in Army's Occupation of Japan Follows "Two-Way Passage" Proposal

Use of Japanese Americans Considered by Ex-Marine Correspondent as Big Factor In Rapid Reconversion of Japan Nation

MILFORD, N. J.—Japanese Americans from the Pacific coast and Hawaii are doing an important job in the U. S. Army occupation of Japan, Frederick A. Orehek, former Marine correspondent in Japan, declares in an article in the latest issue of Trends and Tides, a paper of information and opinion published by Louis Adamic, noted author.

Orehek noted that the role of Japanese Americans in the occupation exemplified the "Two-Way Passage" idea advanced in a pre-Pearl Harbor book in which the latter advocated the use of Americans in old world, ancestral lands to accelerate the processes of democratization.

Pointing out that Adamic had suggested that first and/or second generation Americans be sent back to countries of their origin as working representatives of a democracy, Orehek said:

"This system is being exploited to its greatest advantage in Japan, where I observed the plan in action for ten months and believe that this factor plays a big factor in the rapid reconversion from war to peace status."

"Japanese American boys from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Honolulu and the truck farms of California and Hawaii adapted themselves to important tasks with alacrity in occupation posts from Tokyo to the smallest hamlets in Japan. They were the perfect bridge between the Orient and the Occident," Orehek said.

The ex-Marine correspondent said that the American military government took control of Japan with a staff of Nisei who were trained for specific jobs in U. S. and Hawaiian schools.

"Established authorities were interrogated by Nisei well versed in the Japanese manner of intrigue. With a natural knowledge of the native character the Nisei was able to penetrate the enigmatic forces that dominated wartime Japan," he added. "He easily ferreted out reactionary leaders through personal observation and contact with the common people. First hand investigation and translations of documents proved invaluable."

Orehek said the people of Japan respected the tall American for his clothes and equipment "but a soldier kissing a Japanese girl in a cabaret wasn't selling democracy."

"Alert to the Japanese moral traditions and customs, the Nisei, on the other hand, commanded

the mutual respect of both the Americans and the Japanese. He realized that he was there to do a serious job and that the natives watched his every move."

Orehek recommended that the program of "Two-Way Passage" can and should be expanded in Japan.

"Thousands of Japanese Americans are being discharged to learn that readjustment is difficult in California even after they proved their loyalty on the battlefield. They could and should be given opportunity for positions in Japan and be of positive value to themselves, the U. S., Japan and the world," Orehek concluded.

## Lois Kanagawa Will Play at CCYBA Concert in Fresno

FRESNO, Calif.—Lois Kanagawa, violinist, will appear as guest artist on the benefit concert to be sponsored by the Central California Young Buddhists association on Dec. 29 at the Fresno State College auditorium.

The concert will feature Masako Ono, soprano.

Miss Kanagawa began her college career at Fresno State in 1941, studying violin under Karl Kultti, concert master of the college's symphony orchestra.

Following the evacuation in 1942 she taught more than 20 students at the Poston relocation center.

In 1943 she relocated to Fairfield, Iowa where she enrolled at Parsons college. During 1944 and 1945 she studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

At the present time Miss Kanagawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Kanagawa of Sanger, Calif., is enrolled at the College of the Pacific.

The concert is a benefit for the organ fund of the CCYBA.

## U.S. District Court Denies Appeal by 100 Japanese Now Facing Deportation

After hearing arguments challenging the constitutionality of the immigration and naturalization laws under which more than 100 aliens face forced deportation, Federal District Judge Tillman D. Johnson upheld the legality of the statutes in a decision handed down following the conclusion of arguments on Dec. 13. A. L. Wirin, attorney for the Japanese alien group, announced that the case would now be taken to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. Judge Johnson indicated that he would sign an order which would grant a stay of deportation for the appellants until the latter have exhausted their avenues of judicial appeal.

Challenging the right of the government to deport forcibly more than one hundred aliens of Japanese ancestry, a test case on the Justice Department's deportation program was heard by Judge Tillman D. Johnson in United States district court in Salt Lake City on Dec. 13.

A. L. Wirin, noted Los Angeles civil liberties attorney, charged that the 1940 amendment to the Immigration Act which authorizes discretionary action by the Attorney General on cases

involving hardship to citizen members of deportable families was invalid because it discriminated against aliens of Japanese ancestry. Under the 1940 amendment the Attorney General has authority to grant stays of deportation only on hardship cases involving "aliens eligible to naturalization."

Mr. Wirin and Saburo Kido are representing the more than 100 appellants in the case. Thomas B. Coolley II, director of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Justice Department, appeared in court for the government.

Wirin told the court that the Justice Department was carrying on its deportation program despite a request from Rep. Lesinski, chairman of the House Immigration Committee, to withhold action on forced deportation until Congress has an opportunity to act on legislation which would eliminate discriminatory racial restrictions from the immigration and naturalization statutes. Bills were introduced in the 79th Congress by Rep. Herman Eberharter, D., Pa., and Rep. George Miller, D., Calif., and Mr. Wirin indicated that similar legislation probably will be introduced when the new Congress convenes in January.

The 100 appellants include all classes of "aliens ineligible to citizenship" who have been served with deportation orders. The group includes treaty merchants who have lost their legal status as a result of the abrogation of the trade treaty between the United States and Japan as well as illegal entrants. More than 400 other persons, citizen members of the families of the deportees, will be forced to accept expatriation if the deportation proceedings are carried out, it was pointed out.

Wirin claimed that forced deportation of Japanese aliens to Japan at the present time constituted "cruel and unusual punishment" because of the breakdown of Japan's economy and living condition was a result of the war. He stressed that the deportation was illegal because Japan was not now an independent nation.

He cited the individual case of a 70-year-old woman who faced deportation to atom-bombed Hiroshima.

Mr. Wirin noted that the National JACL was cooperating in the test case and that the JACL's interest was that of the citizens of Japanese ancestry who would suffer hardships if parents and other relatives who were Japanese nationals were deported. He said that he was prepared to carry the issue to the United States Supreme Court.

The deportation of the principals involved has been withheld by the government pending the outcome of the Federal court cases.

## Idaho Governor Will Speak at JACL Parley

Intermountain Area Chapters Will Hold Post-War Convention

BOISE, Idaho — Governor Arnold Williams of Idaho is expected to be one of the main speakers at the first post-war convention of the Intermountain District Council of the JACL, to be held in Weiser and Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Other speakers will include Prof. Elmer R. Smith, anthropologist of the University of Idaho and former community analyst at Minidoka, Mayor Westerman Whillock of Boise, Mayor F. S. Gwilliam of Weiser and the Most Rev. Rhea of Boise.

Joe Saito of Ontario, Ore., and Tom Takatori of Parma, Idaho, have been named as general chairmen for the three-day session.

The first two days of the convention will be held in Weiser, while Boise will be host for the final day. Convention headquarters in Weiser will be the Hotel Washington, while Hotel Boise will be the headquarters for the Dec. 16 sessions.

The following committees are at work on the convention: Souvenir programs, Jim Watanabe, Payette, Idaho; pictures, Manabu Yamada, Nampa; registration, Etsu Nishioka, Caldwell; oratorical, Mary Ban, Nampa; publicity, Ted Takeshita, Parma; transportation, George Hashitani, Nyssa, Ore.; housing, Don Sugai, Ontario, Ore.; finance, George Hara, Caldwell, and Mas Yano, Weiser; reception, Alice Nishitani, Nyssa, and Bette Arima, Homedale, Idaho; discussion, Mun Iseri, Ontario; athletics, Henry Suyehira, Emmett, Idaho; and general arrangements, Mamaro Wakasugi, Weiser.

The Snake River chapter of the JACL will be hosts at the sessions in Weiser, which will also include an oratorical contest, a panel discussion and a bowling tournament.

The Boise Valley chapter will be in charge of the Boise part of the meet on Dec. 16. In addition to the business sessions, a banquet and a ball will be held and the finals of the bowling tournament will be staged.

Bowling teams from chapters of the Intermountain District of the JACL are expected to enter the tournament.

Hito Okada, national president of the JACL; Masao Satow, national executive secretary; and Masaru Horiuchi, national office secretary, will be among the National JACL officials attending the convention.

## Family Reports Intimidation Attempt by Real Estate Agent

Neighbors Protest Visits by Nisei, Negroes to Home

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Asked by a neighborhood real estate agent to explain the presence of persons of Japanese and Negro ancestry entertained in their home, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Prosin of 12412 Sylvan street have reported the incident to the Los Angeles County sheriffs' subversive activities office, it was reported this week.

The real estate agent, J. J. Har-

lan of 12452 Victory boulevard represented himself as a delegate sent by "white people" in the neighborhood and reportedly called on the Prosins. After ascertaining that the property was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Prosin, the agent asked them to explain the frequent presence of "Negroes and Japanese."

The Prosins answered they were not obligated to make any excuses.

Two years ago the Prosins were threatened by nearby residents while living at 6121 Colfax street, North Hollywood, because Negro soldiers visited them, they said.



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## EDITORIALS:

### "Two-Way Passage"

Shortly before the outbreak of the war Louis Adamic wrote "Two-Way Passage," a book in which he suggested that the United States send first and second generation Americans to countries of their racial origin in order that they might help in the establishment or extension of democracy. When first suggested, the "Two-Way Passage" idea was intended primarily for European reconstruction and both Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were familiar with it as Mr. Adamic has shown in his latest book, "Dinner at the White House."

Today the "Two-Way Passage" idea of Mr. Adamic is being applied by the United States, not in Europe, but in Japan, where more than 5,000 trained Japanese American soldiers from the continental United States and Hawaii have played an irreplaceable role in the conduct of the military occupation of the defeated nation. Undoubtedly, as Frederick Orehek points out in the current issue of Trends and Tides, the occupation of Japan would not have proceeded as smoothly as it has if it were not for the presence of trained Nisei specialists, whose bilingual abilities have made them "the perfect bridge between the Orient and the Occident."

Japanese American GIs were with the first American units to land on Japan after V-J day and the presence of these Nisei in American uniform did more than any other factor to explode the propaganda of the Japanese leaders that the United States was engaged in a race war against Japan. The Nisei were able to cut through a wall of suspicion and fear and were able to win the cooperation of the ordinary Japanese citizen to the tasks of the occupation.

It is probably one of the contradictions of our time that the Nisei, many of whom were confined in concentration centers at the outset of the war, went on to play an important part in the military victory over Japan and in the occupation of the defeated country. Since much of the hope of a lasting peace rests on future conditions in the Pacific, the Nisei, through their present roles in the occupation, have made for themselves a place in history.

### The Roots of Racism

To Americans of Japanese ancestry the outward symbols of racism have been the "No Japs Wanted" signs which were widely distributed along the West Coast during the war years and which were designed to discourage the return of the evacuees to their home areas. Some Japanese Americans also have experienced the terrible excesses of racist hate and have been victimized through physical violence and such acts of terrorism as gunfire and the burning of homes.

Other minority group Americans have been similarly victimized. In Georgia, a group of native Nazis, organized as Columbians, Inc., initiated a campaign against Negroes and Jews and boasted that once they had succeeded in the extermination of these groups they would start on "the Chinese and other nationalities."

In Redwood City, Calif., on Dec. 6, terrorists, after warning a Negro war veteran and his family "to get the hell out of this district," burned the home to the ground.

Behind the outward expressions of racism, whether it is directed against the Negro, the Nisei, the Jew, the Spanish-speaking American or any other member of a minority group, is an equally vicious framework of discriminatory attitudes which hinder opportunities of these Americans in employment, recreation and housing.

What makes racial prejudice? A public

opinion survey authorized by the American Jewish Committee and conducted by Dr. Else Frenkel Brunswik, psychologist at the University of California, recently presented some interesting answers to this question.

Dr. Brunswik found that prejudiced persons often use minority group Americans as the scapegoats for their own character faults.

According to the Associated Press, Dr. Brunswik reported that persons who have inclinations toward such things as laziness, uncleanness or thoughts about sex which they do not like to admit even to themselves may try to clear their consciences by nursing a disapproval of people whom they consider more appropriate for the role. Negroes and Mexicans, Dr. Brunswik added, make good targets for these feelings because they are "submerged minorities"—that is, economically or socially underprivileged and therefore exposed to lower standards of living, which makes it easier for their critics to attribute to them also lower standards of behavior.

Prejudice against Jews is along this same line, but in reverse, according to Dr. Brunswik. Here the prejudiced person feels that Jews have traits which they would like to attribute to themselves, such as too much drive, too much intelligence or too much power, and prejudiced individuals feel a minority should not have such characteristics.

However, minorities could not possibly conduct themselves in a way to please their critics, Dr. Brunswik said. For instance, she added, Jews are accused at the same time of being clannish and also of being too gregarious.

Prejudiced people have one trait in common. They are unable to recognize any faults in themselves or in the group to which they belong.

And whether the prejudice is directed against the Nisei or against any of the other groups in America, the motivation is the same. Thus Jim Crowism and anti-Semitism should concern all minority group Americans. So long as racism lives, no member of any minority is secure.

### Segregated Schools

*"I attended East Florin grammar school in the County of Sacramento, State of California. Even at this early age we were subject to discrimination for the school was for Japanese and Chinese only and apart from the Caucasians' school. We felt out of place and memories such as these remain deeply imbedded even at this time. We were not treated equally, we were inferior, and as children we felt lost and unwanted..."*

The above quotation is taken from a letter in the files of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California as reproduced in "The Spoilage," the study of Japanese American evacuation and resettlement, which was published this week by the University of California Press. The writer is a Nisei who asked for denationalization while confined at the Tule Lake segregation center and the letter was written in an effort to define the impulse which led this American citizen to renounce his citizenship following evacuation and detention.

The lesson of the letter is that segregation is not conducive to good citizenship. Segregated schools, whether in California or in the Deep South, can only breed a sense of inferiority and frustration for the segregates. Several such segregated schools existed for Oriental American children in the Sacramento delta area of California until as late as 1940. When they were finally abandoned, it was because the school districts involved decided that separate facilities for minority group children were financially impracticable and not because the underlying principle of segregation had been determined to be anti-democratic.

Although there are no segregated schools in California today for Oriental Americans, such schools still exist for children of Mexican or Latin descent. The Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco this week heard the appeal of the Westminster school district in Orange County from an injunction issued by a Federal district court, which prohibited the practice of segregating school children. The practice of education segregation is authorized in California's school code, which permits separate schools for children of Indian and Oriental descent at the discretion of the individual school district.

The present court case has shown the anti-democratic nature of the California school code. It is to be hoped that the discriminatory provisions of this law will be repealed at the next session of the legislature.

# Nisei USA

## Hollywood and the Nisei

There was a wire service story out of Hollywood this week that the Nisei were back in the film industry. The story apparently was planted by a press agent for a B thriller called "Assigned to Treason," which has to do with the international narcotics traffic. Actually, the few people of Japanese ancestry now connected with motion picture production have been back for some time, in fact ever since the exclusion orders were lifted.

The motion pictures gave the Nisei a pretty raw deal during the early part of the war, when scenario writers and film producers apparently believed the sabotage stories which were circulated just before the evacuation was ordered by Gen. DeWitt. Films like "Across the Pacific," "Air Force" and "Little Tokyo, USA" were produced and circulated, spreading the libel that the Nisei were saboteurs.

Dudley Nichols, one of the screen's best craftsmen and one of Hollywood's leading liberals, wrote the screen play for "Air Force," which pictured Japanese American fifth columnists on Maui and repeated the fiction that Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry had traitorously impeded the defense of the islands on Pearl Harbor day. Nichols, who has written such memorable films as "The Informer," "Stagecoach" and "The Long Voyage Home," apparently believed the race-baiters who were circulating the Nisei sabotage stories at the time he wrote the scenario. However, neither he nor the Warner Brothers, who presented "Air Force" as one of the biggest productions of 1943, have publicly admitted they were wrong. Protests to Warner Brothers regarding the film's racist content proved unavailing and the picture still is circulating its dangerous lies in shabby grind houses and in the Bijous and Lyceums of the far sticks.

In contrast, John Garfield, the star of "Air Force" and an actor with an active social conscience, has been interested in doing a Nisei story which would counteract the harm done by "Air Force," although he personally had nothing to do with the content of the latter. Garfield has considered the role of Ben Kuroki in "The Boy From Nebraska," but no Hollywood producer will touch a war picture at the present time, much less one which dealt with racial intolerance in the United States.

Warner Brothers also produced "Across the Pacific," which was a story of a Nisei renegade who attempts to blow up the Panama Canal and who is frustrated by Humphrey Bogart. "Across the Pacific" was written and directed by John Huston, the young writer-director who made "The Maltese Falcon." Huston later went to war and made one of the finest of Army war films, "San Pietro," about a battle in Italy. Huston, who cast a Nisei character (played on the screen by Sen Yung) as the villain of a spy story, served on the Italian front and knows today about the star-spangled courage of the men of the 442nd Combat Team.

John McManus, then the film critic of New York's PM, wrote some time ago that he thought the story of the 442nd Combat Team would make an exciting movie. McManus' comment was inspired by an issue of the monthly publication of the Screen Writers' Guild in Hollywood, which told the story of the Japanese American Combat Team. The appearance of this article in the official publication of Hollywood writers signaled the change in the film industry's attitude on the Nisei. The only picture to use Nisei characters since that time has been "Tokyo Rose," produced by Pine-Thomas and released by Paramount, which showed Nisei agents working in the Japanese underground with other anti-fascists. Keye Luke played a California Nisei who has been planted inside Japan as an American agent and who helps in the kidnapping of "Tokyo Rose." The title role in the film was played by Lotus Long, whose off-screen name was Pearl Suetomi and who is of Japanese-Caucasian ancestry. Miss Suetomi, who has been in more than a score of films, had her biggest role as the lead in MGM's "Eskimo" some years ago.

The worst of the wartime hate films directed against Japanese Americans was Universal's "Little Tokyo, USA," which even mocked the efforts of Nisei in Los Angeles to express their loyalty to the United States following the outbreak of war. "Little Tokyo, USA" was Hollywood's effort to justify the evacuation by picturing West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry as scheming spies and saboteurs and the film's conclusion was a series of actual newsreel shots of the 1942 evacuation.

Several other anti-Nisei films were announced, but were not produced as Hollywood learned about the Nisei GIs and their role in both the Pacific and European wars.

Hollywood's attitude toward the Nisei in its films in 1942 and 1943 undoubtedly was influenced by the fact that the film industry was located on the West Coast and its judgments were swayed by prevailing public opinions. It is a fact that when the evacuees returned to the coastal area Hollywood personalities were among the first to offer employment and Edward Small, an independent producer, was among the first to re-employ a returned evacuee. One studio did turn down a Nisei war veteran because of his race, but the incident was made into a nation-wide issue by Walter Winchell and the ex-GI received job offers from other studios. Eddie Imadzu, art director at MGM, never was off the studio's list, although he was in the Rohwer war relocation center in Arkansas for nearly two years. Imadzu, who has been at MGM for some 20 years, found his old job waiting when he returned. He is listed as art director on the Margaret O'Brien film, "Three Wise Fools," which was released recently. Al Nozaki, who did the sets for the Claudette Colbert picture, "Maid of Salem," shortly before the war, is back at Paramount.

Melvyn Douglas was the first Hollywood star to publicly back the right of the Nisei to return to the West Coast. That was in 1942, but later many other Hollywood stars spoke out against anti-Nisei terrorism. Actors like Gregory Peck, Edward G. Robinson, Bette Davis, John Garfield, Joe E. Brown, Franchot Tone, Frank Sinatra, Humphrey Bogart, Danny Kaye, Ingrid Bergman, Olivia de Havilland, Rita Hayworth, Orson Welles and many, many others have been outspoken in their condemnation of discrimination against minority groups. Director Frank Capra wanted to use Ben Kuroki in an Army training film, but the idea was quashed by Army brass. Ronald Reagan, Louise Albritton, Richard Loo and others spoke at an Orange County mass meeting which followed General Stilwell's award of a posthumous DSC to a Nisei hero at a time when anti-evacuee activities were still numerous on the Pacific coast.

In the days before the screen learned to speak, a number of actors of Japanese ancestry attained considerable prominence in Hollywood. The best known were Sessue Hayakawa and Sojin Kamiyama, although there were many others. In later years only a few have attained feature billing. Toshia Mori was once built up as a Wampus baby star by Columbia after she had appeared with Barbara Stanwyck in Frank Capra's "The Bitter Tea of General Yen." Among the best-known of the featured players were Otto Yamaoka, Iris Yamaoka, Tetsu Komai, Teru Shimada, Mike Morita and Joe Hayakawa. Japanese American actors were used in various Oriental roles. Komai, for example, appeared in successive films as a Filipino rebel, a Chinese businessman, a Manchu war lord and a Japanese detective. Since the evacuation all of these roles, as well as the many Japanese roles in pictures about the Pacific war, have been played by Chinese, Filipino and Korean actors.

Although Japanese American actors are back in Hollywood, casting calls have been few as a result of the Johnston office policy following V-J day, which has put a taboo on motion pictures showing the Japanese in villainous roles. As a result most studios have put Pacific stories on the shelf. One direct result of this policy. (Continued on page 6)



## Vagaries

### Libel Suit . . .

Harry Bridges, international president of the ILWU, has been subpoenaed as a witness in the libel suit brought by a Honolulu businessman, Edward Berman, against Frank Kawano, president of the Honolulu local of the longshoremen's union. Berman filed suit against Kawano on the charge that he was libeled in an ILWU circular distributed before the Nov. elections. . . .

### Nisei Heroine . . .

Sono Osato may be starred in the Larney Goodkind production of Joseph Anthony's new play, "Some of the Sky." If Miss Osato takes the leading role of the Nisei girl, Manayo, in the play, rehearsals will be held up until after the birth of her child next month. . . .

### New Canadian . . .

Frank Moritsugu, associate editor of the New Canadian, only Japanese Canadian weekly newspaper, discusses the reluctance of Canada's evacuees to move east under the government's dispersal program in his article, "Why the Japanese Are Against Moving East," in the Nov. 30 issue of the weekly Toronto Saturday Night. Dorothy Fujita Matsuoka is now a member of the publicity research department of Time Magazine. . . . Revival of a pre-war football feature, the Rice Bowl, may be attempted this year by a Nisei football group in Sacramento. The Rice Bowl annually brought together leading Japanese and Chinese American teams. In the last game before the war the Sacramento Taiikus played the Chinese Black Dragons. . . . A similar "rice bowl" game which was staged by Soko A C in San Francisco's Kezar stadium was abandoned because of parental resistance in the Chinese community following Japan's invasion of China. In the last "rice bowl" game played at Kezar several of the Chinese American players received parental displeasure to play the Nisei team. . . .

Conrad Kurahara, one of the Kurahara twins from Sacramento, who served in Italy with the 442nd Central Postal Directory and who were among the stars of the 442nd Central Postal Directory basketball team, has been accepted by Baldwin-Wallace college at Berea, Ohio. The Kurahara twins were color guards for the 442nd in the regiment's parade down Constitution Avenue last July 15 in Washington. . . .

### Paratrooper . . .

A Nisei paratrooper, Tech Sgt. Stanley Sagara of Yakima, Wash., was among the GIs who participated in the U. S. Army's widespread efforts to rescue the stranded passengers of the Army plane which crashed on a glacier in the Swiss Alps recently. . . . "Lute Song," the New York adaptation of the famous Chinese play, "Pi-Pa-Ki," for which Yeichi Niimura has done the choreography, opened in San Francisco last week and was praised by critics. Niimura gave a dance concert in San Francisco in 1939 with his partner, Elizabeth Hathaway. . . .

### Lapidarist . . .

E. Ken Furuya, New York businessman who now has one of the largest lapidary enterprises in the city, was scheduled to leave on the Clipper for Rio de Janeiro this week to investigate the possibility of enlarging his synthetic stone business to include that of dealing with genuine stones. Furuya, former city links champion of New York and still one of the top Nisei golfers, may open a shop in the Brazilian capital. He was one of the first Nisei in New York to enter the lapidary field. His brother, who fought overseas with the 442nd, is a member of the New York Fire department. . . .

It's reported that 39 acres of land held by Kyujiro Fuchigami of the Ozone Park nursery on Long Island, N. Y., are being condemned by the city of New York for the use of the city's new Idlewild airport. . . . Aiko Saita, Canadian Nisei contralto who was stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war, will lead a concert tour in 1941, later was stranded in Manchuria while on another concert tour by the end of the war in 1945 and was interned by the Soviet army. She was recently "repatriated" from Russian custody and is again in

## Washington News-Letter A Nisei Remembers a Friend On Pearl Harbor Day

By JOHN KITASAKO

Remember Pearl Harbor. Last week, five years since that phrase became the battle cry of an enraged nation, men took to oratory, recalling the infamy of that fatal day. Thoughts returned to my mind too, as they did to thousands of other Nisei who will be able to recall with ease to their dying day the agony and panic of that black December day.

But it also brings back a memory which I treasure highly, thanks to my good friend, the Rev. Paul Offenhiser. Paul was the

Baptist minister of Palo Alto, one of the staunchest friends of the Nisei.

The day after Pearl Harbor, Paul phoned. "Let's have lunch together," he said. I hesitated. "We can eat in some quiet place," he urged gently.

Paul took me to a tea room, a cozy place on the main avenue. Food held no appeal to me. Engulfed in a cloak of self-consciousness, I simply ordered what Paul ordered.

"How do you feel?" Paul began. "Very uneasy, Paul. I feel tense all over. I guess I'm afraid."

"Have you talked to the others?"

"To some. They feel the way I do. They're scared. We don't know what's going to happen to us. We don't know how we're going to be treated. It's that state of not knowing that makes it tough. Once we know, either way, it won't be so bad."

"You should be treated in the manner that your conduct in the past merits," said Paul. "I've known the Nisei for years. I know they are loyal Americans. You deserve nothing but fair treatment."

"As I see it, the thing to do is to make people differentiate between you people and those people over there in Japan who started this mess. If any misfortune comes to you people it will be because our people fail to make that distinction. But I'm sure you have many friends who've known you for years, and upon whom you can count to stand by you."

Paul spoke in a quiet, reassuring voice. He was horrified by the sudden turn in events which plunged this nation into the world holocaust. He was apprehensive of the fate of the Nisei and Issei. But he tried not to show it.

We talked for some time. I felt infinitely relieved. I didn't enjoy the meal, but the talk with Paul was a shot in the arm. I felt proud too. I was proud that I had a friend like Paul. During that lunch period, Paul gave me as big a helping of American democracy and Christian love that I ever expect to get at one sitting. It was the first real taste of brotherhood that I had ever had.

Paul had many friends; he belonged to many organizations. His influence was far-reaching. In his effective way, Paul conducted a campaign for tolerance for the Nisei. He was the spark-plug in launching community sentiment in the right direction.

The spirit of understanding which Paul and others engendered had a tremendous influence on the morale of the Japanese people. We all felt that somehow everything would be all right. And that if adversity did come our way, it was because there was something more powerful than love and justice.

And so Pearl Harbor, though filled with many frightful memories, holds some very pleasant and satisfying ones, thanks to Paul Offenhiser, who is today the chaplain of the University of Illinois.

## California Press Publishes Study Of War Relocation

BERKELEY, Calif.—The University of California Press will publish "The Spoilage" by Dorothy Swaine Thomas and Richard Nishimoto on Dec. 14. "The Spoilage" tells the story of the Japanese American evacuation from the West Coast and resettlement at Tule Lake and other government-operated camps.

Important as a sociological study of events as they occur, it is considered significant as a study of citizenship, democracy and the American way in wartime.

Dorothy Swaine Thomas is a Professor of Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. The study was sponsored by the Giannini, Columbia and Rockefeller Foundations.

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Prejudiced in Favor of Children

Denver, Colo.

Now you have the choice of adopting either a boy or girl baby. First the Pacific Citizen runs a want ad for "understanding parents who would like to adopt a sensitive, charming, intelligent 18-month-old Oriental boy" in New York City.

Now an appeal has been directed our way to help find a home for a 3-month-old girl born to Nisei parents in Kansas City, Mo.

This appeal, from the Provident Family and Children's Service of Kansas City, was forwarded to us roundabout and we know no more about the situation than was contained in the association's letter.

In the interests of possibly bringing together a homeless infant and deserving foster parents, we pass on the message.

"The baby," says the letter, "is a plump, appealing infant with distinctly Oriental coloring, features and hair. She is now three months old and appears to be an alert, healthy, lovable infant. She is at present in one of our local nurseries pending completion of a plan for her."

Since opportunities for adoption are limited among the few Japa-

nese American families in the Kansas City area, the appeal is being made on a broader basis.

If you're interested, or know someone who might be interested in inquiring about adopting this child, write to Miss Vera Mae Reed, Provident Family and Children's Service, Railway Exchange Building, 7th and Walnut Streets, Kansas City 6, Mo. . . .

Perhaps we're prejudiced in favor of children, but these two pleas for foster parents strike pretty close to the heart. There's something deeply appealing about a couple of infants in need of a home and the sort of square break, with plenty of affection, that comes with having a home and folks who care.

Children can be a lot of fun. They also can be terrific pests (as our own two are all too often), but that phase blows over quickly in laughter and antics that bring smiles to the most stern parental faces.

Children lend stability to a home, too, and often we believe that parents learn as much from their youngsters about human nature, psychology and just plain getting along with people, as do the children from their parents.

This isn't meant as a specific appeal for these two homeless tots; it's a simple treatise in behalf of all children who get into their parents' hair frequently, just as nature intended them to do. And we're sure that even the most harassed parent will agree with us that youngsters are mighty nice things to have around.

### White Supremacy

So white supremacy rides again. The privy council, the British empire's highest court of appeals, has upheld Canadian legislation forcing the deportation of citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

In other words, the British empire has ruled that a person's citizenship in one of its dominions may be revoked and that person exiled for no reason other than that his forefathers were Japanese.

How such an interpretation of law can be reconciled with the well-known precepts of British justice is difficult for a mere outsider to appreciate. We can see no reason why this ruling could not be applied to the deportation of a million French-Canadians, or any other minority regarded as undesirable regardless of what they did or did not do, and without trial. With this precedent established, no man is safe from deportation in Canada.

### Maybe a Convert

The Republican party last week appointed Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado to make a study of racial and religious discrimination in the United States in relation to fair employment practices legislation.

This, one observer remarked, was roughly comparable to a situation in which the Democratic party would instruct Senator Bilbo of Mississippi to write up a report on how Negro-white relations in the south could be improved.

Of course, Senator Millikin is not to be compared to Bilbo, either intellectually or in his approach to race relations. But Millikin has been a persistent opponent of FEPC legislation on the ground that the public must not be coerced into fair practices. He contends it must come about naturally.

Millikin has announced that he will come up with only a factual report without recommendations. Perhaps the G. O. P. leaders had reasons of their own in assigning Millikin to such a job. But in view of widespread Republican support for FEPC legislation it looks as if they hope to win over a convert by exposing him more closely to the facts of the problem.



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Wally's Flowers,  
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Mari Tobari's 179 high game led the Wally's Flowers team to a 4 to 0 victory over the Pagoda girls' squad in the feature team match of the Nisei Women's Bowling league at the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City on Dec. 8.

The victory gave Wally's a tie with Pagoda for first place in team standings and an edge in total pins for the season.

Betty Sasaki's high series of 479 led OK Cafe to a 3 to 1 victory over the Temple Noodle squad.

Dawn Noodle and Rosemary's split their series, 2 to 2.

Uta Tsujimoto of Rosemary's is leading the league with a 143 average, followed by Hime Tobari and Masa Ikebuchi of Wally's with 135.

The standings to date:

	W	L	Pins
Wally's Flowers	25	11	17,387
Pagoda	25	11	16,486
Dawn	17	19	16,108
Temple	17	19	16,941
Rosemary's	15	21	16,088
OK Cafe	9	27	15,745

Shig Miya Wins  
Sweepstakes of  
Salt Lake League

Shig Miya of the Utah Auto Club team won the mid-season sweepstakes of the Salt Lake JACL winter bowling league with a 574 (54)—628 series on Dec. 9 at the Temple alleys.

Chuck Yonezu of Wally's Flowers was second with 627 (54)—78 in the field of 65 entries. Yori Kosaiku, Utah Auto Club, was third with 515 (64)—580; Bob Shiba, Wally's Flowers, fourth with 516 (62)—578; and Maki Kaizumi, Okada Insurance, fifth with 575—0—575.

Kaizumi's 575 was the high scratch series of the night.

Okada Insurance defeated Dawn Noodle, 2612 to 2509, in a match game.

Miya was awarded the Main Jewelry trophy donated by Jiro Sakano for his victory in the sweepstakes.

Dr. Takeno Opens  
Practice in Denver

DENVER—Dr. George Takeno, Nisei physician and surgeon, is now associated with Dr. Howard Suenaga at 830-18th Street, Denver, Colorado, in the practice of medicine. Dr. Takeno becomes the fifth Nisei M. D. practicing in Denver, Colorado, the others being: Dr. Charles Fujisaka, Dr. Thomas K. Kobayashi, Dr. Isamu Ozamoto, Dr. Howard Suenaga.

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CINCINNATI — The Esquire Theater team, Cincinnati's leading Nisei bowling squad, narrowly defeated Bob's Cafe, last season's champions of the Chicago Nisei bowling league, by a two-pin margin in an inter-city match on Dec. 1.

The two teams were tied with series totals of 2414 at the end of their scheduled three-game series. An extra frame was bowled with the Ohioans picking up 86 pins to 84 for the Chicago team.

On Nov. 30 the Bob's Cafe team defeated the Cincinnati keggers, 2465 to 2353.

NISEI USA:  
In Hollywood

(Continued from page 4)  
icy was the loss of a junkie Puerto Rico for some 25 Japanese Americans who had been recruited by 20th-Century for Japanese roles in the production of Wolfert's book, "An American Guerrilla in the Philippines." The Nisei are back in Hollywood, but so far, they had much to do.

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Takeshita, a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, since he turned pro, winning first nine bouts by knockouts. He defeated Ken Monar by a decision in a fight on Nov. 11 on Joe Louis card at Honolulu to break his knockout record.

His manager (Sad Sam) Ichinose, Honolulu fight manager who arranged Takeshita's forthcoming fight with the mainlander, declared: "Robert makes the grade in New York, as I know he will, I expect to see him headlining Madison Square Garden in the not too distant future."

Arrangements for Takeshita's New York were made through the efforts of Grayson, noted sports writer and authority, who was impressed by the young Japanese fighter's showing on the Joe Louis card.

## Betrothed

CHICAGO—The engagement of Alma Grace Bando to Ralph Kato was revealed at a tea on Dec. 9 at the apartment of Dr. and Mrs. R. Mas Sakada.

Miss Bando is a former resident of San Mateo, Calif., and is the sister of Mrs. Sakada. Mr. Kato is formerly from Pasadena, Calif. Dora Sato entertained with several vocal numbers.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Haruichi Hanemoto, Reedley, Calif., a girl on Nov. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Murakami, Reedley, Calif., a boy on Nov. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kazuo Domoto a girl on Nov. 18 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiroshi Mayebo, Selma, Calif., twin sons on Nov. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morimoto, Cortez, Calif., a girl on Dec. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay K. Nitta a boy in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeyuki W. Eto a girl in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. Matoba a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norimoto, Rt. 1, Box 24, Turlock, Calif., a girl, Janet, on Dec. 5.

To Dr. and Mrs. K. J. Nakadate of Rammond, Ind., a boy, James Richard, on Nov. 3.

### DEATHS

Taneo Ishikawa, Sacramento, at Weimar, Calif., on Dec. 4.

Mrs. Kiyo Nakamura on Dec. 3 in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Han Miyazaki on Nov. 30 in Stockton, Calif.

Fusa K. Suyehiro, 53, 312 8th Avenue, on Dec. 6 in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Suyehiro is survived by four children, James and Alice Suyehiro, San Francisco, John Suyehiro and Mrs. Doris Matsuura, Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Yayeko Ishida on Dec. 5 in Menlo Park, Calif.

Kinuye Nakamura on Dec. 6 in Los Angeles.

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The author is Lucile Colyer of Los Angeles, who writes in "... thy neighbor ..." of many Nisei and Issei she has known in the past. During the war Mrs. Colyer devoted much of her time to aiding Japanese American friends.

The story begins as Mrs. Colyer and her husband board the Asama Maru for a trip to Japan. During the voyage her husband dies of a sudden illness, and Mrs. Colyer is left alone and grief-stricken. She is befriended by Nan-jo, a purser, who is the first of many friends of all races who are depicted in Mrs. Colyer's book.

The book treats of the war and the evacuation, and finally of the resettlement.

It has been described by Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, as "very beautiful and intensely moving."

The book is available from the Willing Publishing company, 3524 North Broadway, Los Angeles 31. It is beautifully bound and printed and is available with a soft green velvet cover at \$1.25, or with a stiff cover at \$2.50.

## MARRIAGES

Mary Kunigi to Taisuke Arai on Dec. 1 in Denver.

Yukie Wakabayashi to Masaru Tachibana on Dec. 1 in Stockton, Calif.

Takako Hashimoto to Kenzo Miyamoto on Nov. 24 in Stockton.

Emiko Watanabe to Henry M. Harada on Dec. 8 in Denver.

Tomiko Kikuchi to Lander Ito of Henderson, Colo., on Dec. 7 in Denver.

Nobu Havashi to John Doi on Nov. 30 in Chicago.

Lucy Taniguchi to Jiro Yoshizawa on Nov. 27 in Chicago.

Ruri Kodama of Salt Lake City to Tom Shimosaka of San Francisco on Dec. 8 in Salt Lake.

Rosie M. Takahashi and Taro Uchizono in Denver.

Bessie S. Saito, Littleton, Colo., and George T. Sakato, Los Angeles, in Denver.

Tameko Nakamura to Toshio Takeshita on Dec. 1 in San Jose, Calif.

Mary Fukaye to Akira Hiramatsu on Dec. 1 in Denver.

Mariori Horagami to Victor Nishijima on Nov. 24 in Portland, Ore.

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NEW YORK—Attempts by owners of Japanese dollar bonds to receive interest payments from funds frozen but on deposit with the Guaranty Trust and the Chase National banks of New York were balked by the State Supreme Court last week when the court decided that it was powerless to prevent the State Superintendent of Banks from turning over such frozen assets to the Alien Property Custodian, Peter S. Aoki executive director of the Greater New York Committee on Japanese Americans, reported this week.

It was noted that funds amounting to more than two million dollars which was deposited in various New York banks by the Yokohama Specie Bank of New York prior to the outbreak of war was presumed to have been set aside to cover interest payments of the various issues of Japanese bonds, including both private and public issues. The State Superintendent of Banks controlled all assets while liquidating the Yokohama Specie Bank and is now preparing to turn over assets under the vesting orders issued by the Alien Property Custodian of the Department of Justice.

## No "Drastic Action" Considered By Ottawa Despite Decision Upholding Deportation Policy

### Predict Canada Restrictions Will Be Relaxed

Japanese Canadians Will Be Permitted To Resettle Anywhere

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Vancouver Sun predicted on Dec. 2 that persons of Japanese ancestry remaining in Canada will be permitted to resettle anywhere in the Dominion, including the Pacific Coast area from which they were evacuated in 1942.

The Sun based its prediction on the opinions expressed by "a labor department official in Canada." The Canadian Labor department, through its Japanese division, is in charge of the present program of widespread dispersal of the Japanese Canadian population, once concentrated on the British Columbia coast, where they enjoyed a near-monopoly in commercial fishing before the war.

The Sun also predicted that, despite the Privy Council's decision upholding the validity of the deportation program, only a small percentage, if any, of the Japanese Canadians would be forced to submit to deportation.

The Sun pointed out that the deportation order and the present restrictions which exclude persons of Japanese ancestry from returning to the evacuated area in British Columbia are based on the Emergency Powers Act, which is due to expire on March 31, or 60 days after the Federal parliament convenes and that this may not allow enough time for deportation proceedings.

OTTAWA, Canada — Government sources indicated here last week, following the decision of the Privy Council in London upholding the validity of the Canadian deportation program on persons of Japanese ancestry, that no "drastic action" is contemplated toward the forced deportation of Japanese Canadians.

One government source reportedly was inclined to the opinion that time virtually has solved the Dominion's "Japanese question." With the dispersal of the more than 20,000 persons of Japanese descent across the country, this source believed that no further action of a sweeping nature will be necessary.

This same source also believed that a proposed loyalty commission, which had been suggested to examine the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry who had not asked for repatriation or expatriation, would not be set up because there has been no record of any sabotage or similar traitorous acts against Canada by resident persons of Japanese ancestry during the war.

## Nisei Open Garage In Salt Lake City

Three Salt Lake City Nisei joined this week in opening the "Modern Garage," a gas and repair service at 630 South 1st West street.

The Nisei are George Sonoda, George M. Nakamura, formerly of California, and M. John Hatae, formerly of New York.

## Engagement

The engagement of Miss Baby Tashima, daughter of Mrs. I. Tashima of Salt Lake City, to Mr. George Mio, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mio of New York City, was announced Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2 at the home of Mrs. Harry Nakashiko Niiya, talented young pianist and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Niiya, presented an all-Chopin program. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Frank Tashima, sister-in-law of the bride-to-be, and Mesdames Mas Horiuchi and Harry Naka, sisters of the bride-to-be.

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