



## Hope Dims for Continuation of Winona Housing Project Under Federal Sponsorship

Lack of Agency Funds Cited as Future Still Undetermined for 1000 Residents of Camp; Seek to Avoid Mass Displacement of Returnees

BURBANK, Calif.—Little hope was held this week for the continued operation of the Federal Public Housing Authority's Winona trailer project after June 30 when the present lease expires. It was reported that Dillon S. Myer, national director of FPHA and former head of the War Relocation Authority, had indicated in Washington that the Federal agency, because of drastic cuts in its appropriation by Congress, had no funds to continue the emergency project after the June 30 deadline.

Approximately 900 returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, together with 30 veterans' families, are now living at Winona.

Until this week there had been hope that an extension could be secured on the lease held by the FPHA on the Burbank property which is owned by the Pacific Automotive corporation.

The 300 trailers at Winona, in which the returned evacuees are living, may be sold to the tenants at \$125.

The great majority of the returnees at Winona are part of a group of evacuees who returned to Los Angeles county following the closing of the war relocation centers and are families which have been unable to find suitable individual housing.

Possibility that the camp might be moved to another site in the Burbank area and reestablished under private auspices was under consideration this week. County officials and representatives of private agencies have been unable to agree upon a definite plan for accommodating the 1000 persons who will be without homes when the lease on the Winona project expires on June 30.

It was reported that the city of Burbank had expressed an interest in the 30 veterans families, including families of Nisei veterans and servicemen, who are now at Winona.

Burbank officials are considering action to assist in the relocation of the veterans families before Winona is closed.

Meanwhile, efforts were being made under private auspices to find a site near the present Winona camp to which the trailers could be moved in a group. It was stated that such a move would alleviate hardships on the 500 school-age children in the project by enabling them to continue in their present schools.

Scotty Tsuchiya and Eiji Tanabe of regional office of the JACL met this week with Stanley Abel, Los Angeles chief of FPHA, to discuss the Winona situation.

Tsuchiya declared that county and private agencies were seeking to avert a repetition of the "Winona incident" of May, 1946, when 850 persons were moved to Winona at a time when the project's facilities were not complete.

"We are determined that the returned evacuees at Winona shall not be subjected to any unnecessary hardships," Tsuchiya said.

Tanabe explained that the Winona situation, in which more than 150 Japanese American family groups have been unable to locate private housing, could be attributed to the serious shortage of dwelling units in the Los Angeles area.

## War Veterans Seek Extension of Winona Trailer Project

Restrictions on Housing Noted by Authority

NEW YORK — Americans of Japanese and Japanese ancestry in California are among the United States groups who have been subjected to racial restrictions in housing, Charles Abrams, special counsel to the Joint New York State Legislative Committee on Housing, declared at a luncheon of the New York Chapter, American War Relocation Committee, at the Marlborough Hotel on April 3.

State and local regulations barring people of a particular race from particular areas have been upheld by the Supreme Court and state tribunals, Mr. Abrams said, but on the other hand, courts have upheld private covenants and agreements whereby properties are zoned against ownership by Negroes and others.

One knows the full extent of racial restrictions on property, Mr. Abrams said, but in Chicago there are covenants restricting 80 percent of the area, mainly Negroes. Homes have been barred to Negroes everywhere, to Mexicans in the south, to Chinese and Japanese in California, to Jews in Washington and to other minority groups in other areas, he said.

Enomoto Elected to Amvets Post

OGDEN, Utah—Election of Ed Enomoto, veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, as post historian of Post No. 1 of the American Veterans of World War II in Ogden was announced this week by Enomoto, public relations officer. Enomoto is a member of the

Ex-GIs Suggest Three Supplementary Moves To FPHA Official

BURBANK, Calif.—"We are living in the Winona project because there is no other place to go," 36 American veterans of World War II, including twelve Nisei, declared last week in a petition to Dillon S. Myer, commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority.

The veterans declared that their primary interest was in the maintenance of the Winona housing project until veterans' families could find individual accommodations.

Three supplementary suggestions were offered by the veterans in the event that the Winona camp could not be maintained.

These were: (1) Make available other housing on a rental basis in the area; (2) Make available housing which the veterans may purchase at a price that is not prohibitive; and (3) Offer the present trailer units for sale at a reasonable price. (Stanley Abel, FPHA representative in Los Angeles, indicated this week that trailers may be purchased by the present tenants at prices ranging from \$100 to \$125.

The veterans said that they were living in the housing project because they needed cooking facilities to be able to exist due to the "present high cost of living."

Among the veterans signing the petition were the following: Ushimatsu Ajima, Shigeo Sakata, Haruo Santo, Takeshi Sam Teraoka, Shoemon Muranaga, Masasuke Nozaki, Jino Sakamoto, John Omura, Harry Kikuchi, W. H. Sakurai, Tom S. Yamamoto and Happie Takahashi.

JACL in Ogden is an officer of the Young People's Federation of the Japanese Christian church.

## U.S. Supreme Court Will Hear Alien Land Law Test Case

Nisei Honored For Role in War Against Typhus

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Todashi G. Tani, now a student at the University of Minnesota, was honored on April 8 by the army for his work in fighting typhus in bomb-wrecked areas of Japan following the end of World War II.

A medal authorized by the army's surgeon general was presented to Tani by Dr. Harold S. Dieh, dean of medical sciences at the university.

## National JACL Will Support Bouiss Verdict

Brief Will Be Filed In Case Involving Soldier Brides' Act

The National JACL this week announced that it will enter the case of Helen Emilie Bouiss, part-Japanese wife of an American serviceman, and will introduce a brief supporting the decision of a Federal district court judge that the wartime Soldier Brides' Act applies to women of Japanese ancestry.

It was announced recently that the Justice Department intended to appeal the decision of Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick in a Seattle court in which the judge granted a writ of habeas corpus on July 25, 1946, releasing Helen Emilie Bouiss, part-Japanese wife of an American soldier, from the custody of Seattle immigration officials.

The JACL noted that the Bouiss case affected several cases involving Japanese American servicemen who had married foreign-born women of Japanese ancestry. Three of these cases involved marriages between Nisei GIs and Japanese Canadian girls.

## Seattle Veterans Fete Earl Finch

SEATTLE—Earl Finch, friend and counselor to Nisei GIs, was the honor guest at a dinner attended by approximately 100 Nisei veterans on April 1 at the Gyokko-ken.

Finch was accompanied on his visit to Seattle by three members of the Los Angeles Nisei Veterans' Association, Mike Kawaguchi, Art Hiroshima and Tak Nakaki, and by Tatsuro Matsuo, Honolulu theater operator.

## JACL Aids Amputee Veteran to Obtain Automobile Coverage

CHICAGO — Discriminatory practices on the part of certain automobile insurance firms against Japanese Americans was noted by the Chicago JACL chapter last week as an announcement was made that a double amputee, Takiji Goto, had received complete standard coverage on the amputee car given by the government.

Goto reported to the JACL that he had been denied adequate insurance coverage on his amputee car. Because public liability insurance is required on all automobiles in the state of Illinois, Goto's coverage was limited to only this type of insurance.

Efforts of the Chicago JACL resulted in Goto obtaining complete coverage.

It was noted that although some automobile insurance companies discriminate against Japanese Americans, there are other companies which handle auto insurance for Nisei without surcharges or other restrictions.

## Constitutionality of California Property Law to Be Tested By Oyama Suit in High Tribunal

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court of the United States on April 7 agreed to hear arguments on the constitutionality of the California State alien land law.

In granting a writ of certiorari, the highest tribunal set the time for hearing arguments on the alien land law for its October (fall) term.

This action was taken on the Oyama case in which the Supreme Court of the State of California last October ruled that the alien land law was a constitutional exercise of the state's power. The appeal to the United States Supreme Court was sponsored by the JACL Legal Defense Fund of Southern California and the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California.

Attorneys A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles and Charles A. Horsky and Ernest W. Jennes served as counsel for the petitioners and James Purcell, William Ferriter, and Guy C. Calden of San Francisco and Saburo Kido and Fred Okrand signed the petition for the writ as cooperating counsel.

Mr. Horsky, one of the leading constitutional attorneys in this country, declared on hearing of the court's action: "I'm delighted. This gives us an opportunity to argue our viewpoints before the Supreme Court with some prospect that they may overrule their decision of some 20 years ago upholding the alien land laws as constitutional."

Mike Masaoka, national legislative counsel of the JACL-ADC explained that at least four of the justices had to express their opinions that they would like to hear arguments on a case before a writ of certiorari is granted by the Supreme Court. "The fact that a writ was granted is evidence that at least four of the justices feel that there is some reason to doubt the validity of the original decision holding the alien land laws constitutional," Masaoka declared. "While we are far from having that decision overruled, we have at least won a skirmish, and an important one, in that battle. For without this writ, we would not now have an opportunity to present our arguments in the light of the changed conditions in this country and California to the Supreme Court."

## Yamamoto Awarded Berkeley Scholarship

BERKELEY, Calif. — Thomas Yamamoto of Berkeley recently was awarded a \$1000 scholarship in art at the University of California, it was reported last week.

## Sen. Langer Sponsors Bill To Amend Deportation Law

WASHINGTON — Sen. William Langer (R) of North Dakota this week introduced a companion bill to the comprehensive measure revising deportation laws that was introduced in the House a few days ago under the sponsorship of the justice department.

Identical in wording with H.R. 2933, introduced by Rep. Frank Fellows (R) of Maine, chairman of the House Standing Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, Sen. Langer's bill has been designated SB 1065 and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is expected that in a few days the full Judiciary Committee will refer Sen. Langer's proposal to its Standing Subcommittee on Immigration.

SB 1065 repeals the racially discriminatory provisions of the deportation laws by granting the Attorney General the same powers to suspend and cancel the deportation of aliens who are "ineligible to citizenship" as he now enjoys in

## California Court Upholds State's Property Law

Oyama Case Verdict Cited by Appellate Judges in Decision

SAN FRANCISCO — The California State Court of Appeals recently upheld a lower court decision to escheat the property of Yeizo Ikeda and his family in Salinas, Calif., the Nichi-Bei Times reported last week.

Marion Wright and John Maeno, attorneys for Ikeda, indicated they would take the case to the State Supreme Court.

In their decision to sustain the lower court ruling, the appellate justices quoted from the recent California Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of the Alien Land law in the Oyama case.

## POSTPONE JACL COUNCIL MEET IN MIDWEST CITY

CHICAGO — The organizational meeting of the Midwest District Council of the JACL, originally set for April 19 and 20, has been postponed for one week to April 26 and 27, according to Tats Kishida, midwest regional representative.

Representatives from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Detroit chapters will attend the two-day meet.

Mike Masaoka, ADC head, will work out plans with the chapters to coordinate their activities in relation to his work in Washington.

Scotty Tsuchiya, special National JACL field representative, will give a report on west coast activities.

The Chicago chapter will act as hosts to the visitors.

reference to other aliens. The bill also provides that the Attorney General may cancel the deportation of aliens who have resided seven or more consecutive years in the United States.

Sen. Langer is the ranking Republican member of the Judiciary Committee, although he is not a member of its subcommittee on immigration.

"With the introduction of these bills in the House and Senate almost simultaneously, we are hopeful that this much-needed bill will be acted upon simultaneously by their respective subcommittees immediately," Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL-ADC, declared here.

He announced that the JACL-ADC will request an opportunity to testify in behalf of this bill if and when hearings on SB 1065 are to be held by the Senate Subcommittee. The ADC already has an invitation to testify before the House Subcommittee on or about April 21st.



## Nisei Veteran's Jump Features Idaho Air Show

Sgt. Kozawa Displays  
Parachute Skill at  
Boise Air Field

BOISE, Idaho — A parachute jump by a Japanese American veteran of the historic battle of Bastogne was a feature of Idaho National Guard's air show which was staged by personnel of Idaho's 190th fighter squadron at Gowen field on April 6.

The parachute jump which was the feature of the air show was made by Sgt. Hiro Kozawa of Boise, who made his first combat jump at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

Kozawa, a graduate of Boise high school, trained as a paratrooper at Fort Benning. After serving in the Battle of the Bulge, Kozawa later saw active service in Belgium and Germany.

The leap Sunday was Kozawa's thirteenth. He made six jumps in training at Benning and six jumps, including his combat leap, in France.

It was Kozawa's first jump in more than 18 months and he packed his own chute in preparation.

The jump was made from a C-47 transport at approximately 7500 feet.

## Seattle Chapter Opens Drive for New Membership

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle chapter of the JACL opened its membership drive April 7 with a "kick-off" dinner at the Golden Goose Cafe.

Chairmen for the drive will be Joe Hirabayashi, Roy Sakamoto and Mac Kaneko.

Team captains present at the dinner were Harry Yanagimachi, Shigeko Uno, Mitsue Uyeta, Howard Minato, Stanley Karikomi, Sumio Nagamatsu and Frank Hattori.

The drive will continue until May 31. Membership campaign headquarters will be at 304 Sixth avenue south.

## WRA Reports Officer Takes Tokyo Job With War Department

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Ralph O. Brown, former reports officer for the War Relocation Authority at Tule Lake, Calif., was scheduled to leave by plane for Tokyo this week, where he will act as officer in charge of the Information, Education and Information Section of the War department.

Previous to joining the WRA, Mr. Brown was assistant news editor of the Arizona Republic in Phoenix. Prior to that he was Arizona state bureau manager for the Associated Press.

His wife, Pauline Bates Brown, was reports officer for the Poston relocation center. Their sons, Tom Brown and Jack Bates, served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific throughout the war.

## Ken Kato Named President of San Mateo JACL

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Ken Kato will head the San Mateo County JACL in 1947, assisted by the following cabinet: Hirotsuke Inouye, first vice-president; Sally Kawakita, second vice-president; Mae Tanaka, recording secretary; Sue Asai, corresponding secretary and historian; Shozo Mayeda, treasurer; and Joe Ishida, publicity chairman.

Installation ceremonies have tentatively been set for April 19.

## Housing Restrictions Discussed at Meeting Of Oakland JACL

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tom Richardson, AVC officer and attorney in the Utsumi restrictive housing case, was scheduled to discuss restrictive covenants at the April 11 meeting of the Oakland JACL chapter, according to Tad Hirota, chairman.

The meeting also featured Joe Grant Masaoka, regional JACL director, who reported on his recent trip to Hawaii.

# They Were So Young

## THE STORY OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION

### By—Jon J. Chinen

(Continued from last week)

I remember well my first patrol. It was early in the evening of the tenth of March and I was quietly watching the rain come down. I was dreaming of the days back home, when I used to sail paper boats in the little puddles formed by the raindrops. Suddenly I heard a cry, "Johnnie! Johnnie!" It was Sgt. Takeo. "We're on patrol at 2200 (10:00 p. m.). Be ready in ten minutes," he said.

"Well, this is it!" I said to myself. Reluctantly I got up from my straw-bed and joined Robert and the others. We ran through the rain to the platoon command post, where Lt. Charles Johnson of Tennessee was waiting. Sgt. Takeo was the only veteran; the rest of us were going on our first patrol.

"We're on recon patrol at 2200," Lt. Johnson said. "By 2130 (9:30 p. m.), you'll report here. Robert, carry the Tommy-gun; you others carry rifles. Darken your faces. Carry only the necessities. Any question? It is now 2000 (8:00 p. m.). That's all!"

Lt. Johnson was 25 years old—a tall husky Swede standing six feet and weighing over 200 pounds. He had joined the battalion just before we left Naples for this beachhead. He was rough and tough, cussing a blue-streak when things did not go as planned. But, he had a heart of gold, always thinking of his men's welfare first.

From 8 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. I kept myself busy to keep from worrying too much. I cleaned my rifle, polished it, and cleaned it again. I carefully checked my canteen to see that it was full. Water in a half-filled canteen might make a swishing sound which might be fatal. I made sure that my "dog-tags" were well covered to prevent them from jingling. I cleaned out my pockets and placed all my letters and pictures under my blankets. I hated to part with the pictures of my mother and my girl; but, it was orders. Then, I went through the whole process again. Checked rifles, checked canteen, checked ammunition—over and over.

During this period of preparation and waiting, I kept wondering, "What will my reactions be under close enemy fire? Will I be too scared to fight back? Or, will I recklessly, foolishly expose myself? What is Sgt. Takeo thinking of? Lt. Johnson? Edward? Toshio? Do the Germans know of our patrol tonight? Or, is the rain keeping them in their holes? If so, I hope it pours and pours!"

At 9:30 p. m., we reported for final orders. Lt. Johnson made a final check of each person. Then he said, "Our mission is to see if the enemy is using Building X.

"Intelligence says the damn enemy is aggressive. There'll be a friendly patrol 500 yards to our right, checking Building Y. Our machine-guns will give us support.

"I'll clear the minefield. Robert, follow me at ten yards and cover our left front. Ed, cover right front; Toshio, right flank. Johnnie, cover the left flank. And, you're the run-away man. O.K.?"

I nodded and rubbed my legs. "Do your stuff, legs," I whispered to them. "Don't fail us tonight."

The rain had stopped; but the clouds were still hanging low. Exactly at 10:00 p. m. we started on our mission. From the platoon C. P., we slowly made our way Indian-file to one of our friendly machine-gun outposts.

"Give them the works," Lloyd Keller of Iowa urged.

"We'll be backing you," said Fred Brown of South Dakota. Both were from the 113rd Regiment, 34th Division.

In the darkness I could faintly see the ground over which we had to sneak to our objective. It was flat—almost like the top of a pool-table. There wasn't a single tree in sight. We had only the knee high grass and small scattered bushes to afford us concealment.

For fifty yards, we followed a trail through a gap in our double apron wire entanglement and out into "No Man's Land." Our column moved in absolute silence for we were in strange territory. I could almost hear my own heart-beat. Then, to avoid an ambush, Lt. Johnson left the path and started through the grasses, carefully feeling his way. One error meant death for the area was full of mines—ours and the Germans. We never knew from where we might be hit, or when. And we could not see the thing about to strike.

Facing the unknown was almost unbearable. If I were alone, I would have screamed and dashed back for my home. Tiny noises were exaggerated in our minds. The grasses shaking in the wind sounded like green eyed monsters ready to pounce upon us. The cracking of a twig made us jump on edge. The creepers, catching on our boots, seemed to beg us to turn back—before it was too late. But, we kept moving forward.

Everything was going so smoothly that I was beginning to feel relieved. "Perhaps, we'll accomplish our mission without meeting any enemy," I thought and hoped. But when we were about 200 yards from our objective, the enemy began to throw flares all over the sky. One of these almost caused a disaster. When one group of flares was shot up, we all "froze" in position. After the flares died down, I started to move; but, the same flares lighted up again. For two whole minutes which seemed like ages, I stood on one foot—the other dangling in mid-air. I thought that the flares would never die down.

Then the heavy rain-clouds seemed to have burst open; the rain poured down hard. Thunder rolled and roared across the sky; the flashing lightning seemed to seek us out for the Germans. Within a few minutes, we were soaked to the skin. And, with dampness, came chill. I was cold and miserable. "Let's go back," I whispered. "Shhh!" came the order. And we kept feeling our way forward through the slushy, ankle deep mud. Twice I slipped down

and silently cursed. But we kept going forward toward the enemy cautiously, slowly.

"Where the heck are the Jerries," I was wondering, when "Hold it!" came the message from Lt. Johnson. As I strained my ears, I heard the clinking sound of metal. I saw Lt. Johnson move his helmet and slowly stretch his neck above the grass when the Germans struck! Two machine-guns from near Building X made us dive into the mud.

"Keep low!" Lt. Johnson ordered. The bullets whipped and cracked over our heads—a foot or so above. And with every crack of the bullet, I dug my face deeper into the mud. Later, I told that I received a twenty dollar beauty treatment; but I'm not thinking of my looks then. I was scared to death. I felt though the Germans had picked me out to be their target. My back pounded hard against my ribs; my legs felt weak. I dared not raise my head to see where the Germans were firing from. Keeping my rifle hard, I tried to crawl into my steel helmet and disappear.

How I wished that I were small as an ant—to be able to crawl into a deep hole and disappear.

Suddenly, "Jerries, right!" yelled Toshio and opened fire. Quickly the others followed. The heavy sound of our rifles brought back my courage, brought me back to life. I knew that the way to get out of this predicament was to fight back—but I didn't want to turn around and fire, too. I wanted to throw all of my hand grenades at the unseen foe. I wanted to strangle them by the neck—one by one—till their eyes popped out from their sockets. But I had to guard the left flank.

As I strained my eyes into the dark, suddenly, I saw two figures about fifty yards, sneaking towards us. "Jerries! Jerries! flank!" I yelled and opened fire—savagely. It felt good to both dive for the ground. Then three others rushed forward. Robert opened fire with his Tommy-gun. I saw one Jerry fall though wounded. The other dived for cover.

We were being pressed in from two sides; and the damn machine guns had us pinned down. Soon mortar shells would be thrown at us. Why didn't our machine gunners fire? Were they hiding in the rain? Were they waiting for us to get killed? Why? WHY? As though in answer to my desperate questions, five of our machine guns opened fire—sweeping the area to our right and left. It was good to hear the low "Blubb-blubb-blubb. Blubb-blubb-blubb." For a moment the Germans stopped firing.

"Move back!" Lt. Johnson ordered. Quickly we crawled back to the area. So eager was I to get out of the vicinity, that I stood up and ran. But, Lt. Johnson seemed to have read my mind and whispered, "Keep low!"

A few minutes later, the Germans threw a heavy mortar barrage and covered the area with machine-guns from all over the lines. It seemed that every Jerry must have been issued a machine gun. But we were already safe in a small ditch—rapidly made back to our sector, I thought, when Lt. Johnson whispered, "It's it!" "Jerries think we've gone back to our lines. We're going to them and find out what they were digging."

We waited quietly in the grass for about ten minutes which time the Germans threw flares all over the place to lead us out. Then, as the flares died down, we started through the grass and mud again. We proceeded about 100 yards, when Lt. Johnson ordered, "Robert and I'll go forward. You wait here. You will be in command."

We watched the two disappear into the dark. Then, we waited—waited. Half-an-hour—one hour—two hours! The suspense was unbearable. What happened to the Lt. and Robert? Were they O.K.? Were they captured?

I wanted to stand up and call out. But when I thought of the earlier fight, I struggled deeper into the mud, gripped my rifle hard and stared into the darkness. Then, I saw Toshio crawl to Ed. "We better look for them, eh?" I heard him whisper.

"Wait!" said Ed. "I think they're coming."

As I strained my ears I heard soft footsteps. Then, I saw the faint outline of two figures. But I wasn't taking any chances. I pointed my rifle at the first figure. Then we heard Lt. Johnson say, "Ed! Ed!"

"Here!" answered Ed. "To your right, Lt."

"O.K." said Lt. Johnson. "We got the information. Let's go."

As we stumbled into our lines, we saw several men waiting to see every one back, said Sgt. Al Abe from Ewa, Hawaii. "We were just coming to help."

I felt a warm glow on my heart—to know that our boys were thinking of us out there. I wondered what those back there were doing. Night-clubs? Wine, women and song? Were they thinking of us, perhaps, just a little—dirty, filthy, hungry, scared—crawling in the cold mud wishing that we were back home.

(To Be Continued.)

## Nisei Artist Wins Watercolor Award

Miyoko Ito, Chicago artist, is the 1947 winner of the Paul Bissinger prize in the 11th annual watercolor exhibition of the San Francisco Art Association.

Miss Ito's painting is titled, "The Dusty Road."

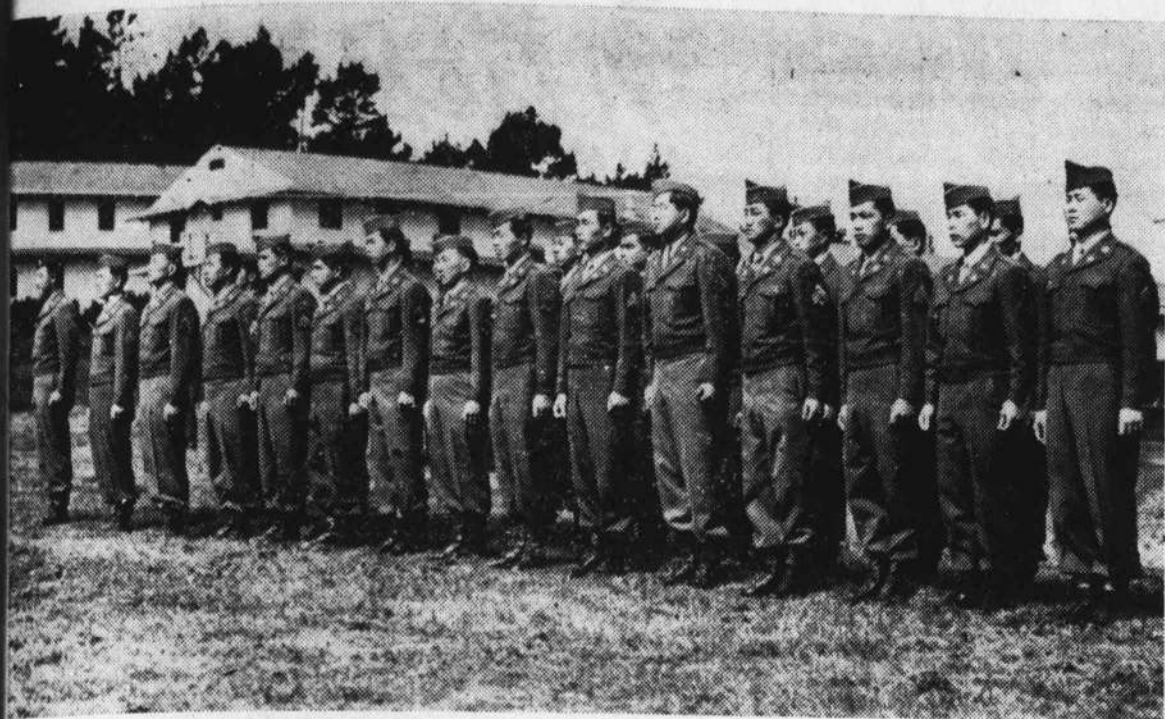
The artist is a former California resident.

## Salinas Community To Beautify Cemetery

SALINAS, Calif.—The Nisei-Issei community will beautify the Salinas Japanese cemetery Sunday, April 13, according to Dr. Harry Kita, president.

The cleanup will begin at 10 a. m. Helpers have been asked to bring necessary tools.





Ready for essential work with the occupation forces in Japan, these 28 Japanese American soldiers, comprising the latest graduating class of the Military Intelligence Service language school

at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., are shown watching MISLS personnel pass in review at the first outdoor graduation services of the G-2 unit.

## Congressional Economy Move Forces Closing of Federal Study on Evacuee Groups

WASHINGTON—The government's five-year old interest in the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated under military orders from West Coast homes in 1942 has been terminated as a result of Congressional action in drastically slashing the appropriations for the Department of Interior.

The War Relocation Authority, the major government agency which dealt with the 110,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry was liquidated on June 30, 1946 but several small continuation projects

have carried on under the War Agencies Liquidation Unit of the Department of Interior to complete the WRA's job.

Among the units reported terminated by the slash in appropriations are the Resettlement Study on Japanese Americans, which had been carried on under Robert Cullum, and a section which received and was processing claims against the government, such as those incurred by evacuees as the result of fires at the Poston and Manzanar centers.

## NISEI PASSENGER ESCAPES DEATH IN BUS ACCIDENT

SEATTLE—A Japanese American passenger was among those rescued as nine persons were killed on April 7 when a North Coast lines bus collided with an oil truck on a rain-drenched highway, spun crazily out of control and plunged into the Duwamish river near Seattle.

The bus bobbed on the water for a moment and then sank nose down.

Henry Kawahara, 21, of 104 17th Ave., was treated at Harborview hospital for shock Monday night after he was among 12 persons who were dragged by rescuers from the wreck.

## Hirose Takes Third In 100-Yard Event Of National AAU

COLUMBUS, O. — Takashi (Halo) Hirose of Ohio State placed third in the 100-yard free-style event in the National AAU swimming championships on April 5.

Hirose finished behind Walter Ris of Iowa City, who set a new championship record of 50.9s and Per Olaf Olsson of Sweden, who was second.

Hirose finished second to Olsson in the qualifying heat.

## Hood River Minister To Be Honored by New York Chapter

NEW YORK CITY—The Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne, winner of the Thomas Jefferson award from the Council Against Intolerance in America, and his wife will be honored by the New York chapter of the JACL at a reception Monday, April 14, at the Rutgers Presbyterian church, 236 West 73rd st., at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Burgoyne, pastor of the Asbury Methodist church in Hood River, Ore., led the fight against anti-evacuee interests in the Hood River valley.

He will receive the Thomas Jefferson award on April 13 at the Waldorf Astoria. Others receiving the award for outstanding work in the advancement of democracy will be Ellis Arnall, former governor of Georgia; Frank Sinatra and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

## Mike Masaoka Calls Attention To Threat to Legitimate Issei Assets in New Measures

WASHINGTON — Ambiguous and "loose language" in two bills that might have resulted in the confiscation of the assets of Japanese nationals in the United States and Hawaii was called to the attention of a House Committee studying the creation of an Enemy Property Commission by Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Under the provisions of bills introduced by Congressmen Carl Hinshaw (R) of Calif. and Lindley Beckworth (D) of Texas, all property "of the Japanese government and all of its nationals, which on December 7, 1941, was in or has since that date come into the possession or under control of, and to which title was vested in the United States of America, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, from any source or by any agency whatsoever, shall be retained by the United States of America for the satisfaction of all claims against the Japanese government of all American citizens located in Alaska, Guam, Philippine Islands, and Wake Island, who have suffered through acts of the Japanese government, or its agents, since December 7, 1941, loss damage, or injury to their persons and personal property, in consequence of hostilities or of any operation of war." An Enemy Property Commission is provided for as the means of adjudicating and paying proven claims.

In a prepared three-page statement that will be filed in the records of the public hearings on this subject conducted by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, Masaoka endorsed in principle the idea of compensating those who had suffered at the hands of the Japanese aggressors, but suggested that the bills be extended to those American civilians who also had suffered because of Italian and German militarism.

Masaoka pointed out that while the assets of the foreign powers with which we were at war might be a legitimate source of funds, the holdings of those nationals in the United States who were loyal to this country were not. He asked for

safeguards in the proposed bills to protect the property of the loyal resident Issei.

"It is our belief that any American who has been forced to suffer indignities, humiliations and persecutions, not to mention 'deprivations of liberty, cruelty, violence, maltreatment, or impairment of earning capacity as a consequence of his or her capture, imprisonment, internment, or evacuation' any where in the world should be indemnified from the assets of the guilty power or powers," Masaoka said.

"We believe that while it is justifiable to pay these claims from the assets of the countries whose governments were responsible for the crimes complained of," the national legislative director emphasized, "we do not believe that the innocent nationals of these countries residing in the United States should be penalized for the acts of these foreign powers to which they may owe technical but no real allegiance."

"This is particularly true in reference to those of Japanese nationality who are permanent residents of the United States. They are citizens of Japan because they cannot by our law become naturalized citizens of this country. They are technically enemy aliens though their conduct and their record demonstrates their real allegiance to the United States."

"In urging your Committee to enact into legislation the principle of providing compensation for the injustices and sufferings heaped upon our fellow Americans who were caught by the outbreak of war in foreign lands, may we respectfully submit that appropriate safeguards should be written into the law to protect the interests of those loyal resident nationals who happened to come from the country with which we were at war," Masaoka wrote.

"Along with other Americans who contributed to victory, these nationals gave of their life and blood. They must not now be made the victims of a corrective measure that would negate the spirit of the pending bills," he concluded.

## Twenty-Fifth Class Graduates From Army Language School

Outdoor Ceremonies Held for Nisei GIs At Monterey Presidio

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. — Twenty-eight students, constituting the smallest graduating class in the history of the MISLS, completed another phase in their training as linguists when they received their diplomas at the fourth commencement exercises held April 4 at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif. It was the 25th class to be graduated from the MISLS since its beginning in October, 1941, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

In the first outdoor graduation ceremonies to be held at the Presidio, the graduates were presented by Colonel Elliott R. Thorpe, School Commandant, who delivered a short talk, congratulating the

men on their graduation and urging them to continue their fine work.

Winner of the award as the "outstanding student" of the graduating class was T/3 Torazo Hikida for his superior work in the academic courses, while T/4 Arthur Y. Imamura was selected as the "best soldier" for having displayed outstanding qualities of a soldier while a student at the school.

Preceding the presentation of the graduating class to the commandant, a battalion parade was held, in which all school companies, including the graduates, passed in review before the commandant and his staff.

The latest graduating class brought the total number of students graduating from the MISLS to 6817.

## Nisei GI Wins Boxing Title in Berlin Tourney

BERLIN, Germany — Kaoru Fujiama, a Japanese American soldier from Hawaii, won the flyweight championship of the Allied Forces European boxing tournament on April 5 before 5000 persons at the Olympic arena, leading the United States squad to a team victory over Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Czechoslovakia.

Fujiama, the only Nisei fighter to reach the finals, outpointed Joseph Horak of Czechoslovakia.

Horak had the peppery Fujiama on the verge of a knockout during the bout, but the Nisei foiled his opponent's attempt with a brilliant demonstration of footwork.

The United States also won team titles in the lightweight and welterweight divisions.

## Portland Ex-GIs Seek Citizenship For Parents

Will Help Raise Funds for Veterans' Club in Hawaii

PORTLAND, Ore.—Support of Congressional legislation which will give citizenship to resident alien parents of American war veterans is being urged here by the newly-organized Portland Nisei veterans' organization.

The ex-GIs already have gone on record as opposed to the formation of a separate Japanese American post of any national veterans' group and are urging Nisei veterans to join existing posts.

The group will sponsor a dance on May 3 in order to raise funds for the proposed 442d Veterans' clubhouse, which will be constructed in Honolulu at a cost of \$250,000. Hanji Akiyama was named chairman of a committee of Portland veterans which will cooperate with Earl Finch in his drive to raise funds on the mainland for the Honolulu project.

Kaz Fujii was named chairman of a committee to keep in contact with the Army's disposition of military cemeteries in Europe where Nisei GIs are buried.

All Nisei veterans at the meeting pledged to join national veterans' organizations to help fight for equal rights for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Tosh Kuge, chairman of the Portland group, will contact other Nisei veterans' groups in California and Washington to compare their programs for future activities and to exchange ideas.

The Portland group is planning an affair in the near future to raise funds for a Nisei memorial in Arlington national cemetery.

The next meeting will be held on April 17 at the JACL office in the Kraemer building.

and how American citizens of Japanese ancestry may reach a new stature as a result of these experiences.

The meeting will be open to all and the public is invited.

## Report No Delays Encountered By Latest Group of Nisei Back From Wartime Years in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Nisei returning to San Francisco April 7 from Japan aboard the Marine Lynx experienced no delays or discriminatory treatment at the hands of immigration authorities, such as was reported by other Nisei returning last month on the General Gordon.

Twenty-six Japanese Americans on the Marine Lynx left the ship within a few minutes after the gangplank was let down Monday morning. Three others were held overnight at the detention station for further investigation, but were expected to be released within 24 hours.

Nisei who returned in March on the General Gordon claimed that passengers of all other ancestries were processed before the Nisei and that as a result, the first Nisei did not leave the ship until 12 hours after the ship's arrival.

The protest was investigated by Irving F. Wixon, director of the immigration service, who said that the Nisei were the first large group of Japanese Americans arriving in San Francisco and that a second examination was made on board of their credentials.

Among the Nisei on the Marine Lynx was Ken Watanabe of San Francisco, who stated that two thousand other Nisei in Japan have been cleared by American consular authorities and await shipment to the United States.

Chances of securing passage across the Pacific are "40 to 1," Watanabe said.

Other Nisei returnees were Earle H. Hori of Los Angeles, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ai Ann Hori, and their two children, Jane and Jeanette.

Others were Teruko Fujimura, Chicago; Teikichi Fuse, N. Y.; Haruo Harada, Michiko, Tayeko and Sachiko Kawasaki, Masato Shigemura, and Lois Sayoko Yagi, all of Los Angeles; Shogo Hattori, Fresno; Tatsuo Hinoki, Thermal; Mary Hanako Ikeda, San Francisco; Ritsuko Kani, Menlo Park; Harue Mayeda, Payette, Idaho; Itsei

Henry and Yoshiyuki Nakagawa, Fowler, Calif.; Shigeru Nekatani, Mt. Eden, Calif.; Matsuko Shimoda, Detroit; Yoshie Tanaka, Fresno; and Albert Toshitaka Toshima, Pasadena.

Held for investigation were Yukio and Fumio Nakaya and Dorothy Kimiko Horiye, all of Los Angeles.

Thirty-six other Nisei passengers disembarked at Honolulu. The Marine Lynx was the first regular passenger ship from the Orient to make the Hawaii stopover.

## Rev. Kitagawa Will Speak to Chicago JACL Members

CHICAGO—"Citizens Again—Where Do We Go From Here?" will be the subject of Reverend Joseph Kitagawa, when he speaks at the JACL monthly membership meeting at the Baha'i Center, 116 So. Michigan, Thursday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock.

"Father Joe," as he is known to his many friends, is an Episcopalian minister formerly of Seattle. Born in Tokyo, where he was educated, he has had further academic training at the University of California at Berkeley and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

"Father Joe" was a resident of the relocation center in Hinidoka, Idaho. He did much work in the resettlement program and is still doing work among the newly resettled Japanese Americans in Chicago.

He is chaplain to the Bishop of Chicago for the work among Japanese Americans, and as a consultant to the Bishop for the Ethnic Division, Father Joe works closely with the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Miss Mari Sabusawa, JACL's program chairman, in making the announcement of Father Joe's appearance indicated that he would discuss experiences in relocation



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## EDITORIALS

### The Alien Land Laws

California's Alien Land law, a statutory device by which white supremacists and competitive farming interests have sought to expropriate the agricultural assets of persons of Japanese ancestry, will be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States this fall. The nation's highest tribunal this week announced that it had accepted the petition for review of the Oyama case in which the state of California is seeking confiscation through escheat proceedings of ten acres of farm property in San Diego county which is owned by Fred Oyama, citizen son of "ineligible alien" parents.

The Oyama case, which encompasses the salient features of the more than 70 suits which have been brought by the state in California courts against persons of Japanese ancestry for alleged violation of the Alien Land law, provides an opportunity for a full dress review of the California law for the first time in more than 20 years.

Milton R. Konvitz, an authority on the application of American law on Asiatic aliens, has described the alien land laws as "economically unsound, morally reprehensible, internationally unfortunate and constitutionally questionable." Many of the nation's outstanding constitutional attorneys, including such men as Arthur Garfield Hays, Osmond Fraenkel, Charles Horsky and Eugene V. Rostow, are convinced that the alien land laws are unconstitutional and have signed briefs in the Oyama case. The Supreme Court's decision to review the Oyama case provides an opportunity to overrule the decisions in the *Terrace v. Thompson*, *Webb v. O'Brien*, *Cockrill v. California* and *Frick v. Webb* cases in which the court upheld the California Alien Land law in 1923 and 1924.

Mr. Konvitz notes in "The Alien and Asiatic in American Law" that the Supreme Court's decisions in these cases, written by Mr. Justice Butler, "have been subjected to sharp criticism."

In *Terrace v. Thompson*, which involved the Washington land law which prohibited aliens who have not declared their intention to become citizens from having any interest in land used for agricultural purposes, the court held that the law did not violate any treaty with Japan or the 14th Amendment. Justice Butler's decision declared that a state, if not in violation of a treaty, has the right to deny aliens the right to own land and that the state may distinguish between aliens, on the one hand, and aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens, even though aliens ineligible to citizenship are not permitted to file any declaration for citizenship.

Provisions of the California law were upheld by the Supreme Court in the *O'Brien* case in which Justice Butler ruled that an alien of Japanese ancestry could not enter into a sharecropping agreement with a citizen farmer and in the *Frick* case in which Justice Butler declared that a Japanese alien could not hold indirect interest in farm property through possession of shares of stock in an agricultural corporation. In the *Cockrill* case in 1924 the Supreme Court upheld the creation by statute of a prima facie presumption of intent to circumvent the law if it could be proved that property taken in the name of a citizen or eligible alien was paid for by an ineligible alien. In the *Cockrill* case property was paid for by a Japanese alien and conveyed to a citizen with the intent that the interest conveyed should be held for the alien's children who were native-born American citizens. Justice Butler's decision held that the statutory presumption was constitutional.

In the quarter-century since these de-

cisions were reached grave doubts have arisen regarding their constitutionality in the light of present-day judicial concepts. The court which considered these decisions was a reactionary one by present-day interpretations. It included Justices Butler, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Sutherland, four Tories whose concern for property rights above human rights was later to invoke the censure of President Roosevelt in his criticism of the "nine old men." The reactionary viewpoints of Justices Butler, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Sutherland long since have ceased to represent the views of the Supreme Court, whereas the minority opinions of Justices Brandeis and Holmes are still honored.

It may also be noted that these alien land law cases were tried by the Supreme Court at a time of frantic yellow journalism and rabid race-baiting, particularly on the West Coast against persons of Japanese ancestry. It was in this period that race hatred against people of Japanese descent reached its peak and was echoed in Congress by the passage of the Japanese Exclusion Act. These, of course, are extraneous factors which do not concern the present Supreme Court in its consideration of the Oyama case. The court, of course, will be concerned with the validity of the California Alien Land law under the constitution but it should not escape the court's attention that the Alien Land law was engineered for the specific purpose of destroying the agricultural economy created by farmers of Japanese ancestry. It is a fact that the law has been invoked only against persons of Japanese ancestry and its use has coincided with periods of artificially-inspired racism against the Japanese American group.

"The facts show that there is no relationship between the character of the Japanese in the United States and the prohibition on ownership of land by them in so far as concerns the public health, morals or welfare," Mr. Konvitz has declared. "The record of the Japanese in California is today an open book, and anyone who wants may read it. The record shows them to have been a law-abiding group, loyal to American political institutions, industrious, economically self-dependent . . . They offered economic competition to members of the white race, but can the law be used to compel a racial group to give up its habits of industry and skills, and fundamental human rights, and assume a position of economic and social dependence?"

### Justice Inc.

A new group titled Justice Inc. has been formed in San Jose to fight the state's escheating of Japanese American farm property in a new way. This group plans to attack California's alien land acts by opposing state legislature appropriations for the investigation of possible escheat property.

The group in cooperation with fair play committees and church groups throughout central and northern California, has been contacting state senators and representatives and urging them to vote against a new \$200,000 proposal.

Justice Inc. was organized by Charles Miller, James E. Edmiston and Ted Lewis, all of whom have been actively engaged in fighting Japanese American discrimination. Miller and Edmiston are best known for their work with the War Relocation Authority, when they tackled the difficult problem of resettlement in the Santa Clara valley. That valley's record of the best and most powerful resettlement of its returning and new evacuees was due primarily to these men.

They have turned to fighting the alien land acts of the state, which deny ownership of property to aliens of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry. These statutes were deadletter laws almost from the time of enactment, and until the war began, they rested on the shelf with other archaic and forgotten laws. They were, however resurrected when World War II began, and the state started its private war on Japanese Americans and their property. A \$200,000 appropriation from the state legislature oiled the state's path to quick possession of the lands held by Americans of Japanese ancestry. The appropriation was strengthened by an ingenious clause which gave the county in which the property under escheat action was located one-half the amount realized by sale of the property.

The blatant greed displayed by the state in thus dispossessing some of its citizens of lands they had owned for upwards of twenty years has been a disgraceful sight. Land thus acquired has, in some cases, been taken from American citizens who served in the U. S. Army in World War II.

Justice Inc. now proposes to hit the land act where it will hurt the most.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Race Restrictions in Housing

In a western city some months ago an American family of Japanese ancestry sought to buy a home with the GI insurance money they had received because their son had been killed in action in France. They found a house in a suburban residential district which suited their needs. The surroundings were pleasant and the people on the block with whom they talked were friendly.

A member of the family went to see the real estate agent with whom the house was listed. The agent appeared genuinely sorry when he told the Nisei girl that he could not sell the property to her. You see, the agent said, the local real estate association had an understanding among its members regarding sale of property in certain parts of the city to persons of minority racial groups. Any real estate agent who violated this understanding faced the possibility of disciplinary action and this could mean that he would be denied participation in multiple listings and other benefits of association membership.

The real estate agent was sorry, but there was nothing he could do.

If the agent had elaborated, he could have explained that all of the newer residential districts of the city were included in the area which members of the real estate association were restricting to "white" occupancy. This is a situation which is not peculiar to one western city, but which minority groups had encountered in varying degrees in most of the western United States and in the Deep South, as well as in the Midwest and along the Atlantic seaboard.

The experience of this one Japanese American family has been repeated many times in recent months in other cities and it is a common one among other non-Caucasian groups.

The ever-widening circle of race restrictions in housing is narrowing the area of available housing for minority group members. It has been estimated that even in normal periods only approximately 15 per cent of available housing is open to non-Caucasians in the western United States. In a time of a critical shortage of housing, such as exists at present, this area of availability is limited even further by the imposition of various practices, by open or covert agreement among real estate firms and by agreements of property owners through restrictive covenants.

The racial zoning of residential areas by means of a city ordinance has been held to be illegal by the Supreme Court, but racial zoning by means of restrictive covenants entered into by property owners has been permitted. Thus a practice which the Supreme Court abhors when effected by law is permitted when carried out by a combination of individual property owners.

The standard printed real estate contract, used in Salt Lake City and in most western cities, includes a provision in which the purchaser of property agrees not to resell to a person not of the Caucasian race.

The line is sharply drawn in real estate agreements between Caucasian and non-Caucasian. Nisei resettling in some midwestern areas have found that they are barred by restrictive covenants from the occupancy of the homes of certain areas through agreements which originally were set up to exclude Negroes. Many Negroes who went to the West Coast during the war found they were barred from residential areas in which restrictive covenants originally had been established to exclude Oriental and Mexican Americans.

Racial reactionaries, who are native fascists in all but name, have been quick to exploit the tensions which exist in housing. The Nazi-like Columbians expended much of their energy in attempting to oust Negro families from "white" neighborhoods. The Columbians have been scattered, though not for their white supremacist belief, but because they sought to usurp the police power of the state, and the Ku Klux Klan, which remains a power in the South is carrying on the same sort of program which the Columbians sought to enforce in housing. This is a campaign of innuendo, threat and terror and its

objective is the complete residential segregation of a minority group.

Among the cases pending in California courts at the present time are suits which seek to oust families of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Negro and American Indian ancestry from homes which they have purchased in districts in which restrictive covenants allegedly exist which restrict occupancy to persons of Caucasian ancestry. A Japanese American war veteran and his family have been prevented by injunction from occupying a home which they purchased in a Los Angeles neighborhood. A Nisei family in Oakland recently was served notice that they are defendants in a suit brought by neighbors who seek to prevent them from living in their newly-bought home because of restrictive covenants.

A suit which has received considerable publicity is one brought by residents of a Hollywood neighborhood against the Crocker family. The suit seeks to oust Mr. Crocker, who is of American Indian ancestry and the two Crocker daughters. Mr. Crocker is sued because he is of European descent. The spectacle of a group of families of European descent attempting to declare the descendants of American Indians ineligible to live in a home in the United States would be exceedingly comic were it not for the fact that it presents a tragic commentary on a facet of contemporary American democracy.

Recent cases in which restrictive covenants have been invoked against American Indians have resulted in the formation of the American Indian Citizens League in Los Angeles to combat housing restrictions. Two GI American Indian ancestry, a sergeant who was one of the men who raised the flag on Suribachi, a winner of the Congressional Medal, called on Mayor Brown of Los Angeles recently to protect the practice of restrictive housing covenants.

Although a considerable number of new homes are being built to ease the housing crisis, none of this new housing, with the exception of the few especially designated will be available for occupancy by non-Caucasians. The immediate hope for minority group members has been placed in government housing, but the Federal program has been torpedoed by Congress under the pressure of the real estate and other big business lobbies.

The case of ex-GI Jon Matsuo in Minneapolis illustrates the position of Nisei and other minority group members in relation to housing developments. Matsuo was one of a group of veterans who were participating in a veterans' home-building project under private auspices. The real estate firm handling the project informed Matsuo that he was ineligible to live in his house since occupancy of homes in the development was limited to "Caucasians." The company involved explained that racial restrictions were standard practice.

Minority group Americans have little affection for "free enterprise" when they discover they are denied homes being built under private auspices while advocates of private enterprise attack the government housing program as "socialistic."

The application of restrictive covenants can only result in the crowding of minority group Americans into racial ghettos. If the present trend continues, the right of an American to a home of his choice will become completely dependent upon his race and color. Such a situation is repugnant to the basic principles of American democracy and must one day be declared contrary to public policy.

### "Spring Flolic"

NEW YORK CITY — The New York chapter of the JACL will hold an informal "Spring Flolic" Saturday, April 26, at 8 p. m. at the American Common, 40 E. 4th street.

Admission will be fifty cents for members and seventy-five cents for non-members.



## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### Traveler's Lot Is a Trying One

The airplane may be here to stay as a means of commercial transportation but its dependence on the vagaries of weather make the traveler's lot a trying one.

One evening last week we went into a Denver movie theater to kill a few hours preparatory to taking off for Seattle. Two hours later we discovered there had been a change in weather to the east, our flight was cancelled, and no idea was given when the next flight would be taking off.

A harassed reservations clerk finally notified us 12 hours later that the gods had condescended to make space on the next flight out. Then, we took off two hours and a half behind schedule.

### Airline Repast

Somewhere over the wildly beautiful wastes of Wyoming the stewardess served a delicious but slightly inadequate dinner built around a main course of mountain trout.

There was a change of crews at Salt Lake City and the tall handsome brunette stewardess gave way to a blonde personality girl, who made one feel as if he had known her all his life.

Then, over the southern Idaho mountains the weather got rough, the plane went into a bucking conco routine, and a lot of the passengers became ill. The blonde stewardess had her hands full for while.

We shall remember the brunette the stewardess who served the dinners, and the blonde as the one who took them away, ever so graciously.

So far as we have been able to discover, Harry Yanagimachi of the football-playing Seattle Yanagimachis is the only Nisei who served as a line officer in a Pacific theater combat division.

Harry, one of the greatest football stars in Seattle high school history, was a platoon commander as a shavetail lieutenant with the American division in the Philippines.

After mopping up Cebu the American division went aboard ships and it was being readied for

Seattle, Wash.

a landing on the Japanese homeland when the surrender came. As a result Yanagimachi's outfit was one of the first to disembark on the Japanese homeland.

Harry volunteered for the original 442nd while he was at the Minidoka relocation center. From Camp Shelby he was sent to Fort Benning as an officer candidate. By the time he got his commission the end was near in Europe and he found himself in a replacement center on the Pacific coast.

"You'll never get over as an infantry officer," they told him. "The only Nisei who get to the Pacific are the intelligence boys."

But somehow he did get over, and after one look at him the powers that be had Harry in the front lines within a few days after he came ashore.

"I'm an enlisted man at heart," Harry says. "There was no saluting in my platoon. We got along fine."

Yanagimachi came back after a year with the occupation army. The best part of that time, according to the way he tells it, was spent in bulldozing cafe and geisha house madams into keeping the price of beer reasonable for his men.

One year's time has made a big difference in public reaction, Sam Kozu assures us. Sam is operating a produce business. A year ago many passers-by saw Sam's Oriental face and went on to the next stand.

"This year," Sam says, "we're doing business with everybody. We're re-established. They don't snub us any more just because we happen to be Nisei."

## Washington News-Letter

### Anti-Alien Edict Deprives Agency of Skilled Translator

By JOHN KITASAKO

There is an Issei in Washington, D. C., who is probably more informed on the proposed bill to give citizenship to Issei than any other first-generation Japanese in America. He is Mr. Thomas Takeshita, who is translator on Mike Masaoka's JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee staff. He translates all measures presented to Congress concerning Issei and Nisei, cuts the stencils, and runs them off with the assistance of Etsu Masaoka. The translations are then sent to all Japanese-language papers in America and Hawaii and to JACL branches.

He also writes press notices for the Japanese papers when bills are introduced or when there are any developments which Mike thinks the Issei should know about.

One of his latest big jobs was translating Mike's statement of Jan. 19 before the Standing Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives. He derived a great measure of satisfaction from translating that 2500-word statement, because he thinks it is such an excellent plea for granting citizenship rights to Japanese aliens. He thinks Mike did a superb job in presenting his statement at the hearing.

Mr. Takeshita is an experienced hand at translating. During the war he worked successfully for the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, the reports division of WRA, the Army's Strategic Bombing Survey unit, and the Army-Navy Documents Center.

However, under new regulations barring aliens from employment in intelligence agencies, Mr. Takeshita was released from the Documents Center along with other Issei.

That was when he first felt the sting in government service of his being an alien ineligible to citizenship. He then began making rounds of various federal agencies for work, including the Commerce Department, the Labor Department, and the National Institute of Health. But everywhere it was the same story: they could use him if he were a citizen.

And so this skilled translator with three years of valuable experience in government war agen-

cies is today working half time for Mike, and the rest of the time he spends learning the trade of repairing art objects, such as chinaware, antiques and pictures. He hopes to have a business of his own some day.

When Mr. Takeshita was 16 years old, he was lured to America by stories of Occidental gold. He worked on railroads, in mines, and on farms. While he worked, he managed to finish his high school course in Japan through correspondence.

Fortunately for him, while he lived at a Japanese Christian church dormitory in Los Angeles, he became acquainted with some students from Japan who were attending high school and college. Shortly thereafter he decided to give up his pursuit of money, and turned his attention towards things academic. At the age of 21 he entered Los Angeles High. Upon graduation, he went to the University of Illinois, where he studied two years, and then transferred to the University of Utah, from where he was graduated as a chemistry major.

Although his original intention when he came to America as a youth was to return to Japan after he had saved enough money, Mr. Takeshita has never once gone back to his native land since he left it 39 years ago. He said he never felt the urge to return once he began studying. The democratic way of living—with the accent on freedom and opportunity—appealed to him so strongly that he couldn't see himself trading it for the restrictive pattern of life in Japan.

Good though America has been

## Vagaries

### Plane . . .

"The Streak," the new, fast personal plane which the Aero-Flight Aircraft Corporation, of which James K. Nagamatsu is president and treasurer, will place in commercial production soon, was given its initial flights recently by Brian C. Sparks, noted test pilot . . . Henry T. Nagamatsu, brother of the president of Aero-Flight, acted as consultant in the design and construction of "The Streak." Nagamatsu at present is in charge of the theoretical aerodynamics research work at the Curtiss-Wright research laboratory in Buffalo.

### Canadians . . .

Leadership of the Canadian Legion is reported to be in favor of a demand for the total expulsion of persons of Japanese ancestry, including Canadian citizens, from the Dominion. Only opposition to date to the trend in the Canadian Legion has come from a little post at Salmon Arm, B. C., which recently went on record as opposed to mass expulsion as "intolerant." The "Japanese question" is expected to be a matter of hot debate at the next British Columbia provincial convention of the Canadian Legion.

### Prima Donna . . .

Hizi Koyke, star of the San Carlo Opera company, visited the National JACL office in Salt Lake City this week to express her support of the JACL-ADC's campaign for passage of legislation amending the naturalization law to permit Issei to apply for citizenship . . . Another noted Issei who is backing the drive is K. K. Kawakami of Washington, D. C., noted newspaperman and author.

### Singer . . .

Kay Kino, a singer, got in the public prints this week when her escort, Lee Mortimer, film critic of the New York Mirror, was knocked down by Frank Sinatra outside Hollywood night club Tuesday night . . . Mortimer has acquired several Nisei girls around the night club circuit in New York. He has recently been operating a New York night club called the "China Doll," in which several Nisei appeared under Chinese names. During the war years several Nisei in show business were booked under Chinese names at the insistence of their agents.

### Job . . .

The JACL office in San Francisco last week received a call from a Chinese wholesale goods firm which was seeking the services of a Nisei secretary . . . Taro Yashima's new book, "The Horizon Is Calling," is scheduled for early publication by Henry Holt & Co. . . . Yasuo Kuniyoshi, recently elected to head the Artists Equity Association, is also listed among twelve U. S. sponsors of a committee for aid to Palestine.

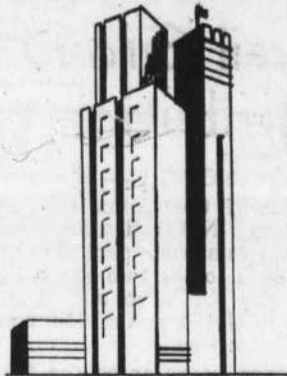
to him, Mr. Takeshita rightfully feels that he is entitled to all the benefits due him and other Issei as loyal, law-abiding residents. These can never be his until and unless the naturalization bill is passed by Congress.

He was the first Issei in Washington to file his papers. The official at the Immigration Bureau told him that filing the papers did not mean he could eventually become a citizen. Mr. Takeshita said he knew that very well, but wanted to fill the papers out as an expression of his intense desire to become an American citizen.

He wishes more Issei would file papers immediately. The larger the number of Issei who do, the stronger will be the argument that can be advanced for granting citizenship to them.

Mr. Takeshita is hopeful about the passage of the naturalization bill. But at the same time he is concerned over the opposition from West coast pressure groups which might snowball into frightful proportions. Another fear which plagues him is that even if a naturalization bill is passed, it may be modified to embrace only parents of GIs and Issei who served the government during the war.

But working as he does in the bustling ADC headquarters where he gets to know all the latest developments, he cannot help but feel that something good will come out of all the muscle and brain work that is being performed under the able direction of Mike.



## A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

### They Like it in New York

Deep now are the roots of former Angelenos transplanted from the sidewalks of East First street.

You bump into them most everywhere.

The backwash of war landed them into teeming cities like Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Detroit; St. Louis; Cincinnati and even to many an unknown hamlet and crossroad.

Here in upper Manhattan around 110th and Broadway, which a cluster of Nisei call home and fireside the prevalent opinion is they plan to stay put. They like it here and plan to stay.

You can't blame them. They have good jobs, a bank account, tidy, but tiny apartments, children in school, friends in the neighborhood, and the essential elements that constitute a full life.

But when winter sets in, many a local Nisei has cast an anxious eye to California and to Lil' Tokyo. Its the weather. Also it is that ambiguous lure of the "good old days" that they recall.

On first glance, New York astounds and overwhelms.

To me, it's San Francisco on a larger scale. There is a fantastic and fabulous quality that even outshines Paris, London, Berlin and Rome.

Compared with prewar days, the Nisei population in this area has jumped about ten-fold. Roughly, two thousand Nisei reside here and a majority of them are from the west coast.

Most everywhere you will find a Nisei; in places humble and high as well. At the one extreme are the dishwashers and garment-center workers who slave for \$30.00 or so a week. At the upper level are those select few professionals, rated tops in their field, commanding a thousand dollars or more a week for their services.

### An Issei Success Story

For example, there is the story of Mr. I. Sekine, an Issei.

I just heard of him. Someday I hope to hear the full story of his rise from a pushcart peddler to a millionaire.

In the short span of a few decades, Mr. Sekine has become the president of one of the largest toothbrush companies in the United States. His factory in New Jersey covers several city blocks, employs hundreds of workers, and handles millions of dollars in sales each year.

Then again there is that Cinderella sport story about Wat Misaka of the championship Utah basketball team who recently played in the Madison Square Gardens.

This small but sturdy Nisei cager won a host of friends with his sensational play and clean-cut sportsmanship.

New Yorkers always string with the underdog and like to see a little man put up a gallant fight. Such was Wat Masaka, doing yeoman service among towering giants and choice All-American basketballers from all parts of the country.

To the gallery gods and the man on the street, Misaka was the most popular and valuable man in the National Collegiate Invitational.

His job of holding All-American Ralph Beard of Kentucky to a single point in the finals was one of the finest defensive masterpieces seen here this season.

Where the 442nd left off during the war years, talented youths like Misaka are carrying on the fine reputation of Nisei everywhere.

Every now and then I run into a fellow Nisei vet from overseas.

What is their problem?

Well, it's like this. The job of finding suitable housing is a mite tougher than waiting in the block-long PX line in Munich.

And the task of finding a suitable job is rougher even than waking up for reveille at 5 o'clock in the morning.

A majority of the ex-GIs are attending or planning to attend some kind of school.

### Wedding Bells for GIs

On the lighter side.

Almost invariably every Issei seems much concerned about the marital status of the GI.

"Can I introduce you to a fine Nisei girl?" is the oft-repeated query.

Evidently, during the war years a surplus of eligible Nisei girls has accumulated.

For this reason, many of the young ladies are hopefully turning to New York and Chicago to further their ambitions along this line.

Many a strange and wild tale seeps back to the old hometown of the love life of a young girl in the wicked city.

Most of them are false and misleading.

After all it's a personal matter.

Each has her own life to live and her own destiny to carve.

There is no cause for alarm.

### Business Across the Pacific

I can say this, however, about the ambitions of the average Nisei maiden who comes to New York.

She comes to find a husband or follow a career.

Usually she finds a job and embarks on a career. The male problem is a little more difficult.

When the right man comes along, however, she is more than willing to toss aside her career, I guess it is the lesser of two evils.

Everyone and his brother, with an eye to business, is anxious to take a trip to Japan and "tie up" a big deal.

This applies to the Issei as well.

Washington is swamped with applications. The stock reply is "no passes or permits to Japan." Looks like the bars will be up for another year at least.

Civilian jobs in Japan are rapidly diminishing. Seems that the only way to go now is to become a member of a Senate Investigating Committee.

Businessmen are now allowed to visit Germany.

The Japanese cultured pearl industry has boomed during the war years.

Where pearl-king Mikimoto once sold 20,000 strands annually in the U. S., he now sells 50,000 every year to army PXs in Japan.

Here in New York, where more cultured pearls are sold than the rest of the country combined, there are two Nisei wholesale pearl merchants.

One is a former Hollywood lad, Caro Yamaoka, on 56th street and the other is a native New Yorker, Harry Inaba on 54th street.

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# Hawaii Group Sends Initial Contribution to Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Hawaiian supporters of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization and Citizenship this week sent a donation of \$2050 to the San Francisco office of the JACL to aid in the work of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The money represented the first payment on the committee's quota of \$150,000. The Hawaii drive was organized last month following a visit to Hawaii by a special four-man JACL-ADC delegation. Members were Joe Grant Masaoka, Susumu Togasaki, Kihei Ikeda and Keisaburo Koda.

The committee's first check was sent by Seinosuke Tsukiyama, treasurer of the Hawaii area committee. It represented contributions from six individuals and business firms, Tsukiyama noted.

Of the JACL's committee, all but Mr. Susumu Togasaki have returned to the mainland. Mr. Togasaki, who will remain in Hawaii for another month, was joined by his father, Kikumatsu Togasaki, on March 28.

## Petition Denied By District Court

SAN FRANCISCO — The Ninth District Court of Appeals this week denied a petition entered by Sanosuke Madokoro for a rehearing on an order deporting him to Japan.

A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, attorneys for Madokoro, indicated that the petition may be taken to the Supreme Court.

## Tokuda Drug Wins Seattle Cage League

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Tokuda Drug team was awarded the Class A championship trophy of the Seattle JACL basketball league at an end-of-the-season mixer held April 5 at the Buddhist temple.

The Main Bowl team was named Class B champions, while the high school girls' team was named winner in the women's division.

A "player's choice" all-star team was named in each of the three divisions, as follows:

Class A: Isao Nishimura, Lotus Troys, f; Heat Heyamoto, Main Drug, f; Chuck Kinoshita, Tokuda Drug, c; Manabu Fujino, South End Merchants, c; Shobo Fujii, Tokuda Drug, g; and Joe Fujii, South End Merchants, g.

Class B: Art Yoshioka, Main Bowl, f; Kaichi Saito, Lotus Lancers, f; Herb Uyeda, Tacoma Bussei, c; Gaylord Iwasaki, Main Bowl, g; and Roy Ohtani, Main Bowl, g.

Girls' division: Ets Ichikawa, Lotus, f; Kei Kokitayama, high school girls, f; Betty Jean Andrews, Anna Kay Beauty Salon, f; Tomo Iwasaki, high school girls, f; Naoko Hasegawa, high school girls, g; and Sue Taenaka, Lotus, g.

The following Nisei contributed largely to the success of the league, according to George Minato, JACL representative: Chik Uno, T. R. Goto, Haruo Kato, Ted Watanabe, Pat Higuiwara, Dave Miyaushi, Howard Minato, Frank Yanagimachi and Joe Hirabayashi.

Referees were Frank Yamashita, Mac Kaneko, Tom Saki, Tosh Funai, Sachi Yoshida and Mary Iwasaki.

# Rep. Fellows Sponsors Bill To Remove Race Provisions In Deportation Statutes

WASHINGTON—A comprehensive bill that eliminates race discrimination from the deportation laws of this country has been introduced by Chairman Frank Fellows of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization at the request of the Justice Department, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was advised this week by the clerk of the House Subcommittee.

Drafted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department, H. R. 2933 as it has been designated, amends subsections (c) and (d) of section 19 of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended. This comprehensive, departmental bill supercedes the three bills introduced by Congressmen Walter H. Judd (R) of Minn., George P. Miller (D) of Calif., and Herman P. Eberhart (D) of Pa., to grant the Attorney General the same discretionary powers to suspend and cancel the deportation of aliens who are "ineligible to citizenship" that he now enjoys in reference to other aliens.

This new bill also provides a seven year statute of limitations as

a defense against deportation proceedings.

That section of H. R. 2933 which is most important to those of Japanese ancestry reads: "... In the case of any alien (except an alien within one of the categories mentioned in subsection (d) who is within the exception provided in that subsection) who is deportable under any law of the United States and who has proved good character for the preceding five years, the Attorney General may (1) permit such alien to depart the United States to any country of his choice at his own expense, in lieu of deportation; or (2) suspend deportation of such alien if he is not ineligible for naturalization solely by reason of his race, if he finds (a) that such deportation would result in serious economic detriment to a citizen or legal resident alien who is spouse, parent or minor child of such deportable alien; or (b) that such alien has resided continuously in the United States for seven years or more ..."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service drafted this comprehensive bill eliminating race discrimination as a result of the JACL ADC campaign in which many other immigrant welfare organizations cooperated, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of ADC, was informed. The Justice Department decided that a complete rewording of the deportation laws was better than such piecemeal amendments as those sponsored by the ADC and other groups.

With public hearings scheduled to begin on or about April 21st of this new Departmental bill, Masaoka has announced that his committee has already received and accepted an invitation to testify in its behalf.

## Ben Yabuno Named General Manager of Showa Shoyu Company

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Mr. Ben Yabuno was elected general manager of the Showa Shoyu Brethren Corporation by the Board of directors, succeeding John T. Tadano according to an announcement made this week by Mr. Tadano, president.

The new general manager is a former resident of Fresno, Calif. and Poston, Ariz. He has been with the firm three years.

Mr. Tadano will be engaged in research work for the company, was announced.

## Ogden Man Files Suit for Damages In Hunting Accident

OGDEN, Utah—Al M. Aoki of Ogden has filed suit in Second district court, asking \$2978.62 damages and costs from Howard W. Call as a result of a duck hunting accident on Oct. 26, 1946, in the Hooper vicinity.

Aoki alleged that although he was standing in plain sight on the bank of a stream, Call, who was hunting from a boat, carelessly and negligently discharged a shotgun in his direction, causing him to be struck in the face and head with pellets.

# Busy Weekend Planned For Burgoyne in Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON—Meetings with members of the Oregon congressional delegation will highlight a busy weekend planned by the Washington YWCA for Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne during his four-day stopover in the nation's capital beginning April 18.

Winner of the Thomas Jefferson award for the advancement of democracy, Rev. Burgoyne has already been scheduled for a series of conferences with Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne L. Morse and Reps. Walter Norblad, Lowell Stockman, Homer D. Angell and Harris Ellsworth on April 21 and 22.

If arrangements can be made, Rev. Burgoyne may also be asked to testify before the Standing Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the House Judiciary Committee, it was stated.

Rev. and Mrs. Burgoyne are scheduled to arrive from Philadelphia Friday evening, April 18. Saturday afternoon, they will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Washington and especially of the Tidal

Basin, where the Japanese cherry blossoms are expected to be in full bloom.

That evening, he will be honored at an informal dinner at Jene's Italian Restaurant. Commissioner of Federal Public Housing and Mrs. Dillon S. Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. F. Nelson Schlegel, and Miss Gretchen Feiker, Washington JACL chapter sponsors, will join with chapter members at the dinner.

Beginning at 8, in the regular JACL meeting room on the fourth floor of the YWCA on the corner of 17th and K streets Northwest, Rev. Burgoyne will speak to the Issei and Nisei of Washington and their guests. Mr. Myer, who as director of the WRA is familiar with Rev. Burgoyne's continuing efforts in behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Pacific Northwest, will introduce Rev. Burgoyne.

Miss Hedy Nagatsuka will render a piano solo and Mrs. Sakiko Himel will play some violin selections, accompanied by Mrs. Shizuo Yamada, during the meeting.

Arrangements are being made to have Rev. Burgoyne address church meetings Sunday morning and night. In the afternoon, he will be taken on a sightseeing trip to Mount Vernon.

Chairman of the committee on arrangements is Mrs. Gladys Shimasaki, chapter vice president. Other committee members include Mr. and Mrs. Hal Horiuchi, Mrs. Betty Murata, Mrs. Etsu Masaoka and Miss Kazume Ichijui.

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## Plans Discussed for Chicago Chapter of Anti-Bias Group

CHICAGO—The drive to organize an all-Chicago chapter of JACL-ADC is gaining momentum, it was announced this week by Toyo Tanaka and Harold R. Gordon, chairmen of the organizing committee. A meeting was held Wednesday, April 9, at the former CYO center, which was attended by leaders of the Japanese American organizations and churches in the Chicago area.

At this meeting, questions of JACL policy, past and present, were discussed, and ways and means of building JACL-ADC into a strong organization which will have the support of all Chicagoans of Japanese ancestry.

Plans were also discussed for a monster organizational meeting to be held during the first week in May, at which officers will be elected, and to which nationally known speakers will be invited. An outstanding program of entertainment is also being planned for the meeting, to which everyone in and around Chicago of Japanese ancestry will be invited.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee is the legislative arm of the JACL. Membership in the ADC is open to Issei and Nisei alike. The fee for contributing members is \$5 per year, \$10 for supporting members, \$25 to \$100 for sustaining members, and \$100 or more for patron members. The ADC is working for the passage of legislation for the payment of evacuation claims, citizenship for Issei, and other problems affecting all Americans of Japanese descent.

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## Naturalization Law Bias Hit By Saburo Kido

LOS ANGELES — Restrictive naturalization laws are "pure race legislation, stigmatizing a small group of residents because of their race and ancestry," said Saburo Kido, former National JACL president, in a radio debate April 6 over station KMPC.

Speaking for the affirmative on the question, "Should Alien Japanese be Permitted to Become American Citizens," were Saburo Kido and A. L. Wirin, legal counsel of the JACL. The negative side was debated by Hector Baid and Ral Swaggler, attorneys.

"Thousands of alien Japanese contributed to the winning of the war," Kido said. "The Army Map Service in Cleveland, Ohio, the Army and Navy Intelligence schools in Michigan and Colorado, the Office of Strategic Services, the Office of War Information, the Federal Radio Intelligence Service and other top secret war agencies had to have the assistance of the alien Japanese because of their language record."

"With these records established during wartime," he said, "we see no reason for continuing the antiquated and discriminatory naturalization law."

Wirin stated that he joined Kido in opposing continued discrimination in naturalization laws against aliens of Japanese descent.

Discrimination against this minority, if tolerated, will only lead to such discrimination against all minority groups, he said.

"I am for permitting loyal aliens of the Japanese race to be admitted to American citizenship as part payment of a great debt of atonement, which I feel all Californians owe to the Japanese population of California, because of its forced evacuation from California during the war," Wirin said.

## Haruye Takei Will Wed Dr. Hedani

SAN FRANCISCO — The engagement of Haruye Takei to Dr. Tokuji Hedani was announced Easter Sunday by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyobu Takei.

Plans are being completed for a June wedding.

Dr. Hedani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kinjiro Hedani, served as president of the San Francisco JACL chapter during 1946.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nishioka Caldwell, Idaho, a boy on April 1.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Doi, Caldwell, Idaho, a girl on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Nishita a boy on March 30 in Ontario, Ore.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Imada, 137 North First West st., Salt Lake City a girl on April 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ito, Layton, Utah, a boy on April 7 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shaji Sato a girl in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takizo Kikawa a girl in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. Goto, Live Oak, Calif., a boy on March 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yanari a boy, Dale Masaru, on April 4th in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yushin Imura a girl on March 27 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hoshio John Kashiki, Parlier, Calif., a girl on March 20 in Sanger.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiso Arita a boy on March 29 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shiotani a girl, Bonnie Lynne, on March 6 in Tacoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nunotani, 2975 Clay St., San Francisco, a girl, Karen Naomi, on March 5.

### DEATHS

Hikotaro Ujita on April 3 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Max Horiye in Tremonton, Utah, last week.

Tomogusu Hikido, 82, on April 1 in Greeley, Colo.

Kumakichi Akita, 69, on April 5 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGES

Masae Kawano of Rocklin, Calif., to Yoshio Hirota of Sanger, Calif., on March 30 in Fresno.

Fusako Iwai of Del Rey, Calif., to Kiyoshi Morisaki of Sacramento on March 30 in Fresno.

Michiko Mayeda to Yoshitaka Uyeda of Loomis on April 5 in Sacramento.

Fujiye Fukutomi of Los Angeles to Hiroshi Uragawa of Roseville on April 5 in Sacramento.

Nobuyo Taniguchi to Mitsuyuki Yano on April 6 in Los Angeles.

Harumi Ogawa to Tadashi Fujiwara on April 7 in Los Angeles.

Momoye Hori to Hiroshi Sugimoto on April 5 in San Jose.

Yoshiko Omori to Akira Imoto on March 29 in Lindsay, Calif.

Junko Nakashima to Haruto Ono on April 3 in Fresno.

Mary Nitta to Kiyoshi Ozono on March 29 in Sacramento.

Pauline Tamiyasu to Tsutomu Ogasawara on March 22 in Portland, Ore.

Mary Matsuda, 24, and Toshiyuki Yamamoto, 24, U. S. army, in San Francisco.

Bonnie Kazuko Masuda to Shaw Sakamoto, Salt Lake City, on April 6 in Los Angeles.

Sumako Hamaguchi to Robert Kurata on April 5 in Los Angeles.

Fumiko Tanaka to Akitoshi Higashi on April 6 in Los Angeles.

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## California Assembly Group Recommends Passage of Bill Against School Segregation

### Japanese Americans Affected by Present Education Code

SACRAMENTO—The Assembly Education committee on April 4 gave a "do pass" recommendation to a bill which would repeal the California school code which permits school districts to establish separate schools for children of Indian, Chinese Japanese or Mongolian parentage.

The measure, AB 1375, introduced by Assemblymen Augustus Hawkins and Glenn Anderson of Los Angeles County, was described

as removing the "last vestige of Jim Crowism" in the California schools.

Anderson described the present California law permitting segregation of children on the basis of race as "against the fundamental concepts of civil rights."

The measure is supported by the California Congress of Parents and Teachers and the California League of Women Voters.

Under the present law Mexican American children in several Southern California school districts have been segregated into separate schools.

It was reported that there has been no segregation of Oriental American children under the law in recent years. The last segregated school for Japanese American children was abolished in the Sacramento Delta area in 1940.

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## Expect Canadian Parliament Discussion on Continuance Of Restrictions on Evacuees

### Evacuated Area Still Closed to Persons Of Japanese Descent

WINNIPEG, Man.—An all-out on the continuance of restrictions on persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada is expected when Parliament reconvenes after the Easter recess, the New Canadian reported this week.

Parliamentary discussion is expected to center on three main issues involving the Japanese Canadians who were evacuated from their West Coast homes in 1942. The major question involves the future of the wartime restrictions on the movement of Japanese Canadians, including the continuance of the present ban against the return of the evacuees to the coastal area of British Columbia, which is still a closed zone to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Suggested indemnification for the losses suffered by the evacuees and the future disposition of the

property of Japanese Canadians which was seized by the Custodian of Japanese Property after the evacuation are the two other issues which remain to be determined.

The New Canadian reported that present indications are that Prime Minister King's administration intends definitely to continue restrictions on the movement of Japanese Canadians and regulations barring members of the group from commercial fishing operations until at least March 31, 1948. Some government officials already have indicated that they want the controls maintained for even a longer period.

Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell explained to Parliament during a recent discussion of the government controls on movement that no persons of Japanese ancestry will be permitted to return to the West Coast evacuated area during the period the present controls are in effect.

## Twenty-Two Nisei Unionists Attend Convention of ILWU

SAN FRANCISCO—Widespread participation of Americans of Japanese ancestry in trade union activities in Hawaii was cited this week as the seventh biennial convention of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union opened this week in the CIO building, with 180 delegates from 48 locals attending.

Twenty-two of 49 certified delegates from eleven Hawaiian locals of the ILWU are of Japanese ancestry. These ILWU unions represent 5000 longshore, warehouse, sugar and pineapple workers in Hawaii.

The Japanese Americans attending the ILWU convention from Hawaii include: Jack Kawano, Local 137, Honolulu Longshoremen; Masaki Fujimoto, Hilo Sugar

Workers; Kiyoshi Fukusehima, Robert Muraaki, Shiochi Doi and B. Nakamura, Wailuku Warehousemen; Joseph Morita, Newton Miyagi, Tadashi Ogawa, Tsutomu Tarasawa, Harry Shigemitsu and Taro Ueyehara, Oahu Sugar Workers; Douglas Inouye, Honolulu Transportation Workers; Yasuki Arakaki, Kenji Omuro, Toshio Shirasaki, Yukinori Fujioka and Saburo Fujisaki, Oahu Sugar Workers; Tsutomu Tateishi, Shinichi Tiga and James Nogami, Kauai Sugar and Pineapple Workers; and Toyomasa Oshiro, Honolulu Pineapple Workers.

### Seek Addresses Of Graduates From G-2 Language School

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif.—Present whereabouts of Japanese American graduates from the Military Intelligence Service language schools at the Presidio of San Francisco, Camp Savage, Fort Snelling and the Presidio of Monterey are being sought by MISLS officials, Paul Tekawa, technical director of academic training, declared last week.

Tekawa said the addresses are sought to keep all MISLS graduates posted on the latest news and information of interest to them.

The language school at present is publishing a quarterly magazine, "The Bun-En," in the Japanese language. The publication is concerned with the activities of MISLS graduates on occupation service in Japan and other areas as well as in the United States.

It also was reported that MISLS is contemplating publishing a pictorial souvenir album in English in the near future.

It was noted that graduates may send their present addresses to Paul Tekawa, Technical Director of Academic Training, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

## Hanagami Loses Final Round Bout in National AAU Meet

BOSTON, Mass.—Takumo Hanagami, flyweight from Hawaii, lost to Robert Holliday of Cincinnati in the finals of the National AAU boxing tournament at Boston Garden on April 9 before an all-time record crowd of 13,371 spectators.

Hanagami was the only one of five Japanese Americans in the tournament to reach the finals. Four of the Nisei were from Hawaii and the other was Shag Harada of Rocky Ford, Colo., Rocky Mountain champion in the light-weight division.

Two Japanese Americans who were defending champions in the tourney were not on hand to defend the titles which they won in 1946 in Boston Garden. Both Robert Mitsu Takeshita, 1946 national welter-weight champion, and Tsuneshi Maruo, decorated veteran of the

442nd Combat Team who held the 118-pound crown, turned professional and are now among the leading young fighters in their respective divisions.

Takeshita, who has won fourteen straight fights in Honolulu, will fight in New York City later this month.

Harada, the Colorado light-weight, was forced to bow out of the tourney when he injured his right thumb in a second-round match.

Richard Kikuyama, Hawaiian featherweight, lost in semifinals after he had defeated Kenny Neinous of St. Louis and Russell McKinney of Indianapolis in the first and second rounds. Chester Yasui also won his first-round match in the flyweight division, but later was eliminated.

## President Truman Welcomes Nisei Regular Veterans Post

### Thirty-Four Members Admitted by Chicago JACL Credit Union

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL Credit Union, since receiving its charter from the State of Illinois in Dec., 1946, has, in its first three months of operation, admitted thirty-four shareholders into its membership. The members have paid a total of \$500 in shares and entrance fees.

The treasurer, Shig Wakamatsu, stated that a greatly increased number of applications and payments for shares have been received in the past week, and that there already have been a few inquiries made on loans by prospective borrowers.

The Chicago JACL Credit Union is a mutual society, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and supervised by the Auditor of Public Accounts, for the purpose of promoting thrift among its members and to provide low interest rate loans to its members for provident and productive purposes. Membership to the local Credit Union is open to both Issei and Nisei.

The members of the board of directors to the local Credit Union for 1947 are Kumeo Yoshinari, pres.; Jack Nakagawa, vice-pres.; Kiyoshi Kasai, sec.; treasurer, Shig Wakamatsu; assistant treasurer, Rev. George Nishimoto, and Noboru Honda, credit committee; Thomas Masuda, Mari Sabusawa and Jack Ota comprise the supervisory committee.

For information about the Credit Union, write or call any member of the board or the Chicago JACL Credit Union, 189 W. Madison St., FRA. 8840.

### First All-Nisei Group Organized in Utah's Davis County Area

CLEARFIELD, Utah—Organization of the first all-Nisei post of the Regular Veterans Association here last week was marked by the reading of a congratulatory message from President Truman to the Japanese American members of the post and wishing them "good luck."

President Truman is a member of the Regular Veterans Association.

Installation ceremonies for the new post were conducted on April 4 at North Davis junior high school by J. W. Mulligan of Ogden, state commander of the Regular Veterans.

The new post is the second in the state of UVA and is composed of Japanese American veterans of World War II in the Syracuse, Davis county area. Yoshio Yokomizo, holder of the Silver Star and a veteran of the famed 442nd Combat Team, was installed as commander.

Representatives of the major veterans' organizations in Utah attended the installation and Major A. L. Welling, Ogden, was the principal speaker. Most members of the post are veterans of the 442nd Combat Team.

### "April Showers"

An "April Showers" dance will be held by the Stardusters, Salt Lake City YWCA group, at the YW Clubhouse on April 26, beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Admission charge will be fifty cents per person, stag or stagette.

## Misaka Leaves For Exhibitions In Honolulu

### Utah University Star Invited to Play in Hawaiian Games

Wat Misaka, University of Utah basketball star, left Salt Lake City by plane on April 8 for Hawaii where he will play two exhibition games with an all-star team this weekend.

Misaka and Red Rocha, all-star center at Oregon State, were invited to make the trip and will play with four stars of the University of Hawaii team.

Misaka and Rocha boarded a Pan-American Airways Clipper for San Francisco on April 9.

"During my war service I passed Hawaii and the invitation to make the trip to Honolulu was welcomed with open arms," Misaka said. "I have two business opportunities in Hawaii when I get out of school and the trip will give me a chance to look into them."

Misaka is the only senior on the Utah team which won the New York invitational tournament last month by defeating Kentucky West Virginia and Duquesne.

Following his return from Honolulu next week Misaka will be honored at a dinner by Japanese Americans in his home town of Ogden. Members of the championship Utah basketball team will attend the dinner as a tribute to the Nisei star.

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