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## Mass Evacuation Unjustified, Says WRA

### Report New California Official Bars Compromise Settlement

#### TWO NISEI HURT IN WRECK OF S.P. STREAMLINER

KINGSBURG, Calif.—Two persons of Japanese ancestry were among the 83 persons treated for injuries when the northbound San Joaquin Daylight crashed into a tank truck on the outskirts of Kingsburg on Feb. 4, killing four persons.

Mrs. Nobu Kobayashi, 24, Richmond, was treated at Selma hospital while Mrs. K. Sumida of Los Angeles was hospitalized in Kingsburg.

It was reported Mrs. Kobayashi suffered burns on her hands, legs and body.

#### Whereabouts of Nisei Burma Vets Sought

SAN FRANCISCO — Present whereabouts of more than 50 Nisei veterans who served in North Burma with Army intelligence is being sought in San Francisco, the Nichi-Bei Times reported this week.

The information is wanted by Col. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., son of the late general, who served under his father in the Burma campaign as chief of G-2 operations.

Following the Burma campaign Col. Stilwell recommended many of the Nisei for decorations. Many of these did not come through and Col. Stilwell now wants to resubmit the names.

He has asked that all Japanese Americans who served in G-2 under him in Burma send their names, rank while in Burma, serial and unit numbers and other information to Hisashi Horita, 1629 Post St., San Francisco 15.

#### Texas Court Suit Will Seek to Free Fourteen Internees

SAN FRANCISCO—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus is scheduled to be filed in the Federal district court at San Antonio, Tex., on behalf of 14 aliens of Japanese ancestry who are now interned at the Crystal City, Tex., camp of the Department of Justice.

The aliens, who face deportation to Japan, are represented by Wayne M. Collins, George C. Olhausen and Theodore Tamba, San Francisco attorneys.

The "enemy aliens" have been in internment for five years.

#### Ushiroda Files for West Hawaii Vacancy

HILO, Hawaii — Shunzo Ushiroda, former representative, has filed for the West Hawaii vacancy in the territorial house of repre-

#### Howser Reported Against Agreements in Alien Land Law Suits

SAN FRANCISCO — Further compromise settlements in California Alien Land law cases, in which the state has sought the confiscation of farm property owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry, will not be permitted by Attorney General Frederick N. Howser, the Nichi-Bei Times reported it learned last week from an authoritative source.

Howser, whose public statements opposing the return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry to California as district attorney of Los Angeles was brought up by progressive groups during the election campaign last week, replaced Robert W. Kenny as the state's attorney general last month.

During the past year a number of Alien Land law suits brought by the state were settled under compromise settlements, in which Nisei landowners paid sums amounting from several thousand dollars to \$75,000 in one Los Angeles case to quiet the titles to property involved in the litigation.

The five cases settled in Fresno in January were the last permitted under compromise arrangements reached with Mr. Kenny while he was attorney general.

The Nichi-Bei Times said that funds derived from the state in these compromise settlements, estimated at nearly \$200,000, are reported as being used to investigate and prosecute other Japanese Americans for alleged violations of the Alien Land law.

Approximately 75 cases initiated by the state under the Alien Land law were fostered by the appropriation of \$200,000 by the California legislature in 1944 for the investigation of real property held by American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The Times said that the original \$200,000 fund is reported to have been exhausted and the newspaper doubted that any additional money will be appropriated by the legislature in view of the overwhelming defeat of Proposition 15 last November.

Under an arrangement provided by the state legislature, counties in which property involved in Alien Land law suits are located derive one-half of funds received as a result of litigation. It was reported that counties sharing in funds received from compromise settlements were using the money to continue investigations of other Japanese American property holdings.

The Northern California JACL regional office and the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union were reported as opposing compromise settlements in lower court. Both organizations are supporting the appeal of the Oyama case on the Alien Land law to the United States Supreme Court.

sentatives which will be filled at a special election. Ushiroda has the endorsement of the Republican party in Hawaii.

#### Special Bill Introduced for Haru Matsui

WASHINGTON — A special bill to stay deportation was introduced by Rep. Ellsworth B. Buck, R., N. Y., for Haru Matsui, anti-militarist author and lecturer, on Jan. 26.

The legislation (HR 1401) has been sent to the Committee on Judiciary. It will give a permanent stay of deportation for Miss Matsui, author of "The Restless Wave," an autobiography published in 1940 by Modern Age.

During the war Miss Matsui was head of a section in the Japan division of the Office of War Information in New York City and is credited by OWI officials with having rendered valuable service in the war against Japan.

#### Okada Applauds Myer Statement On Evacuation

##### Calls for Adoption Of Bill to Create Claims Commission

Dillon S. Myer, wartime chief of the WRA, was commended this week for his statement in his final report that the mass evacuation of 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 was "unjustified."

Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, hailed Myer's comment and called for the adoption by Congress of the WRA's recommendation that an evacuation claims commission be established to consider claims against the government for property losses suffered as a result of the evacuation.

The National JACL head also applauded Myer's appeal for modification of the naturalization laws to permit aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States to apply for citizenship.

#### Wife of Nisei Ex-GI Leaves to Join Husband in Japan

SEATTLE—Mrs. Mary Higuchi, wife of a U. S. civilian worker in Japan, left on the Army transport Mercy this week to join her Nisei husband in Yokohama.

Mrs. Higuchi, a native of Seattle, is making her first trip to Japan and hopes to be able to improve her knowledge of the Japanese language while overseas.

Her husband, Joe, served for three years in the Army and received his discharge recently. He then signed for civil service work in Japan with the procurement division of Eighth Army headquarters.

Embarking with other Seattle wives on their way to join their husbands, Mrs. Higuchi said she planned to stay "at least a year." She has not seen her husband for 18 months.

The Higuchis, both University of Washington graduates, met at the university. She graduated from Franklin high, while he attended West Seattle high.

While in Japan Mrs. Higuchi will visit relatives who live near Yokohama.

#### State of California Files Escheat Suit

FRESNO—The state of California recently filed an escheat suit under the provisions of the Alien Land law to confiscate 20 acres of agricultural property in Parlier owned by Iwao Yamashiro, son of Unosuke Yamashiro.

The farm was purchased by the Yamashiro family in 1928.

The state's suit charges that the parents of Iwao Yamashiro have an interest in the property in violation of the Alien Land act.

### Dillon Myer's Final Report Asks Modification of Ban Against Issei Citizenship

#### Urges Legislative Action to Provide Federal Indemnification for Evacuees; Criticizes Racial Bias of Gen. DeWitt in Mass Evacuation Order

WASHINGTON—The mass evacuation of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 was unjustified, Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority until its liquidation in 1946, declared this week in the WRA's final report on its handling of the wartime relocation program.

Mr. Myer's report to Secretary of Interior Julius Krug recommended the passage of legislation to create an evacuation claims commission to repay evacuees for property losses resulting from the evacuation and urged legislative action to extend the privilege of naturalization to aliens of Japanese ancestry.

The WRA report also asked for "the continuation and expansion of activity by local citizen committees and groups to aid the process of evacuee adjustment and reintegration."

The final WRA report was highly critical of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who ordered the mass evacuation as head of the Western Defense Command in 1942, and asserted that Gen. DeWitt "was by no means free of racial feelings" in issuing the evacuation order.

The WRA said DeWitt's action was condoned by the United States in general because there exists in this country "a marked xenophobic tendency"—a tendency to hate and fear persons of foreign origin.

The report said that the Army's reasons for evacuation were "highly arguable and wholly unfounded" although the agency noted that Gen. DeWitt was under "heavy responsibility" for the protection of the West Coast and that feeling was running high at the time in the areas where persons of Japanese ancestry were concentrated.

"WRA does not believe that a mass evacuation was ever justified, and it feels most strongly that the exclusion orders remained in effect for months and perhaps for years after there was any real justification for their continuance," the report, written under the direction of Mr. Myer, stated. "Above all, the authority deplores the severe blow which it dealt to the democratic faith of thousands of young American citizens and the pattern we established for undemocratic behavior in the eyes of freedom-loving peoples throughout the world."

The report quoted Gen. DeWitt as telling a House subcommittee on naval affairs at San Francisco in April, 1943: "I don't want any of the Japanese here. They are a dangerous element. It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen, he is still a Japanese."

The agency said it believed that only persons of Japanese ancestry suspected of unpatriotic activities should have been barred from the Pacific coast and noted that federal intelligence agents were on the trail of most of these suspected persons.

"In all probability, a selective evacuation from the West Coast military area was justified and administratively feasible in the spring of 1942," the WRA said.

Mr. Myer, now commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority, said that the "WRA believes there are three major lines of action needed to insure a better integration of the people of Japanese ancestry into the body of our society and to soften the existing injustice."

He cited these "three main lines of action" as:

"1. Enactment of legislation providing for an evacuation claims commission to consider claims against the government for property losses suffered as a direct result of the evacuation."

"2. Modification of the federal naturalization laws to put aliens of Japanese ancestry on the same basis as members of other nations and other races. Repeal of the state land laws that discriminate against 'aliens ineligible to citizenship.'"

"3. Continuation and expansion of activity by local citizen committees and groups to aid the process of evacuee adjustment and reintegration."

Mr. Myer summarized the mass evacuation as resulting in "110,000 temporarily disrupted lives, several million dollars worth of lost or damaged property, and a total cost to the federal government of more than \$250,000,000 for the evacuation and relocation program."

The WRA report estimated that the evacuated people left behind them \$200,000,000 in real, personal and commercial property.

It noted that 40,000 Issei Japanese, born in Japan but most of them residents of the United States for more than 25 years, desired even more than compensation "to be declared eligible for citizenship."

"WRA recommends," the report continued, "passage of legislation which would extend the privilege of naturalization equally to members of all races of the world."

"In addition, the majority feels that all discriminatory state laws or local regulations against persons of Japanese descent which still remain in effect and which would not be abrogated by the process of broadening the naturalization laws should be repealed."

Mr. Myer declared that "in 1944 and 1945 the American people of Japanese descent not only regained their prewar status but actually achieved a higher level of popular acceptance than they have known since the early 1880s."

Mr. Myer said that this popular acceptance was due to the record made by Japanese American soldiers and to the quiet, unobtrusive return of the evacuees to normal civilian life.

He declared that 54,000 of the evacuees have resettled away from the Pacific coast and many are now residing in the Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake and other areas.

He described this resettlement program, carried out by the WRA, as "surely one of the most rapid population readjustments in American history."

The report noted that nearly 10,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry had resettled in Utah and Idaho. Of the total Utah now has 5641 resettlers while Idaho has 3932. The report also noted that the evacuees, of whom 106,925 were in relocation camps, now have resettled in every state in the union except South Carolina.

A breakdown in the number in Utah and Idaho cities was given as follows: Salt Lake, 2002; Brigham City, 311; Clearfield, 278; Ogden, 900; Tooele, 241; Boise, 289; Caldwell, 457; Payette, 373; Twin Falls, 338, and Weiser, 307.

### Report Property of Canadians Sold at Fraction of Value

TORONTO, Ont. — Property of Japanese Canadians evacuated from the coastal area of British Columbia in 1942 were sold at one-quarter of their estimated value under forced sale proceedings, the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy announced last week.

The JCCD reported that it had conducted a survey of 1,800 Japanese Canadian evacuees now relocated in the Toronto area.

The survey showed that these persons owned properties estimated by them to be worth \$1,400,395.66, which were sold either by the owners or by the Custodian of Japanese Property for \$351,334.86 and that losses incurred totaled \$1,031,732.89.

The JCCD report said that the types of property covered in the report, their value and the prices for which they were sold were as follows: Real Estate, \$291,092.97 (\$135,320.12); businesses, \$854,457.94 (\$137,580.35); farms, \$182,173.75 (\$40,633.35); fishing boats and gear, \$72,671 (\$37,801.20).

It was noted that in some cases the owners reported total losses. Most of the sales covered in the survey were handled by the Custodian of Japanese Property.



## Investigate Forced Dismissal Of Nisei from Oakland Factory

### Charge Discrimination In Activities of AFL Affiliate

SAN FRANCISCO—A charge of racial discrimination has been lodged against an Oakland affiliate of the AFL Carpenter's Union in the forced dismissal of a Japanese American worker from a job in a venetian blind factory.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is investigating the dismissal of Zenichi Kambara, 31, who on Jan. 27 was forced to quit his job as a wrapper at General Interiors Consolidated in Oakland by Mrs. Rose White, business agent of the Venetian Blind Workers' Union, Local 2565, an affiliate of the AFL Carpenter's Union.

The employer and the Nisei employee both charge racial discrimination on the part of the union.

It was explained that the AFL union enjoys a closed shop in the venetian blind industry and that employers under the existing contract agree to give preference of employment to members of the union.

According to the ACLU's report, the employer claimed that the union was unable to furnish him with workers last July and he was compelled to do his own hiring. At that time Kambara was put on as a wrapper. According to the employer, the union's business representative collected \$3 a month from Kambara, although the regular dues were \$2 a month, and gave him a receipt for his money.

The ACLU said it was informed that the union's by-laws limit permits to a period of three months, after which the worker is required to join the union. According to the employer, this is the first time in the industry that a permit worker has not been allowed membership after three months.

On Jan. 23 the union's representative reportedly wrote the employer that Kambara was "put to work in your shop without notice to the officials" of the union and "without affording the unemployed members of that union an opportunity to go to work." According to the union's claim, the union had unemployed members at the time Kambara was employed and that it still has unemployed workers. The employer was requested to discharge Kambara and to replace him with an unemployed member of the union.

In its report on the case the Civil Liberties Union noted that there is no substantial basis for the union's claim that the Japanese American was put to work without notice to the officials of the union, since the union representative took Kambara's dues of \$3 a month.

"It is also claimed by the union that Kambara had not been granted a permit to work because no document in the nature of a permit was given to him," the report added. "On the other hand, Kambara was treated no differently than any other workers who receive permits from the union. They never receive any documents except receipts for their dues. Also, it is noteworthy that General Interiors has other employees working on so-called permits who came after Kambara, but the union has not sought to discharge them."

## National Nisei Bowling Meet Planned in Salt Lake in March

A national Nisei bowling tournament, sponsored by the National JACL and the Salt Lake City chapter, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, on the upstairs lanes of the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City.

The tournament will be open to any Nisei bowler and any bowlers participating in Nisei leagues.

An estimated prize fund of more than \$1,000 plus trophies will be offered to winners in the team, singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and all-events divisions.

Bill Honda, chairman of the tournament, declared that the fourteen upstairs alleys at Temple will be "neutral" alleys since the Salt Lake JACL's winter bowling league is using the twelve downstairs alleys at the North Temple establishment.

It is hoped to make the National JACL tournament an annual event with the possibility that it may be

### Former Japanese Y Will Be Reopened On Interracial Basis

SAN FRANCISCO—The former Japanese YWCA, the facilities of which were used by the USO during the war, will be reopened as an interracial YMCA and YWCA in ceremonies on Feb. 9 in the Buchanan street building.

Frank Clarvoe, editor of the San Francisco News, will be one of the main speakers.

Kiyoshi Tomizawa, one of the founders of the original Buchanan Street Japanese YMCA, will be among the guests attending the ceremonies.

Dave Tatsuno will serve as master of ceremonies.

The facilities of the new interracial YMCA-YWCA will be open to all of the many racial groups represented in the Buchanan Street area.

Fred Hoshiyama will be executive secretary of the Buchanan street branch of the YMCA.

### Farm Worker Found Suicide Near Reedley

#### Had Been Resident Of Fresno County For Forty Years

REEDLEY, Calif.—The body of Hiroshi Baba, a ranch worker, was found hanging from a tree in the river bottom district near Reedley on Feb. 3.

Constable Eugene Hunter of Reedley said that the 59-year old man had committed suicide. Hunter said the body first was found late on Feb. 2 by S. Suzuki, who lives at the Takamoto Labor camp near Reedley, while he was hunting mushrooms.

Hunter reported Suzuki was so frightened by the discovery that he fled the scene and did not tell anyone of his discovery until noon the next day.

The coroner's office reported Baba arrived at the Takamoto camp on Jan. 18 but had not been seen since Jan. 22, the day on which he is believed to have hanged himself. Acquaintances told investigating officers Baba had been despondent.

Baba, a native of Japan, came to the Reedley district 40 years ago. Since his return from a relocation center, he has been working on ranches near Reedley.

He had no known relatives.

### Veteran of 442nd Enlists for 11th Airborne Division

HONOLULU—The U. S. Army announced here recently that a Japanese American veteran of three years of service with the famous 442nd Combat Team was the first Islander to be enlisted specifically for duty with the 11th Airborne division.

Isami Sumida, who reenlisted in the Regular Army, was congratulated by Maj. Harry Hartley of the Army recruiting station.

## The Faces of Men After Battle



One of the illustrations in "Americans: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team" is this photograph of solemn, battle-weary men standing at

attention with the regimental colors at a decoration ceremony in France on Nov. 12, 1944 after the battle of Bruyeres.

### Book Review:

## The Story of the 442nd Combat Team

AMERICANS: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team. By Orville C. Shirey. Infantry Journal Press, Washington, D. C. 150 pages.

The 442nd Combat Team, frankly an experiment in democracy in the eyes of the U. S. Army's top brass, came into being at Camp Shelby in the red clay hills of Mississippi. The unit was activated on Feb. 1, 1943, on War Department orders which had the full approval of President Roosevelt who commented at the time of the formation of the Japanese American Combat Team that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

How the 442nd Combat Team went on to prove the truth of President Roosevelt's statement is the story which Orville C. Shirey, who was Captain Shirey with the 442nd, tells in this book which is the official regimental history of the unit.

Because the 442nd Combat Team, conceived as an answer to the bigots and the race-baiters, was more than an ordinary military unit, the book is more than an ordinary military history. It is the story of a volunteer outfit of Japanese Americans from Hawaii, the continental United States and even from territorial Alaska who wrote a story of combat courage from the boot of Italy to the miserable winter of the French Vosges and then came back to play an important role in the final offensive which ended the Italian war. It is also a story of the other Americans, mostly officers, who served and fought and died with the Nisei.

Ex-Captain Shirey has written his book in the unemotional language of Army orders, communications and citations but the stories he tells are those of the extraordinary courage of ordinary men. It is the story of a young ex-clerk named Sadao Munemori from Los Angeles who covered an exploding grenade with his own body to save the lives of the other men in his squad and who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. It is also the story of

the thousands of men in the Combat Team whose skill and courage in executing routine tasks made the regiment one of the finest in the army.

The author follows the Combat Team from the time of its activation at Camp Shelby through the days of basic training and maneuvers. He takes the men on the long voyage across the ocean to Naples and up the long and rugged terrain of Italy to the time of their initial contact with the enemy. The Rome-Arno campaign, the battle of Bruyeres (including a complete description of the rescue of the Lost Battalion), the Champagne campaign and the Po Valley campaign are discussed in chronological narrative.

The book is amply illustrated with maps and photographs. The final third of the book consists of names of personnel of the 442nd and their awards.

Mr. Shirey tells of the return of the 442nd veterans in his concluding chapter:

"Old combat buddies left the regiment throughout the months following the completion of the war, eventually to pick up the threads of life that were broken by the war. Many did not have their old homes to return to in California and the states on the West Coast. These gathered their families from the relocation centers and sought their fortunes in other sections of the country. Others returned to their old ways of life in Hawaii and in the states. No matter where they went, they took with them the pride and comradeship that can only come from facing death from day to day, together with men who were proud of the unit to which they belonged. War had brought strange bed-fellows. It had brought Nisei from sunny Hawaii and the frozen settlements of Alaska; it had brought loyal Americans from the crude and dusty barracks of relocation camps and from snug homes in the East. The Nisei had come from backgrounds as diversified as America itself, but their loyalty was one. It was American."—L.S.T.

### Monterey Soldier Promoted to Sergeant

TOKYO — Masumi Yamashita, Monterey, Calif., has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, it was recently announced by the GHQ Special News Service of General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo.

Sgt. Yamashita is assigned to a special unit in General Headquarters of the occupation forces in Japan.

A graduate of the Salinas, Calif., Union high school, he completed his studies at Salinas Junior college in 1942. Before entering military service he was employed by Monarch Silver King, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois.

Beginning his military career in June, 1946, Sgt. Yamashita received basic training at San Antonio, Tex., in the Air Corps. He was selected to take special training for duty with the occupation forces in Japan at Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Maryland. Upon his arrival in Tokyo on 26 October 1946, the sergeant was assigned to General Headquarters.

Sgt. Yamashita is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kihei Yamashita, 325 East Market street, Monterey, California.

## United Nations Idea Backed By Speaker at Buddhist Meet

OGDEN, Utah—"The world today needs more and more the understanding of how the other half lives," the Rev. K. M. Kumata, executive director of the Buddhist church of America, told the 11th annual conference of the Intermountain Young Buddhists' association on Feb. 2 in Ogden.

"The resulting sympathy and good will are needed that the ideals of the United Nations may find materialization," Rev. Kumata added, noting that the theme of the convention, "Together in Brotherhood," is not "just for this day or tomorrow, nor is it a theme which should be restricted to your religious gathering alone."

Mike Maruyama, Ogden, was elected president of the Intermountain YBA, succeeding George Doi of Salt Lake City. Doi was named vice-president.

Other officers include: John Nakano, Syracuse, Utah, treasurer; Tak Nakano, Corinne, Utah, religious chairman; Rose Yagi, Salt Lake City, recording secretary; Bessie Shibata, Ogden, corresponding secretary; Jack Oda, Syracuse, social chairman; Fred

Toyota, Salt Lake City, assistant social chairman; Michi Mayemura, Ogden, publicity; Mits Kojimoto, Salt Lake City, men's athletics; and Rose Oda, Salt Lake City, women's athletics.

Two hundred persons attended the conference.

Greetings from the Tri-State YBA were delivered by Aiko Kuwabara of Denver and Sumi Tochi-hara of Longmont, Colo.

### Matsumura Speaks On Issei Problems To Church Group

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Phil Matsumura, executive secretary of the United Citizens League, spoke to 75 members of the Grace Baptist church council on the question of citizenship for the Issei at a meeting held Thursday, January 23.

Citing the outstanding record of the famed 442nd Nisei combat team and the part that loyal Issei played in the war against Japan, Matsumura asked the support of his audience for passage of an Issei naturalization bill.



## Bill Introduced to Give Citizen Rights to Issei War Veteran

**Buntaro Kumagai**  
Served in Army During Spanish American War

WASHINGTON—An Issei veteran who served in the Spanish American War will become an American citizen if a special bill to be introduced in his behalf becomes law, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced on Feb. 6.

The Issei veteran is 75 year old Buntaro Kumagai, who resides at 3022 Edward Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

The congressman who has agreed to introduce the private bill is GOP Rep. Norris Poulson, Republican, of Los Angeles.

Mr. Kumagai was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1872 and entered the United States at an early age. He enlisted in the United States Army in the spring of 1900 and arrived in the Philippines in December of that year. He was discharged in Iligan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, August 8, 1903, after an "honest and faithful service." For the past ten years, he has been receiving the regular government pension granted Spanish American War veterans.

After Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the ADC, pointed out the injustices in the case, he asked Congressman Poulson to introduce a private bill in order that Mr. Kumagai could realize his life-long dream of becoming a citizen of a country which he had served so faithfully and so long. Masaoka emphasized that while Japanese aliens who served with American troops in the first and second world wars had special legislation enacted conferring citizenship on them no provisions had been made for Issei who served in the Spanish American war.

Representative Poulson expressed interest in the unusual circumstances and promised to have an appropriate bill drafted which he would introduce in the House.

It is believed that Mr. Kumagai is the only living Issei who served in the Spanish American war. His citizenship bill, when introduced, will be the first such measure introduced in behalf of a Japanese national since the post-World War I Congresses when a number of such bills were introduced in order that citizenship might be granted to those Issei who served in that war. It was in connection with these private bills that the National JACL was able to sponsor legislation which Congress enacted into a law providing naturalization privileges for the Issei veterans of World War I.

### Funeral Rites Held For Sgt. Yamasaki

LOS ANGELES—The body of Tech. Sgt. Tomomasa Yamasaki, one of four Nisei killed in a plane crash in Japan on Dec. 11, was brought to Los Angeles on Jan. 30 under military escort.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 7 at the Fukui mortuary.

### Nisei Veterans Group Backs State, U. S. Bonus Payment

SEATTLE—The Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle went on record as favoring a movement for a "deserving state and federal bonus" at a meeting attended by 75 Japanese American veterans last week.

The ex-GIs also decided to take immediate action for a clubhouse in Seattle. Dick Setsuda, Howard Minato, Kenji Oka, Shiro Kashino,

### Midwest Director



TATS KUSHIDA has been appointed Midwest regional director of the JACL, succeeding Masao W. Satow, who is now acting national secretary. Mr. Kushida is a resident of Chicago and was an employee of the War Relocation Authority during the war.

### Stress JACL Must Work for All Minorities

**Kushida Speaks at Dinner Meeting of St. Louis Chapter**

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—More than 100 persons, including 10 Nisei war veterans, attended the installation dinner meeting of the St. Louis chapter, JACL, on Feb. 1 at Hotel Kings-Way.

Tats Kushida, midwest regional director, spoke on the legislative program of the JACL for 1947. He praised the city of St. Louis as an area of resettlement for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Kushida stressed, however, that the JACL must work for the benefit of all minority groups, adding that "an attack on one is an attack on all."

"We must be realistic and face facts," Kushida said. "As long as we are a minority, we will have minority problems, and we must fight discrimination wherever it exists."

Robert Kratky, St. Louis attorney and chaplain of the Fred W. Stockham American Legion post, gave a talk on the rights and privileges of minorities. He stated that he and his organization would continue to support the resettlers.

Henry Tani, newly-elected president of the organization, spoke on behalf of the Nisei veterans of St. Louis.

Other members of the cabinet, who were officially installed at the dinner, are Al Morioka, vice-president; Susie Yamashita, corresponding secretary; Aiko Kayashima, recording secretary; Jimmie Hayashi, treasurer; Fred Oshima, publicity chairman; Bessie Kawachi, historian; and James Kamei, delegate at large.

Nobi Tanaka, Tak Monda and Dave Hirahara were named on a seven-man volunteer committee to act on the clubhouse project.

## Canada Stops Deportation; May Indemnify Evacuees

### FIRST ALL-NISEI POST CHARTERED BY VFW GROUP

SACRAMENTO—America's first all-Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars post was instituted in ceremonies on Feb. 7 which were attended by Charles P. Ash, commander of the California department of the VFW, and other VFW officials.

The post's charter, No. 8985, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was accepted by former Army Major Yoshizo Harada, Sacramento dentist and first commander of the new unit.

Eighty Japanese Americans with service overseas have joined the VFW unit as charter members.

### Seek Removal Of Nisei Case To U. S. Court

**Petition Declares Citizen Has Right to Receive Property**

AUBURN, Calif. — Superior Judge Lowell L. Sparks of Placer county has vacated the trial date set for the escheat proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Sengiro Kondo and Aster Kondo for alleged violation of the California Alien Land law, and will hear arguments to move the case into the U. S. District court.

The action was taken on Feb. 4 on a petition filed by Aster Kondo, an American-born citizen and son of Mr. and Mrs. Kondo. The petition declared it is unconstitutional to prevent him from accepting a gift from his parents.

The escheat proceedings were filed by the State of California and District Attorney C. E. Tindall of Placer county in April, 1945, charging the purchase of a farm in the name of Aster Kondo was a subterfuge to avoid the Alien Land law.

Tindall stated arguments will be heard on the point at a date to be announced. He stated a similar appeal is before the court in San Joaquin county on an escheat proceeding.

### Tad Hirota Named Temporary President Of Oakland JACL

OAKLAND, Calif.—Tad Hirota was named temporary president of the Oakland JACL chapter following a meeting of the nominating committee at the home of Dr. R. Wehara.

His cabinet will serve until the end of April, when a general election will be held.

Other officers, as selected by the committee, are Toshi Minamoto, 1st vice-president; Michi Kajiwara, 2nd vice-president; Eiko Sakaki, corresponding secretary; Cherry Nakagawara, recording secretary; Kay Hirao, treasurer; Frank Tusukamoto, assistant treasurer.

Kenji Fujii, Tom Hatakeda, Mits Nakashima, Wat Miura, Masuji Fujii, Sam Sakai, Yosh Isono, Dr. Charles Ishizu, Tony Yokomizo, Nori Lafferty and Michi Taira, board of governors.

Rev. John Yamashita, program chairman; Nori Lafferty, public relations chairman; Toshi Minamoto, membership chairman; Michi Kajiwara, women's activities chairman; and Tad Masaoka, veterans chairman.

The chapter held a "kick-off" dinner, attended by 41 persons, at the Robin Hood Inn on Jan. 18. Ex-Navy Chaplain Karl Justus, now public relations director of the regional American Brotherhood office in San Francisco, gave a talk on the subject, "John Doe, World Citizen."

Plans for National American Brotherhood Week in February were outlined by Dr. S. Warner, head of the Oakland branch.

### Mine Okubo Speaks To New York Group

NEW YORK—Mine Okubo, artist and author of "Citizen 13660," discussed her book at a meeting of the Women's National Book Association on Jan. 28 in New York City.

## Prime Minister King Reveals Revision of Ottawa Attitude Toward Japanese Canadians

**Restrictions Against Return to West Coast Area Retained; Commercial Fishing License Still Banned for Persons of Japanese Descent**

OTTAWA—The Canadian government last week announced that it would not proceed with its proposed deportation of a large number of Japanese Canadians under orders-in-council of Dec. 15, 1945 and proposed indemnification for Japanese Canadians for accountable losses on property confiscated and sold by the Custodian of Japanese Property.

In a statement issued on Jan. 24, Prime Minister King announced that controls on the movement of the Japanese Canadian evacuees would be continued and that all persons of Japanese ancestry would continue to be excluded from the coastal area of British Columbia where more than 90 per cent of Canada's residents of Japanese ancestry lived before the war.

Prime Minister King also stated that restrictions on applications for fishing licenses from persons of Japanese ancestry would also be continued.

He stated that all other orders-in-council and special controls affecting Canadian residents of Japanese ancestry, other than those necessary to complete the administration of assets already vested in the Custodian of Japanese Property have been revoked by the government.

In announcing that revision of government policy toward the Japanese Canadian group, Prime Minister King stated that only those who wish to be deported would henceforth be repatriated to Japan. Nearly 10,000 persons faced possible deportation if the orders-in-council of the British Commonwealth, were carried out.

In Winnipeg, the New Canadian, Japanese Canadian weekly, noted that the federal government's decision to make a sharp revision in its Japanese Canadian policy "has drawn cheers from all sides."

In Toronto the Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians, which has carried on the fight against the deportation program, expressed pleasure that the main objective of its campaign had been attained despite setbacks in the courts.

Groups and individuals which have called for the total exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the British Columbia zone were reported to be satisfied with the new government policy.

Veterans Minister Ian Mackenzie, leading spokesman of the anti-evacuee group, was credited with a role in formulating the new policy. It was recalled that Mackenzie was a member of the cabinet subcommittee which met recently to discuss the "Japanese problem."

"This policy is fair to all concerned and carries out what I have advocated in regard to the British Columbia protected zone," Mackenzie said.

Gordon Wismer, attorney general of British Columbia, who defended the deportation orders before the Privy Council in London last year, also was reported as satisfied with the policy.

In his statement on Jan. 24 Prime Minister King declared:

"Of the 20,558 persons of Japanese origin now in Canada, there are fewer than 1,700 who have not as yet settled in new homes and employment. Of these 1,700, a large proportion are aged persons, invalids or persons otherwise unem-

ployable. These persons are still in the government relocation centers.

"In 1941, out of a total population of 23,148 persons of Japanese origin, 22,096 resided in British Columbia; only 1,053 resided in all the rest of Canada. On Dec. 31, 1946, the total had decreased to 20,558 (nearly 4,000 were deported to Japan under the voluntary repatriation program). Of this number only 6,776 were in British Columbia; while 13,782 now live in other parts of Canada. Since 1941 the population of British Columbia of Japanese origin has declined by 15,320 — or approximately two-thirds. In addition, the pre-war concentration on the coast has been eliminated."

### Returned Evacuee Reports Bad Luck Since Return

SAN FRANCISCO—Sam Sato, who used to drive the Topaz-Delta bus at the Central Utah relocation center, has had nothing but hard luck since he returned to San Francisco from relocation in Montana.

Just after he had arrived in San Francisco, someone tore the top of Sato's convertible, opened the car door, and walked off with \$200 worth of clothing.

Last Monday a man and woman barged into Sato's car when he had stopped for a traffic light. The pair got off within a block but Sato found that his wallet was missing.

Cruising around he found the woman walking on Fillmore street and had her arrested. She is now starting a six-month prison term but Sato has not recovered his papers nor the \$50 he had in his wallet. Under police questioning the woman could not recall where she and her companion had thrown the wallet or where the man was living.

### Chicago Chapter Credit Union Holds General Meeting

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL Credit Union held its first general meeting for 1947 on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the CYO Nisei Center.

The Rev. George Nishimoto and Shig Wakamatsu were elected to replace Vincent Tajiri and Masaji Morita, outgoing board members. Thomas Masuda, the other retiring board member, was reelected.

Lester Katsura was named chairman of a new educational committee with Masaji Morita, Michael Hagiwara and George Tada as his committeemen.

## Minneapolis Mayor Notes Nisei Contributions to City's Life

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — His appreciation for the "outstanding contribution" which Americans of Japanese ancestry are making toward the enrichment of the community life of Minneapolis was voiced on Jan. 15 by Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey.

"During the war we came to know the Nisei well in connection with the fine patriotic service they performed at Fort Snelling and Camp Savage," Mayor Humphrey declared. "It is a pleasure to note that many of them have chosen to make Minneapolis their permanent

home, and that they are becoming a part of our social community."

"I would like to urge that every Nisei participate to the fullest possible extent in the numerous civic activities," the mayor added. "We need to know each other better and to build strong bridges of understanding between us so that we all recognize that we are part of a single democratic tradition in which the dignity of every individual is placed uppermost."

Mayor Humphrey extended his best wishes for a "happy life" for Japanese Americans who have relocated in Minneapolis.

## Discuss Land Law Amendment To Protect Rights of Nisei

LOS ANGELES—Possible introduction of an amendment to the California Alien Land law to protect the citizen rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry was discussed by Saburo Kido, former national president of the JACL, at a meeting of community leaders interested in the problems of returned evacuees.

Kido gave a full report on the legislative program outlined by the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee and stressed the citizenship and naturalization problems faced by persons of Japanese descent.

Considerable discussion was given to the California Alien Land

statute in light of the repudiation of proposed legislative amendments to the law by the state's voters last fall.

Among those attending the meeting were: Fred Okrand, Dr. A. A. Heist and A. L. Wirin, American Civil Liberties Union; Melvin Harter, Los Angeles Church Federation; G. Raymond Booth, Council for Civic Unity; Lorne W. Bell, Pacific Southwest Council, YMCA; Leslie E. Eichelberger, Metropolitan YMCA; Zane Meckler, Jewish Labor Commission; and William Kent, Kenji Ito, Maxine Jones, Howard Goldstein, Grace Kercher and Galen R. Weaver.



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## EDITORIALS: Mass Evacuation

The wartime relocation of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, necessitated by the unjustifiable mass evacuation in 1942, was carried out by the War Relocation Authority under Dillon S. Myer in a manner which reflected credit upon the agency and the government. Mr. Myer's final report has now been published and it is one which is consistent with his regard for the maintenance and extension of democratic principles which was manifested in the program of the WRA.

In his report Mr. Myer declares that the mass evacuation ordered by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt was "unjustified" and that the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the evacuated area was maintained "for months and perhaps for years after there was any real justification." In condemning mass evacuation, the WRA report quotes statements by Gen. DeWitt to show that he "was by no means free of racial feelings."

The WRA's comment on the lack of justification for mass evacuation received additional emphasis this week in a New York Times review by Carey McWilliams, one of the foremost authorities on the political, economic and social factors underlying the evacuation decision, who declared that "it was the most important single blunder that we made during the war."

Mr. McWilliams noted that mass evacuation "was a dynamic blunder: it set in motion a chain of decisions, a fatal logic of illogic, the consequences of which will haunt the conscience of American democracy for years to come." The tragedy of mass evacuation might have been even more terrible and lasting, however, were it not for the forthright program of the WRA under Dillon Myer to depopulate the relocation camps and to return the evacuees to normal life as soon as feasible.

Both Mr. Myer and Mr. McWilliams in their respective comments on the evacuation are concerned with its effect upon the democratic standing of the American nation before the world.

"Above all," the WRA report declares, "the authority deplores the severe blow which it dealt to the democratic faith of thousands of young American citizens and the pattern we established for undemocratic behavior in the eyes of freedom-loving peoples throughout the world."

The evacuation, however wrong it may have been, is now an accomplished fact which cannot be undone, although there is hope that the Supreme Court may be presented with an opportunity to repudiate a decision reached in wartime which upheld the unprecedented indictment and exclusion of American citizens on a group basis, without resort to individual trial or hearing.

In its report the War Relocation Authority has set forth a three-point program which will help to rectify the mistakes of mass evacuation. These three points, according to the WRA, are the enactment of legislation to create a claims commission to indemnify evacuees, the modification of the naturalization law to place aliens of Japanese ancestry on an equal basis with members of all other races and the continuation and expansion of local community activity to aid the evacuees in the processes of readjustment and reintegration.

A constant awareness of democratic principles, inherent in the WRA's approach to the relocation program, did much to maintain and bolster the faith of those evacuated. Given a problem which was the antithesis of democracy, the WRA's handling of the relocation of the evacuees averted what might have become

an even more tragic situation. It is notable that the WRA approached the problem with complete faith in democratic processes. It came to know the Japanese Americans as no other group or agency has ever known them. And it is a testimonial to both the WRA and the evacuees that its final report by Dillon S. Myer is a vindication of the Japanese Americans and an indictment of the evacuation.

## Alien Land Law

Frederick N. Howser, new attorney general of California, has given notice that he is going to get tough with Japanese Americans in cases involving alleged violation of California's racist Alien Land law. Mr. Howser has indicated that his office will not agree to any more compromise settlements under which the state has been a party to a form of legalized blackmail, agreeing to quiet title to agricultural property involved in the confiscation suits in return for the payment of sums of money ranging from several thousand dollars to \$75,000 in one case in Los Angeles. In the Iwamura case in Fresno county, part of which involved property owned by Akira Iwamura, an overseas veteran, the state agreed to a payment of \$29,625 to drop its suit for confiscation on grounds of alleged violation of the statute which prohibits aliens of Japanese ancestry to own or have any interest in farm property.

The California Alien Land law, passed in 1920 after a campaign of organized race hatred against persons of Japanese ancestry, was designed to expropriate the farm lands of Japanese aliens on the basis that they were ineligible to American citizenship. It is a law which is discriminatory in intent. It was conceived in racism and passed at the behest of competitive interests and its purpose was to exclude persons of Japanese ancestry from the agricultural economy of the state.

The principle of the Alien Land law was repudiated by the people of California last November, when Proposition 15, embodying legislative amendments to tighten the Alien Land law, was defeated by a majority of more than 300,000 votes. Attorney General Howser, however, apparently has decided to ignore this mandate of California citizens on the Alien Land law and is proceeding with the prosecution of approximately 75 cases now in the courts.

Meanwhile, the constitutionality of the Alien Land law itself may be determined by the Supreme Court in the Oyama case, which is now on appeal.

While district attorney of Los Angeles County, Mr. Howser joined the race-baiters in their efforts to prevent the return of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry to their homes. Liberals who opposed Mr. Howser's election pointed out that he had indulged in wartime racism. It is now apparent that he has not changed and that he hopes to confiscate the properties of returned evacuees by use of an unfair and biased law which already has been repudiated in principle by a vote of the people.

The issue on Proposition 15 was the Alien Land law itself and it was supported by the interests which had written the original law. Proposition 15 was voted down, but Mr. Howser apparently has not read the election returns.

## Fair Employment

Refusal of an AFL union in California to take a qualified Nisei worker into its membership and its action in forcing the company involved to discharge the employee is not typical of trade union attitudes toward Japanese Americans and members of other minorities, but it does point up the fact that discrimination does exist in some sections of organized labor on the Pacific coast.

This attitude of prejudice is found in the AFL building trades and teamster unions on the Pacific coast and it may be noted that this section of labor has been traditionally anti-Oriental and its old-line, old guard leadership is proving again that it has learned nothing from the lessons of the war.

This attitude is in direct contradiction to that of the CIO and the many progressive AFL unions which have taken active and aggressive steps to integrate workers of all American groups into their rank and file.

It must not be forgotten that the ideal of fair employment practices presumes fair and equal treatment on the part of trade unions as well as employers. The fact that such discrimination does exist emphasizes the need for legislation to guarantee fair and unbiased treatment of all American workers.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Documenting the Evacuation

At a time when the 1942 mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast is still a matter of more than academic importance, the lack of a documentary film record of that event is a fact deeply to be regretted. The question of the evacuation is one which the present session of Congress will be asked to consider when the evacuee indemnification bill, which narrowly missed passage in the closing moments of the 79th Congress, is reintroduced.

From a judicial standpoint, the questions raised by the mass denial of citizen rights on the basis of ancestral identification is one which has not been settled to the satisfaction of many of the nation's leading constitutional authorities. And as for the people who were evacuated five years ago, many have yet to find a place they permanently can call their own.

The documentary motion picture, combining as it does the various media of information and education, would be an effective means of telling that evacuation story. The motion picture already has been used in race-mongering campaigns against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Back in 1916 Hearst motion picture interests made and distributed an anti-Japanese serial called "Patria," starring Mrs. Vernon Castle, which President Wilson asked to have withdrawn from circulation on the ground that it was calculated to stir up hostility against people of Japanese ancestry. Later, in 1920, the American Legion in California made a phony film called "Shadows in the West," which purported to show the activities of Japanese spies in California and had as its climax the abduction of two white girls by a group of Japanese.

The Japanese "spy" became almost a standard character in Hollywood films, along with such Japanese stereotypes as the schoolboy and the butler. When World War II started Hollywood produced several films which were designed to cast suspicion on Japanese Americans, of which the most vicious was Universal's "Little Tokyo, USA," which showed Nisei in Los Angeles as spies and plotting saboteurs and went on to justify the evacuation. "Little Tokyo, USA," incidentally, used actual newsreel shots of Japanese Americans being evacuated to assembly centers, along with a race-baiting commentary urging future preparedness against alleged "alien" infiltration which Brenda Joyce was called on to recite.

These newsreel shots such as those which were used in "Little Tokyo, USA" are probably the only documentary film record of the initial and most dramatic phase of the evacuation, the forced departure of families from their homes for the Army's assembly centers. There were some proposals that a motion picture record be made of the evacuation procedure, but these became hopelessly tangled in the red tape of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, the Army-sponsored agency which carried out the evacuation program. Some shots were taken of the historic departure of the first group of evacuees from Los Angeles for the Manzanar relocation camp in Owens valley. This group of evacuee pioneers were permitted to travel in their own cars and the strange motorcade, surrounded by jeeps carrying armed military police, made a strange sight on Highway 6 as they rolled through Mojave desert towns on the road to barbed-wire and detention.

One reason for the lack of a documentary film record of the actual evacuation is the fact that persons of Japanese ancestry in the Western Defense Command were prohibited from possession or operation of cameras, which were declared to be contraband. As a result there are few pictures at all, except for those which may have been taken by news photographers, by non-evacuee friends and by the WCCA. The WCCA's still photos were published as a part of General DeWitt's official report on evacuation and they provide an interesting, but not wholly complete, picture of forced displacement. It is all a matter of perspective, of course, and the Army certainly was not interested in picturing the phases of assembly center living, like the barbed-wire, the armed guards and the watchtowers, which concerned the evacuees most.

The WCCA did help make a documentary film on the evacuation, which later was released as a government short subject by the War Relocation Authority. The purpose of this film was to report on the evacuation to the American people and to justify it on the grounds of military necessity. The picture also sought to allay any misconceptions which may have existed in the public mind regarding the treatment of the evacuees in the centers, there being a number of people who believe that the evacuees were being kept in luxury.

The Army later made some shots of recruiting of Nisei volunteers in the war relocation camps for the 442nd Combat Team and these were later incorporated into a special film which was shown to GIs and released as a part of the Army-Navy screen magazine and which informed the troops about the role of Japanese Americans in the war. This Army-produced film showed the 442nd Combat Team in action and did much to bring home the story of Nisei soldiers at war to GIs on other fronts and in the United States.

The story of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team is the only phase of the activities of the Nisei in the war which has been thoroughly covered by the motion picture camera. The training activities of the 442nd were filmed by newsreel men and were shown in U. S. theaters. Later films showed Nisei units in action in Italy and France and covered the rescue of the 442nd Combat Team. The awarding of a Distinguished Unit citation to the 442nd was covered in later pictures as were the arrival of the regimental colors of the unit in New York and the parade of returning members of the combat team down Constitution Avenue in Washington and the presentation of the unit citation by President Truman.

The various bits of film on the wartime activities of Japanese Americans in the files of the newsreel companies and government agencies could be utilized to make a valuable, if incomplete, motion picture record of the Nisei in the evacuation and at war. Such a motion picture would be valuable weapons in the present campaign to win the right of naturalization for the only large group in the United States which does not now possess the privilege. The motion picture has been used by two generations of hate-mongers as an instrument of hostility against persons of Japanese ancestry. The same medium can be utilized to combat the prejudice which is the result of that hate-mongering.

Representatives of one of the large church organizations made films of relocation center life which have been edited and made into a picture on the evacuation. Following criticism from some evacuees that the color films painted "too rosy" a picture of camp existence, it is believed the picture now is undergoing reediting. A similar experience was reported from Canada where the Canadian Film Board, which has made some of the finest documentary pictures of the war under John Grierson, produced a short on the life of the Japanese Canadian evacuees. He again the films, which included shots of Nisei girls dancing in colorful costumes against the bleak, taking background of Canadian Rockies, tended to give a cheerful impression of what was actually a mean and miserable phase in the evacuation program. A true documentary film record of the evacuation should be cognizant of the greatest tragedy of the whole experience, the clear violation of what John Gunther has called as "the ancient principle that a citizen has individual rights and should not be punishable by group indictment." Such a film record must balance both humor and pathos, as Mine Okubo has done effectively through her drawing and text in her book, "Citizen 13660."

The art of the documentary film was thoroughly exploited during the war for both information and propaganda. The Army produced an excellent indoctrination film (Continued on page 5)



## Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

Minneapolis, Minn.

HEIFETZ . . .

A lone figure on a small stage spoke to thousands in the Minneapolis Auditorium. He verbally announced only his encore numbers, and yet for two hours he sent a message of hope, beauty and understanding. Jascha Heifetz, one of the greatest violinists of our time and all time, somehow beckoned to all of us. We were all there . . . the bobby-soxer, who had hoarded coke money for the admission price; the housewife and the layman, eagerly anticipating this luxury; the little boy, who remembering his violin at home, stared down at his idol; the elite, peering down with opera glasses, while rubbing elbows with employees. It was good to see both instrument and artist so blended that one could not distinguish where one began and the other took over.

Writing may be speaking music, but music is speaking writing. Heifetz wrote a masterpiece yesterday. Nobody has a record of it on paper, nobody can remember all the things he wrote about . . . but he wrote it. He wrote of trees bending in the night to the gentle murmurings of wind; he wrote of the single pink cloud in the sky and how it teased the other clouds to come out and play . . . He wrote about people . . . about their prayers, about their wins and losses, about their everyday struggles. He wrote a beautiful story about a blind lad, living in desolation, who one day, groping in the ground thought he had found an exquisite jewel. Of course, it was only a piece of chipped glass, but he did not know and he was glad. It is like us, who have our vision, who are sometimes gladdened because we have made a common discovery. No, Heifetz did not tell us these things; they were interwoven in the music of Bach, Catoire, Debussy, Rachmaninoff.

Looking down, we could see the neat rows of filled seats. Perhaps in Germany at one time, fanatics filled seats like these listening to Hitler and his satellites. They listened to his desires for power, they heard his plans for the militaristic angle of things. Heifetz was a great power. But he was also a great man.

OF DIMES . . .

There are all kinds of marches and we have seen them all. There was that Bataan death march. There was that march of exiled people into barracks in isolated places, there was that march which led the remains of the 442nd through our nation's capital . . . and then, there is that march of dimes. It is that march which may mean another chance to walk, to lift a useless hand, to sit, for somebody. I remember the first time I entered a ward full of patients stricken with infantile paralysis. Even my imagination could not have led me to believe that such a disease could exist. It is worse than being blind.

Have you ever tried slipping a gown onto a child whose entire body was limp, whose neck sort of lolled? Have you watched children and grown men and women trying to re-learn how to walk, and then falling down? Have you watched men wanting something in the middle of the night, and having to grasp the plug in their mouths to turn their light on? Have you watched them trying to turn and not having the energy to move a completely useless leg? It is hard to put yourself in their position, for until we are completely stricken with it ourselves, even our sympathy is synthetic. It is not strange that knowing that they will be handicapped for life, sometimes makes them hard and tough. Even in children's eyes. I have seen an animal-like meanness. You try to shut it out and you cannot.

It haunts you. There is the sound of children crying out in their sleep for their mothers . . . there is the joy which comes when you tie a balloon to their limp hands. They do not know the true significance of the prayers which they utter . . . "I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake" . . .

At the head of the march is the late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was able to overcome even such a physical handicap. He was a man who did not forget that it takes funds for the necessary medical care. This march he leads is the march of dimes, and the march for life. The band at the very end of this long struggle

## Washington News-Letter Nisei Relates Experiences In Shanghai During the War

By JOHN KITASAKO

Last week we met a Nisei who never heard of the famed 442nd Nisei Combat Regiment until after the end of the war. He learned about the 442nd for the first time from some Nisei GIs at a place nearly 6,000 miles from the U. S. That was in Shanghai where he was trapped by the outbreak of war and where he met Nisei GI translators and interpreters who moved in with the vanguard of Allied forces.

This Nisei is Tokiji Sugiyama, formerly of San Francisco, who returned to the U. S. last July after 13 years in the Orient. He was the first civilian Nisei to return to the States since the end of hostilities.

But though he heard nothing about the Nisei boys fighting in the U. S. armed forces because of the Japanese air-tight censorship, he heard plenty of propaganda about the evacuation of persons of Japanese extraction from the West Coast. The Japanese radio and press went to town on the riots in the relocation centers, the "mal-treatment" of evacuees, and the "unbearable" living conditions in the centers.

When the war broke out, Tokiji was working for a Japanese textile export firm. Even before the beginning of hostilities, he said he never felt secure, for he knew he was being trailed and watched closely by Japanese agents. A Japanese co-worker who had a friend in Japan's counterintelligence service told him that the Japanese CI had compiled several reports on him.

After Pearl Harbor, although he was an American citizen, he was not interned. Shanghai Japanese gendarmes were instructed not to imprison Japanese who were nationals of Allied powers. But he was pulled in on three occasions and questioned about his activities. He insisted that he was just minding his own business and was doing nothing detrimental to the Japanese war effort.

But the suspicious Japanese kept sharp look-out on his movements. They never felt sure because they figured that a Japanese is a Japanese under all circumstances no matter what citizenship he held, and they couldn't understand why this Nisei stuck so steadfast to his American citizenship.

But he continued to hold his job. He found that as long as he kept his mouth shut and did his work, no one bothered him to excess. He had to pay particular attention to his conversation for the Japanese were waiting for him to speak out of turn, which would have finished him right then, and there.

Tokiji says that as far as he knew there were about 25 Nisei in Shanghai during the war. Some were working for the Japanese consulate, others in Japanese firms, and still others in the Shanghai municipal government departments. Before the war there were more, but some pulled out before the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor; among these were PC columnist Bill Hosokawa, who was working for a newspaper.

With the end of the war, Chinese Nationalist forces moved into Shanghai along with U. S. troops. Among the U. S. contingent were about 100 Nisei GI translators, who expressed amazement at learning that there were Nisei living in Shanghai. But they were not so surprised as Tokiji and other Shanghai Nisei were to find Nisei GIs among the invading forces. Through these boys, Tokiji was able to catch up on the news from the States.

In fact, were it not for one of these GIs, Tokiji would have had a difficult time getting in touch with his sister in the U. S. This Nisei GI upon his return to the U. S. inquired at various places and finally was able to locate Tokiji's married sister in New York who had not heard from him in five years. And it was this sister who subsequently was largely instrumental in securing for Tokiji his passport to return to the U. S.

With Shanghai under Chinese Nationalist and U. S. control, Tokiji again found himself in un-

pleasant straits. Under the Japanese he was regarded with suspicion because he was a citizen of the U. S. Now under the Chinese, he was considered a Japanese national. No matter how long he tried to explain and no matter how many documents he produced to prove his U. S. citizenship, the Chinese steadfastly refused to be convinced. They simply couldn't understand how anyone with Japanese features could be an American.

The U. S. consulate gave him no support in the matter either. It did not recognize his citizenship. It was wary of his residence in Shanghai during the war years, and were afraid that he might have been involved in pro-Japanese activities which might embarrass the U. S. consulate's position in China.

Thus Tokiji, out of a job and 6,000 miles from his native land, was virtually a man without a country. He got pushed around quite a bit by the Chinese, but he made no protest. He merely rode the punches; he found that it was too easy to get into hot spots by trying to explain. With the Chinese soldiers extremely trigger-happy, he learned it was smart not to argue.

When he set out to have his passport renewed, he ran up against interminable skeins of red tape. And more than that, the U. S. officials were extremely sarcastic. It really got his goat, he said, but then he realized that they were under orders to exercise a maximum of caution. And then too, he figured that some of the officials who had lost relatives and friends in the Pacific war were bitter toward anyone with a Japanese face and name, citizen or not. But even then, he thought their officious, sarcastic manners were inexcusable.

He could have taken an easy way out by being repatriated to Japan where his parents lived, but he was intent on returning to America. Finally, after six months, through the efforts of his sister in New York, his passport came through. He was broke and had no immediate prospect of a job, but he was happy, and felt that it was worth all the unpleasantness he had suffered to get it.

In the latter part of June 1946, he set sail for the U. S. on an army transport. One of the happiest moments in his entire life, he said, was seeing the Golden Gate bridge. He stayed up till 1 a. m. just to get a view of the massive span of steel stretching across the western gateway to his native America.

Tokiji is presently with an export firm in New York which is looking forward to the day when trade with the Orient will be resumed full blast.

NEW YORK CITY—Miss Pauli Murray, member of the legal staff of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, will speak to the New York chapter of the JACL, Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p. m., at the Japanese Methodist church, 323 West 108th street.

Miss Murray, who won the 1946 Mademoiselle Merit award for signal achievement in law, was temporary deputy attorney general for the state of California before she joined the staff of the American Jewish Congress, where she is now participating in the organization's campaign against racial discrimination.

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### Sectional YPCC To Hold Meeting

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Sectional YPCC will hold a streamlined one-day session on Sunday, March 23, under the chairmanship of Seichi Mikami.

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Don't Count on Lump Sum Payment

Denver, Colo.

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, to coin a phrase, and you'd better not spend the \$1,000 lump sum payment which it has been suggested ought to be paid as indemnity to all evacuees.

It's going to be a job to convince this year's economy-minded congress that such a payment, although a drop in the budget bucket, is a justifiable appropriation. An indemnification bill like the one its backers have in mind will be a red flag to some Republican who'll charge like an angry bull.

Of course it would be nice to have Uncle Sam slip us a check for a grand and say, "So sorry." It wouldn't take as long to put that thousand back in circulation.

But it seems an evacuee has no

## Vagaries

### Chorine . . .

One of the Heart Mountain relocation center's pretty school teachers, Evelyn Johnson, is now leading the brunette side of the chorus line at Broadway's newest night club, the Vanity Fair. Miss Johnson taught fourth grade pupils at the Heart Mountain camp during the war . . . The American Legion in several western cities is still interested in forming segregated posts for Japanese American veterans.

### Rejected . . .

An American war veteran of Japanese ancestry, who was awarded a Silver Star for special services in the war against Japan, is now petitioning the Civil Service Commission for a reconsideration of their rejection of his application for civilian service with occupation forces in Japan. This ex-GI, who served with distinction for two years in the Pacific, was turned down by the Civil Service Commission when he applied for a War Department job in Japan.

### Entry . . .

As a result of protests regarding the Immigration Service's treatment of Chinese arriving at the port of San Francisco, it's reported that the processing of recent arrivals has been speeded and that courtesy is now the keynote. Immigration Service officials at San Francisco revised their treatment of Oriental arrivals as Willard Kelly, assistant commissioner of immigration in charge of alien control, rushed out to the coast to look into the protests.

### Tokyo Romance . . .

The novel by United Press Correspondent Ernest Hoberecht, "Tokyo Romance," which is a best seller in Japan, will be distributed soon in Hawaii. The novel tells of the romance between an American war correspondent and a Japanese movie actress in occupied Japan. Unlike "Mme. Butterfly," the modern-day story has a happy ending. Author Hoberecht, now in U. P.'s Tokyo bureau, has denied that the book is autobiographical or that the heroine is a real-life actress, Yukiko Todoroki. Hoberecht admitted he once interviewed a Japanese actress, but told the Nippon Times "I've never yet had a date with her."

Rev. Alfred S. Akamatsu of New York recently was selected by the Federal Council of Churches to be one of the minister-observers at sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council's subcommittee on human rights . . . Tom Harimoto, veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, is the starting forward on the Hawaii All-Stars, now touring the West Coast with matches against the Harlem Globetrotters.

### NISEI USA:

#### Documentary Films

(Continued from page 4)  
rected by Frank Capra to explain the causes and purposes of the war. Army films were widely used in training soldiers in specialized duties. Later such films as John Huston's "San Pietro," "The True Glory" and others brought home the war to the people at home. The art of the documentary film can be used similarly to tell the evacuation story and to assist the campaign now under way for the passage of an evacuee claims bill and legislation for equality in naturalization.

moral right to claim an indemnity for the fact of having been evacuated than a vet has of claiming a bonus because he was drafted. Both are, in the final analysis, raids on the public purse by way of the treasury.

The claims bill is another matter. Certainly its terms should be liberalized, the red tape cut, and everything be done to reimburse any evacuee who can demonstrate loss.

Japanese Americans have too much at stake in congress to risk good will by such a sweeping measure as a general indemnity bill. In the long run success in the fight to eliminate racial discrimination from the laws (the immigration and naturalization bills, for instance) is going to mean more than payment of \$1,000 to each evacuee.

### Loose Tooth

Mike, our first-grader, has a front tooth coming loose. It is his first and he is intrigued and thrilled by the prospect of losing it. Yet he is a little apprehensive for he hates pain and he is afraid it might hurt. He practically has sworn off eating apples for fear of further loosening that tooth.

Losing a tooth—in childhood, that is—is a milestone in the process of growing up. There are other milestones, too, like the first tooth to poke its way up out of the baby's gums, the first hesitant step, the first bloody nose or black eye, the first day of school.

And when one becomes older there are other milestones, like the first gray hair, the first gold crown, the first bridge. Mike wouldn't understand yet, but nature's way of extracting his milk teeth is much less unpleasant than the dentist's way of extracting that decaying molar. We ought to know.

### Light Fantastic

This week, out of nowhere, the wife said: "Bill, why don't you go to Arthur Murray's or somewhere like that and take some dancing lessons."

In the struggle to reach adulthood we missed out when the other fellows were learning to dance. We were awkward, for one thing, and couldn't get the hang of it. That must have led to resentment of a sort, for we dismissed dancing as unworthy and turned to it only half-heartedly when the urging became too persistent.

"I can dance," we said after coming out of the shock of surprise. "Well, I can dance after a fashion."

"That's not what I call it," she retorted. "The way you dance I don't enjoy dancing with you, so we never go anywhere."

Since the charge was true, there was no use replying to it. So we took another tack.

"When am I going to get time," we asked. "Look at all those magazines and books waiting to be read. Those articles to be written, those letters to be answered, the basement to be painted."

"You make the time," she said firmly.

Despite Arthur Murray's singing commercial comeons to the awkward of foot and faint of heart, the thought of placing oneself at the mercy of a dancing master is, well, is distressing.

We can still recall the agony of trying to negotiate the dance floor with an unfamiliar partner, and retreating fully convinced that 60 minutes of a football game was less strenuous.

On the other hand the situation offer interesting possibilities — a blonde and shapely instructress, for instance. It seems worth looking into.

At this writing we are still resisting the wife's will. Perhaps our readers have arguments, pro and con, — and we'd like to get your views.

We'll keep you posted on developments.



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## Minnesota City Bans Bias in Employment

**Fair Job Practices Ordinance Backed by Mayor Humphrey**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The city of Minneapolis, which is now conducting a self-survey to determine the extent of discrimination faced by Japanese Americans and members of other minority race groups, now has a city ordinance branding the practice of racial or religious discrimination by employers or labor unions as a criminal offense.

The city fair employment practices measure passed on a vote of 21 to 3.

The ordinance, applicable to all employers of two or more persons, city government departments and labor unions, will make racial or religious discrimination punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or by a sentence of up to 90 days in the workhouse.

It also calls for establishment of a five-man commission to screen complaints of violations and recommend cases for prosecution.

The ordinance had the full support of Minneapolis' Mayor Humphrey.

## Triple I to Hold Mardis Gras Dance

CHICAGO—The Triple I will hold a "Mardi Gras" dance on Saturday, February 15, at the Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland, at 8 p. m.

The Triple I is an interracial organization which meets monthly at the Olivet Institute.

Dinner prepared by members of the group will be served at 6:15 p. m., and persons desiring reservations are asked to make them with Kenji Nakane, Superior 9416.

## Donation Swells Buddhist Organ Fund

FRESNO, Calif. — The organ fund of the Central California Young Buddhists' association is one hundred dollars closer to its goal, it was announced this week, following the generous donation of Mr. Ashford Lake and Mrs. Lola Lake, Fresno fig growers.

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## Paul Robeson Will Leave Concert Stage For War on Prejudice

Paul Robeson, who will be heard in concert in Salt Lake City and Ogden in March, will leave the theater and concert stage after his current tour to devote the next two years to a personal mission against race hatred and prejudice.

Mr. Robeson made his announcement in St. Louis last week after he had marched at the head of a picket line of the Civil Rights Congress of St. Louis in protest against race-segregation practices in a St. Louis theater.

"Some of us will have to speak up and appeal to the people to respect the common rights of others," Mr. Robeson said. "It seems that I must raise my voice, but not by singing pretty songs."

Mr. Robeson will sing at Kingsbury hall, University of Utah, on March 5. He will be heard at the Ogden high school auditorium on March 3.

## San Jose To Hold Invitational Cage Tourney in March

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose YBA will hold an invitational basketball tournament on March 29 and 30 at the San Jose high school gym under the co-chairmanship of Sakuo Taketa and Kats Minato.

Eight outstanding teams from California, including the Northern California AA kingpins, the Bussei champions, are expected to attend.

One hundred dollars in cash prizes, plus trophies, will be presented to the winners. A perpetual trophy has been donated by Morey Asanuma, San Jose, and individual awards for outstanding players have been presented by Sal De Luna.

An award dance under the chairmanship of Gonzo Sakaguchi will climax the tournament.

Committee members include Chi Akizuki, programs; Herman Santo, gym; Eddie Yamaoka and Phil Matsumura, publicity; and Harry Yoshioka, Sal Jio, Clark Taketa and Morey Asanuma, advisory committee.

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## Young Peoples Society Schedules Events For Coming Months

DENVER — The next regular dance of the Young Peoples' Society of the Denver YWCA will be held Thursday, Feb. 13, from 9 to 11:30 p. m., with Art Bronson's orchestra providing the music, according to Dorothy Gebhart, publicity director of the YWCA. All young people are invited.

A YPS council meeting will be held in Room 307 before the dance. All interested YPS members are urged to attend.

A square-dance session will be held on February 20 at 9 p. m., with Hack Hickish as caller. Instruction will be provided for beginners, it was announced. Girls should wear low-heeled shoes. A 25-cent individual admission fee will be charged both men and girls.

Orchestra dances will continue to be held every other week, specifically Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, and April 10 and 24, it was announced.

## Jio Nursery Team Takes Championship Of Bowling League

SAN JOSE, Calif. — With 43 wins and 17 losses for the season, the Jio Nursery bowlers took the championship of the United Citizens bowling league after defeating Madrone Market, 4-0, on January 30.

The Maggio and Moreno teams are tied for second place with 36 wins and 24 losses each.

The ten leading bowlers in the league were Fuzzy Shimada, 168; John Kasano, 163; Tats Yamada, 160; Saku Yamada, 159; Frank Yoshioka, 158; Frank Sakamoto, 156; Terry Sentachi, 155; Kaz Nakamura, 152; Hideo Nakamura, 150, and Vic Hirose, 150.

## Judd Offers Bill For Stays Of Deportation

WASHINGTON — An amendment to the Immigration Act of 1917, which will authorize stays of deportation for aliens of Japanese ancestry and other aliens now eligible to citizenship has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Walter Judd, R., Minn., and has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Judd amendment, similar to one introduced in the 79th Congress by the Minnesotan, would permit discretionary action on the part of the Attorney General in cases of aliens ineligible to citizenship "who have proved good moral character for the preceding five years."

Under the amendment the Attorney General may permit an alien to depart the United States to any country of his choice at his own expense, in lieu of deportation or suspend deportation of an alien if the Attorney General finds that such deportation "would result in serious economic detriment" to the citizen or a legally resident alien who is a spouse, parent or minor child of such deportable alien.

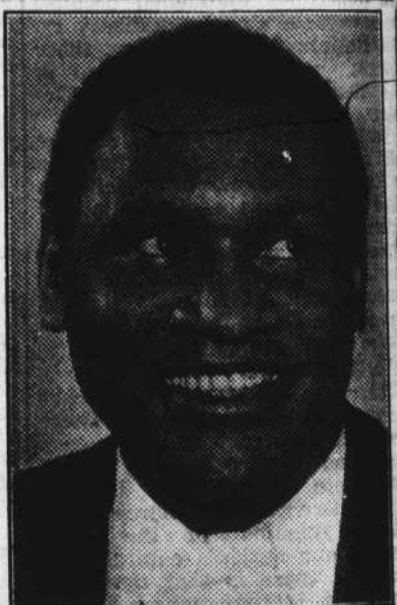
The amendment also provides that the Attorney General may suspend deportation if he finds that such alien has made "valuable contributions to the war effort as a loyal ally of the United States during World War II as established to the satisfaction of the Attorney General by testimony or other evidence presented by the United States agency under which such services were performed."

The proposed legislation will affect a number of Japanese aliens, against whom deportation proceedings have been initiated, who served in United States war agencies in the war against Japan.

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# Government Checks Await 400 Evacuees for Work in Camps

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Approximately 400 former evacuees have government checks waiting for them to be claimed at the War Relocation Authority Building, Department of the Interior, Washington office of the JACL reported today following a conference with liquidation officials.

These checks, ranging from 33 cents to over \$200 each, are for unclaimed clothing allowances and "salaries" earned while they were detained in the WRA centers. Since no forwarding addresses have been left, these checks could not be sent them when the WRA itself was liquidated last June, it was explained.

Unless they are claimed soon, they will be returned to the Treasury Department and the accounts closed.

Former evacuees entitled to these checks need only to write in and identify themselves to Robert Conklin, Acting Chief, War Relocation Authority, Liquidation Unit, Interior Department Building, Washington, D. C., to receive their money, according to the JACL office.

It was reported that checks are awaiting the following evacuees: Abo, Sadako; Ajsaka, Tatsumi; Abo, Tasuke; Akimoto, Midori; Akatagawa, Karoku; Akutagawa, Tetsuo; Amano, May; Amemiya, Soma; Aoki, Al; Arai, Hiroshi; Asanuma, Toshio; Ashizawa, Bunzo; Atari, Motokichi.

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## Chicago Nisei Set Cage Tournament For March 15, 16

CHICAGO—The Chicago Nisei Sports Association will sponsor its 2nd annual Nisei national basketball tournament on March 15 and 16, according to Frank Kasuyama, secretary-treasurer.

Invitations have been sent to San Jose, Denver, Salt Lake City, Detroit, Cleveland and New York City.

The 1946 tournament drew 2500 spectators. The Fort Snelling team was the winner of the tourney.

Tim Teraji has been named chairman of the tournament.

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Uchida, Taiji; Uchimura, George; Ueda, Chusaku; Umamoto, Akio; Ushiyama, Sumiye; Uyeda, Chikai; Uyeda, Yoshizaku; Uyeki, Minoru; Uyeki, Minoru H.; Uyeki, Minoru Harry; Uyeyama, Miyasumi.

Watanabe, Florence; Watanabe, Jisaburo Jim; Watanabe, Shinichi.

Yabu, Gennosuke; Yabuki, Masaki; Yabuki, Shigeno; Yamada, Kakutaro; Yamada, Kay; Yamada, Kay (Dakue); Yamada, Mitsuri; Yamagata, Taichi; Yamamoto, Chester; Yamamoto, Hatsu; Yamamoto, Henry; Yamamoto, Henry; Yamamoto, Hiroshi; Yamamoto, Kazuo; Yamamoto, Makiko; Yamamoto, Masuikichi; Yamamoto, Mato Chester; Yamanaga, Albert; Yamoto, Toshimi, H.; Yamauchi, Joe Jyoichi; Yamauchi, Jyochi; Yamayoshi, John Noburo; Yanagihara, Masaru; Yanagihara, Shizuki; Yanagiya, Kotaro; Yasuoka, Dorothy; Yasuoka, Dorothy S.; Yatsunami, Toemon; Yogi, Sanemori; Yokoyama, Chiyono; Yokoyama, Daitaro; Yonesato, Koichi Kay; Yorimoto, Tom Keiso; Yoshida, George E.; Yoshida, Michihiko; Yoshida, Tamio; Yoshimura, Charles; Yoshinaga, Etsu; Yukawa, Phylliss.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sakura a boy, Samuel Charles, on Jan. 13 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fukano a boy on Jan. 25 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Maebori a boy, William Toshi Jr., on Jan. 27 in Auburn, Wash.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Tsukamoto a boy on Jan. 30 in Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nishimoto a boy, Koichi, on Ja. 27 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Takahashi a girl on Jan. 28 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matsuura, 657 West First North St., Salt Lake City a boy on Feb. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tateoka, 256 North First West St., Salt Lake City, a girl on Feb. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. George K. Arai a boy on Jan. 29 in San Francisco.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Mark Shimamoto a boy, Mark, on Jan. 1 in St. Paul, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ida a girl on Jan. 6 in Minneapolis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Fujikawa a boy on Jan. 20 in Fowler, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike M. Sako a boy on Jan. 21 in Sacramento.

### MARRIAGES

Marianne Tateyama, Ault, Colo., to Shizuo Sakurada, Lyman, Neb., on Jan. 12 in Greeley, Colo.

Fusaye Fukuhara to Hideo Nakata on Feb. 1 in Denver.

Rosie Hisaye Doi to Kiyoshi Takata on Feb. 2 in Denver.

Mary Toriye Sakurai to Henry Keizo Sakaguchi on Feb. 2 in Denver.

Nellie Aramaki to Joe Y. Saito on Jan. 26 in Seattle.

Yoshie Miyasako to James Yamada on Jan. 5 in Caldwell, Idaho. Masako Takahashi to Harry Hamada on Jan. 7 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Megumi Takizawa to George Kintoshi Goi on Jan. 4 in Minneapolis. Michiko Okazaki to Willie Uyeda on Jan. 25 in Los Angeles.

Helen Chiyoko Kadowaki to Yukio Kawahara on Feb. 1 in San Francisco.

### DEATHS

Kisaji Nishida on Jan. 30 in San Bernardino, Calif.

Mrs. Taju Inazu in Philadelphia.

Fujio Narasaki, formerly of Stockton, in Trenton, N. J. Jitsukusu Kusumine, 73, on Feb. 4 in San Francisco.

Mrs. Shizu Iohara on Feb. 4 in Richmond, Calif.

### "Heart Throb" Dance

TACOMA, Wash.—The Tacoma YBA will hold a "Heart Throb" dance on Valentine's Day, February 12, at the Seattle Buddhist hall from 8 p.m. to 12. Admission will be \$1.25 per couple, or \$1.25 for men. Women will be admitted free.

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## Chicago JACL Plans Program for East-West Fellowship

CHICAGO—A program devoted to Japanese culture will be presented for the East and West Fellowship by the Chicago chapter of the JACL on Wednesday, February 19, at 8:00 p. m.

The East and West Fellowship is an organization devoted to stimulating inter-cultural interests among members of different races. The evening will include an explanatory talk on the Japanese language by Mr. G. Byron Honda and a presentation of flower arrangement by Dr. Mary Takahashi.

Typically Japanese refreshments will follow the program, which will be held at 11 S. Michigan Ave., room 607. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Florin Fellowship Plans Social Events

FLORIN, Calif. — The Florin Youth Fellowship will hold a Valentine get-together on February 16 under the chairmanship of Ben Miyakawa.

The fellowship will also hold a snow hike on Feb. 22.

## Oregon Buddhists To Hold Dance

PORTLAND, Ore. — Young Buddhists of Portland and vicinity will hold a dance on Saturday, February 15, at 9:30 p. m. at Pythian hall, Ninth and Yamhill streets.

Wes Lang and his 10-piece orchestra will provide the music. The dance will be informal.

Harry Nakata has been named chairman. Other committee heads have been named as follows: Joe Naemura, floor and orchestra; Shigeru Takeuchi, dance bids; Toby Ninomiya, Pauline Tamiyasu, Yoko Hishikawa and Jime Takeuchi, refreshments; Shiro Takeuchi, publicity; and Richard Yamano, posters.

## Fresno Fellowship To Hear Speakers

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Christian Fellowship will have as guest speakers on Feb. 9 the Rev. Nicholas Cumba of the Philippine Christian church and the Rev. Larry Domingas of the Mexican Methodist church in Selma as part of their program on race relations. Chairman for the evening will be Dorothy Nagata.

On Feb. 16 the fellowship will meet with a Chinese Christian group.

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## Kinoshita Given Two Medals for Combat Action

Portland Medic Held Seventh Armored Unit Rank of Major With

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dr. Robert Kinoshita, who held the rank of major while serving with the U.S. Army in Europe, was awarded an oak leaf cluster to the Silver Star and a Bronze Star medal with a valor citation at a presentation ceremony on Jan. 29 in Portland.

The medals were presented by Lieut. Col. William M. Calhoun, commanding officer of U. S. Army recruiting in the district. Col. Calhoun noted that Dr. Kinoshita was awarded the oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star medal.

Dr. Kinoshita already holds the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters, the Silver Star and the Combat Medical badge as well as the meritorious unit citation and the Medal of Verdun. He received the Bronze Star with valor citation for heroism in action on Sept. 14, 1944 at Chambley, France.

The Oak leaf cluster to the Silver Star was awarded him for gallantry in action on Sept. 17, 1944 at Lorry, France. His first Silver Star was received for gallantry in action at Leves, France on Aug. 16, 1944.

Dr. Kinoshita, who held the rank of captain in the reserve, volunteered for military duty and was inducted from the Heart Mountain relocation center in Wyoming where he was serving as a member of the project medical staff. He was attached to the Seventh Armored division and was promoted to the rank of major while still in service. At one period of the war in Europe he was attached to the British Army and later rejoined the U. S. 102nd division in Belgium.

He was redeployed to the United States on V-E day.

The citations read by Col. Calhoun were lavish in praise of Dr. Kinoshita's heroism under fire.

He interned at the Emanuel hospital in Portland and was on the medical staff of a government agency at the time of the outbreak of war.

## Aizawa Wins Bout In Idaho Tourney

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Kio Aziawa, welterweight from Jerome, Idaho, finished strong to win his first round match in the northwest eliminations of the Golden Gloves tournament from Roy Dutton, 143-pounder from Bruneau.

## MISLS Album Is Still Available To Students, Public

MONTEREY, Calif. — Limited copies of the MISLS Album, pictorial record of the school, are still available to graduates of the school and the general public.

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Orders, together with check or money order for \$3.50, should be mailed to MISLS Album, Presidio of Monterey, California. Albums will be mailed, postage prepaid, immediately upon receipt of order.

## Spokane Team Marks Fifth Victory In Cage League

SPOKANE, Wash.—In a thrilling two-period overtime game, the Grant Street Methodist No. 1 basketball team hung up its fifth consecutive victory Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Roger high school gym by downing the Central Lutheran five, 28-26.

Everett Matsui scored 8 points for the Methodists, followed by Ben Seojima with 7 points. The victory assured the Grant Street Methodist boys of at least a tie for the championship of the Class B league of the Spokane Interchurch basketball league.

## Roy Tokeshi Wins Golden Gloves Bout

NEW YORK — Roy Tokeshi, promising young Nisei featherweight, knocked out John Rhodes in the second round of a Golden Gloves match at Ridgewood Grove on Jan. 17.

## Wedding

LOS ANGELES — Miss Mary Michiyo Yagawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takematsu Yagawa, will become the bride of Mr. John T. Saito on Sunday, February 16, at 4 p. m. at the Japanese Methodist church in Los Angeles.

## Okano Named to Society at Tulane

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Takeshi Okano, senior medical student at Tulane university, recently was named to the Tulane chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, national honorary medical fraternity.

## Utah Senator Asks Stay for Canadian Nisei

WASHINGTON—A private bill for a permanent stay of deportation for Mrs. Teruko Nagai Matsukawa of Los Angeles was introduced on Jan. 28 in the Senate by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah.

The measure (SB 419) is the same as a bill introduced in the last session by Senator Thomas and Rep. Carl T. Curtis, R., Neb.

Mrs. Matsukawa, a native of British Columbia, was served with an order for deportation to Japan with her mother, a Japanese national, in 1946. Court action was undertaken to obtain a temporary stay of deportation.

It is reported that Mrs. Matsukawa and a sister, both born in Canada, were brought to the United States in 1924 by their parents and have resided in this country since that time.

Legal counsel for Mrs. Matsukawa contend that she is not deportable to Japan, a country which she has never seen, since she is a native of Canada. Her husband, Sam Matsukawa, is a United States citizen. Her sister is married to an American soldier of Japanese ancestry.

## San Jose Zebras Take Fifth Place

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Zebras finished in fifth place in the San Jose winter league on Feb. 2 as they defeated Campbell, 8 to 6, in ten innings.

The Zebras won the game when Bill Freitas, Campbell pitcher, walked three men in a row and Art Kitahara pounded a single to right.

Johnny Horio started on the mound for the Zebras, but was driven from the box in the third. George Hinaga finished up and got credit for the victory.

## Seattle Marriage

SEATTLE, Wash. — Miss Nellie Aramaki, daughter of Mrs. T. Aramaki, and Mr. Joe Y. Saito, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Saito, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, January 26, at the Japanese Baptist church in Seattle, Wash.

The Rev. A. Andrews officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The groom is an active member of the Snake River JACL, the Ontario American Legion and the Lions club. He served in the army for 52 months.

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## Roy Takeno Named Special Assistant In Denver Office

DENVER—Roy Takeno, recently of the Denver Post, has been named as special assistant to the Tri-State regional JACL office for the duration of the office's financial campaign.

Takeno's duties will include general administrative assistance in the operation of the Tri-State office.

## Harada Loses Final Bout at Denver

DENVER, Colo.—Shag Harada, defending champion in the featherweight division, lost in the finals of the annual Elks amateur boxing tournament on Jan. 30.

Harada dropped a decision to Art Irlando. Both of the finalists fought in the colors of the Amvets.

## Bridal Shower

CHICAGO — Miss Edna Ito, bride-elect of Mr. Shig Kimura, was feted at a bridal shower Sunday, January 27, at the home of Mrs. H. Y. Tanaka. Attending were the Misses Grace Hagiya, Mary Inouye, Martha Takemura, Mary Oya, Ruby Tashima, Sumi Hata, Fumi Onishi, Thelma Tanaka, Margaret and Margie Ito, and the Mesdames Elmer Shirrel, Y. Inouye, Carnegie Ouye, Masu Ito, T. Mano, Tom Oye.

Miss Ito and Mr. Kimura have set the 23rd of February as their wedding date.

## Wedding

CHICAGO—Miss Martha Owashi, daughter of Mr. K. Kaminaka of San Diego, became the bride of Mr. Takeo Deguchi on January 26 with the Rev. Sadaichi Kazuhara presiding at the Thorndike Hilton chapel in Chicago.

Miss Noriko Ishimoto served as maid-of-honor for the bride, and Mr. Osamu Moriwaki served as best man. Mr. Lewis Matsuoka and Mr. Sam Matsutani served as ushers.

The newlyweds will reside in Chicago.

## Nisei GI Boxers Fight in Manila

MANILA, P. I.—Three Nisei GI boxers, representing the U. S. Army's Japan team, participated in the intercommand tournaments this week in Manila.

The U. S. Army team from Japan included Susumu Tanaka, Shig Oishi and James Nagao, all of Honolulu.

## Court Halts Deportation of Japanese Group

Immigration Service Must Show Cause for Ouster Program

PHILADELPHIA—The deportation of 21 aliens of Japanese ancestry was halted on Jan. 27 by the Federal District Court, which asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to show cause why the internees, pre-war residents of Pacific coast areas, should not be allowed to remain in the United States.

Several of the Japanese aliens who are now in technical custody while working at Seabrook Farms, Bridgeton, N. J., have lived in the United States for more than 20 years. One has a son who served the U. S. Army during the war.

Judge William H. Kirkpatrick ruled that the detention office at Seabrook Farms could not release the men for deportation until the case had been heard before court on March 24.

Attorneys for the Japanese aliens charged that the constitutional rights of the men as residents of the United States were violated that they had never been charged with being "enemy aliens" or that they were not in custody.

## Tacoma Buddhists Name Yosh Tanabe New President

TACOMA, Wash.—Yosh Tanabe was elected president of the Tacoma YBA at a meeting February 2 at the Buddhist church. Members of the cabinet are John Sasaki, vice-president; Kimi Moto, recording secretary; I. Fukui, corresponding secretary; Hiroshi Fujita, treasurer; I. Fukui and Tadashi Horike, special chairman; Noboru Yamashita, athletic chairman; and Miyo Tanabe, religious chairman.

Installation services will be held at the Tacoma Buddhist church, 17th and Fawcett, on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p. m. A social including dancing and refreshments will be held after the services. The public is invited to attend.

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