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L. A. Mayor Greets Nisei GIs



LOS ANGELES—Two Nisei soldiers with outstanding combat records were welcomed back to the city by Mayor Bowron at City Hall on March 10. They are Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Hirai (left) and Master Sgt. Frank Kuramoto. The Nisei GIs visited Mayor Bowron with Col. W. L. Jefferson, chief of U. S. Army recruiting in Southern California.

The Japanese Americans told Mayor Bowron they have been assigned by the Army to Los Angeles to aid in encouraging Nisei to enlist in the military intelligence service language school for future duty as specialists in occupied Japan.

Hirai, who saw action in the South Pacific and in the Philippines, is a graduate of Hollywood high school, Los Angeles City College and the University of California and has served in the Army since June, 1941. Kuramoto, a graduate of Lincoln high, served in the Philippines.

Loyalty of Japanese American Group in Wartime Praised By Admiral Nimitz at Hearing

Chief of Naval Operations Says No Sabotage Committed by Group; Has No Objections To Hawaii's Desire for Statehood Rights

WASHINGTON—The loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the United States during World War II was praised by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chief of naval operation, in testimony before the House Public Lands committee on March 10. The Navy chief declared he knew of no cases of sabotage involving Nisei in World War II.

Declaring he could see "no objection from a military or naval standpoint to the Hawaiian Islands achieving statehood," Admiral

Nimitz noted that he had "entertained some doubt before World War II as to the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the event of war with Japan."

"From my observations during World War II, I no longer have that doubt."

Admiral Nimitz added: "During my service as commander-in-chief of the Pacific Ocean Area (Dec., 1941, to Nov., 1945, in Hawaii), I had an opportunity to observe the people of the Hawaiian Islands and I have great admiration and appreciation of the wholehearted cooperation they gave to the war effort."

"The citizens of the islands participated actively in the armed services in World War II and served with distinction. That includes many of Japanese ancestry."

Answering questions, Admiral Nimitz said, "I know of no cases of sabotage or subversive activities during my entire service as commander-in-chief of the Pacific Ocean Area."

Rep. Fred Crawford, R., Mich., asked what was the necessity of martial law in the islands.

"The situation in Dec., 1941 was a crucial one," Nimitz replied. "And required every safeguard that could be instituted to advance security. Hindsight might indicate that it was not necessary."

Again referring to a question involving Hawaii's resident population of Japanese ancestry, Admiral Nimitz declared:

"There were many opportunities for sabotage and espionage but to the best of my knowledge no information injurious to our interest passed out of the islands."

"I do not know even of minor incidents such as the cutting of

telephone wires which were strung all over the islands."

Delegate Bartlett, D., Alaska, asked if there was any reason why statehood would impair defense.

"I shouldn't think so," Nimitz replied.

The admiral said the secrecy of the Japanese high command in planning the Pearl Harbor attack was so strict that "I don't think the Japanese consul-general in Honolulu had any idea of the nature of the attack and the time it was to come."

"There is no doubt that some Japanese in the islands were sympathetic to the Japanese national government but that did not extend to active sabotage and subversion after the war started," Admiral Nimitz added.

Rep. Peden, D., Okla., asked whether it made any difference from a tactical or defense view whether Hawaii was a state or a territory.

"I do not think it does," Nimitz replied. "Hawaii will still be our main base in the Pacific whether it is a state or a territory."

Nimitz said his statement contained only his "personal views."

Previously the Navy Department has told the committee it has no objection to the enactment of legislation being considered by the group to make Hawaii the 49th state.

Gen. Charles B. Herron, retired, Army commander in Hawaii from 1937 to 1941, testified that "civilian leadership was thoroughly patriotic" during his three years there and "the military was not obstructed in any way."

Four House members who introduced Hawaiian statehood bills also testified. Rep. Hale, R., Me., said the mixed racial strains in Hawaii "should be an argument for statehood rather than against."

Utah Legislature Repeals State's Alien Property Law

Nisei Veteran Trains for Post on L. A. Police Force

LOS ANGELES — Stanley Uno, Nisei war veteran of the Pacific theater, is one of 101 candidates seeking jobs as regular members of the Los Angeles police force.

He is the first Nisei to seek a post as a city policeman.

A former member of combat intelligence in the war against Japan, Uno recently was appointed a temporary deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County.

He is now brushing up on marksmanship and other tests to qualify as a police officer.

Krug Stresses Nisei Record In Testimony

Interior Department Head Supports Hawaiian Statehood

WASHINGTON — The loyalty record of Hawaii's residents of Japanese ancestry was stressed by Secretary of Interior Julius Krug on March 7 when he appeared before the House Public Lands Committee to support Hawaii's request for statehood.

Declaring that the loyalty of Hawaii's mixed racial groups is unquestioned, Krug stated there was no justification of reports of subversive activities by persons of Japanese ancestry, now 32 per cent of Hawaii's population, at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The Army and Navy intelligence offices conceded that not a single act of espionage or sabotage was committed by any person of Japanese ancestry, alien or citizen, either prior to or subsequent to Dec. 7, 1941," the Interior Secretary said.

"I do not care what standard you apply—whether it is population, devotion to American ideals, the effect upon the nation in foreign affairs, wealth, ability for self-government, loyalty, competence in business or government, or social consciousness—Hawaii passes the test," Krug emphasized.

Temporary Suspension Announced by Nisei Paper in New York

NEW YORK — Temporary suspension of the Nisei Weekender, weekly newspaper published by the Japanese American News Corporation, Inc., was announced this week.

Production problems, including the shortage of newsprint, was given as the reason for the decision to suspend publication.

At the same time the publishers announced that plans were under way to expand the Weekender into an eight-page paper.

Nisei Student Wins Oratory Honors

REDLANDS, Calif.—Joe Ikeguchi, member of the University of Redlands forensic squad, won first prize in oratory at the Pi Kappa Delta western states tournament at Linfield college, Oregon.

The University of Redlands squad of three men, Ikeguchi, Culver Nelson and Randy Jenks, made the best score of any school on the west coast for upper division speakers, taking two first place awards, one second, one third and a fourth place award.

Ikeguchi, a senior, is student body treasurer at Redlands. He is a veteran of the CBI theater. He won first place honors in oratory at a western states speech contest in December, 1946.

House Votes 48 to 2 to Erase Wartime Statute Aimed at Farmers of Japanese Descent

The Utah House of Representatives repealed the state's Alien Land law, aimed at aliens of Japanese ancestry, by a vote of 48 to 2 on March 11.

The action of the Utah House was accompanied by praise by members of the body for the wartime contributions of Japanese and Japanese American farmers in the state.

Previously the Utah Senate had unanimously passed the Alien Land law repeal bill, SB 122.

The legislation was sponsored by Sen. Newell Knight, R., Salt Lake, and other senators as part of a program of legislation supported by Utah veterans groups.

House members, including Rep. David Holther, R., Weber, took the floor in support of the repeal bill after Rep. Thomas M. Rees, D., Salt Lake, had voiced his opposition, declaring that the repeal of the land law would give "aliens" an opportunity to take the state's farm lands.

House support of the repeal move was voiced by a number of members including two veterans with overseas service. They heaped praise on Utah farmers of Japanese ancestry for their wartime production record and upon the sacrifices of Utah Nisei as members of the armed forces. Passage of the Alien Land law, patterned on the present California law, in 1943 was condemned by House members as a "bad example of war hysteria."

The bill was put to vote immediately after the debate and was passed by a margin of 48 to 2. Ten representatives were absent or were not recorded.

The only other vote against the bill, beside Rep. Rees, was that of Rep. Wilford J. Humphrey, R., Emery.

"If we take away restrictions, foreigners will own our best land instead of leasing or renting it as they do now," Rep. Rees added.

Glen Thompson, senior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Utah, said that the Utah VFW organization had voted to support the repeal move as a tribute to their buddies of Japanese ancestry in the U. S. Army. He commended the legislature's action as a striking example of democratic action.

Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, said that Utah was the first western state to repeal the "undemocratic" Alien Land law which, he said, was aimed at resident aliens of Japanese ancestry but also penalized the American children of these alien parents.

The Alien Land law repeal bill was part of a program of veterans legislation sponsored by the Veterans Legislative Council of Utah, composed of the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Amvets and the Spanish-American War Veterans. The repeal measure also was supported by the Salt Lake Federation of Labor, AFL.

Nisei Colonel Says Japan's Destiny Now Linked With U. S.

LOS ANGELES — Returning from service in Tokyo with General MacArthur's headquarters, Lieut. Col. John F. Aiso, former director of academic training at the Military Intelligence Language school, declared in Los Angeles on March 10 that Japan now believes its destiny is linked with the United States.

Col. Aiso, one of a handful of Nisei to attain the rank in the U. S. Army, also is believed to be one of a few in the Army who has risen from buck private to lieutenant colonel during World War II. Aiso, a Los Angeles attorney, enlisted as a private in April, 1941.

"Gen. MacArthur is doing an admirable job," Aiso said. "But it will take a long time to fully democratize Japan, at least 20 years, time enough for the education of one

VFW Council In Sacramento Backs Nisei

Passes Resolution For Amendment of Alien Land Law

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars this week passed resolutions urging the amendment of the California Alien Land law to protect the rights of American citizens to hold property and urging the amendment of present racial restrictions in the Federal law to provide for the naturalization of aliens on a basis of individual acceptability.

The resolutions were presented to the County VFW by the newly-formed Nisei Post No. 8985.

Kenneth Nishimura recently was selected as legislative chairman of the Nisei veterans' group.

Resolutions and letters for legislative action on problems affecting Japanese American veterans are being sent out by the Nisei VFW post to other VFW units.

Wirin, Saburo Kido To Urge Citizenship For Issei Japanese

LOS ANGELES—Saburo Kido, former national president of the JACL, and A. L. Wirin, noted civil rights attorney and legal counsel for the JACL, will urge citizenship for aliens of Japanese descent in a radio forum over KMPC on Sunday, March 23.

Hector Baida, former president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and James McLaughlin, attorney, will oppose the admission of Japanese aliens to citizenship.

Denver Nisei Hurt In Highway Accident

DENVER, Colo.—James Shiyo-mura, 18, was seriously injured when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile on U. S. Highway 85 near Henderson on March 9.

complete generation, will be required.

"The Japanese themselves want American occupation troops to remain as long as possible."

Aiso, who wears the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster for his work at the intelligence school and in Tokyo, plans to return to law practice in Los Angeles.

Col. Aiso, then an enlisted man, helped organize the first Japanese language training program for the military intelligence service at the Presidio in San Francisco. After the evacuation the MIS language school was moved to Camp Savage and later to Fort Snelling in Minnesota where Aiso served as director of academic training. He supervised the indoctrination and training of nearly 6000 men, the majority of whom were Nisei.

Masaoka Learns New Congress Policy on Deportation May Not Affect Japanese Alien Group

Private Bills Introduced to Suspend Deportation Of Japanese Group Do Not Fall in "Racket" Category, ADC Official Tells Congressmen

WASHINGTON—Most Japanese aliens for whom private bills have been introduced will not be affected by the recent decision of the House Judiciary Committee to authorize the Immigration and Naturalization Service to proceed with the deportation of certain aliens even though private bills had been introduced in their behalf, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, announced this week, following a series of conferences with Justice Department and House Judiciary Department and House Judiciary Committee members.

Pointing out that most Japanese nationals subject to deportation are either the victims of circumstances or are denied the same rights as others, Masaoka urged that the "courtesy" of suspending the deportation of those Japanese for whom private bills had been introduced by friendly congressmen be continued. He stated that as far as the JACL-ADC was concerned the practice of having private bills introduced to suspend deportations was not a "racket" and that as far as he knew not a single Japanese deportee was a "criminal" in the sense of having violated any serious criminal laws.

"Unless the deportation of deserving Japanese nationals is prevented, either by court action or by the introduction of private bills, many cases of gross injustice may occur," Masaoka said. "Japanese nationals who materially contributed to our war effort by assuming the most important and hazardous duties, certainly, should not be sent back as 'traitors' to Japan where

they may face grave consequences. And those in the so-called treaty merchant category should not be treated on the same basis as illegal entrants, for they entered under the terms of a commercial treaty. When another such treaty is signed with Japan, 'as surely there will be,' Masaoka said, their former status will be automatically restored.

For Japanese nationals whose deportation would result in hardship to American citizen families, Masaoka declared that they should be given the same privileges as other deportees in the same situation, namely that the Attorney General have the discretionary powers to suspend and cancel such deportations.

"This Congress has now before it several bills which would correct these inequities and injustices," Masaoka declared, "and until Congress has decided what should be done, none should be deported. For once they are on the high seas or back to Japan, a congressional act correcting the situation that forced their deportation would have no value whatsoever."

To Justice Department officials, mittie did not in any way affect Masaoka pointed out that the authorizations of the Judiciary Committee the previous pledge of Attorney General Clark that no Japanese deportee in either the "treaty merchant or hardship" case would be deported pending a decision in the courts on cases testing the constitutionality of the discriminatory features of our immigration and deportation laws and regulations.

Japanese Americans at WRA Camp Helped Develop New Guayule Rubber Processes

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A new process of curing guayule rubber, which Japanese American volunteer workers helped develop in a wartime project at the Manzanar relocation center, this week promised to point the way to an industry which may eventually produce a substantial share of America's natural rubber needs.

Today 1150 acres of short gray guayule shrubs, all that remain of a \$45,000,000 wartime Federal experiment, hold the future of guayule rubber in America.

With a new extraction technique developed by a California Institute of Technology plant-biology team, under Dr. Robert Emerson, former Caltech biologist and now at the University of Illinois, a private group known as the Desert Rubber Company is about to harvest 1,000,000 pounds of guayule rubber which will be put through the curing process which is the result of experiments at the Manzanar WRA camp.

Dr. Emerson is credited with stumbling upon the new process, which wrings 95 per cent of the potential rubber content from the gray guayule brush, when he observed a kitchen-sized automatic fruit juice separator at work. He and his Nisei and Issei Japanese associates at Manzanar tried the device on a few sprigs of guayule. It gave up 104 per cent of the rubber believed contained in a sample earlier analyzed by a chemist.

The 1150 acres of guayule at the Phillips ranch represents about one-third of the acreage planted by the short-lived Emergency Rubber Project. If the production of rubber from the guayule meets the expectations of the Desert Rubber Company, which bought the Phillips Ranch last April, the development may lead to the opening of more than 4,000,000 acres of semi-desert land in the Southwest to guayule culture.

The Desert Rubber Company is headed by Hugh Anderson, 35-year-old Stanford graduate and former government auditor. Interested in the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 from the standpoint of civil rights, Mr. Anderson was a forthright advocate of the rights of Japanese Americans. At one time during the war he was interested in the relocation of a group of Japanese American evacuee families on a proposed guayule agricultural project in Arizona. Curtailment of

the government's experiments in guayule is believed to have led to the abandonment of the proposals for a new community of evacuees.

Anderson has applied the process developed at Manzanar to large-scale operations, using a wood-pulping machine to extract the guayule rubber from the plants.

Anderson declares that guayule, whose use by the Aztecs dates back at least five centuries, is the "rubber of the future." He cites Caltech experiments to prove that guayule rubber tests 300 pounds per square inch stronger on a tensile basis than tree-rubber.

James Bassett of the Los Angeles Times quoted Anderson as declaring that guayule has tree-rubber badly beaten from a standpoint of economic competition. It takes 40 man-hours to produce a unit of rubber which a modern guayule plantation, using methods developed at Caltech and by Japanese Americans at the Manzanar relocation camp, could turn out in a single hour.

Bassett noted that Nisei and Issei evacuees at Manzanar found that guayule could be grown from cuttings and that this method preserved the chromosome "purity" of the rich strain which might be weakened by seed planting. Cuttings from the Beaumont project will be used in plantculture experimental work on guayule at Stanford university under the Naval Research Office.

Kito Leaves for New U. S. Post in Japan

CHICAGO—Frank E. Kito, former Los Angeles attorney, left last week by plane for the West Coast, en route to Tokyo, where he will join the staff of the U. S. Economic Mission in Japan.

Kito has been on the staff of the OPA in Chicago.

Washington News-Letter JACL Conducts Campaign To Increase Membership

By JOHN KITASAKO

The JACL is currently conducting a national membership campaign which comes to an end on Mar. 15. A concerted drive to rally Nisei to the banners of the JACL is necessary because this is the time when the JACL needs a large membership to help support its intensive legislative campaign.

A sizeable membership is imperative if the JACL wants to back up its demands for legislation to correct statutes which discriminate against Nisei and their parents. Mike Masaoka has said that when he goes to see a congressman or a government official and is asked how many members he represents, he is embarrassed. He would like to say 25,000 or 40,000 members. But he cannot, for the number of Nisei on JACL's registry is around 6,000.

We daresay that only Mike's aggressiveness and persuasiveness prevent him from getting the brush-off from some congressmen who are inclined not to piddle with small potatoes.

Roger Baldwin, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union, has said that despite its comparatively small membership, the JACL has in its estimation shown more ability and understanding in fighting for civil rights than any other minority group. This is both a tribute to the leadership of the JACL and a challenge to all Nisei to support an organization which already has proven its ability and sincerity.

Actually the JACL should not have to ask Nisei to join its ranks. The Nisei should be aware of the great battle the JACL is waging to secure fundamental rights for Nisei and Issei, and they should be willing to join the organization voluntarily, without benefit of sales talk.

It is a most peculiar and at the same time regrettable situation when a body like the JACL should find it necessary to have to solicit membership from those it is seeking to help.

Any Nisei who demands the JACL to tell him why he should support the JACL should have cause to be ashamed of himself. Nothing is more nauseating and deflating to a JACL campaigner to have his appeal for membership met with this taunt: "Why should I join the JACL anyhow?"

Opposition to the JACL is not active. It has simmered down considerably since Pearl Harbor days. The arguments against the JACL in the pre-war period do not now hold water. Some chapters in the days before the war were guilty of adolescent leadership, but the JACL's brilliant record during the war and post-war years have more than wiped out whatever delinquencies the pre-war JACL was charged with.

Those Nisei who still harbor a grudge against the JACL are tainted with prejudice, a prejudice that is indicative of a stubbornness not to render a sober appraisal of the aggressive and courageous policies of the JACL in recent years.

A JACL campaigner recently asked a Nisei to join the JACL. "But I don't like its policies," he countered. The campaigner asked what he didn't approve of about the policies. "I don't know," he replied haltingly, "I just don't like its policies." After being pressed further, he admitted, "Well, I guess I really don't know why I don't like the JACL."

Many Nisei are vague in their opposition to the JACL, maybe because of personalities, or because some trivial act the JACL chapter once committed in their home town. And so they are content to go on hating the JACL.

Some Nisei are plainly indifferent to the JACL program. These are those Nisei who have gained a fair degree of security and who would prefer to associate strictly with Caucasians in an effort to lose their racial identity, rather than getting involved in "Nisei problems."

"Why do you want to form a JACL chapter anyhow," they argue. "All you do is focus attention on yourselves, and you tend to segregate the Nisei from the rest of the community. All you're trying to do is play on the public's sympathy and try to get their support."

Now that they're well established, these Nisei are not willing to take part in the unfinished fight for decency and justice for other Nisei. This is indeed a pitiful commentary on the selfish brand of citizens bred by movements in recent years to promote brotherhood and democracy.

Still other Nisei, particularly some in government service, are

afraid to join the JACL. Afraid of what? The JACL is a political outfit, they claim, and the government forbids political activity by civil service employees. The JACL is not a political organization; it is a public relations and educational body, and membership in it does not imply political activity.

Furthermore, the JACL is held in high regard in government and congressional circles. Its policies have stood up under the most vicious innuendoes and attacks, and it can challenge any effort to brand it questionable, subversive, or otherwise. Nisei who claim they do not want to jeopardize their position by joining the JACL are merely using it as an excuse not to join.

The job of selling the JACL to Nisei should be ordinary standards be a simple task. But it is made difficult by the failure of many Nisei to develop a consciousness of their responsibilities in our overall society. Membership-resistance is an unfortunate reflection of their attitude not only toward Nisei issues but to those of other minorities, which are all closely bound together.

This attitude is out of step with the trend of affairs in a day when the different racial groups are intimately intertwined and when the brotherhood of man is of the utmost importance in solving some of the basic problems of today.

Nisei Ex-Newsman Dies in Honolulu

HONOLULU—Thomas Shinkatsu Kurihara, 39, former Honolulu Nisei newspaperman and junior administrative assistant of the city and county building department, died in Honolulu on Feb. 16 after a prolonged illness.

Kurihara was on the editorial staffs of the Hawaii Times and the Star-Bulletin before taking a post in the city and county administration.

He was formerly a member of the Republican territorial central committee.

Nisei Veteran Gets Post in DAV

WASHINGTON—Albert Y. Oki, wounded war veteran from Honolulu, now is being employed as a national service officer at the headquarters of Disabled American Veterans in Washington.

Oki received the position upon his graduation from American university.

He expects to return to Hawaii later this year and will be employed by the Disabled American Veterans in the territory.

Study of Chicago Relocation Started Under Special Grant

Mrs. Nishi, Caudill Begin Interviews of Japanese Americans

CHICAGO — A comprehensive study of the relocation of Nisei and Japanese alien evacuees in the Chicago area was initiated this week by Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi and W. A. Caudill at the University of Chicago under a research grant provided by the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

The start of the research project was hailed this week by Chicago resettlers as a "valuable and necessary contribution" to the understanding of Japanese Americans who have relocated to the Midwest.

Mrs. Nishi, a sociologist and Mr. Caudill, an anthropologist, jointly are gathering material which they believe will have many practical uses to business and professional persons among the Japanese Americans as well as to provide source material for social scientists. The cooperation of the 15,000

New York Group Plans Lecture Forum Series

Ariyoshi Scheduled To Discuss Present Conditions in China

NEW YORK — The Japanese American Committee for Democracy this week announced a series of four lectures and forum discussions which will feature several noted Nisei personalities.

Koji Ariyoshi, former longshoreman and a member of a U. S. Army liaison group to Communist China during the war, will speak on the current situation in China on April 18. Ariyoshi is the author of a book on China, which will be published in New York this year.

A forum discussion on "The Artist Today" on May 16 will feature Sono Osato Elmaleh, Broadway star of "On the Town," "On Touch of Venus" and other productions; Isamu Noguchi, noted sculptor and stage designer; and Shin Matsuda, West Coast artist and vice-president of the JACL.

The series will be opened March 21 by Herbert G. Birch, instructor of psychology at New York university, who will speak "The Psychology of Minority Groups."

The fourth lecture on June 1 will be on the question, "Will Today's Prices Bring Tomorrow's Depression?"

The series is under the sponsorship of the Education subcommittee of the JACL and all of the events will be held at the JACL Clubroom, 72 West 52nd Street.

Mrs. Hiroko Ikeda Succumbs in Hawaii

HONOLULU—Mrs. Hiroko Ikeda, 56, one of the first Japanese Americans to graduate from high school in the Territory of Hawaii, died of illness in Honolulu on February 25.

Mrs. Ikeda was born in Hawaii on Jan. 23, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. Taiichi Miyahara.

A graduate of Honolulu high school and the Territorial Normal school, she was one of the first Japanese Americans to teach in the territory.

She is survived by her husband, George S. Ikeda, and a son, Frederick Toshiro.

California Soldier Promoted in Japan

TOKYO, Japan—Sam J. Nomura of 604 Brooks Avenue, Venice, Calif., has been promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant, it was recently announced at General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo by the General Headquarters Special News Service.

Sergeant Nomura's assignment is with a Special Unit of General Headquarters. His duties consist of acting as interpreter and interviewing Japanese citizens for the purpose of gathering pertinent information for official records.

Sergeant Nomura's mother, Mrs. Mizuko Nomura, makes her residence at 12822 1/2 Sherman Way, N. Hollywood, Calif.

Japanese Americans in the Chicago area has been urged by prominent resettlers, including the following:

Corky T. Kawasaki, executive director of the Chicago Resettlement Committee; Noboru Honda, past president of the JACL; Thomas Masuda, attorney; Togo W. Tanaka, columnist for several Nisei papers; the Rev. Joseph Kitagawa; the Rev. Gyodo Kono of the Midwest Buddhist church; the Rev. Gyomay Kubose of the Chicago Buddhist church and Jisei Fukuda of the Japanese Mutual Aid Society.

"This study will provide the necessary information, the documented statistics, that will be of value in planning activities on a community level," Togo Tanaka declared.

Father Kitagawa believed that the Nishi-Caudill study will provide needed information for a basic understanding of Japanese Americans in Chicago and help in their sound adjustment.

Nisei Singer's New York Debut Is Postponed

Report Mariko Mukai
Suffering From
Laryngitis

NEW YORK—Mariko Mukai's Town Hall debut on March 16 has been postponed until Saturday, April 26, the Silver Bay Association, sponsors of the concert by the Nisei coloratura soprano.

It was announced that Miss Mukai has been suffering from a cold and laryngitis and had not recovered sufficiently to proceed with concert plans.

A near sellout of tickets for the concert was reported by the Columbia concert agency. A large bloc of tickets was taken by friends of Miss Mukai in Seattle, Wash., and arrangements have been made to give them to selected music students in New York.

Young People Hold Christian Conference in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash.—The first interracial Young People's Christian Conference, held in Spokane Feb. 22 and 23, was attended by representatives of 25 churches, it was announced this week by the Spokane Nisei Christians, sponsors.

Over 150 persons were registered for each session. Nisei delegates from Seattle, Tacoma and Wapato in Washington and from Portland and Ontario, Ore., attended.

Dr. T. H. Kennedy, Washington State college sociologist, gave a talk on "Youth for Tomorrow" at the conference banquet on Saturday evening. "The hope of a unified world," Dr. Kennedy told his audience, "depends not upon the old but the young."

Dr. H. E. Bashor, Spokane Methodist district superintendent, gave the Sunday morning sermon on "Christ is the Answer."

Full support was given the conference by young adult groups and Negro churches in Spokane.

Fresno Group Makes Plans for YPCC Sectional Meeting

FRESNO, Calif.—Final plans for the Fresno sectional YPCC, to be held Sunday, March 23, were made at a dinner meeting held here by officers of the conference.

Morning and evening sessions of the conference will be held at the Fresno Memorial auditorium. Afternoon activities will be held at the First Methodist church.

The registration fee has been changed to \$2.75, it was announced, due to higher food costs.

Nisei Initiated Into Honor Group

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Marian Sugiyama, student at the University of Minnesota, was recently initiated into Rho chapter of Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary society. Students considered for this society must have maintained high academic standing and show promise of leadership and research in the field.

Miss Sugiyama is also affiliated with Alpha chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, national professional and honorary society.

Urban League Official Will Speak at Next

CHICAGO—"Cooperation Among Minorities" will be the subject that Sidney Williams, new Chicago Urban League secretary, will speak on when he appears before the monthly meeting of the Chicago JACL, Thursday, March 20, at the Baha'i Center, 116 South Michigan, at 8 p. m.

Williams, who comes to Chicago from Cleveland, welcomed the invitation to appear before the local JACL chapter. During his six years as director of Urban League work in Cleveland, Williams had ample opportunity to work closely with evacuee leaders in the interest of resettlers. He served as a consultant on job opportunities and housing, both of which were very scarce, he indicated.

The public is invited to attend.

Bradford Smith Says Chicago Resettlement Successful



CHICAGO—Bradford Smith, well-known author who is now writing a book on Japanese Americans for the "Nation of Nations" series, interviewed many representative Japanese Americans during a visit to Chicago last week. Here Mr. Smith is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Izui. Mr. Izui is a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team and holds a Silver Star. He now is studying dentistry. Mrs. Izui is a registered nurse.

Articles by Bradford Smith on the problems of Japanese Americans have appeared recently in Common Ground and This Month magazines. During the war Mr. Smith held an important post with the Office of War Information.—Photo by Vincent Tajiri.

CHICAGO—"I believe Chicago is the most successful example of resettlement," Bradford Smith, author and former Chief of the central Pacific operations for OWI (Saipan), said last week after having spent a week in Chicago.

Smith, who stopped in Chicago on the last leg of a field trip in which he is gathering information for a book on Japanese Americans, visited the office of JACL. A member of JACL himself, he was

given a first-hand picture of resettlement in Chicago by members of the local chapter.

"They Came From Japan," is the title of the book Smith has been commissioned to write for Lippincott in the Peoples of America series edited by Louis Adamic.

In commenting on resettlement in Chicago, Smith was pleased "that there is no Nihonmachi in the obvious pattern of Little Tokyo."

Disclose Wartime Study Made In Hawaii of Conduct of Japanese American Group

Dr. Lind Hails Wisdom
Of Democratic Wartime
Policy in Islands

HONOLULU, T. H.—It would have been virtually impossible to establish a war relocation project in Hawaii during the war, according to Herbert B. Nichols, staff writer of the Christian Science Monitor, in the March 8 issue of that newspaper.

Instead, Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii lived under the eye of the Army with no breaking up of homes or forced liquidation of business establishments, no sabotage or fifth-column activities occurred, and there was wholehearted support of the war effort.

Sociological problems arising from the large population of Japanese descent was studied by the Sociology department of the University of Hawaii under Dr. Andrew W. Lind, head, and John A. Rademaker, who kept up a running research throughout the war on the whole problem of island interracial relations.

"The wisdom of following democratic principles of fair play, and individual justice certainly paid us big dividends here," according to Dr. Lind.

"You can't get loyal support if you persecute, doubt and mistrust," he said. "The war has proved that American democracy does work."

The University of Hawaii, uniquely situated at the Pacific crossroads among a truly cosmopolitan population, is building a world reputation as a center for the scholarly interpretation of the east to the west and the west to the east, says Nichols.

Hawaiian school figures indicate the interracial population: Japanese, 44,774; part-Hawaiian, 8948; Chinese, 6668; Portuguese, 5682; Filipino, 4686; other Caucasian, 3273; pure Hawaiian, 2926; Korean, 2033; Puerto Rican, 1456; Spanish, 250; and all others, 1209.

According to Dr. Gregg M. Sinclair, president of the university, Hawaii is "the only place in the world where such a mixed population has found it possible to hold mutual respect and apprecia-

tion for cultural backgrounds other than an individual's own."

An immediate problem facing the university is the rebuilding and strengthening of the instructional staff, which suffered casualties during the war, when to a large extent the university was given over to the nation's military needs. Nearly all departments devoted their major efforts to assisting the Army and Navy.

The extensive Japanese and Chinese sections of the library, with hundreds of volumes to be found nowhere else in the western world, were particularly valuable to military intelligence. Language classes were filled quickly with military men and expanded many times.

A War Research laboratory was established by the university to assist the Army in sampling opinion and in solving the multitude of problems bound to arise in such a mixed population.

On the whole, Nichols says, Hawaii's "morale diary" shows a much better overall war picture than can be claimed for many areas in continental United States.

The laboratory helped to handle such important issues as housing, Civilian Volunteer corps, food supplies, including sugar and pineapple production, interracial dating, the draft, Japanese-Hawaiian soldiers, WACs, rumors, crisis behavior, labor problems, and sociological problems arising from the large Japanese population. The last task was so important that it became the major and constant effort of the sociology department.

The department's accomplishments in uncovering rumors and publicly airing falsity to deny it any long life under cover did much to prevent mass hysteria, according to Nichols.

"The Army was extremely apprehensive of subversive activity on the part of the Island Japanese," according to President Sinclair, "but far more trouble arose from an entirely different source: White troops from the mainland tended to bring with them old antagonisms against the Negro, and there were many repercussions. By the end of the war, however, the difficulties largely were ironed out."

Masaoka Will Give Testimony To House Committee on ADC Stand on Issei Citizenship

JACL-ADC Legislative Official Expected to Back
Farrington Bill to Remove Race Restrictions
From Naturalization at March 19 Hearing

WASHINGTON—Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, has been invited to testify at a special preliminary hearing of the Standing Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday morning, March 19, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

The invitation to appear and explain the views of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee on various legislative proposals

JACL Will Be Represented at UNESCO Meet

The National Japanese American Citizens League will be represented by two observers at the meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization meeting in Philadelphia from March 24 to 26.

Acting upon an invitation from UNESCO, Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, announced that Mike Masaoka, national secretary on leave to JACL-ADC in Washington, and a representative of the Philadelphia JACL chapter would attend.

Milton S. Eisenhower, chairman of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO and first director of the War Relocation Authority, will preside.

Section meetings of the UNESCO conference will discuss problems of educational reconstruction, international understanding, necessary revision of textbooks and other teaching materials, social tensions and the arts and UNESCO.

Fresno Veterans Group Interested In Parents' Rights

FRESNO, Calif. — Assurance that the Clason bill (HR45), which would permit naturalization of parents of U. S. servicemen, will be amended to include parents of Japanese nationality has been given in a letter from the bill's author, Rep. Charles Clason of Massachusetts.

Rep. Clason's letter was read at the last meeting of the United Veterans, a Nisei ex-servicemen's organization.

The original bill made no provision for persons of Oriental parentage, it was stated, because there are no Japanese nationals in the Massachusetts district of which Clason is the representative.

The United Veterans discussed the possibility of holding a banquet to honor General Mark Clark.

Dr. George Nishio, optometrist, was named publicity chairman for the group.

Sister Testifies Alice Iba Had No Chemistry Experience

LOS ANGELES—The sister of a Nisei girl worker who was blown to bits in the O'Connor electroplating plant explosion in Los Angeles on Feb. 20 testified at an inquest on March 11 that the girl, Alice Iba, 21, had no special training in chemicals.

Miss Tokia Iba said her sister first was employed as an "ordinary floor worker" and later was assigned to help Robert M. Magee, chief chemist of the O'Connor firm.

Both Magee and Miss Iba still are missing in the blast which leveled a city block, killed at least 17 persons and injured 153 others, and

"It was feared that any large influx of haoles (whites) would disrupt the economy and break down the existing pattern of race relations. I don't believe that happened at all. There have been modifications, but the fundamental pattern still exists. Here in the Islands is America's true 'melting pot,' with every sort of race, creed and color represented in small quarters."

"It is true that 'the haoles gets the cream,' but it is less true today than ever before. Certainly the matter of ancestry plays a smaller part here than it does on the mainland," Sinclair said.

affecting persons of Japanese ancestry in the field of immigration and naturalization was extended by Representative Frank Fellows (R) of Maine, chairman of the House Sub-Committee.

Some of the bills now under consideration of the Sub-Committee which Masaoka is expected to endorse in principle include the Farrington measure to remove the remaining racial bars to naturalization and immigration, the Judd, Miller and Eberharter efforts to equalize deportation proceedings, and the various private bills to permit the entry of Japanese wives of American servicemen and veterans. He is expected to urge amendments to include those now ineligible to citizenship to bills extending special naturalization and other rights to parents of American veterans and to aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for 25 or more years.

"We are most grateful for this unusual opportunity to outline our thinking and our reasons for various legislative suggestions to members of the Committee," Masaoka declared.

He expects to ask for extended public hearings as soon as possible on bills extending naturalization and immigration privileges to all peoples now denied them, provided that the hearings indicate that the members of the Sub-Committee are sympathetic to the liberalization of the laws.

Preliminary hearings are held by congressional committees in order that their respective members may become acquainted with the various problems under consideration. They are generally informal in nature and the only witnesses are those specially invited by the chairman.

Congressmen Walter H. Judd (R) of Minnesota, George P. Miller (D) of California, and Herman P. Eberharter (D) of Pennsylvania and Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii have also been invited to appear and to question Masaoka if they wish, the ADC office announced.

Besides Mr. Fellows, Republican members of the Sub-Committee are John Robison of Kentucky and Louis E. Graham of Pennsylvania. Democratic members are Emanuel Celler of New York, Frank L. Chelf of Kentucky, and Ed Gossett of Texas.

destroyed or damaged 116 buildings.

Miss Iba told the nine-man coroner's jury that her sister, Alice, had said that the "chemicals would burn you" but indicated that she had not believed them to be explosive in nature.

The explosion killed two Nisei girls, Miss Iba and Akio Otoma, 23, and injured four other employees of Japanese ancestry.

Mrs. Fusako Shibuya, who was painfully injured in the explosion, said that Miss Iba had told her that "the process didn't seem to be working right," but that she "didn't want to say anything to Magee."

Dudley Yatabe Will Play in Recital

CHICAGO—Dudley Yatabe, 16-year-old piano virtuoso and son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Yatabe, will be among the students of Wilbur Royer, noted instructor on piano at the American Conservatory of Music, who will appear in a recital at Kimball Hall, Wabash at Jackson, at 3 p. m. on Sunday, March 16.

Dr. Yatabe, first national president of the JACL, is now practicing dentistry in Chicago.

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EDITORIALS:

Utah's Action

Utah this week became the first state to repudiate the Alien Land law, aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry, when the State Senate unanimously passed a bill to repeal the 1943 law and the House of Representatives concurred by a vote of 48 to 2.

Utah's Alien Land law was passed under a siege of war-induced hysteria in 1943. As Alonzo F. Hopkin, president of the senate and the sponsor of the law, declared on Feb. 21 when he announced that he was voting for its repeal: "This bill was introduced specifically to keep Japanese from owning land in Utah. However, it now seems as if this law is no longer needed. I vote Yes for its repeal."

The action of the Utah legislature presents a challenge to other western states where Alien Land laws, a statutory remnant of anti-Japanese racism, are still in force. At a time when Utah has repealed its Alien Land law, California's legislature is considering a bill to appropriate \$200,000 for enforcement of its law aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry. Attorney General Frederick Howser of California, who was a vigorous opponent of the return of Japanese Americans to the state and who has indulged in racist politics on the evacuee issue has indicated that he intends to continue to prosecute Japanese Americans under the 1920 law. More than 75 suits already have been filed in California for confiscation of farm property, owned by American citizens of Japanese descent, in which the state alleges that Japanese aliens have an interest.

The Alien Land law is a statutory device which was specifically designed by anti-Japanese racists in California to expropriate the agricultural holdings of persons of Japanese ancestry. It has been enforced only against Japanese Americans and their alien parents who, because they are considered "ineligible to citizenship" under the present naturalization law, cannot own real property in the state.

The efforts of Attorney General Howser in California to confiscate Japanese American farm property under the Alien Land law can be interpreted as activity in defiance of the majority will of the state's citizens who defeated Proposition 15, a measure which proposed to tighten and strengthen the Alien Land law, by a majority of more than 300,000 at the last elections. Proposition 15 was a test of the Alien Land law itself and was considered as such by its proponents.

The Alien Land laws are a perpetuation of a record of racist activity of which western states cannot be proud. The people of Utah, through its elected representatives, have repudiated that record.

Private Bills

Until last week it was customary practice for the Department of Justice to delay deportation proceedings when private bills for aliens in question were introduced in the House or Senate.

Last week, however, Congress moved to stop the practice, explaining that in late years it has become a "racket" and delayed the Justice department in its program of deporting undesirable alien criminals. It was revealed that under a courtesy arrangement worked out with the Justice department, many years ago, aliens were not deported so long as private bills to grant them legal residence in the country were pending in either the House or Senate.

The practice grew, with the result that many criminals whom the department desired to deport were kept on in this country for

many years, merely by the process of having private bills in their behalf introduced each year. No action was ever sought on these bills; in fact, action was not desired.

It was this practice which last week led to the disruption of the custom as Rep. Michener, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, notified U. S. Attorney Tom Clark that unless the committee asks him to delay deportation action, he may "feel free to disregard the practice of staying proceedings."

In addition the subcommittee on immigration headed by Rep. Fellows of Maine ordered that members having such private bills must seek hearings on them. If the initial hearings are not sought, the naturalization and immigration service of the Justice department will be free to act.

In the time since this rule was made effective, only 16 of more than 100 representatives with such bills pending have asked to appear on behalf of these aliens.

It thus appears evident that many Japanese nationals for whom private bills have been introduced with the best intentions on the part of both the legislator and the alien will be forced to suffer as a result.

In no case has a bill been introduced for a Japanese national with a criminal record. The aliens in question have for many years been law-abiding residents of the United States. Some of them are treaty-traders, whose legal status in this country was upset by the abandoning of treaty trade agreements between this country and Japan in 1940. Many of these persons are married to Japanese Americans and have American citizen children. It is these American families primarily who will suffer from the effect of deportation of the alien family head.

It is also true that in all these cases immediate Congressional action on their bills is desired.

Assurances have been given the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the JACL in Washington that this latest action will not affect most of the Japanese nationals for whom bills have been introduced.

Community Action

The shock of the evacuation—our greatest wartime blunder—moved many California citizens into spontaneous action resulting in the formation of two score citizens' groups for racial equality.

Today these groups function not primarily in defense of the rights of Japanese Americans. Instead their activities have expanded to work in behalf of Americans of all ancestries and religious creeds.

Last week, in Los Altos, California, another incident of dangerous racial implication resulted in the formation of a Fair Play Committee in that city. The incident began when it was related throughout the town that a group of Negro cultists planned to purchase a large estate. A group of citizens, inflamed by the rumor, countered by attempting to raise \$150,000, purchase price of the estate, to prevent its going into the hands of a Negro group.

The case was a difficult one. A few Los Altos citizens, however, protested making a racial issue of the case.

The incident soon simmered down. The proposed deal did not go through, and the house and land are still for sale.

But today the citizens who first dared to take a stand against the race-baiting are organized into the Los Altos Fair Play Committee with 93 members.

Its stand was announced as follows:

"Feeling a deep concern for the necessity to promote racial and religious understanding in the Los Altos area, the undersigned herewith announce that they have joined together to form a committee to combat racial and religious intolerance wherever they may be found in this community.

"We are strongly opposed to undemocratic prejudice against minority groups. We believe that all persons, regardless of color or creed, have equal rights to work and live where they desire, and we will exert every effort to see that these rights are maintained in the Los Altos area. We will oppose any other steps in the form of legal subterfuge or coercion to curtail these rights."

Thus again a single incident directed against one minority group has resulted in a group organized to fight all actions against any minority group.

More and more the realization comes that each single act of discrimination is an indication of a reservoir of prejudice that overflows now here, now there, and that the same reservoir provides the hate for each apparently unrelated case of racial terrorism.

Nisei USA

Evacuee Property Losses

In the final week of the 79th Congress last summer an objection by a California congressman, Clair Engle, halted unanimous House action to pass a bill already approved by the Senate, which would have set up an evacuation claims commission which would have been authorized to pay evacuees of Japanese ancestry accountable business and property losses resulting from the mass evacuation in 1942 and the subsequent three-year long exclusion from the Pacific coast.

The evacuee claims bill, originally prepared by the War Relocation Authority and the Bureau of the Budget and sponsored by the Interior Department, has not been reintroduced to date in the 80th Congress. The bill had been prepared shortly before the dissolution of the WRA last year and had been presented to Congress with a special letter from President Truman urging its passage. It was stalled, along with other legislation, by the congressional deadlock over OPA and the debate on the British loan and did not reach the floor of the Senate until the final days of the session, when unanimous approval was necessary for passage. Such approval was granted after considerable debate and the bill was slightly rewritten to meet the objections of Republicans Homer Ferguson of Michigan and William Langer of North Dakota, although none of the basic provisions were altered. The bill then went to the House, where Rep. Engle's opposition cancelled all hope of immediate passage at that session.

Payment of accountable business and property losses which resulted from mass evacuation is an obligation which President Truman, Interior Secretary Krug and other administration officials have acknowledged and in which Senate GOP leadership, including Taft of Ohio, concurred at the last session. The bill proposed no lump sum payments to evacuees, but rather confined the limits of government liability to those physical losses for which the evacuee owners could present an accounting. It is expected that any evacuee claims measure which is presented in this session will be substantially the same as the one which the Senate approved last year.

A report by the War Relocation Authority on evacuee property, recently published in Washington, gives an insight into the extent of loss and damage suffered by West Coast evacuees as a direct result of the evacuation. This WRA report is the first to present an authoritative and overall record of evacuee property losses.

"The neglect and destruction of evacuee property by substitute operators during the period of the owners' exclusion from the West Coast far transcends the ordinary carelessness of tenants," the WRA report comments. "The fact that prejudice against the Japanese American minority was so strong on the West Coast during a considerable part of the war period that the public conscience was highly insensitive to pilfering and vandalism committed against the stored possessions or buildings of the exiled people, encouraged the lawless to commit increasingly bold acts at the expense of the absent owners."

Russell Robinson, WRA chief of evacuee property in 1942, estimated shortly after the evacuation that the Japanese and Japanese Americans had left behind them about \$200,000,000 worth of real, personal and commercial property.

"It is known that the losses have amounted to many millions of dollars," the WRA report declares. "Many (evacuees) lost their chance of income and security in their old age through inability to keep up payments on insurance policies. Others have lost property through inability to pay taxes. Individual losses vary in amount from a few hundred to many thousand dollars."

Such losses were in addition to property stolen or damaged by vandals, milked through dishonest operation or in the cases of some homes in California and Washington, burned to the ground by hoodlums.

The whole story of evacuee

property losses is an ugly one which casts little credit on a section of the Coast's population and upon some local police officials whose inability to locate and prosecute the criminals responsible for looting and arson reflected the general apathy regarding the entire situation. It was not until decisive action was taken by the WRA, the War Department and by Attorney General Robert Kenny against continued depredations that the situation improved.

The WRA's report contains some case histories of evacuee losses which are typical of the vandalism and mismanagement which dissipated evacuee assets and destroyed their property.

One of the cases cited by the WRA involved the misappropriation of the California property of a Nisei drug store operator. A man of some prominence in the neighborhood in which the drug store was located had called on the evacuee at the Santa Anita assembly center and offered to assist him in selling his store equipment and his car and offered to take care of the evacuee's household furniture and goods. The evacuee gratefully accepted the offer.

A few weeks later the man visited Santa Anita again and informed the evacuee that his apartment furniture and goods had been stolen. The self-appointed custodian said that he believed he knew who had stolen the property, but without power of attorney to act in the evacuee's name, he was powerless to act. The Nisei gave him the power of attorney. The man went away and for some weeks the Nisei waited for some word of his property. He wrote and requested an accounting, but did not receive a reply. Finally the case was turned over to the WRA and WRA property officers conducted a thorough investigation of the man involved who, according to the government report, "about this time was made commander of an American Legion post for the year 1944."

The WRA report adds:

"The investigation revealed that (the man in question) had no assets which could be reached by attachment, that he was definitely guilty of misappropriation and misrepresentation—not only in regard to (the drug store operator), but also with regard to other evacuees. The facts assembled were presented to the Los Angeles district attorney's office, but that office stated that it was not interested in filing charges against him." (Fred N. Howser, then district attorney of Los Angeles, now is attorney general of California).

In another case in Guadalupe, Calif., WRA representatives investigated the wholesale looting of property stored in an evacuee-owned building. During their investigation the WRA officials found that a report had been made to the sheriff's office, 14 months before, by a Guadalupe resident that the building had been broken into. "The report did not indicate," the WRA noted, "that the sheriff's office had made any attempt, in the 14-month period between the date of the report and the WRA discovery of the situation, to communicate either with a view to ending such acts of depredation."

The two cases present a picture of negligence and disinterest on the part of local police officials on matters concerning evacuee property. It also may be noted that, in the many cases of arson reported in which evacuee property was damaged or destroyed, there has been only one instance in which the perpetrators were caught and were convicted. This one exception was on Vashon Island in Washington, where the home of two Nisei GIs was burned to the ground. In other cases of arson and attempted arson in Placer, Fresno, Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties there have been no convictions. Of the hundreds of cases involving theft and vandalism of stored property there have been no criminal convictions.

The question of evacuee property losses is one of the unfinished problems of the evacuation. Congressional passage of proposed legislation authorizing the payment of accountable losses will be an act of simple justice long delayed.

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Hirose Wins
Big Nine Swim
Championship

Ohio State's Hill
Breaks Keo Nakama's
440 Yards Record

COLUMBUS, O.—Takashi (Hilo) Hirose, Ohio State star, won the 100-yard free-style event in the Big Nine swimming championships on March 8.

Hirose swam the distance in 51.8 seconds, setting a new Big Nine record.

The 442nd Combat Team veteran also was a member of the Ohio State team, which included Bill Smith of Hawaii, which won the 400-yard relay in the new record time of 3:31s.

Both Smith and Hirose are protégés of Coach Soichi Sakamoto, now the swimming coach at the University of Hawaii.

Kiyoshi (Keo) Nakama's Big record of 4:47s in the 440-yard free-style was broken by Jack Hill of Ohio State who completed the distance in 4:46.1s.

JACL Emblem Decals

Presented to
Los Angeles Chapter

LOS ANGELES — Some 2300 elaborate decals patterned after the national JACL emblem have been presented to the Los Angeles chapter by Hugh C. Wadell, Jr., owner, and Harlen Chin, superintendent of the Angelus Pacific Decalmania Transfer Co., 712 So. Grandview, Los Angeles.

The decals are designed for use as stickers for autos and windows. They will be distributed to chapter members.

Arrangements for the gift were made by Henry Ohye.

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By Sachi L. Wada

Minneapolis, Minn.

THE LITTLE THINGS . . .

Today was a great day, for the little, human incidents which made it so. Halfway into the loop, the streetcar stopped at an intersection. The motorman got out, people grumbled . . . They wondered, "What's the matter . . . stalling along the way." And then, some of the men who were smoking in the rear of the car looked out and said, "He's helping that blind man across the street." Peering out, we could see him leading the man with the white cane across two crossings, and then leading him up to the door of the Blind Industries, ushering him in, and then running back . . . The people in the car thought it was "pretty nice of the fellow." No one minded the slight pause, and we rode on into the loop.

It was more than a lot of people would have done. It was also something to remember when we pass that particular intersection.

Then then was that little tot of about three on the same car who kept staring back. He had a curious, intent look on his face . . . then the woman who must have been his mother gave me an embarrassed smile. I guess that was the first time the youngster had seen an Oriental. I smiled back and then settled down to reading my morning mail. The loop was crowded, more crowded than usual. Knowing that the more exclusive small shops catered to fewer people, I headed for them, and made a ten-minute purchase, which was highly successful. I headed home, feeling at peace with the world because of the little things which made it so.

OF THE BRUINS . . .

Recently, I've been hearing via mail of a certain student group on the UCLA campus labeled the Bruin's Club. I understand it's quite an ancient Nisei tradition to have this organization. The names of some of its leaders and members are not strange, for we were once part of an institution called Butte High School. We worked for a lot of things together, we gripped, we competed . . . and remember, we had our wagons hitched to a high star . . . a star which didn't end with our coastal lines, with our color or our beliefs . . . they were expansive. Maybe you've forgotten, but you aren't the kind of people who would forget.

Dig back into your memories, or better still into a black book called the "Year's Flight" . . . and read the paragraphs inserted here and there. I wrote those, and remember, we all thought they were pretty corny for a plain old year book. Anyhow, some of those things were the things we all believed in . . . "We shall conquer . . ."

Here in the United States, we rub elbows with a lot of people and we don't segregate ourselves according to the countries from which our grandparents come . . . maybe you do back there in California. The whole of the United States may consist only of one state to some of you . . . because maybe you mature a little slower out there on the coast. You should grow up, grow big.

I remember some of your faces very clearly, those I will not forget, especially when you wore that taut, angered look. Remember, you didn't want to forgive some of the older Nisei and the Issei for some of their shortcomings. Do you for a minute think that posterity will forget or forgive you?

A degree is a common thing now, but campus life is something which will prepare you for life realistic. It is the guiding point at which you learn to understand

Nisei Mormons Tell
Of War Experiences

Members of the LDS Study Group, a Nisei organization, told of their wartime experiences at the evening church services of the 27th Ward in Salt Lake City on Sunday, March 9.

Speakers included Shigeki Ushio, Priscilla Yasuda and Chi Terazawa.

Ushio discussed the evacuation and the war, telling of his personal experiences during the war period. Miss Yasuda, who served as a sergeant in the WAC in the European theater, told of her experiences in meeting other LDS members in Germany, Switzerland and Belgium. Miss Terazawa spoke of her work while serving on an LDS mission to Hawaii.

The Study Group has sponsored periodic meetings with other LDS groups in the city for the past three years.

Adult Fellowship

Installs Cabinet

OAKLAND, Calif. — President Asa Fujie and his cabinet were installed by the Rev. Yamashita and William Iino, past president, at a recent meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship.

Other cabinet members are David Iino, vice chairman; Nobu Nakayama, social chairman; Ilene Shiraishi, secretary; Tomio Kitano, treasurer; Yumi Tsugawa, membership and reception; and Calvin Yamashita, transportation.

Buddhist Church

To Hold Dance

CHICAGO—Under the auspices of the Midwest Buddhist church, a gala Hana Matsuri dance will be held Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 p. m. at the Central Masonic Temple, 912 No. La Salle street.

The dance will mark the return engagement, by popular demand, of Johnny Edwards and his 10-piece orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend, according to Ben Yamanaka, general chairman.

and to accept people. It is the time when you learn to mingle. Of course, it hurts not to have a social feeling point for your crowd, and don't think I can't understand, because I do. I've seen utter desolation and loneliness on the faces of young kids out here in the midwest, who haven't quite adjusted themselves. But I admire them for their guts, and as for you . . .

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TORONTO, Ont.—The Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy this week protested the continued denial of free movement and fishing licenses to Canadians of Japanese origin.

In a resolution addressed to members of Parliament, the committee declared that the continuance of restrictions on Japanese Canadian citizenship.

The JCDC said its members "grave concern" regarding possibility that the government intends to continue the present restrictions on free movement after March 31, when present war powers will expire.

"The precepts of Canadian citizenship do not sanction any situation whereby Japanese Canadians be forced to share unequally with their fellow citizens of other races, the full rights and privileges of citizenship," the JCDC declared. "Restrictions on the movement of Japanese Canadians can only be looked upon as a denial of the fundamental rights of Canadian citizens to do their work."

The statement added that the widespread resettlement of evacuees now achieved, there is no justification for prohibiting movement in any part of Canada and there should be no restrictions in Canada.

Nakamura Named

On All-Star Team

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Jiro Nakamura was named on the first team of the Mercury Herald's All-Santa Clara Valley high school basketball team last week as a guard position.

Nakamura, a left-hander, was the league's second highest scorer getting 98 points for Washington high during the season.

The Fremont high placed men on the second team of the star selections in the 130-pound league. They are Henry Nobe, Bert Sasao, Min Ando and Ed Swanson.

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Hizi Koyke Returns to Opera After Silence of War Years

SAN FRANCISCO—There was no music for Hizi Koyke, noted singer of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," during the war years, according to Carolyn Anspacher, who interviewed the petite opera star in San Francisco for the Chronicle.

The world's most celebrated Butterfly closed her piano, locked her cello and, in her own words, took inventory. Instead of singing, the tiny prima donna of the San Carlo Opera Company did her time between her New York apartment and a small Japanese Methodist church.

"War," she said, "is a terrible thing. It is a disease, afflicting one person, but the whole human race. And it leaves a scar, not on the fighters alone, but on everyone."

But for me—it was good. Things had been going along too well for her, she told her reviewer. She had been in opera for 20 years. I had been successful. I was immune to pain. I took everything—even life itself—for granted. My whole concept of living was built on standards of artistry.

"Then came the break between the country I left in 1923 and the land I called home."

"The memory of those years never will become dry or parched. Sometimes memory can make character big and I like to hope my own character grew and became strong."

"My husband (Edward M. Gallo, general manager of the San Carlo Opera Company) went into the Army—as a private. I probably was one of the few enemy aliens in the United States to whom Uncle Sam gave \$50 a month."

"Mario—we always call him Mario—worried about me. But he should not have."

"As I took inventory, I saw far greater tragedy all around me. I wanted to help others, but there was little I could do. I had a connection with the Japanese Methodist church. I was born, you see, into a Christian family and was educated in Tokyo at the Canadian Methodist church there."

Today, the singer said, "I am quite a different person. Today I would rather have sympathy than applause. Today I am not great—but so small."

Nisei Instructor Promotes Interest in Judo in Washington

WASHINGTON — Interest in judo is being promoted on a large scale in the Washington, D. C., area by Minoru Okamoto, who was recently appointed instructor of judo at the University of Maryland. Enthusiasm for judo is widespread at the College Park campus, in nearby Maryland, and other colleges, including George Washington university and Catholic university in Washington, are planning to organize judo clubs.

Okamoto, who is kodokan yodan, is ranked among the top three judo men in America today. Before the war he operated several judo clubs in San Francisco, and during the war he was active in judo circles at the Poston center.

Okamoto is looking for a suitable location in Washington to serve as headquarters for his own judo club. He has also interested the Washington police department and the FBI in his judo activities. Eventually, Okamoto hopes to amalgamate the various judo groups in America under a central organization which will award ranks to judo participants in this country and thus become independent of the judo headquarters in Japan.

Masaoka Will Speak at Meeting In New York

WASHINGTON—Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, will participate on the Peoples Congress program next Tuesday afternoon, March 18, at the Town Hall Auditorium in New York City, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week.

He will open the discussion on "Pacific Peoples" of the "Color and Democracy at Home and Abroad" series of the weekly study groups sponsored by the East and West Association and the Town Hall Workshops.

Masaoka will share the platform with Hernando Abaya, Filipino journalist and author of "Betrayal in the Philippines."

This is the sixth annual session of the Peoples Congress, a series of ten weekly meetings each winter and spring. The general theme of this season's Congress is "Minority Peoples and Problems: A World View."

Chicago JACL Seeks 400 New Members

CHICAGO—The local JACL's drive for 400 new members was extended through April 7, according to an announcement made by Wiley Higuchi, campaign chairman, at a recent rally of team captains.

Indications are that the drive is gaining momentum with a proposed door-to-door campaign scheduled to open this week. Higuchi expressed optimism as campaign workers reported new gains on the membership front.

Individual solicitors are in competition for prizes being offered in the drive. For each new membership, the solicitor will be given two points, one point for each renewal.

Team captains and committee members present at the rally at the home of Marvel Maeda were: Jim and Yo Furuta, Mike Hagiwara, Wiley Higuchi, Dorothy Kawashima, Rose Kokubu, Marvel and Alice Maeda, Jack Nakagawa, Jobo Nakamura, Toots Nakamura, Ariye Oda, Dorothy Sakon, Eureka Sato, Hannah Tani and Kumeo Yoshinari. Members not present include Dr. William Hiura, Dr. Clifford Fujimoto, Mrs. Dorothy Kitow and Hiroshi Kaneko and others.

Okadas Win JACL Bowling Championship In Salt Lake City

The Okada Insurance team won the championship of the Salt Lake City JACL winter bowling league on March 10, last night of regular play, at the downstairs Temple alleys, with a final standing of 64 wins and 24 losses.

The Ogden Vets squad tied for second place with Dawn Noodle, with both having 49 wins and 39 losses. OK Cafe, coming in fourth, had 47 wins and 41 losses.

A singles sweepstakes will be rolled on March 17, and an informal tournament will be held March 22.

The big post-season event for the league, the national Nisei bowling tournament, will follow on March 29 and 30 at the upstairs Temple alleys.

At least twenty teams, including topnotch squads from Denver, Chicago and Los Angeles have indicated they will attend the tournament. Two squads will be rolled in each event, rolling on twelve or fourteen alleys.

More than 150 individual entries are expected in the men's events, and prize money is expected to total more than \$1000. In addition numerous trophies donated by Salt Lake City firms and individuals will be offered.

In addition to prizes in each division, squad prizes will be offered, according to Bill Honda, chairman.

Entry fee for the men's singles, doubles and team events will be \$4 per event and will include the price of bowling. Women's and mixed doubles events will cost \$2.50 per person. The women's tournament will be held in conjunction with the men's tourney.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Mika Kitano a boy, Milton Hiroshi, on Feb. 21 in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaname Ota, 3660 Cimarron St., Los Angeles, a girl, Candice Kiyoko, on Feb. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Iseri, PO Box 817, Ontario, Ore., a girl on Feb. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keisuke Okuma, SEan Diego, Calif., a girl on Feb. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Morishima(Sanger, Calif., a girl on Feb. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Ito-gawa, Fresno, Calif., a girl on Feb. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Tatsumi a girl on Feb. 14 in Fresno

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Hamada, Loomis, Calif., a girl on Feb. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rarry M. Tanaka a boy on Feb. 23 in Sacramento

To Mr. and Mrs. Fumina Nakahara, a girl on March 8 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Nakazawa a girl, Nancy Kathryn, on Feb. 16 in Buffalo, N. Y.

To Mr. and Mrs. Karl Akiya a boy on Feb. 20 in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Juneous Oba a boy, Richard Juneous, on Feb. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kasahara, Oregon City, Ore., a girl.

To Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Nobura Morio, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, Thomas James, on Feb. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earle T. Yusa a girl, Ruthana, on March 5 in Chicago

DEATHS

Mrs. Fuji Kawakami, 70, on March 2 in San Jose, Calif.

Hatsutaro Morita on Farch 4 in Walnut Grove, Calif.

Shigeichi Kubo, 50, on March 2 in Penryn, Calif.

Yakuro Oshima, 73, on March 4 in San Francisco.

Kosue Koyama, 45, on March 6 in Denver.

Mrs. K. Kumagai in Minneapolis, Minn.

J. Sakamoto on Feb. 24 in New York City

Denzo Nakahiro, 64, on March 5 in Seattle.

Zenshiro Kikoshima, 59, on March 6 in Seattle.

MARRIAGES

Rose Shizue Yokomizo to Toshiaki Inouye on March 8 in Sedgwick, Colo.

Mitsuko Taniguchi to Tom Ehara on March 7 in Oakland, Calif.

Arlene Ihara to Toshiharu Nakashiki on March 8 in San Jose.

Miyuki Hisatomi to Fumio Kanemoto on March 1 in Stockton, Calif.

Teeruo Ito to Shig Kimura on Feb. 23 in Chicago.

Himeyo Mukai to Thomas T. Kariya in Ogden, Utah.

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Utah Legislator Seeks Stay for Evacuee Family

Three Bills Offered To Record Permanent Admission of Members

WASHINGTON—Three bills to record the permanent admission to the United States for lawful residence of a Salt Lake City family of Japanese ancestry were introduced in the House of Representatives on Feb. 24 by Rep. William Dawson, R., Utah.

The bills are for the relief of Susumu Imai, Mrs. Fuji Imai, the former Mrs. Fuji Aoki, and her children, Michio Aoki, Yoshiko Aoki, Hisako Aoki and Kiyoko Aoki.

It was noted that the enforcement of pending deportation orders against the members of the family would result in hardship for other American citizen members.

Members of the family had resided in the United States under a treaty trader status and the children have been wholly educated in American schools.

The bills were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A court case involving members of the family and challenging the deportation orders has been appealed to the Federal Circuit court at Denver, Colo.

Misaka Will Play With Utah Team in New York Tourney

Wat Misaka, starting forward on the University of Utah's basketball team, which won second place in the Big Seven conference, left with the Utes on March 13 for New York City.

Utah is scheduled to meet Duquesne university in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden on March 17.

Misaka was a member of the 1944 Utah team which won the NCAA championship. Appearing in Madison Square Garden with the Utah team in the 1944 series, he received a rousing ovation from Manhattan fans.

He was given honorable mention on the Salt Lake Tribune's all-Big Seven team this week.

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Japan Land Reform Program Hits Property Owned By Issei

DENVER, Colo.—Condemnation proceedings are being taken by the Japanese government on agricultural property in Japan which is owned by Japanese residing in the United States and other foreign countries, Minoru Yasui, Tri-State regional representative of the JACL, reported here this week.

The JACL official said that he had made an inquiry into the situation on behalf of a Japanese national who had been informed that his property in Japan had been condemned in line with Japan's new land reform program.

Yasui was informed by Edward M. Martin, chief of the division of Japanese and Korean economic affairs in the State Department at Washington that the procedure was being undertaken by the Japanese government under the new land reform law which calls for the purchase by the government, for resale to tenants, of all land held by absentee landlords.

Snake River JACL Installs Cabinet

ONTARIO, Ore. — President James Watanabe and his cabinet were installed as new officials of the Snake River JACL at a meeting held Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Women's club hall.

Watanabe will be assisted during his term by Smith Morimoto, vice-president; Tom Itami, treasurer; Katie Hashitani, recording secretary; Bobbie Watanabe, corresponding secretary; Mamuro Wakasugi and George Sugai, official delegates; Masako Sugai, historian-reporter; Beulah Shigeno and Mun Iseri, social chairmen; Don Sugai, sergeant-at-arms; Ikey Wakasugi, Paul Takeuchi and Smith Morimoto, official photographers.

Installation was made by Joe Saito, vice-chairman of the IDC.

New committee heads appointed by President Watanabe were as follows: Joe Saito, membership; Mamuro Wakasugi, Anti-Discrimination Committee; George Sugai and Tom Itami, finance; Abe Saito, alien land law; Mas Kido, naturalization; and Tom Nishitani, activities.

Seals Defeat Maui All-Star Ball Club

KAHULI, Maui, T. H.—The San Francisco Seals defeated the Japanese American All-Stars, 6 to 3, in their final game on Maui on March 10.

The coast League champions made six runs and twelve hits off the pitching of four Nisei hurlers, Kaya, Takahashi, Hasegawa and Ebisu.

The three runs by the Maui team was scored off of Bob Chesnes who relieved Cliff Melton in the sixth.

Correction

In the March 8 issue the death of Mr. Naoki Wakaye, 57, on March 1 in San Francisco was incorrectly listed as that of Mrs. Wakaye.

Satow to Confer With Chicago JACL

Masao Satow, acting national secretary of the JACL, left Salt Lake City Thursday, March 13, to confer with JACL officials in Chicago, including Tatsuo Kushida, recently appointed midwest director.

They will discuss plans for a Midwest district council meeting in April.

Satow will stop in Denver on his return to attend the Tri-State JACL conference March 22 and 23.

CCYBA Plans Program For Coming Year

FRESNO, Calif.—The 1947 calendar of events for the Central California Young Buddhists Association was announced this week following a meeting of the board of directors and chapter representatives on Friday, March 7 at the Fresno Buddhist church.

Alma Kurisu, editor of the Bussei Review, submitted her resignation. Robert Kimura of Fresno was named to the post.

Representatives at the meeting urged support for the Institute of Buddhist Technology, which was recently organized to promote the translation of Buddhist material into English.

The calendar of events was announced as follows: Ohigan service, March 23, Del Rey YBA in charge; 2nd annual CCYBA carnival, July 26-27; CCYBA conference, Nov. 8; New Year dance, Dec. 31.

Los Angeles JACL Will Sponsor Team

LOS ANGELES—Sawtelle Garage, leading team in the Los Angeles Nisei bowling league, was selected this week to represent the Los Angeles JACL chapter at the national Nisei bowling tournament in Salt Lake City on March 29 and 30.

Three of the Sawtelle team's bowlers, Paul, Tok and Nob Ishizawa, will make the trip along with two other leading bowlers from the league, Paul Quon and Bowman Chung.

An all-star team from Los Angeles also is expected to enter the tournament.

Sawtelle Garage has hit a scratch series of 2860, highest recorded by a Nisei team this year, in regular league play. The team averages around 2600.

Skating Party

FLORIN, Calif. — The Florin Youth Fellowship has invited the Florin Young Buddhist group to a skating party on March 21, according to Florence Wakita, corresponding secretary.

The fellowship recently held a successful snow hike to Donner summit.

Governor Praises Hawaiians of Japanese Ancestry

BURBANK, Calif.—Japanese Americans in the Hawaiian population "are good American citizens like anybody else," Gov. Ingram S. Stainback of Hawaii told newsmen here on March 7 upon his arrival by plane from Honolulu.

En route to Washington to testify before a House subcommittee on the Hawaiian statehood question, Gov. Stainback was asked by news reporters whether he felt there would be opposition to statehood because of the large Japanese population in the islands.

"We have several Japanese Americans in office now, one of them a Territorial Senator," Gov. Stainback answered. "We think they are good American citizens like anybody else."

Hoshino Seeks Comeback in Hawaii Fights

HONOLULU — Hal Hoshino, hard-punching Nisei featherweight from Pendleton, Ore., arrived in Hawaii recently to start his comeback in the ring.

Hoshino has not fought since he lost to Jimmy Florita at Olympic Auditorium shortly before Pearl Harbor.

The Oregon Nisei, now 31 years of age, hopes to meet David Kui Kong Young, one of the ring's top-ranking featherweights, in his first match in Hawaii. Hoshino knocked out Young on Dec. 21, 1940.

"Everyone claimed it was a lucky punch that knocked out Young," Hoshino declared. "I'm anxious to meet him again to prove it was no fluke."

Hoshino also knocked out Crisp Crispin, then the Hawaiian featherweight champion, and Clever Henry and Black Joe during his Hawaiian visit in 1940.

Hoshino owns a 90-acre farm in Oregon. He has been teaching boxing to Pendleton businessmen during his layoff from the ring.

Victory Dance To Honor Winners Of Cage Tourney

Winners of the Intermountain Nisei basketball tournament, being held in Salt Lake City on March 26, 27 and 28, will be honored at a victory dance immediately following the championship game at the Pioneer stake gym, according to the tournament committee.

Trophies will be awarded to winning teams and players during the intermission period of the dance.

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Kaneshiro, Star Nisei Jockey Will Ride in Tanforan Races

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Tommy Kaneshiro, 35-year-old Japanese American jockey from Hawaii, will make his initial bid for national riding honors this week as Tanforan race track reopens for the first time since it was turned into an assembly center for evacuees of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

Kaneshiro is the leading rider in the Hawaiian Islands, winning so many races at the Oahu Jockey club that he has been called the "Tod Sloan" of Hawaii.

Since Kaneshiro never has ridden on a recognized track, it is believed that he may have the advantage at the Tanforan meeting of starting out with an apprentice allowance.

He is under contract to Charlie Hartwell, who has brought a number of horses to California from Hawaii's famous Parker ranch. The best performer of the group is Makai, which did well in allowance races at the recent Santa Anita meeting and which Kaneshiro is expected to ride.

Kaneshiro will not find the competition easy at Tanforan. Among the jockeys already on hand at the San Bruno track is Johnny Longden, leading rider of the Santa Anita season.

Huskies Trounce Marusho to Win Chicago Cage Crown

CHICAGO — The Huskies won the championship of the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association's basketball league by defeating the Marusho team, 59 to 41, at Olivet Institute on March 9. T. Hiyama hit the basket for 20 points to take top scoring honors, while J. Okabe led Marusho with 13 digits.

The Courier Zephyrs defeated the Midwest Buddhist "A" squad, 41 to 24, to win third place.

The Midwest Girls defeated the Chi Sigs, 21 to 14, in the opener.

Bill Adachi, chairman of CNAA basketball, announced that the CNAA Invitational Tournament's perpetual trophy has been donated by the 42nd Ward Democratic Organization. State Senator William J. Connors made the presentation for the Democratic group.

Bernard Tailors Win JACL Cage Tourney In Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash.—The championship trophy of the third annual Spokane JACL basketball tournament was awarded the Bernard Tailors team following a three day meet March 6 to 8 at the Lewis and Clark and Gonzaga gymnasiums.

The Pioneer Drugs quintet received the runners-up trophy, while a consolation trophy was given the Beacon Cleaners team.

Ikey Minata of Bernard Tailors was given an inspirational award. Awards for an all-star team were given to Hank Ito, Murphy Iga, and Minata, all of Bernard Tailors; Sadao Kuroiwa of Beacon Cleaners; and Hiromu Kurose, Miss Q team.

A mixer-dance at the Gonzaga canteen followed the championship game. Floyd Yamamoto was chairman for the tournament.

Anita Shepherdson To Be Honored In Memorial Service

LOS ANGELES — A memorial service for the late Anita Shepherdson, teacher and Japanese advisor, will be held on March 17 at 7 p. m. at the Nisei Community church, 2032 Pennsylvania.

Plans for a Shepherdson memorial to be presented to the Fullerton institution where she has been made by a committee of former members of the Fullerton Japanese club, who met in the home of Shizue and Nishimura.

Friends may send contributions to Fred Nishio, Route 1, Fullerton, Calif.

Twin Cities Bussei To Hold First Anniversary Dance

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Twin Cities Buddhist Organ will sponsor an anniversary in celebration of its successful year on April 19 in the Dyckman Room of the Hotel Dyckman.

Ken Kingsburg 6-piece orchestra will be featured.

Dance committee under the leadership of Susumu Hirota Saburo Okimoto and Mae Kato tickets; Emi Takato, checkbook; May Matsuzaki, refreshments; Molly Hamaguchi and Amy Kato publicity; Ted Sugano, master ceremonies.

Patrons and patronesses will be Mrs. H. Terakawa, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yanari, Mr. and Mrs. Ono, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kato and the Rev. and Mrs. Kono.

Hairdressers Group Elects Nisei to Board

DENVER, Colo.—George O. owner and proprietor of a beauty salon, has been elected member of the board of directors of the Colorado State Hairdressers Association.

Ohashi is the first Japanese American to be accepted into Colorado state group.

Peter Iwatsu Gets New York License

NEW YORK—Peter O. Iwatsu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otsuo Iwatsu of New York City and former of San Francisco, recently received a New York state license in engineering.

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