

Utah Senate Passes Alien Land Law Repeal

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Record of Japanese American GIs Hailed in Unanimous Vote of State's Upper Chamber

The Utah State Senate, by unanimous vote, passed Senate Bill 122, repealing the Utah Alien Land law, on Feb. 21.

The vote on the Alien Land law repeal measure, sponsored by Utah veterans groups, was 20 to 0. Three senators were absent.

Sen. Alonzo Hopkin, D., Utah county, president of the Utah Senate, and sponsor of the Alien Land law which was passed by the Utah legislature in 1943, announced that he concurred with the repeal action. Sen. Hopkin said that he had sponsored the law, aimed at aliens of Japanese ancestry, in 1943 when West Coast evacuees were establishing residence in the state as a measure to conserve Utah's limited agricultural area for men who were then away at war. He said that now that Utah's fighting men were back home he believed that the law should be repealed.

The Utah Alien Land law, which prohibited ownership of agricultural property by "aliens ineligible to citizenship," was patterned on the present California law.

Sen. Elias Day, R., Salt Lake county, urged passage of the Alien Land law measure as a tribute to American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought gallantly in the war. Noting that Utah veterans, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Amvets and the Spanish American War Veterans, were sponsoring the legislation on behalf of the Japanese American GIs, Senator Day read General Mark Clark's tribute to the 442nd Combat Team to the State Senate.

SB 122, sponsored by Sen. Newell Knight, R., Salt Lake county, and others, now goes to the State House of Representatives where favorable action is predicted.

The action on the Alien Land law was taken under a suspension of rules moved by Sen. Day.

Sen. Rue Clegg, R., Salt Lake county, called the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry "one of the blackest pages of American history" and urged the repeal of the anti-alien restriction.

Justice Department to Appeal Court Verdict in Bouiss Case

Will Declare Law Does Not Apply to Japanese Women

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department, through its Immigration and Naturalization Service, will appeal the decision in the Helene Emilie Bouiss case in which a federal district judge held that the provisions of the Soldier Brides' Act applied to persons of Japanese ancestry, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, announced this week.

Masaoka had asked the Justice Department to request the immigration officials concerned to permit the entry of certain Canadian-born Nisei wives of American veterans on the basis of this court decision. The Justice Department stated that in their opinion the Bouiss decision was not the correct interpretation of Congress's intent when they enacted the Soldier Brides' Act in 1945. The Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a division of the Justice Department, will direct their field office in Seattle to seek an appeal to the court ruling, Masaoka was informed. Until the courts have made a final decision, the Canadian Nisei wives of American veterans of Japanese ancestry will not be granted entry permits into the United States, unless private bills are passed by Congress in their behalf, Masaoka was informed.

In the Bouiss case, Federal District Judge Paul J. McCormick granted a writ of habeas corpus on July 25, 1946, releasing Helene Emilie Bouiss, the part-Japanese and part-"white" wife of an American soldier who was returning from overseas duty in Japan, from the custody of Seattle immigration officials who were holding her for deportation back to Japan.

Judge McCormick declared that even though Mrs. Bouiss came under the restrictive literal terms of the Immigration Act of 1924 (the Exclusion Act), the provisions of the Soldier Brides' Act would apply.

Judge McCormick declared in his decision:

"This remedial statute was enacted in a post-bellum environment which found millions of the personnel of the armed forces of the nation in distant and widely separated foreign areas around the globe. Its broad and comprehensive terms clearly state the purpose and object which Congress sought to accomplish by this legislative innovation. The intent to keep intact all conjugal and family relationships and responsibilities of honorably discharged service men of the Second World War is clearly expressed, and the obvious purpose to safeguard the social and domestic consequences of marriage of service men while absent from the United States must take precedence over a generalized phrase which if interpreted along purely racial lines would frustrate the plain purpose of the whole statute. Such a construction should not be adopted."

Masaoka declared that the Legal Defense Fund of the JACL will be called upon to study what action the League should take in the pending appeal.

Report Denver Family Overcome by Carbon Monoxide Fumes

DENVER, Colo.—A Denver family of four was overcome by carbon monoxide in their home, 738 28th st., on Feb. 13 and all were reported in a serious condition at Denver General Hospital.

The four, Buntaro Fujinari, 55; his wife, Seisi, 54; a son, John, 23, and a daughter, Janet, 12, were found unconscious in their beds by Patrolmen William Cummings and David Sconce who were called by neighbors.

Firemen from Rescue Squad No. 4 worked over the four with resuscitators until a private ambulance arrived and took them to the hospital.

A clogged flue on a gas-fired hot-water heater caused the gas to fill the house.

Report 900 Stranded Nisei Cleared For Return to U. S.

Report Nisei Girl Among Victims of L. A. Explosion

LOS ANGELES—At least one person of Japanese ancestry was listed as among those killed in the O'Connor Electroplate plant explosion on Feb. 20 which killed at least 15 persons and injured 200 others.

She was identified as Akiko Otomo, 23.

Japanese Americans were among the 700 persons made homeless by the blast at the East Pico plant. The district in which the factory was located was one in which a substantial number of Japanese Americans resided before the evacuation in 1942.

Noted Nursery Operator, Wife Die in Crash

Light Truck Collides With Tanker on Highway Near Roseville

ROSEVILLE, Calif.—Ichizo Sakata, 62, noted Loomis nurseryman, and his wife, Wai, 52, were killed and their son, Ray, 16, was seriously injured when their pickup truck collided with a tanker on Highway 40, two and a half miles east of Roseville, on Feb. 16.

Highway Patrolman Irving Elliot said the tanker, owned by the Petroleum Tank Line of Sacramento and driven by Lowell V. Cary, 35, collided head-on with the small truck at noon last Saturday.

The Sakata youth was driving the pickup at the time of the crash.

The patrolman said the tanker, traveling east, pushed the truck more than 100 feet before crushing it against a tree beside the highway. The dead and injured persons were riding in the cab of the pickup.

After being crushed against the tree the motor of the pickup caught afire, but was extinguished by water which spurted from the radiator of the tanker. The Roseville Fire Department was called to the scene.

Deputy Coroner George A. Lambert is investigating the accident.

Gen. DeWitt's Evacuation Policy Upheld By Group in Stockton

Reserve Officers Protest Criticism by Myer in Resolution

STOCKTON, Calif. — Gen. DeWitt's actions in ordering the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast in 1942 were upheld in a resolution passed by members of the San Joaquin Chapter, Reserve Officers Association, on Feb. 13.

The resolution condemned a recent statement by Dillon S. Myer, former head of the War Relocation Authority, which the chapter considered as derogatory to Gen. DeWitt.

It was reported the resolutions would be forwarded to the state and national organizations of the association for further forwarding to the proper congressional authorities, particularly of the California delegation.

Members of the San Joaquin

Retained American Citizenship During War; All Carefully Screened, Says U. S. Official

TOKYO—Approximately 900 American citizens of Japanese ancestry, stranded in Japan during the war, now are eligible to return to homes in the Mainland United States and Hawaii, American consular officials reported on Feb. 15.

Alexis Johnson, American consul in Tokyo, said that the 900 Nisei already had received approval from United States authorities to return to their homes but that shipping is not available.

"All these people have been screened carefully and we are satisfied that they have retained their American citizenship," Consul Johnson declared.

California CRDU May Reconsider Oyama Decision

JACL Leaders Urge Civil Rights Group To Support Test Case

SAN FRANCISCO — Reconsideration of the recent decision of the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union to withhold further financial support from the Oyama case on the California Alien Land law which will be presented on appeal to the United States Supreme Court soon will be sought at the next meeting of the CRDU board of directors, it was reported here.

At their last meeting the CRDU directors voted to transfer their support to another Alien Land law test case involving a Nisei war veteran. Subsequent investigation by attorneys was reported to have disclosed that this second case did not touch on all the issues involved in the Oyama case.

The proposal for reconsideration was made after a conference between local directors of the CRDU and Saburo Kido and George Inagaki, representing the JACL's Legal Defense Fund in Southern California.

Both Kido and Inagaki urged continuation of CRDU support in the Oyama case, pointing out that legal advisers of the JACL, including many prominent constitutional authorities, were unanimous in their declaration that the case should be taken to the Supreme Court. They declared that the Legal Defense Fund, Southern California counterpart of the CRDU, would support the Oyama case, regardless of the ultimate decision of the CRDU.

It was reported that a large percentage of the Nisei who had already been cleared for return to the United States were minor children at the time of the outbreak of war and had gained their majority since 1941.

Some of those who have been approved were aboard the final passenger vessel out of Japan which left for the United States in November, 1941 and which turned back before reaching Honolulu. Many of these persons were subjected to intensive questioning by Japanese officials after the outbreak of war because of their attempted departure from Japan. Others among those cleared had applied for return to the United States in the fall of 1941, when the U. S. State Department advised all citizens to leave Far Eastern areas, but were unable to get shipping space and were stranded.

It was understood that the wartime activities of these stranded Nisei are carefully scrutinized before they are cleared for return to the United States.

Most of the persons cleared and now awaiting passage to the United States are being employed by U. S. Army occupation authorities.

Consul Johnson said American consular officials now are engrossed in the problem of arranging transportation to the United States for the 900 who have received clearance. Only a handful have been able to return to date.

It was also indicated that American consular officials have been swamped with applications from stranded Nisei for clearance and that more than a thousand are awaiting processing. Interviews by consular officials are being scheduled for June, 1946 and later.

The reopening of American consular facilities at Kobe is expected to facilitate the processing of applicants in western Japan.

Most of the Nisei involved were visiting relatives or were studying in Japan at the time of the outbreak of war.

First Papers Issued To Issei Applicant

SAN FRANCISCO—Takeshi Takagi, a resident alien of Japanese ancestry, was issued his first papers for naturalization on Feb. 7 in United States District Court, the San Francisco regional office of the JACL reported this week.

Other Issei who have taken their first citizenship oath in the U. S. District Court in recent weeks include Wasuke Nabeshima, San Francisco, and Kyuzaburo Okuhara, San Mateo.

It was noted that aliens of Japanese ancestry still are ineligible for their final citizenship papers along with other Oriental aliens with the exception of Chinese, East Indians and Filipinos.

With the attaining of naturalization rights for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry as one of the announced national objectives of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, it was reported that almost daily inquiries are being received at the Northern California JACL office from Issei on first paper application procedure.

Introduce Bill To Permit Entry Of GI's Wife

Rep. Walter Sponsors Legislation for Japanese Canadian

WASHINGTON—To permit the entry into the United States for permanent residence of Mrs. Seiko Jane Kimura, Canadian-born wife of 2nd Lieut. Makoto M. Kimura, Representative Francis E. Walter (D) of Pennsylvania introduced a private bill designated H. R. 1935, which has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

This special relief measure was introduced through the representations of Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The bill, comparable to the private bill introduced last week by Congressman George P. Miller (D) of California to permit the entry of Mrs. Mary Enta Kitajima to the United States, exempts Mrs. Kimura from the restrictions of the Exclusion Act and provides for her entry under the Soldier Brides' Act of 1945.

Lieut. Kimura, now on occupation duty with the ATIS GHQ in Tokyo, was born in Fife, Wash. Evacuated to the Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho, he volunteered for Army duty. He was inducted in November, 1942, and trained at Camp Savage, Minnesota, in the Military Intelligence Section (Japanese) Language School.

Following his graduation from Camp Savage in June, 1943, he was sent overseas in January, 1944. He saw service with ATIS in Australia; Advanced ATIS in Hollandia, New Guinea; Advanced ATIS in Manila; 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 152nd Infantry, 38th Division, in Luzon, and with the United States Strategic Bombing Survey and ATIS in Japan.

For his efficiency and leadership, he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the field.

Mrs. Kimura is the former Seiko Jane Inamoto, born in Vancouver, British Columbia. She relocated to Montreal in 1942 after being evacuated to Slocan, British Columbia.

Lieut. Kimura and Miss Inamoto were married last summer while he was on furlough. She joined him last October in Tokyo and hopes to return with him to the United States after Lt. Kimura's tour of duty is completed.

David Trevithick To Speak Before Salt Lake JACL

David R. Trevithick, public relations chairman for the Utah Centennial, will describe plans for the state's mammoth centennial celebration at the February meeting of the JACL to be held Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Japanese Christian church.

The meeting will also feature speeches by three student winners of recent essay and oratorical contests. Boe Gin of Bryant junior high will speak on the topic, "World Fellowship—the Hope of the World." Satuki Sugimoto of

Ushiroda Loses to Democrat In Special Hawaii Election

CIO-PAC Candidate Defeats Japanese American In Island of Hawaii District in Which Majority Of Voters Are of Japanese Racial Ancestry

HONOLULU — A Hawaiian election district, in which the voters are predominantly of Japanese ancestry, defeated a Japanese American candidate, running on the Republican ticket, and elected Earl Neilsen, a Democrat supported by the CIO Political Action Committee, in a special by-election on Feb. 5.

Neilsen was elected in a close election by only 16 votes over Shunzo Ushiroda, the GOP candidate.

The election of the Democrat resulted in an even party division in the Territorial House,

15 to 15, between Democrats and Republicans. The GOP controls the Territorial Senate by a margin of one vote, 8 to 7.

It was pointed out here that Neilsen's election in a district, West Hawaii, in which the majority of the residents are of Japanese ancestry, was another example to prove American citizens of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii do not indulge in bloc voting tactics along racial lines.

In the election, which created widespread interest throughout the territory, Ushiroda had the strong support of the Honolulu Republican organization.

Senator Langer Sponsors Bill To Remove Racial Bars In U. S. Naturalization Laws

Measure Is Companion Bill to Farrington Proposal in House

WASHINGTON — Senator William Langer, R., N. D., has introduced a companion bill to the Farrington measure in the House which would eliminate the racial bars against naturalization and immigration, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Designated S. 602, the Langer proposal is identical in wording with H. R. 857, introduced by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii on January 13th.

It declares that the "right to become a naturalized citizen under the provisions of this chapter (National Act of 1914, Section 303) shall not be limited by race or national origin" and amends certain sections of the Immigration Act of 1917 to permit the entry of those nationalities now excluded on the quota basis.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the ADC, hailed the introduction of this bill in the Senate as another milestone in the legislative history of Japanese Americans.

"With identical bills in both the House and the Senate, consideration of the merits of the issue should be speeded up," Masaoka said, "since there is an apparent interest in both chambers as to the problems involved."

"Senator Langer, the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is in an enviable position to guide the bill through the committee and the Upper House if he desires to," Masaoka stated. "The fact that he has introduced this bill indicates his willingness to do just that."

Jackson will speak on the subject, "America is the Open Door," while Gloria Sandford of Roosevelt will talk on "The Flag of the Future."

House Committee Seeks Restrictions on Bilingual Papers

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week asked that editors of bilingual newspapers aid in preparing arguments against a recent recommendation of the House Un-American Activities committee that such papers print parallel translations in English of their news columns.

The Un-American Activities committee has also recommended that second-class mailing privileges be denied such newspapers unless such translations are made.

Denver JACL Cabinet Goes on Record in Support of FEPC

DENVER—Creation of a Fair Employment Practices Commission or the state of Colorado was urged in a resolution adopted Feb. 4 by the executive cabinet of the Denver Japanese American Citizens League.

The resolution, which was signed by George Masunaga, president, and Bessie Onishi, secretary, asked the state's representatives to work for passage of the bill, which has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

The resolution pointed out that "many American citizens of Japanese ancestry have been discriminated against in employment and differential treatment is accorded to American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

JACL-ADC Support Announced at Meet In Placer County

PENRYN, Calif.—Supporters of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee contributed \$1300 in donations and pledges during a meeting held Feb. 1 at the Buddhist church.

Meeting under the chairmanship of Shigeichi Kubo, the audience of 75 persons from Newcastle, Loomis and Penryn heard K. Togasaki, K. Ikeda, Joe Grant Masaoka and I. Motoki discuss the need for legislation to aid persons of Japanese ancestry.

Initial donations of \$100 were made by Cosma Sakamoto, chairman of the northern California district council, and Tom Yego, past chairman of the council.

Mr. K. Sasaki of the JACL thanked the audience for its generous donations.

Painting by Nisei Termed Best of Semester at School

CHICAGO—A painting of a western ranch scene by Jack Hirai, 17, of 149 West Superior St., recently was voted by Wells high school pupils as the best of the semester.

Jack Hirai's painting was included among several by Wells students which have been placed on display at Pulaski Park.

Washington News-Letter

Mike Masaoka Prepares For All-Out Legislative Drive

By JOHN KITASAKO

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masaoka came to Washington a month ago to set up the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee headquarters in preparation for the ADC's all-out operations to secure passage of bills affecting the welfare of Issei and Nisei. Mike's official title is national legislative director of the ADC; in other words, a lobbyist. And as such, under the Congressional Reorganization Act of 1946, he was required to register along with hundreds of others representing various interests. Thus Mike became

the first Nisei whose name was entered on the congressional registry as a lobbyist.

While Mike was taking care of the legal end of doing business as a lobbyist, his wife, Etsu, set out to do what is considered in Washington an almost impossible task—that of finding an apartment, especially one large enough to serve also as an office. By an unbelievable stroke of luck, she found an apartment on B Street Northeast, which is ideal because it is only a stone's throw from the Capitol.

Mike's staff at present consists of Etsu, who doubles as housewife and secretary; Mrs. Gladys Shimasaki, Washington JACL Vice President, who works as part-time secretary; and Thomas Takeshita, former Government translator.

Though Mike and his staff are poised to go into action on the naturalization, claims and other bills, so far they have not been able to do much swinging, because Congress has not settled down to the point where it is in a position to do much business.

With the shift in power from the Democrats to the Republicans, this Congress is still groping around, unable to set in motion the legislative machinery. This is the first time in 14 years that Republicans have sat in the driver's seat, and as a result a general state of confusion and disorganization exists. All Republicans who have come into committee chairmanships have never held leadership posts. Committee organization therefore is slow; in some instances it has not even begun.

Behind the doors of the committee rooms, an intensive shake-down is taking place. Members are jockeying around for positions, cliques and coalitions are being formed. With the Reorganization Act of 1946 being put into practice for the first time, there is a general feeling of uncertainty as to procedure and organization.

And while the harassed Republicans are stumbling around, the old-time Democrats who formerly held the reins are using various delaying tactics and watching the proceedings with amusement.

Thus, with things in a state of disorganization, the job of getting action on bills is very difficult. In fact, it is impossible. The immigration subcommittee in both houses have not even met yet, and the claims subcommittees have not even been named, says Mike.

But this does not mean that Mike has been sitting around twiddling his thumbs. Until the committees set their houses in order, Mike has been concentrating on getting congressmen to introduce private bills for Issei and Nisei. In this respect he has been highly successful.

Furthermore, Mike has been conducting an educational campaign among congressmen and government officials, which in the long run is almost as important as the work Mike will do at the hearings on the bills. A case in point is Representative Charles Clason of Massachusetts, who introduced the bill providing for the naturalization of alien parents of U. S. veterans, but which excludes the parents of Nisei GIs by barring

aliens not eligible for citizenship. Mike went to see Representative Clason and pointed out that Issei should not be penalized because they were by law ineligible to citizenship, and that despite the great sacrifices they were called upon to make during the war, Issei had made valuable contributions to the war effort.

Representative Clason admitted the injustice of the clause barring Japanese aliens from the benefits of the bill, and stated that he would recommend an amendment to strike it out.

Mike has made a heartening discovery on Capitol Hill, and that is that so far he has not encountered any antagonism. But on the other hand he has come across a great deal of indifference. The Republicans are looking ahead to 1948, and they don't want to do anything to jeopardize their chances in that all-important year. Consequently, they intend to tread cautiously, and will not stick their necks out on any legislation which might stir up repercussions later on.

In Mike Masaoka, the Nisei have a representative who can be counted on to get the most out of a difficult situation. Mike is an old hand at this game; he knows his way around Washington; he has good contacts and knows how to make many more as he moves along.

No one will envy Mike's job. It's a gruelling ordeal matching wits with congressmen and government officials. It means he has to be quick on the draw; he has to have all the information congressmen want to know at the tip of his fingers at all times. It calls for a maximum of patience and courage. And most of all, it calls for conviction of the highest order. No one is going to get knocked around and keep going back for more unless he has that conviction, and Mike has it because the stakes are high.

This is the big year for all persons of Japanese ancestry; this is the year of the greatest fight in all Nisei history. It would be grossly shortsighted for Nisei and Issei to regard the battle Mike is taking to the halls of Congress as a one-man crusade. Every Nisei and Issei who believes in justice and decency should realize he is in this fight as much as Mike. They can't come to Washington like Mike to press the cause, but they can get into the fray by lending moral and financial support through their local JACL chapters.

Mrs. Brown Speaks On Nisei Evacuees

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The story of evacuees in the Colorado River relocation camp in Arizona during the war was told to members of the Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce at their dinner meeting on Feb. 19 at the Westward Hotel by Mrs. Pauline Bates Brown, former reports officer at the Poston WRA center.

Mrs. Brown's topic was "The Japanese American Story."

Mrs. Brown also addressed a recent meeting of the Nisei mothers' club in the Salt River valley.

San Mateo JACL Contributes To Anti-Discrimination Drive

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Mateo JACL became the first chapter to contribute to the Anti-Discrimination Committee fund when it presented a check for \$1500 to Joe Grant Masaoka of the regional JACL office last week.

The donation represented the results of a whirlwind campaign spearheaded by William Enomoto, president, Sally Kawakita, vice-president, and Mr. I. Takahama, Issei volunteer. The sum repre-

sents three-fourths of the chapter's established goal of \$2000.

William Enomoto is an active leader in the local community, having served as a director of the California Council for Civic Unity and director of the CRDU in northern California. He recently aided in the establishment of the San Mateo Council for Civic Unity.

Miss Kawakita organized the San Mateo valley drive to defeat Proposition 15 on the November ballot in California.

Henry Sakemi Named Chairman Of Pacific Southwest Council

LOS ANGELES—Henry Sakemi of Coachella valley was named 1947 chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council, JACL, at an all-day meeting held Saturday, Feb. 15, in Los Angeles.

Frank Chuman, Los Angeles, was named 1st vice-president. Other cabinet members will be Kenneth Yoshioka, Arizona, 2nd vice-president; Paul Shinoda, Gardena valley, 3rd vice-president; Ken Dyo, Santa Barbara, secretary; Henry Kanegae, Orange City, treasurer; Bob Hirano, Los Angeles, publicity chairman; and Kazuo Minami, Gardena valley, historian.

Eiji Tanabe, Scotty Tsuchiya, Masao Satow and Saburo Kido attended the session as national JACL representatives.

The morning session was devoted to progress reports from the various chapters. Masao Satow reported on the work of the national organization.

Eiji Tanabe, Los Angeles regional representative, noted that four more chapters, those in Long Beach, West Los Angeles, Oxnard and Pasadena, were now in the process of reactivation.

Saburo Kido, past national president, asked representatives present to take positive action in supporting legislation now being pushed by the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee. He asked that local JACL chapters cooperate with other organizations and contact legislators in their campaigns to win support for such legislation.

Chapters represented at the meeting were Gardena, Arizona, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Venice, Orange County, San Luis Obispo, Coachella Valley and Los Angeles chapters.

The district council approved a motion through which each chapter president would appoint two delegates to the Legal Defense Fund.

Delegates named immediately were as follows: Frank Nagamatsu, Orange County; George Shibata, Coachella; Masaji Eto, San Luis Obispo; Noboru Ishitani, Los Angeles; Paul Shinoda, Gardena; Fred Katsumata, San Diego; Ken Dyo, Santa Barbara; Sakamoto, West Los Angeles; Kubota, Venice; Murayama, San Fernando.

Nisei Veteran Appointed to Sheriff's Squad

Stanley Uno Is First Nisei to Join L. A. County Police

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei war veteran, Stanley Uno, 24, was sworn in last week as a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Eugene Biscainuz.

Uno, who also has passed the recent Los Angeles Police department examination, is believed to be the first Nisei to become a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County.

Meanwhile, two other Nisei were assigned by Los Angeles police as special officers to patrol the East First Street sector following a series of recent robberies and holdups in which returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry were victimized.

The two special officers are Richard Sato and Keiichi Nakamura, both U. S. Army veterans. Sato, a former boxer, weighs 190 pounds, while Nakamura, noted for his judo ability, weighs 200.

The appointment of the officers followed a meeting of East First Street businessmen.

In the most recent robberies the Fuji Drug Store was robbed by two bandits on Feb. 17, while Daiichi Kato, 60, a former resident of Manzanar, was slugged and robbed on the night of Feb. 15.

Slain Placer Man Not Japanese, Says County Coroner

FOREST HILL, Calif.—Coroner Francis E. West of Placer County said on Feb. 18 an investigation among persons of Japanese ancestry in Placer County has convinced him the unidentified body found in a Newcastle tunnel on Feb. 14 was not that of a person of Japanese race.

"Every person of Japanese ancestry who returned to Placer County since the war has been accounted for," Coroner West declared.

West said he had spent the day interviewing key members of Placer County's Japanese American population.

Sheriff E. J. Kenison and Deputy Sheriff Charles Doice said they believe the murdered man may have been a Hindu, brought to Placer County from the outside by persons familiar with the territory.

Coroner West said that the man died of a bullet wound, probably last summer. He placed the age of the victim as about 40 to 45 years. He was 5 feet tall and weighed about 145 pounds.

The man was shot through the mouth with both his hands and feet tied with rope.

Yaye Togasaki Gets Appointment to Hospital in Hawaii

NEW YORK—Miss Yaye Togasaki, who recently received her master's degree in nursing education at Columbia university, has received a civil service appointment with the Territorial Hospital for Mental Diseases at Kapiolani, T. H.

Miss Togasaki comes from a family in which there are three women doctors and three nurses.

Masaoka Confers With Senator On Naturalization Issues

WASHINGTON—Senator Chapman Revercomb, R., W. Va., chairman of the sub-committee on immigration and naturalization of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has promised to give special attention and consideration to the naturalization and immigration problems of the Japanese people, according to Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Masaoka made this statement following a conference with Sen. Revercomb and his administrative assistant Louis Reed in which the discriminatory features of the naturalization and immigration laws were discussed. The ADC official also indicated the various disabilities and liabilities which the resi-

Joe E. Brown Presents Photo To Men of 442nd Combat Unit



CHICAGO—Joe E. Brown, film, stage and radio star, who entertained men of the 442nd Combat Team in Italy, recently presented a large photograph of himself to the "boys of the 442nd."

The JACL, represented by Midwest Director Tats Kushida and Miss Mari Sabusawa, vice-president of the Chicago chapter, arranged the presentation which was made to Earl Finch, friend and counselor to Nisei GIs and veterans, this week at the JACL office. (In the above photo by James Ogata, Miss Sabusawa is shown presenting Joe E. Brown's picture to Mr. Finch.)

Mr. Finch, now helping raise funds for a \$250,000 memorial clubhouse for the veterans of the 442nd Combat Team in Honolulu, spent several days in Chicago for a rest and physical checkup. While in Chicago he also met with Nisei veterans and discussed problems of readjustment. He declared that he was returning to his home in Hattiesburg, Miss., and then would be back in Hawaii in about a month.

On the photograph was the following inscription by Joe E. Brown:

"To the boys of the 442nd. With the hope that each of you will enjoy many years of happiness. You are real Americans."

Hood River Minister Honored For Fight for Rights of Nisei

Henry Kasai Named For Americanism Award in Salt Lake

Henry Y. Kasai, Salt Lake insurance agent, was named this week as one of the recipients of the annual Americanism awards of the Salt Lake Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kasai was given the award at a luncheon at the Hotel Utah on Feb. 21.

Born in Japan in 1892, Mr. Kasai came to the United States in 1904. He was educated in California and Idaho and attended Stanford university. He settled in Salt Lake City in 1916 and has been an agent for the New York Life Insurance company since that time.

During the first World War Mr. Kasai participated in Liberty Loan drives and was active in community work during the last war.

His wife, Alice, was president of the Salt Lake JACL in 1946.

The Kasais have two children.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—A Protestant minister who fought for the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry against efforts of racist groups to prevent the return of evacuees to the Hood River valley has been awarded one of the annual Thomas Jefferson awards for the advancement of democracy by the Council Against Intolerance in America.

The Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne, pastor of the Asbury Methodist church in Hood River, will go to New York City in April to receive his award at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Rev. Burgoyne played a prominent role in the campaign of democratic-minded citizens of Hood River to restore the names of Japanese American servicemen which had been deleted from the county's American Legion honor roll.

Announcing his selection as one of the recipients of the annual awards, Henry A. Atkinson, chairman of the Council Against Intolerance, declared:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you are one of the three individuals in your field—public service—to receive the highest number of votes in the poll conducted by the Council Against Intolerance in America to determine the winners of the Thomas Jefferson prizes for the advancement of democracy. The poll was taken among 1000 organizations concerned with the furtherance of the democratic ideal in America, as well as of 500 newspaper editors throughout the country. These people were asked to vote for five individuals who, in their opinion, had done the most in 1946 for the protection of racial and religious tolerance and equality in their respective fields—public service, education, science, literature, journalism and the arts.

Among the other prominent Americans who will receive the Thomas Jefferson awards are ex-Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, Dr. Homer Rainey, Dr. Harlow Shapley, Margaret Halsey and Frank Sinatra.

California Civic Unity Group Urges Passage of Evacuation Claims Bill in U. S. Congress

Asilomar Conference Also Seeks Amendment To California Alien Land Law to Protect Property Rights of Americans of Japanese Ancestry

Blind Veteran Of 442nd Enrolls In University

HONOLULU—Hanji Kimoto, 22-year old veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who was blinded in combat during the battle for Leghorn, enrolled at the University of Hawaii recently.

Kimoto is the first blind war veteran in Hawaii to enroll at the university. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Morito Kimoto of Kukuiahae, Hawaii, he graduated from Honokaa high school in 1942.

Paul L. Ng of Honolulu will act as Kimoto's reader while Goro Arakawa of Waipahu will be his roommate and personal attendant at Atherton House.

U. S. Answer Filed in Nisei Property Case

Government Seizure Of Robert Ishii's Holdings Charged

LOS ANGELES—Attorney General Tom Clark this week filed an answer in United States district court to an action brought by Robert Tadashi Ishii of Santa Maria, Calif., to recover property seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the war.

Attorney General Clark succeeded James Markham, Alien Property Custodian, as defendant in the case following President Truman's recent action in abolishing the alien property office.

In its answer the government asserted that the property was vested by the Alien Property Custodian because, although it was in the name of Robert Ishii, an American citizen and a native of California, it was allegedly the property of his father, Charles Ishii, a native of Japan. The government also claimed that no recovery is permitted under the provisions of Section 32A of the Trading with the Enemy Act, passed in 1946, on the ground that section of the law is only permissive and empowers the Alien Property Custodian to return property, but does not compel him to do so.

Ishii's father is now in Japan, having been removed there from an alien enemy detention center. According to Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Elmer Yamamoto, who are representing

SAN FRANCISCO—Urging the United States Congress to immediate action on an evacuation claims bill, as a part of sweeping recommendations on various social and economic problems, approximately 125 delegates to the annual conference of the California Council for Civic Unity met last weekend in a two-day session at Asilomar.

Representatives for the Japanese American Citizens League at the conference included Ken Kato of the San Mateo chapter and Esther L'Ecluse of the regional JACL office in Northern California.

Adopted unanimously by delegates to the council session, who included representatives from more than 30 community interracial and civic unity groups throughout the state, was a resolution petitioning congress to create an evacuation claims committee.

Purpose of this committee, according to the resolution, would be to adjudicate the accountable and measurable losses suffered by lawfully resident Japanese aliens and their citizen children as a result of government-imposed wartime evacuation.

The resolution also asked that those evacuated by military order be indemnified by a lump sum payment for intangible losses.

In further action on problems encountered by Nisei and Issei in this State, the council asked for an amendment to the California Alien Land Law to eliminate the presumption that the purchase of land by citizen children with funds supplied by alien parents is an evasion of the law.

Support of the bill to remove restrictions in the nationality act, which has already been introduced into congress, was asked by the council, which authorized the sending of a petition to this effect to the national legislative body as well as the president.

Presiding over the two-day conference was Mrs. Ruth Kingman, president of the California Council for Civic Unity, who announced the new board of directors for the coming year. Included on the board is Richard Nishimoto, Berkeley resident and co-author of "The Spoilage."

Robert Ishii in this action, the elder Ishii claims that assertions he made to the effect that he was the beneficial owner of the property were made under duress.

Robert Ishii is at present attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Esther L'Ecluse Appointed To JACL Post in California

SAN FRANCISCO—Continued activity in the dissemination of information for passage of Issei naturalization bill, the enactment of a bill to compensate for evacuation losses and the repeal of state's alien land law was assured by the office staff of the Northern California Regional JACL office upon the departure of regional representative Joe Grant Masaoka for a month's tour of the Hawaiian Islands in a special JACL delegation to the Islands.

The appointment of Miss Esther L'Ecluse, formerly of the Office of War Information, publicity expert and public relations advisor, was announced to oversee the development of public opinion support for the desirable ADC objectives. Miss L'Ecluse was formerly the vice-president of the Venice JACL chapter. She is a Phi Beta Kappa major in journalism at UCLA.

The JACL announced it will be Miss L'Ecluse's responsibility to scrutinize more than 4300 bills introduced in the State Legislature in the first half of the bifurcated session of the California Legislature. Included in her study will be the legislative bills, constitutional amendments and concurrent resolutions.

Persons of Japanese ancestry

will recall that the last session of the Legislature passed a \$200,000 appropriation to begin escheat investigations of properties which culminated in alien land law citations that constantly harass Nisei property owners.

JACL office also emphasized that since no personnel scrutinized the measures introduced in the 56th session, a "sneaker proposal" identified as the validation of the legislative amendments to the Alien Land law, known as Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 17 did not come to the attention of Japanese Americans except rather tardily.

To maintain the momentum of the financial drive in Northern California, the appointment of Mr. Akimi Sugawara was also announced. Mr. Sugawara was active last year as a prime mover in the organization of the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California. For many years he has been a constant supporter of JACL and was instrumental with others in raising \$1400 among residents of Topaz relocation center in order to promote the work of public education by the JACL during the war years. Mr. Sugawara also began a campaign which resulted in a fund of \$3000 raised for the national JACL in the Bay area shortly before evacuation.

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EDITORIALS:

Nisei and Integration

It would probably be no exaggeration to state that the Nisei, from 1942 to 1945, were guinea pigs in the first nation-wide experiment to integrate a minority group into the national life of this country. The experiment was carried on simultaneously by the government, by social agencies, by civic groups, by religious organizations and by the Nisei themselves, who felt a strong sense of responsibility for the success of the project.

It was carried on with much enthusiasm and goodwill on the part of the integrator, with some trepidation, but also with sincerity on the part of the Nisei. The Nisei, who had come through long months of incarceration because he was of Japanese ancestry, was perfectly willing to be convinced that other Americans would accept him for what he was—an average American.

If complete integration of the Nisei into the whole American community was the desired end of this experiment, it was a failure. The tendency today is toward an increase in all-Nisei activity. The experiment showed that exhortations to "stop congregating" will not prevent the Nisei, or any other persons, from forming their own organizations, or from living in proximity to one another.

The pendulum, swinging back to self-segregation after a period of artificial integration, caused also a wave of reaction against the methods of integration.

With the lapse of time and the country's return to more normal times, it becomes easier to look back upon this business of integration and to examine the reasons for the experiment's failure.

Currently the Resettlement Study of the Interior department is making a study of the Nisei's tendency toward "self-segregation." A preliminary draft, drawn up by Robert M. Cullum, director, brings out many points worthy of review. The study is carried on from the standpoint of exploration, rather than condemnation, and should prove valuable for all persons who sincerely desire a classless and "race-less" American society.

Among the points brought out by Mr. Cullum are the following:

1. Full participation by the Nisei in the larger American society requires a sense of belonging, without question, as an equal in American society. This includes the matter of social ease, employment, housing, and the ability to succeed and fail without the public attributing either to the fact of ancestry. But full participation in the larger society does not require that he end association with other Nisei, but rather that he find satisfaction in the company of persons of like mind, regardless of ancestry. The idea of integration, Cullum says, is confusing because somehow it seems to require that the Nisei lose all identification with his past. By implication it seems to mean cutting all but the most tenuous ties with his parents and others of similar life experience. "If this is a true definition of what 'integration' means, he is asked to admit that as a person he is incomplete and to deny himself," says Cullum.

2. If the Nisei shows signs of self-segregation in social life, the reason for this development is to be found in experience, rather than in aspiration.

3. A considerable facet of the Nisei's experience lies in his relation to his Issei parents. The Issei retains the social customs of the Japan of thirty years ago. Says Cullum: "The fact that he (the Issei) was relieved of the direct imposition of Japanese customs undoubtedly has reinforced his concept of their desirability as he remembered them while

himself suffering the loneliness and strangeness that is the lot of every immigrant."

4. The Nisei's feeling of being "different" was reinforced by his friends, as well as by his racist enemies. The well-meaning persons who told the Nisei to become integrated, who held inter-racial meetings for the Nisei's benefit were merely reminding the Nisei that he was a race apart. Attention, good or bad, focused upon the Nisei, reinforced that feeling.

5. Gatherings for the purpose of inter-group participation are self-defeating because they ignore the Nisei as a human being and tend to set off differences.

6. It is not congregation that produces prejudice so much as it is prejudice that produces congregation. The realistic remedy lies in the removing of prejudice.

7. Integration is a by-product. When it is made the end, the program calls attention to differences.

Says Robert Cullum in conclusion: "Nisei, wishing for a full part in ongoing America need most of all to relax; then to take confidence in utilizing the doors that are open in the direction of their personal interests. Those who have progressed sufficiently need to lend a hand to their Caucasian friends in opening new doors. But for most Nisei the best thing to do about integration is to forget about it, as such, but at the same time find some means of believing in the sincerity of those open doors through which they would like to move."

Oyama Test Case

The recent decision of the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California to withdraw its support from the appeal of the Fred Oyama case on the California Alien Land law to the United States Supreme Court seems to be most unfortunate. The repercussions will be felt in many ways.

There seems to be little doubt that the Oyama case is one of the most important pertaining to persons of Japanese ancestry in recent years. If the California Supreme Court decision, upholding the Alien Land law, is permitted to stand, it will cast a cloud over the title of practically every real property owned by a Nisei, consideration for which was paid by his "ineligible to citizenship" parents. In other words, unless the case is appealed, the decision will be the law of the state of California. And no one knows when a more suitable test case will be brought up and how strong it will be compared to the Oyama case.

As one prominent attorney associated for many years with Alien Land law cases is claimed to have stated, the Oyama decision is with us, whether we like it or not. A large majority of the attorneys who have studied the decision has declared that the decision is a bad one and should not be permitted to go unchallenged.

No one can say positively that a test case is hopeless. In the Oyama case, the justices of the United States Supreme Court will be presented with the petition to review the case or with an appeal from the California decision, depending upon the course to be decided by the attorneys who will plan the strategy. Then the court will decide whether to hear the case or not. If the decision is favorable, then at some future date, the arguments will be heard. If the justices decide in the negative, the California court's decision will be final. To withdraw support when the necessary preparations are being made seems to be untimely.

There is a more serious implication resulting from the action of the Civil Rights Defense Union. The organization had gone on record to support the appeal together with the JACL chapters in Southern California acting under the name of the Legal Defense Fund. The annual report of the vice-president of the CRDU presented at the meeting at Fresno contains the statement that the organization was supporting the appeal.

To have an organization pledge its support and then withdraw will cast reflection upon the integrity of actions of Nisei organizations.

We have followed the progress of the Oyama case from its inception. And we believe the original motive for the formation of the Civil Rights Defense Union was to support the Oyama escheat case. Therefore, to withdraw support at such a critical time as when the petition is to be presented to the United States Supreme Court seems to be unfortunate and untimely.

We sincerely hope that the Civil Rights Defense Union will reverse its decision and continue its cooperation with the Southern California group in appealing the decision of the California Supreme Court.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Hawaiian Sabotage Rumors

Five years ago this month we were in the Federal building in San Francisco and heard Rep. John Tolan of California, chairman of a special committee conducting hearings on the necessity for the mass evacuation from the Pacific coast of persons of Japanese ancestry, declare that he had seen "hundreds" of photographs which proved that Americans of Japanese ancestry had committed sabotage on the day Pearl Harbor was attacked.

The photographs never existed. The sabotage stories and rumors were false. But the myth of wholesale treachery by Hawaii's population of Japanese ancestry played a considerable and an important part in the mass evacuation of 110,000 persons from the West Coast states.

Rep. Tolan's statements in San Francisco, made while he was questioning several Nisei who appeared before the committee to protest any policy of wholesale evacuation, represented what was probably the high point in the circulation of the Hawaii sabotage stories on the West Coast. Shortly afterwards, on March 14, 1942, Rep. Tolan authorized the release to the newspapers of statements from Hawaiian officials and from the War and Navy Departments and the FBI, which proved that the rumors were false. By that time, however, the decision to evacuate had been made and announced by Gen. DeWitt and the evacuation already was under way.

These reflections are prompted by Andrew W. Lind's important new book, "Hawaii's Japanese" (Princeton University Press, \$3), which contains the most complete job of debunking of the Hawaiian sabotage stories to be published to date. (Blake Clark's "Remember Pearl Harbor" and Alexander MacDonald's "Revolt in Paradise," both published during the war, also discuss and disprove the sabotage stories. The sabotage rumors and their effect on West Coast public opinion are the subject of a book by Dr. Morris E. Opler, former community analyst at Manzanar, titled "Rumor Over Hawaii," which is as yet unpublished. Many of Dr. Lind's observations on the sabotage rumors are credited to Dr. Opler's study.)

"The perspective gained since Midway reveals incontestable fact that much of the argument for the wholesale evacuation of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast was built upon the myth of sabotage and fifth-column activity in Hawaii," Dr. Lind declares. "It is by no means clear that evacuation would not have occurred without the effective leverage of these Hawaiian reports; but, at any rate, they did figure prominently in the mobilizing of opinion favorable to West Coast evacuation."

Although constantly denied by government officials and by private agencies, these Hawaiian sabotage stories were widely circulated on the West Coast for more than a year after the initial publication of the Army, Navy and FBI statements that there had been no sabotage in Hawaii. The rumors, in fact, were circulated throughout the war, often with malicious intent by race-baiting West Coast groups, and through the agency of the Warner Brothers film, "Air Force," in which most of the basic rumors of Japanese American disloyalty were incorporated as part of the dramatic action of the picture.

The falsehoods in "Air Force" were first pointed out and protested in the Pacific Citizen and the Warner Brothers studio was apprised of the dangerous myths which the film was propagating but declined to make any cuts. When "Air Force" was shown in Hawaiian theaters, however, the scenes which told of Nisei activity in blocking roads, wrecking planes at Hickam field and of fifth-column activity as snipers on Maui, not one of which contained a shred of truth, were deleted. As Prof. Lind comments:

"One of the curious inconsistencies of wartime censorship was the fact that in Hawaii where the obvious absurdities of such scenes would be recognized, the objectionable portions were deleted, whereas no such censorship occurred elsewhere."

The charge of fifth-column activity in Hawaii on Dec. 7, pre-

sumably by persons of Japanese ancestry, was made public as late as Dec. 1945, four months after V-J day, when the Congressional Pearl Harbor investigation released the contents of a letter written by Rear Admiral Kimura on Dec. 12, 1941. The Navy Department later declared official that it had no knowledge or evidence of such fifth column acts.

The Hawaiian sabotage stories were believed by the late Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy who relayed them to President Roosevelt and were generally accepted on the West Coast in the weeks after Pearl Harbor. The stories, circulated by the news services and carried in such magazines as Time, in the belief, of course, that they were true, had the effect of immobilizing the opinion which might have been expected to protest mass evacuation had it not been for the then prevailing attitude on questions involving the coast's Japanese Americans. The stories even were accepted by some Nisei since there was no evidence available to the contrary.

A Nisei merchant seaman from Hawaii whom we met in San Francisco some weeks after Pearl Harbor repeated some of the sabotage stories and said that he had heard that some persons of Japanese ancestry had been "on the spot" by military authorities. On questioning, this seaman admitted that he had not seen evidence of sabotage, but declared that it was the "talk of the waterfront" in Honolulu.

It is more than five years since the attack on Pearl Harbor and the evidence is in. It is certain time that the Hawaiian sabotage stories were laid to rest once for all. A nation-wide survey during 1946 by the National Opinion Research Center revealed, however, that a large percentage of American people still believe that Nisei and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry had been guilty of traitorous activity.

There is danger that unless the erroneous assumption in the minds of many Americans is corrected, the sabotage stories may be revived in a time of heightened tensions, although the active loyalty record of the Nisei in the war is probably too widely known to permit unscrupulous racists to twist the facts.

The sabotage stories were circulated in Hawaii during and immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor. In Hawaii, however, most of the obvious falsehoods were corrected soon afterwards. The rumor about the poisoning of drinking water was the first to be debunked, according to Prof. Lind, while the ring story, the one about the Japanese aviator who was found shot down with a Kinley high school ring on his finger (in West Coast versions the ring was that of the University of Oregon and the University of California) was formally debunked on Dec. 25, while other stories such as that of arrows cut in canefields which Rep. Rankin of Mississippi repeated in Congress and of Nisei drivers blocking highways were also denied by authorities at later dates.

Admiral Thomas Hart found it necessary to publicly deny the story that Hawaiian bartenders, presumably Japanese, had given free drinks to Navy Army personnel on the night of Dec. 6.

Many weird and ingenious stories were circulated and brought to the mainland regarding Japanese American sabotage. These stories appear to have originated as a spontaneous reaction and were apparently the end result of long years of yellow journalism and irresponsible writing regarding the "Japanese menace" in Hawaii and the West Coast. They flowered from the suspicion sown during the anti-Japanese campaigns of two generations.

It may also be noted that the rumors and stories were adaptations of fifth column methods used by the Nazis in Europe, and at least one observer, Navy Secretary Knox, hastily applied the Nazi pattern of infiltration and sabotage as demonstrated in Norway, to the fact that Hawaii had a population of 160,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, without

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Vagaries

Charlie Chan . . .

The two actors best identified with the screen personality of Charlie Chan, Earl Deer Biggers' Chinese detective from the Honolulu police force, are dead, but the man who was the first Charlie Chan is still alive in Japan. He is Shin Kamiyama, a well-known Hollywood actor in the silent picture era, who played the role of the detective in the "Chinese Parano." Kamiyama's Hollywood career was cut by the advent of talking pictures and the Charlie Chan roles were carried on by Warner Oland, who died several years ago, and by Sidney Toler . . . Kamiyama, still an actor in Japan, is best known for his feature role in the Douglas Fairbanks film, "Chief of Bagdad."

Settings . . .

Bob Kipthuth, four-time coach of the U. S. Olympic swimming team, recently listed Halo Hirose, 442nd Combat Team veteran at Ohio State university, as an outstanding candidate for the 1948 Olympic team . . . Isamu Noguchi has provided the settings and costumes for two new Martha Graham dance productions, which will be given their premiere performances in New York City next week, "Cave of the Heart" and "Errand Into the Maze."

War Crimes . . .

George Yamaoka, New York attorney who has been in Tokyo as a counsel in the international war crimes trials, predicted this week that the defense would take three months to present their arguments on behalf of ex-Premier Tojo and other Japanese defendants . . . The West Coast evacuation receives mention in Nancy Wilson Ross's new novel on war-time America, "The Left Hand Is a Dreamer."

Painting . . .

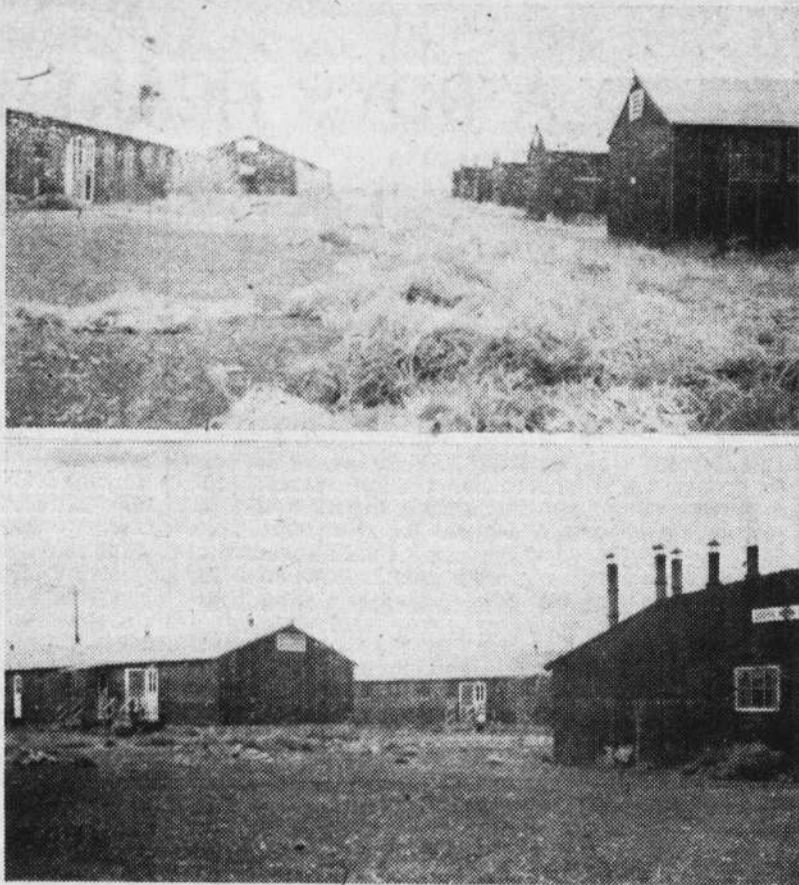
A painting by Yasuo Kuniyoshi, noted New York artist, was the subject of Congressional debate last week. Rep. Karl Stefan, R., Neb., objected to Kuniyoshi's "Circus Girl Resting," one of the paintings in a State Department collection intended for showing abroad. Stefan was afraid that Kuniyoshi's "exaggerated expressionism" (in the words of Time Magazine) would lead foreign peoples to think Americans were crazy . . . The State Department has sent other paintings by Kuniyoshi abroad in past years as representative of the best in modern American art and the collections have won the praise of art critics in other countries.

Budget Chief . . .

The American people lost an important public servant recently in the sudden death of Harold Smith, interim director of the World Bank and director of the Budget Bureau in the Roosevelt administration. Back in 1943, when the registration of all persons in the war relocation centers was under consideration, the questionnaire containing the now-famous questions 27 and 28 on loyalty were brought to Mr. Smith's attention, since the Budget Bureau must review all government forms. As budget director, in close touch with the war relocation problem, Smith balked strenuously at the inclusion of the question in the forms to be filled out by the evacuees, contending they were of the "Have you stopped beating your wife?" variety. He was overruled by the War Department, however, and the questions were left in . . . Those who knew Harold Smith remember him as an outstanding official and a fighter for democratic principles.

Bowlers . . .

The five Ishizawa brothers of Los Angeles who hit a 2860 series last week probably comprise one of the best family bowling teams in the country . . . Haru Matsui is embarking on a lecture tour of the Midwest. Miss Matsui is the author of "The Restless Wave." . . . Sueo Serisawa, Los Angeles artist, who is now in New York, recently was named the winner of the Carol H. Beck Medal at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts' 142nd annual exhibition recently for his painting, "Pierrot." Serisawa will give a one-man show in New York this spring.



More than a year after the departure of the last evacuee from the Minidoka relocation center at Hunt, Idaho, weeds now grow where gardens once bloomed. Above is what is left of Block 19 while the photo below shows the present state of Block 21. Elmer R. Smith, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Utah, was community analyst at Hunt.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Former Community Analyst at Hunt
Revisits the Minidoka Relocation Camp

By ELMER R. SMITH

A few weeks ago I stopped in at Hunt, Idaho and relived for a few brief moments the experiences of the past—but it was not for long. The atmosphere of a ghost town soon overcame me, and I was forced to look at it as it really is.

The view one used to get of the hospital chimney, the M. P. barracks, the administration area, and finally of the center itself, still greets you as you leave the main highway and drive over the first rise of ground, allowing you a good view to the east. As you approach the scene you still have the feeling that you are "arriving home" after a day or two of shopping and visiting in Twin Falls or Jerome. However, even from the bridge across the canal near "the gate" you get a feeling that something is radically wrong. Yes, you now know what it is—the hospital building is no longer standing. The chimney is the only thing left to mark the spot where we used to go to get our teeth fixed, our stomach ache checked for possible appendix trouble, or where some one dear to us died or where junior was born.

The "gate" still stands very much as it did when the last carload of residents left the center on November 23, 1945. A sign—in large letters—still insists that you stop and be admitted. There is a guard at the gate, very much as in the old days, except this guard is in civilian clothes and does not wear a pistol on his hip. The guard is there to protect the property of the United States Government, who still have charge of the buildings and equipment left at the center.

After being admitted at "the gate," one can see a few familiar faces still left at the center. Mr. Church of the Internal Security Section is still a "cop" looking after the protection of life and property, and Mr. Jack Nichols of administrative management is still on the job—or was at the beginning of the year. The physical aspects of the center look very much as they did of old, except the recreation halls have all been sold and taken away, and two or three barracks have been taken down, but the rest of the physical features of the buildings are very much intact. The area where we once played basket and base ball are either being used for grain fields or have grown up in weeds. The areas between the barracks are overrun by weeds as are the small garden plots that used to break the monotony of the center.

The most outstanding contrasts are in the barrenness of the residential areas as to the presence of human beings. I could not help but feel an emptiness in my stomach as I thought of the human drama that went on from day to day in the various barracks, in the schools, the offices and on the streets and by-paths of the Hunt that used to be. Now all was still, the only living creatures to be seen were a few rabbits here and there—not even a dog or cat could be found. Yes! Hunt is dead, and we hope many of the heartaches and disappointments that it represents are dead also. As I left "the gate" and started on my way to Boise, I could not help but thinking of a popular song that used to be a favorite at the dances held in the various dining halls at Hunt. That song was "Sentimental Journey," and I believe at that moment, as I left Hunt, I appreciated the song and its sentiment more than I had ever done before.

NISEI USA: Sabotage Rumors

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tually waiting for evidence of sabotage.

Rep. Rankin and other Congressional hotheads were willing in 1942, on the basis of the Hawaiian sabotage rumors, to disenfranchise, intern and deport American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

It is difficult to assess the total importance of these false rumors in the determination of the mass evacuation decision by Gen. DeWitt, but it is a fact that the stories were given credence on the Pacific Coast in February, 1942, when the decision was made. The effect of these falsehoods on public opinion, if not on military decisions, is a tragic commentary on the wartime treatment of the Japanese Americans.

The importance of the Hawaiian sabotage stories in the decision for mass evacuation is noted in "War-time Exile: The Exclusion of Japanese Americans from the West

Coast," a 167-page book on the pre-evacuation story prepared by the War Relocation Authority and published recently. The report declares:

"The common belief in that non-existent sabotage performed by Hawaiian Island Japanese, held at a time when the West Coast was threatened with attack, was the pivot upon which the evacuation rotated. By the time that affidavits of Federal intelligence officers and Island authorities reached the Tolan Committee and established the fact that there had been no sabotage by Island Japanese on Dec. 7 or since, the evacuation was well under way. The West Coast Japanese, their citizen children, and their grand-children, were being rushed into hastily improvised assembly centers set up on fairgrounds and race tracks to live in former stables or tar-paper barracks while they awaited further dislocation."

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Denver, Colo.

Inter-racial gatherings at the amateur level have a habit of bogging down into sessions in which well-meaning platitudes are mouthed by dear old ladies and earnest young men, but this one was different.

There were the old standbys, of course. The Nisei were there, neat and unobtrusive and businesslike as if they were making a career of attending inter-racial dinners. The Negroes were represented, too, and they brought their quartette along. Of course they were expected to sing, and the white-haired woman whispered: "I've never seen a Negro yet but what he couldn't sing good."

But those who stole the show were the real foreigners, like the boyish Norwegian engineering student, who went underground during the war at 16 after the Germans invaded his country, the social worker from Chile, the shy Siamese boy, the Greek priest who almost starved with his people during the war, the British girl whose Yank fiancé was killed on a flight over Belgium and who came to live with his parents.

They were no ordinary people. Each of them had a story to tell, even if there was not time enough for them to say more than a few words. And those in the audience could tell how happy they were to be alive, how glad they were to be in America and at the meeting, and how proud they were of their native lands.

They were young and looking forward to what lay ahead of them, but they had lived much fuller lives already than most of the gray-haired men and women in the gathering who had known only the United States.

Triumph of Reaction

The forces of reaction defeated the anti-discrimination bills and the civil rights and fair employment practice proposals in the Utah state senate.

The same forces are likely to defeat an FEPC measure and a bill proposing to outlaw restrictive covenants in real estate which have been introduced in the Colorado legislature.

These ideas are revolutionary and dangerous in the eyes of certain elements who have forgotten that the nation was founded by a group of rebels who wanted a change from the stifling past.

Perhaps we have not recovered sufficiently from the reaction that followed on the liberal origins of the nation to expect early action on legislation like those mentioned above, or national scale proposals such as the FEPC, the anti-poll tax bill and an anti-lynching law.

The measure of success lies, rather, in the progress that has been made. Not long ago few realized the need for laws to protect the rights of minorities and fewer cared. In a short time the interest in such legislation has increased to the point where measures espousing what once were revolutionary doctrines are introduced and debated on the floor.

Much remains to be done before these proposals can be legislated into law, but a grand start has been made.

We have reached a compromise on the dancing lessons. The subject will not be decided upon until the dental bill is settled, the new roof paid for, the doctor's statement satisfied, the children properly clothed and shod for the spring, and the mortgage reduced to a more reassuring figure.

It seems like a moral victory of sorts, for when these feats of financial magic are taken care of, there will be another sheaf of bills requiring attention. It is a never-ending process.

Meanwhile, the matter is subject to being recalled at any time, subject to the lady's whim and fancy.

Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

Minneapolis, Minn.

BEST SELLER . . .

Yesterday afternoon, we sat in the second floor living room and over sherry, talked of art, philosophy and music. By we, I mean Mrs. Robert Penn Warren and myself. Her husband was the author of that best-seller, "All the King's Men." The missus is also a writer in art.

The house is a four-story mansion overlooking the lakes. At night we can watch the lights of the city going on. It is fascinating and reminds us of the West Coast at night. It gives us a feeling of standing at the top of a hill and looking down upon all that which belongs to us.

And then, at that hour of gold-ness, the city becomes a reprint of a scene we used to see in story books. It sends an aura around the Cathedral of St. Mary's.

We must have sat in that oriental-effect room for a long time looking at Picasso's works and easing our thoughts. Mrs. Warren is a remarkable person who magnetizes you . . . and after it is all over, there continues to exist something of wonderment. There is something about her blue eyes and dark hair, about her blunt hands and rich voice, which make her one of those ageless people. Even the most uncorrelated of topics seem to be woven into one vivid tapestry. Everything seems so right.

MOVING HOUSE . . .

Again we are confronted by a matter commonly known as eviction. Moving is such an ordeal . . . a dreaded one at that. And so we have talked about packing, but that is all the further it has gone. Right now the dining room has been partially dismantled and wears such a lonesome look, we wish that somehow we could comfort it. Since the record player is gone, we cannot even play our favorite Bach pieces on it.

What we have packed we must unpack every time we get into an argument over something very trivial, yet terribly important at the time.

Yoshi Fujiwara, a senior bacteriology student, has finally decided to brew fresh coffee. It is not that the rest of us are so lazy, but it is such a wonderful waste of time just to sit here and work with charcoal and paper. My current passion is to aspire to draw . . . not conventional stuff, of course, but something decidedly eccentric. It is a delight just to fill up paper with incomprehensible figures . . . and when a large stack of wasted paper has piled up, I fool myself and think that something worthwhile has been accomplished.

I think that I shall draw that limp jacket, which has hung on a nail in this kitchen for a long time. There is also a basket of pink and red paper roses which are full of dust.

But that does not solve the problem of packing. Maybe some unpteen years from now some genius will invent a packing device . . . or maybe there will be enough houses to go around. The next time I see a falling star, I think I'll wish on that.

POWER . . .

The ignorance of some Nisei regarding their own problems is both exasperating and pathetic. I sometimes wonder if we are a fully grown group, or are we yet dangling on the pendulum of mental adolescence. Of course, it would be a great world if we could forever sit back and let other men care for our worries. Yet, unless a people are not capable of comprehending their position in an existing world, it is both illogical and immature to anticipate sympathy and interest from the man in the street.

Tolstoy has a definition of power which I like. He says, "That power is powder. That is power is a word the meaning of which is be-

yond our comprehension." That power of which he speaks is usually manifested through the combined will of people vested in one man; or we might say, the concentrated interest of men in one focal point, which is the problem.

Why do we, a group of minorities, almost unnoticed in the masses, insist on pitting member against member, while there is obvious need for unity.

As we are not immune to nature's winds, nor are we immune to the political and economic breezes which result in hurricanes. As we are world citizens, we possess a power which we can either retain or forfeit.

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Spady Koyama Speaks To Wesley Foundation

SPOKANE, Wash.—Spady Koyama, prominent Spokane Nisei and former GI, spoke under the joint auspices of the Spokane JACL and the Race Relations Council before the Wesley Foundation of the University of Idaho at the First Methodist church of Moscow, Ida., on Feb. 9.

Speaking on "The Rehabilitation of Nisei Veterans and of Evacuees," Koyama outlined briefly the Pacific coast evacuation and the subsequent confinement of the evacuees in relocation centers. He discussed the resettlement of the Nisei and Issei in 47 of the 48 states.

Koyama also recounted highlights of his Army career and his personal experiences and problems as a discharged veteran.

The former GI stressed the pressing need to teach and practice complete democracy here at home before the nation can hope to champion the cause of democracy abroad.

He concluded with a thirty-minute question and answer period.

Koyama, who served in the Philippines, recently announced his decision to reenlist in the Army.

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A Short Story:

AT 22 A BOY'S HEART IS HEAVY

By JOBO NAKAMURA

At twenty-two, a boy's heart is heavy with nameless doubts and insecurity; in Masao's case, these feelings assailed him from deeper within. It was easy for him to feel that the whole world was against him, injustices piled upon injustices. That feeling, that some old feeling . . . it always came back . . . as soon as he felt a need for self-pity. Masao rationalized this in no uncertain terms as something he could not help and that he was predestined to suffer at the hands of people who could not understand him.

At this moment, getting a decent job for himself meant more than anything else in the world, anything else would be secondary in importance. After a disappointing day of tramping the sidewalks, he took a northbound street car on State street. He sat on a hard wooden seat, and stared vacantly at the immense crowd of people which surged back and forth in the raging traffic, everyone rushing headlong with single intent.

As the car worked its way slowly up the congested traffic, the seats were quickly filled except the one on which Masao sat. He told himself that he didn't give a damn if nobody cared to sit with him. When it became obvious that there would be no such choice, a woman of Lake Shore Drive refinement and haughty prudence written plainly on her face condescended to sit with Masao who kept staring out of the window pretending what he thought to be personal affront as just an obsession. The woman sat uncomfortably, looking for any empty seat to which she could transfer.

O God, he had to get a job, a job with pay and prestige that would restore him in respect with other Nisei . . . didn't he go to college? Some Issei people had sneered at him because he had gone out to pick pears and grapes after all the book-learning he did. If he could only tell the world how much he suffered because he could not conform to the standards his Issei elders and the kids of his age had set for him to conform! He could still feel the dread that he associated with the basketball and baseball games that the kids played between public school and Nihon-gakko sessions. When the fellows chose sides to play, he stayed away because he was never chosen. The best the fellows could do for him was to send him out to right field where balls rarely flew . . . when they did . . . he would miff the ball badly . . . he always pretended that the sun was in his eyes . . . there were raucous laughter of adolescents from the school steps. Basketball and baseball were the closest things to life among boys of his age and he was left out of it.

It was the same way too when he went out to the fruit ranches during the summer . . . the foreman "ridged" him because he was too slow to do the same work that boys of his age did.

. . . these, he had nursed in his heart as vengeance to be evened later in his life . . . he would show them what he could do! But at this moment, the day of vengeance was still far, far off and there was only misgiving in his heart.

Masao got off the street car at Division and Clark, and headed for the Nisei Cafe, not so much for the food as it was to see the slim-hipped girl who worked there. Her dark-brown eyes and full, red lips were decidedly impish, and the casual languid manner in which she carried herself reminded Masao of a picture of an unstudied, young doe unafraid in the big forest; they were more than mere physical attractions, they were traits which compensated for his shortcomings and longing. To his disappointment, he remembered that it was her day off

and he finished his liverwurst sandwich hurriedly and left the restaurant.

Last week, he went to see about a photography job which required some knowledge of physical camera techniques. The man who interviewed him noted that his educational background fitted him for the position, and he assured Masao that whether he was hired or not, his racial extraction would not enter in the decision. But he had to wait until tomorrow because the boss was out of the city; he would receive his notice in today's mail. Since then, his heart shared hopes and forodings.

Masao rushed home, his pace livelier as he approached the rooming house in which he lived. His mind closed to everything save for the letter that waited for him in his room, nothing else mattered. O God, O God, his mind and emotion were wildly. O God, I got to have the job . . . I need it just this once . . . I won't ask for anything more . . . just let me have it . . . it means so much to me . . . I've got to have it . . . O God, I'll do anything if I can have it . . . anything . . .

Masao ran and stumbled up the three flight stairs. He could not suppress his emotion any further. The letter must be there . . . or . . . or . . . got to have it! It meant so much! He couldn't go on lying to people that he was still working at Al. It meant his confidence, his prestige in the world in which he still lived.

He stared blankly at the top of the desk where the letter was supposed to be. Oh no, no! It can't be here. He searched frantically under the desk where it may have been dropped. No, it's not there. Sometimes, Mrs. Gilmer, the landlady, slipped mail under the door. No, it's not there either. O God, what shall I do if they wouldn't take me . . . if I won't have me, who will? Maybe I can go to New York or maybe Cleveland . . . no, it's no use running away.

He scurried down the stairs to Mrs. Gilmer's apartment; maybe she had forgotten to bring the letter up to his room. A simple-minded woman, Mrs. Gilmer who liked her "Japanese" tenants because they kept their apartments neat and paid their rents without fail. The landlady said that she knew of no letter for him this afternoon, and Masao wearily climbed back to his room. He lay with his back on the bed, glaring up at the ceiling. He pondered in the open sea, a tossing, high wave covering his head. He ceased to struggle in the water and lay submissive. Oh, he wanted so much to do that old feeling that came back to him. It was the chance to win but . . .

There were light knocks on the door. "Just a minute," Masao said, and he straightened his clothes before he allowed the door to be opened. Mrs. Gilmer stood at the door smiling, "Is this the letter you were asking for? It just came." She handed him a special delivery letter with a return address marked "Royal Photo Supply Co." Masao ripped open the letter forgetting to thank the landlady who had brought it. His body was tense as he read the letter which briefly instructed him to report to work next Monday morning at 8:30.

It was more of a sense of utter relief rather than a gust of joy that he experienced at this moment. He felt extremely tired as though every fiber in his body had been extracted of its strength in this crisis. But the weariness was gone. Ah, now he could really live, not merely exist. He could really feel the dynamic throb of the city. He had everything to live for . . . life was good, was sweet and rich as flowing wine.

Lodi Buddhists Set Basketball Games, Dance for Feb. 23

LODI, Calif. — The Lodi YBA will sponsor a day of basketball games followed by a dance at the Lodi Armory hall on Sunday, February 23.

All events will take place at the Armory hall, beginning at 12 noon. Four games will be played in the afternoon, including a girl's game. The events will be claimed by a contest between the Oakland Paramounts and the Lodi YBA in an NCAA game.

The dance is open to the public.

Easter Dance Will be Held by Denver Chapter

DENVER — An Easter dance, sponsored by the Denver chapter of the JACL, will be held April 6th in the Silver Glade ballroom of the Cosmopolitan hotel, Toshio Ando, vice-president, announced on February 12.

Bill Meyer's dance orchestra will be on the band stand for this event, which will be the first 1947 social affair for the chapter.

Engagement

DETROIT, Mich.—The engagement of Miss Toshiko Yoshida to Mr. George Ishioka was announced at a party at the Oriental Gardens to close friends and relatives by Mrs. Y. Yoshida, mother of the bride-to-be. Miss Yoshida is formerly of Seattle and Mr. Ishioka is from Tacoma, Wash. The couple plans to wed in May.

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Santa Clara Directory Prepared by UCL

SAN JOSE, Calif.—First issue of the Santa Clara county directory of persons of Japanese descent compiled by the United Citizens League will go on sale this week, according to Phil Matsumura, executive secretary.

The 80-page directory lists names and addresses of nearly 100 families.

Copies of the book will be given free to all new members during the current membership drive, was announced.

Persons assisting in compiling the directory are Bill Yamamoto, Joe Takeda, Manabi Hirasaki, Gilroy, Eichi Sakauye, Shigehisa Sunaga, Kaz Masuda of Madras, Henry Kiyomura of Mountain View, Tom Sugishita of Coyote, Henry Hamasaki of Los Angeles, Sayo Shimada of Palo Alto, Kifune, George Tsukagawa, Akira Shimoguchi, Joe Jio, Esau Shimizu and Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto.

The league acknowledged the assistance of the following persons: the Rev. Aso, the Rev. Oshio, Toshimi Miyasaki, Howard Matsumura, Haru Nakamoto, Sumi Nakamoto, Tomio Miyahara, Dr. Ushiro and Bill Takeda.

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Young Negro Woman Attorney Speaks to New York JACL

Five-Point Program Adopted by Chapter Members at Meeting

EVERETT JAMES STARR, NEW YORK—"Being a member of a minority race group is a serious business," Miss Pauli Murray, former Deputy Attorney General for the State of California, declared in an address on Feb. 13 before members of the New York chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League at the Japanese Methodist church.

Miss Murray was introduced by one of the New York JACL's chapter members, Miss Clara Clayman, as a woman who symbolized the "brotherhood of humanity."

As a member of the Negro race, Miss Murray encountered Jim Crowism and entered the legal profession following her graduation from Howard university to fight the injustice and misunderstanding which victimized all racial minorities.

Miss Murray told the JACL group that if being a member of a minority is a serious business, then doing something to rectify relative discrimination against minorities also was most serious business.

She presented a member of the legal staff of the American Jewish Congress, Miss Murray explained to the JACL members the many steps necessary toward securing favorable legislation.

Speaking specifically of the bill recently introduced by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii to eliminate racial restrictions from the naturalization law, Miss Murray declared that such a proposal would be attacked not only by "haters from the West Coast," but also by Southern reactionaries.

The young Negro attorney declared that all minorities, weak by themselves, must secure strength through mutual support. She advised that members of minority groups should study other minorities and learn from the experiences of other groups in their campaign to gain recognition and a more complete acceptance.

"Profit by their mistakes," she said, "and gain through their successes."

She also stressed that any minority could not expect public sympathy unless it could prove that its welfare affected the inter-

ests of all groups and the whole people. She emphasized the necessity for support from labor organizations, women's clubs, church and civic groups and from liberal and recognized leaders.

Miss Murray declared that history was with the minorities as the fight always had been won and those nations and people who could not demonstrate democracy died out in oblivion. Public leaders have not yet realized, however, she added, that such things as the mass evacuation, denial of citizenship on racial grounds, and discriminatory laws and practices are not in keeping with the American tradition of being a democratic nation.

"America must recognize the minorities, the races, the creeds and the common brotherhood of all men if she is to survive as a democratic country," Miss Murray concluded.

A five-point program of activity for the New York chapter was proposed by Tom Hayashi, unit president, and accepted by the membership at the meeting.

Hayashi announced the details of the formation of the Anti-Discrimination Committee and explained to the members what that organization was set up to do. He added that the New York Chapter would actively support the ADC program through as many ways as possible. He also announced four other phases of the chapter's 1947 program.

These points, all later given the full approval and support of the members, were: an all-out membership drive which Miss Mitsu Takima, the membership director, explained; a financial campaign under the direction of the board of directors; an "open house" for Japanese Americans and their friends, sponsored weekly by the chapter; special membership rates for married couples; and a bowling tournament for mixed doubles, and a close relationship with other organizations in the Japanese American community.

Current cabinet members were installed by Mrs. Yurino Starr, retiring past president of the New York Chapter and of the National JACL's Eastern Office. These members, and their offices, are as follows: President, Mr. Thomas Hayashi; Vice-President, Miss Ina Sugihara; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Inouye; Corresponding

Installation

LOOMIS, Calif. — Joe Kageta, president of the Loomis Epworth League, and his cabinet were installed in services held Feb. 16 at the Methodist church. Other cabinet members are Dave Takagishi, vice-president; Florence Doi, secretary; Frank Fujita, treasurer; James Makimoto, public relations; Nancy Takahashi and Joshua Doi, co-social chairmen; Amy Fujita, sergeant-at-arms; and Tom Takahashi, publicity.

Golden Anniversary

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. Toyoyuki Yamada, pioneer residents of Seattle, Wash., were honored at a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration on Feb. 13 at Gyokko Ken cafe. Attending were their sons and daughters, relatives and close friends. Their children are Henry S. Yamada, New York City; Shizuo Yamada, Washington, D.C.; Pvt. Tomokiyu Yamada, Monterey, Calif., and Kenjiro and Toyooki Yamada and Mrs. Hanae Matsuda of Seattle.

Pocatello JACL Will Give 442nd Book to Library

POCATELLO, Idaho—Sixty-four Nisei from the Pocatello and southeastern Idaho area served with the 442nd Combat Team, Yoshi Yokota, member of the Pocatello JACL and a 442nd veteran, reported this week.

Yokota said that the JACL chapter was planning to present copies of the new book, "Americans—the Story of the 442nd Combat Team" to the Pocatello public library, Idaho Southern university, the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce.

Seven Nisei from the Pocatello area were killed in combat with the 442nd.

Secretary, Miss Chizuko Hayashi; Treasurer, Mr. Mitty Kimura; Historian, Mr. Harry Kuwada; Financial Director, Mr. Toshio Sasaki; Publicity Director, Miss Chizuko Ikeda; Membership Director, Miss Mitsu Takami; Program Director, Mr. Everett J. Starr.

An informal refreshment and social period followed the business and speaking sessions of this general meeting. Among those present at the meeting were: Mr. Robert M. Benjamin and Mrs. Edwin Mims, Jr., of the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans; Mr. Peter S. Aoki, Executive Director of that organization; Mr. Ken Yasuda, President of the Young Buddhist Association; and Miss Babette Stiefel of Philadelphia, Pa.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Nosaka a boy on Feb. 10 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi F. Hayashita, Isleton, Calif. a girl on Feb. 4.
To Mr. and Mrs. James T. Kai, Aggie Villa, Davis, Calif. a girl on Feb. 7.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Okamoto a girl on Feb. 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Fujii a girl, Georgina, on Jan. 30 in Salt Lake City.

DEATHS

Ichizo Sakata and Wai Sakata on Feb. 15 near Roseville, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Frances Kuramoto to Sgt. Harry T. Kubo on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles.
Mary M. Yagawa to John (Ty) Saito on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles.
Julia Kitayama to Dr. Benjamin Kondo on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles.
Natsuko Taniguchi to Yoshio Asai on Feb. 1 in Stockton, Calif.
Setsu Nao to Capt. Richard Hamasaki on Feb. 16 in San Francisco.
Kiyo Matsuoka to George Takehara on Feb. 9 in Sacramento.
Maxine Sato to Glenn Morioka on Feb. 9 in Ontario, Ore.
Irene Shido to Masao Hayashi on Feb. 11 in Portland.
Kikuye Isogawa of Fresno, Calif. to Hiroto Nagata on Feb. 12.
Ina Hayashida to Albert T. Kinoshita on Feb. 16 in Denver.
Rose Hashimoto to Masayuki Nishiyama on Feb. 16 in Denver.
Midori Kitazono to Ichiro Watanabe on Feb. 16 in New York.
Rose Tashiro of Mesilla, N. M. to Bob Mitamura on Jan. 24 in El Paso, Tex.
Kayoko Nomura to Thomas K. Ito on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles.
Sueko Miyata to Norio Tsusaki on Feb. 12 in Chicago.
Sumiko Kuramoto to Noboru Doi on Feb. 14 in Parlier, Calif.
Setsuko Kusama to Hajimu Sugimoto on Feb. 16 in Stockton.

Correction

The Pacific Citizen on Jan. 25 incorrectly reported the marriage of Mr. Minoru Sano.

Mr. Sano of Berkeley, California and Miss Yaeko Inuzuka of Portland, Oregon, were married on December 29 at the Centenary Wilbur Methodist church. The Rev. Francis Hayashi officiated.

The Pacific Citizen regrets the inconvenience caused by the incorrectly reported story.

Sacramento Bride

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Miss Kiyo Matsuoka, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matsuoka of Mill valley, became the bride of Mr. George Takehara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takehara of Perkins, in a ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Buddhist church in Sacramento.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Roy Okuhara, and the Misses Marilyn Fukinaka and Mary Tamura. Mr. Tom Takehara was the best man. Kats Murakami and Kim Kawanishi served as ushers.

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Miss Sakamoto, a native of Los Angeles, recently returned from Cleveland, Ohio, and will have her office at Suite 616, 524 South Spring St.

Miss Sakamoto passed the California state bar in 1939 and is believed to be the only Japanese American woman attorney in the state and one of three Nisei women practicing law in the United States. She is the wife of Mr. Tooru Takahashi, but will practice under her maiden name for professional reasons.

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AFL Central Labor Council Urges Legislative Repeal Of Alien Property Law in Utah

The Central Labor Council of Salt Lake City, AFL, this week was on record as favoring the repeal of the Utah Alien Land law, a restrictive measure passed by the 1943 legislature and aimed at resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

A motion calling for the repeal of the Alien Land law, which prohibits Japanese aliens from the ownership of real property in Utah, was passed at the last meeting of the Central Labor Council, representing American Federation of Labor locals in Salt Lake City.

It was announced that the legislative representative of the AFL at the Utah legislature would be instructed to recommend the repeal of the Utah Alien Land law.

The motion for repeal of the restrictive legislation was pressed by a representative of the Typographical Union and supported by delegates of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

The Salt Lake hotel and restaurant workers' union passed the resolution for the repeal of the Alien Land law at the last meeting of their unit. Local 815.

The Senate bill, SB 122, for repeal of the Utah anti-alien law is still in committee. It is supported by the Veterans' Joint Legislative Council, representing the VFW, American Legion, Amvets, Disabled American Veterans and the Spanish American War Veterans.

According to Wally Sandack, chairman of the veterans' legislative group, the Utah law, copied from the California Alien Land law, was passed by the Utah legislature in a time of "wartime hysteria."

"Kick-off Banquet" Held in Spokane By JACL Chapter

SPOKANE, Wash. — The Spokane JACL held a "kick-off banquet" on Feb. 10 at the Quality cafe. The sukiyaki dinner, which was attended by about 20 members, was followed by a business meeting. Joe Okamoto, president, was in charge.

The banquet officially began the chapter's membership drive. Under the direction of Harry Kadoya and Jack Koyama, the names of 200 potential members were given out. Each member was asked to contact at least five persons.

Details on JACL dues, Pacific Citizen subscriptions rates and other matters were brought out. New membership pamphlets prepared by the national office of the JACL were distributed.

The banquet also honored Spady Koyama, active JACL member, who has reenlisted for Army service.

Oakland Chapter Begins Drive for New Membership

OAKLAND, Calif. — Over 400 copies of the JACL membership leaflet, "You Bet I'm Joining JACL," were mailed to prospective members in the East Bay area on Feb. 15 by the Metropolitan Oakland chapter to inaugurate its membership drive, according to Toshi Minamoto, vice-president and campaign chairman.

Following up the leaflets, five teams began a door-to-door canvass Sunday, Feb. 16. The drive will continue to the end of March.

Teams and leaders are as follows: Oakland: Toshi Minamoto, chairman, Nori Lafferty, Eiko Sasaki, Michi Kajiwaru, the Rev. John Yamashita, Tony Yokomizo, Cherry Nakagawara, Mrs. Wehara, Marie Mizutani and Margaret Utsumi.

Berkeley: Dr. Charles Ishizu, chairman, Frank Tsukamoto, Masuji Fujii, Wat Miura, Tad Hirota, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Dr. Tak Hikoyeda, Vernon Nishi and Tad Masaoka.

Hayward, Mt. Eden, San Lorenzo, San Leandro: Kay Hirao, chairman, Kenji Fujii, Tom Hatataka, Kats Yashuro and Mary Shinoda.

Alameda: Yosh Isono, chairman, Sachi Tajima.

Richmond: Sally Seiji, chairman, Sam Sakai.

This week's drive will be highlighted with a community social in the Oakland YMCA Rose Room Saturday, at 8 p. m.

The committee announced that since an up-to-date directory is not available, many names were omitted in the mailing of the JACL membership leaflet. Copies may be obtained by writing to 1148-B 6th street, Berkeley.

Discuss Nisei Recreational Problems at Los Angeles Meet

LOS ANGELES—Realizing the urgent need for leisure time activities for hundreds of Nisei youths in Los Angeles, leaders of the former Japanese YMCA branch in this city met Monday, Feb. 17 at the Los Angeles Downtown YMCA to plan the integration of Nisei into the programs of the twenty branches of the organization.

Representatives at the meeting were organized into an advisory council to the Los Angeles Metropolitan YMCA with George Ono president and Dick Fujioka as secretary.

The representatives expressed their disapproval of reactivation of the old Japanese YMCA branch and announced that its activities would be directed toward getting Nisei youths into the nearest YMCA branch.

The functions of the newly-organized council will be as follows:

1. To relate Nisei youths either as individuals or groups to the various branches of the Los Angeles YMCA.

2. To act in advisory capacity to branch secretaries and their boards of management.

3. To recruit Nisei volunteer leadership for participation in YMCA activities.

4. To interpret the work of the YMCA branches to the Japanese American community and especially to Issei parents so that they will understand and encourage participation in YMCA activities.

In attendance at the meeting were George Ono, Dick Fujioka, the Rev. Seido Ogawa, Robert Kodama, Sam Furuta, the Rev. John Yamasaki, Akira Hasegawa, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Dave Nakagawa, George Zaima and the Rev. Paul Nagano.

Leslie Eichelberger, metropolitan program secretary, Frank Veale, executive secretary of the Downtown YMCA, and Masao Satow, former staff member of the Los Angeles YMCA, attended the meeting in an advisory capacity.

Buddhist Sect Leader Freed From Custody

Report Sen. Lucas Intervened With Attorney General

CHICAGO — The Rev. Dogen Ochi, superintendent of the priest of the Zen-Buddhist sect in America, has been released from alien enemy proceedings and from "technical custody" at Seabrook Farms, New Jersey, the Rev. Matsuoka of the Zen-Buddhist church in Chicago reported last week.

Rev. Matsuoka noted that Senator Scott Lucas, D., Ill., had intervened with Attorney General Clark on behalf of Rev. Ochi.

Rev. Ochi's case was handled by Harold R. Gordon, Chicago attorney and a member of the Chicago JACL. Gordon secured affidavits from witnesses in Chicago and other parts of the country who had been in the Gila River relocation center with Rev. Ochi and testified that the latter had constantly admonished his followers to make every effort to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States and that he was unjustly detained.

It was reported that Rev. Ochi came to the United States in April, 1941, to assume the post of superintendent of all Buddhist priests of the Zen sect in North America and was evacuated to Gila River in 1942. As a result of charges brought against him, he was removed to the alien enemy detention camp at Santa Fe, N.M. in 1943 and later to Crystal City, Tex., from where he was transferred to Seabrook Farms.

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