



Evacuee Claims Proposal Backed at House Hearing

Indemnification For Losses Urged as Eight Witnesses Favor Proposed Legislation

WASHINGTON—With only one witness questioning provisions of the Evacuation Claims Commission bill, HR 2768, public hearings on the proposal to indemnify west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry were held on Thursday, May 29, before the Gwynne subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee.

Testifying in support of the bill were Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of interior; Dillon S. Myer, WRA director and now commissioner of the Federal Public Housing authority; Hito Okada, national president of the JACL; Dr. Leonard Bloom, professor of sociology at UCLA; Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination committee; Elmer J. Hewitt, vice president of the Meat, Cannery and Farm Workers Union, Local 56, AFL; the Rev. F. Nelson Schlegel of the Evangelical and Reformed church and the Family Service association of Washington, and Malcolm A. Pitts, former WRA regional assistant director.

Rep. Clair Engle, D., Calif., while supporting the principles of the bill, suggested certain amendments be made by the subcommittee before the evacuee claims bill was reported out for House consideration. Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, R., Calif., listed as a witness, did not appear.

Chairman John W. Gwynne, R., Iowa, presided. Other subcommittee members were Clifford P. Case, R., New Jersey; Francis A. Walter, D., Pa.; Joseph B. Bryson, D., Mass., and Thomas J. Lane, D., Mass.

In urging the subcommittee to issue a favorable report on the bill, Undersecretary Chapman briefly explained the history of the measure and what its provisions would accomplish. He declared:

"It is my sincere belief and deep feeling this bill relates to a matter in which we as a nation have a real and immediate obligation to meet, one which the American people and Congress will, I am sure, recognize and accept. Its passage would go a long way toward discharging this obligation which involves the very integrity of our country. This is an act of fairness and decency to those who suffered that the country might feel itself more secure in those dark hours."

"But first and foremost," Chapman concluded, "we will be discharging a very definite moral obligation due to persons, most of them citizens, who, as I have said, were guilty of no crime than the accident of birth and ancestry."

Mr. Myer related some of the experiences of the WRA under his administration and answered questions relating to its handling of property, both at the time of the evacuation and afterwards. He explained that while the WRA tried to prevent some of the things that happened, the agency was late in the field and adequate preparations for the protection of the property of the evacuees had not been made.

Rep. Engle said, as he did in blocking the bill in the last Congress, that the measure as written provided for compensation of "disloyal" Japanese and Japanese Americans. Citing reports of the Costello subcommittee on of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Engle charged that according to a loyalty questionnaire more than 25 per cent of American-born Japanese were "disloyal." He urged the subcommittee to make some provisions whereby these persons, both alien and citizen, would be barred from claiming benefits under the measure.

Rep. Engle declared that while this bill did not provide for compensation of others who suffered economic and other losses as a consequence of war, it singled out only those of Japanese ancestry for "preferential treatment." He said that gold mine operators who were ordered to cease operations by the War Production Board should be similarly compensated under the law.

National JACL President Hito Okada, who flew out from Salt Lake City to testify, read a statement that explained the interest of the JACL in the bill. He commented on the prewar status of the Japanese community and the changes that war and subsequent events had forced upon the Japanese Americans and noted the contributions of the Nisei and Issei groups toward the military victory.

"We persons of Japanese ancestry recognize that in wartime every persons suffers and sacrifices," Okada said. "We do not now argue that many other Americans suffered and sacrificed less but we do insist that what happened to us was unique and was visited upon no other group of Americans."

The JACL president noted that President Truman had written a letter to Congress in support of the bill at the last session.

Okada urged favorable consideration by the committee "in the name of common justice and fair play and in the name of 33,000 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry and their loyal parents."

Dr. Bloom, who supervised an independent study of evacuation losses, presented a nine-page statistical analysis with arguments supporting HR 2768. He also suggested tentatively that it might be less expensive if lump sum payments were substituted for the involved, costly claims procedure.

Speaking as an expert, he declared, "There can never be compensation for intangible damages, the loss of freedom, disruption of lives, and mental suffering. But the very least we can expect of a working democracy is an effort to indemnify the evacuees for economic damages suffered by no other segment of our population."

Citing specific case histories, he pointed out the inadequacy of the government evacuation program from the beginning to the end. "The time table and the plan of the evacuation was designed so that large economic losses were inevitable," he said.

After filing a five-page prepared statement, Mike Masaoka challenged Engle's figures on the percentage of allegedly "disloyal" Nisei, pointed out that the so-called "loyalty" questionnaires were not an accurate gauge of loyalty or disloyalty because they were "misworded, misunderstood and misinterpreted."

Masaoka concluded that persons who had renounced their citizenship and who had asked for repatriation had no moral claim on the government for claims and said that the ADC had no objection to a provision denying renunciants and repatriates the benefits of the bill if such a provision was necessary to insure its passage. He said that he took this position "in order not to penalize the loyal Japanese American and the Japanese alien and in order that the great majority of the evacuees would not lose an opportunity to file claims for economic losses."

Masaoka questioned the need for redrafting the bill to include gold-mine operators as demanded by Rep. Engle. He said the gold-mine group presented an economic problem which should be treated in separate legislation. He said that Engle's proposed amendments tended to clutter up and confuse the intent and purpose of the Evacuations Claims commission proposal and described it as a maneuver to lessen its chances for passage.

After Masaoka concluded his testimony, Chairman Gwynne read into the record a statement of the subcommittee's appreciation for Masaoka's efforts in arranging the hearing and obtaining witnesses.

Utah Governor To Accept Special JACL Membership

Governor Herbert B. Maw will accept an honorary membership in the Salt Lake City chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League in a special ceremony at the chapter's graduation prom June 21 at the University of Utah's Union ballroom.

The membership will be given to Governor Maw in special recognition of his services to Japanese Americans in asking for liberalized naturalization laws and passage of an evacuation claims measure.

Baldwin Tells Japan Emperor About Nisei GIs

Nippon Ruler Told Of Wartime Loyalty Of Nisei to America

TOKYO—Roger N. Baldwin, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union and special representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, had a 40-minute interview with the Japanese emperor on May 27.

Baldwin told Emperor Hirohito of the brilliant record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and other American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in the war and said that the loyalty of the Japanese Americans in the war was a major factor in the move toward the elimination of legal discrimination against them and against others of Asiatic ancestry on the basis of race.

The ACLU director was invited by the emperor to discuss the present status of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Baldwin declared that the record made by the Nisei GIs constituted a strong argument for the elimination of the present clause barring their alien parents from United States citizenship.

He declared that the emperor stated that he approved the occupation policies in democratizing Japan and that he hoped the occupation forces would stay until the job was completed.

Salt Lake VFW Post Passes Resolution Supporting Citizen Rights for Parents of Nisei

The Atomic Post No. 4355 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Salt Lake City on May 28 went on record by unanimous vote to support and endorse legislation to extend naturalization privileges to United States residents of Japanese ancestry who are now denied the right of citizenship.

The resolution, adopted by members of the Atomic post, largest VFW unit in the intermountain area with a membership of one thousand, will be presented to the forthcoming Utah state encampment of the VFW for concurrence with a recommendation that it be presented and read at the national VFW encampment by the Utah delegation.

The Atomic post, whose commander is Glen Thompson, who is also the senior vice-commander of the Utah VFW, initiated a resolution last year against the Utah Alien Land law which was repealed at the recent session of the legislature.

The case for the non-citizen parents of Nisei GIs was presented by Kiyoshi Miyazaki, a veteran of the Pacific campaign, at the Atomic post meeting. Miyazaki is one of ten Nisei veterans, including Mike M. Masaoka and Mas Horiuchi of the National JACL, who are members of the Atomic post.

The resolution noted "the fundamental basis of American democ-

racy is justice and equality for all."

It recalled that many non-citizen residents of Japanese ancestry, barred from citizenship on the basis of race by the present naturalization law, "made significant contributions to our country's war effort by serving in strategic places and further demonstrated their loyalty in many ways to their adopted country."

The resolution declared that the sons of these non-citizen residents had fought in the "cause of freedom" with the 442nd Combat Team, military intelligence in the Pacific and with other units.

"We share the pride of these alien parents in the brilliant chapter their sons have courageously recorded in the annals of American military history," the VFW post's resolution added.



Glen Thompson, senior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Utah and B. Y. Kaneko, head of the Servicemen's Family League of Salt Lake City, are shown with the stone memorial which was dedicated on May 25 to the 18 Japanese Americans from Utah who were killed in World War II. The shaft was erected at the city cemetery by the Servicemen's Family League, an Issei organization. Next of kin of the 18 soldiers were present at the dedication rites.

—Photo by Ben Terashima.

Stone Shaft Dedicated to Nisei GIs in Salt Lake Ceremony

A stone shaft 16 feet high in the Salt Lake City cemetery was dedicated Sunday morning, May 25, to the memory of 18 Japanese American soldiers from Utah who died in World War II.

Glen E. Thompson, commander of the Atomic post, VFW, praised the Nisei fighting men in his speech commemorating the deceased servicemen.

"These are the men in whom we entrusted our faith and freedom," Mr. Thompson said.

"They are the ones for whom we prayed and home—to help and their efforts victorious, so that they might return and live with us in lasting peace and security."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States look upon all the honored ones as comrades," said. "Within our organization men who have served under the Stars and Stripes overseas in many campaigns to preserve American freedoms. The honors we symbolize today express the appreciation of the VFW men for all comrades-in-arms."

Parents of the men honored by the memorial and the audience of persons watched as Mr. Thompson placed a bouquet made of VFW poppies at the base of the monument.

Ben Terashima, national JACL treasurer, spoke as a representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. Terry Adachi of Utah Nippo expressed the appreciation of the Utah residents for the sacrifices made by Utah Nisei in the army.

Masanori Akimoto, who lost two sons in the war, spoke on behalf of the parents of the deceased servicemen.

Other speakers were B. Y. Kaneko, president of the Servicemen's Family League, and Kiyoshi Miyazaki, war veteran.

The service and the memorial were arranged by the Servicemen's Family League under the direction of Mr. Kaneko.

The deceased soldiers whose names are inscribed upon the monument are John Akimoto, Vice Akimoto, Robert Endo, Russell Endo, Isamu Matsukawa, Masao Mitani, Noboru Myoko, Mit-

Canadians May Probe Sales of Evacuee Lands

Hears Testimony on Sale of 741 Farms Below Assessed Value

OTTAWA, Canada—An order-in-council providing for establishment of a royal commission to investigate the sale of properties owned by persons of Japanese ancestry prior to the evacuation from the west coast was considered by the federal cabinet last week.

Report of interest on the part of the government in the question of the disposal of the properties of Japanese Canadian evacuees followed an accusation by the Toronto Globe and Mail of irregularities in the property sales.

The Globe and Mail suggested that a "royal commission sift the whole matter to the bottom."

Meanwhile, appearing before the Commons public accounts committee on May 8, Frank G. Shears, director of the Vancouver office of the custodian of enemy property, testified that 741 small farms in Fraser valley which had been owned and operated by persons of Japanese ancestry before their evacuation in 1942 had been sold to the department of veterans' affairs for returned men for \$836,250, or about two-thirds of the assessed valuation of \$1,250,900.

The sale of 466 properties of Japanese and Japanese Canadians in the Vancouver area realized \$1,004,788. The assessed value was \$1,183,313.

Most of the 950 fishing boats belonging to persons of Japanese ancestry also were seized and sold, in addition to 180 smaller boats. The committee said that \$1,400,000 was realized from the sale of the boats.

The chattels, mostly household furniture of the Japanese Canadian evacuees, were sold at public auction. Cost of sorting the goods and selling was around 22 per cent, which was deducted from the sales and \$650,000 was realized.

Mr. Shears contended in his testimony that his office did its utmost to protect the assets of the Japanese Canadian evacuees.

"I know it has been charged there was waste in disposing of these properties," he said, "but I wish to say that we were confronted with a difficult situation for which we had no precedent and we followed the best methods we could devise."

He denied that any Japanese property had been "sold for a song."

The committee, however, was advised this week of the case of Naiochi Karatsu of Whonnock, B. C., who has declared that he received only \$6.36 for property valued at \$723.45.

Mr. Shears declared that since Karatsu had a list of his chattels, prepared in the office of the custodian of enemy property before he evacuated, which listed the properties valued at \$723.45, the fact that only \$10.40 was realized from the sale of Karatsu's property could be attributed to the fact that much of the chattels probably had been stolen by vandals. Shears noted that there had been \$4.04 in expenses involved in the sale of Karatsu's property for \$10.40, leaving a net of \$6.36 to the evacuee.

Mr. Shears said there were individual cases where owners of chattels had been substantial losers, but he thought the number was limited and was largely due to thefts and vandalism.

United Veterans To Aid Issei in Filing Papers

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans will undertake a county-wide program of aiding all Issei in filing for their first citizenship papers, it was decided here at the veterans group's last meeting.

Yoshito Fujimoto of Del Rey was named head of a committee to push the program. Committee members will be Toichi Doi, Parlier; Lyman Domoto, Sanger; Tak Misaki, Selma; Ben Nakamura, Fowler; Harry Hoshiko, Caruthers; Ed Henmi, Fresno; Isamu Miyamoto, Reelley; Toshio Mori, Clovis; Kaz Inouye, Kingsburg; George Morishita, Del Rey; Shizu Kajioaka, Orosi and Dinuba, and Shoichi Dobashi, Madera.

They Were So Young

THE STORY OF THE 100TH BATTALION

By—Jon J. Chinen

(Continued from last week)

We kept walking—walking—walking. The crescent moon slowly came out from behind the dark clouds, as though trying to see for itself what we were doing at this ungodly hour. Though it still was hazy, everything was visible now. Everywhere I could see hills—some rolling gently and gracefully like the swells on a calm sea; others shooting straight into the sky, as though keeping the clouds up. In the moonlight they looked lovely; but I hated these never ending damn hills.

I strained my eyes, but I was not able to see the head of our column. I turned around to watch the long, thin line following, one figure after another. Our pace was miserably slow, for everyone was dead weary, exhausted beyond human endurance.

On their bent shoulders and backs, some carried heavy steel tripods, machine gun barrels and boxes of ammunition. Others carried rifles and mortars. Every step showed the inhuman exhaustion. The boys were so young—18, 19 and 20 years old. But no one laughed or joked.

I could see those who had joined our platoon only a week ago—Manuel Uyehara, David Kelai, Sam Watanabe, Jack Chinen and Richard Saito. In the pale moonlight, the grime, whiskers, exhaustion and shadows made them look alike. They were all only 18, but they looked so old.

Once we came across a dead comrade. On his pack near-by was the name—C. B. Ausdall, 168 REGT. He lay upon his back as though asleep. Someone had straightened him out and had thrown a raincoat over him. We were able to see his face. He looked young—so very young, just like a dirty faced boy who had gone to bed without being tucked in by his mother!

As dawn began to break over the horizon, we slid into a small river for cover and concealment. Here there were signs of a terrific struggle. I saw two of our abandoned tanks. One was hit on the turret and was totally burnt. The other was blown by a mine and was on its side. There was a combat jacket on the turret of the second tank; the left sleeve was missing and the jacket was soaked with dark, dry blood.

Here and there we saw gashed steel helmets, broken rifles, and bullet riddled packs. There were hastily constructed slit-trenches all along the sides of the river.

It was summer, but the running water was ice-cold. Before the war, with the lovely green trees in full regalia, this river must have been an ideal "Lover's Lane" for the rich Fascists; but, now it was a grave yard. The stench was terrific. Dead fish floated all over the place. Occasionally a stray bullet would whistle over our heads and force us to duck, even after it was long past. Then someone would slip into the water and softly cuss everyone around him. But we kept moving forward, slowly and cautiously, for the river was heavily mined.

"What a lovely trap," I was thinking, when suddenly shells began to explode all over the place. By instinct I scrambled into the nearest hole and fell upon two men. "Sorry," I grunted. "Move over!" And I wedged myself between the two.

When the shells stopped coming, I peeked out from under my steel helmet. "A close shave," I spoke to the one on my right. "How do you feel, bud?" But there was no answer. Thinking that he was fast asleep, I started to get up. Then I saw the thick, dark blood on the ground. Quickly I turned him over. I jumped to my feet.

There was a hole between his eyes—both open and glaring at me. His mouth was open, as though he had been surprised. The red had changed to an appalling yellow.

I turned the other over. Cold chills shook my spine. There was a huge gash in his stomach; the guts were hanging out on his trousers. Over the gray skin ran busy ants, some carrying little bundles.

"God!" I exclaimed. Slowly, step by step, I withdrew—still facing the dead. Suddenly I fell sprawling into the water.

"What are you doing?" Robert asked.

"There are dead men in that hole," I sputtered, spitting out the foul water. "Two dead men!"

"Never mind," he said. "Com'un. We're moving."

We walked for half an hour in the cold river. It reminded me of the days gone by, when I used to play barefooted in a cool stream in Kalihi valley, while the multi-colored birds whistled happily overhead and played hide and seek with me among the thick green trees. Only it had been pleasant then. Now this was torture. I wished that I were back home.

"Get all the rest you can," came down the line.

"Damn! How can I sleep in the water?" cursed Edward.

"Sleep in the trees," teased Richard.

Somehow, we all found a dry spot. I dug a shallow slit-trench, using my bayonet for a pick and steel helmet for a shovel. Then I threw myself down into the hole—wet clothes and all.

I arranged myself comfortably; then it started to rain. When I was a little child, I was once told if I should place three tiny stones together, one above the other, and spit on all three in succession without missing I would be able to stop the rain. I had never practiced this old Hawaiian belief before; but I wanted to try it now. I looked everywhere for the all-powerful three tiny stones, but was not able to find any. And so I counted on my raincoat to keep me from getting wet, but the rain came through.

Weariness took control. Before I knew it, I heard someone yelling, "O. K. everybody! Out this way!"

The rain had stopped but I was thoroughly soaked—cold and miserable. It was 4:30 a. m. I had slept almost two whole hours;

but it seemed only a few minutes. I was still sleepy, still tired, and had a terrific headache.

When I reached S/Sgt. Robert Takeo's hole, the others were already waiting. There were only six of us left. Toshio Ochi, Namaoru Omano and Davis Shimada were dead. Sgt. Bill Yamada was supposed to be on his way home.

"The regiment is being held up," said Robert. "Our battalion attacks this morning. Charley Company on left; Baker Company on right; Able Company in reserve."

"Our company will be first squad on right; we'll be on the left; third will be behind us. Lt. will be with first."

"We'll be in squad column. Keep ten paces."

"It's now 0500. You have thirty minutes to get ready. Any question?" There weren't any. "That's all," he said.

I hurried back to my hole. As I prepared myself for combat thoughts began to run through my mind.

0500—thirty minutes to go. I must be calm and cool. Nothing to worry about; everything will be O. K. Gee, it's damn even in June. I wish that I hadn't thrown my field-jacket away. My rifle and bayonet are ready. So are my canteen and aid-kit. Funny that things are so quiet. We are close to the enemy; besides the artillery, there is no firing. I wonder what the Germans are doing? Do they know of our attack and are they planning a surprise? Perhaps they have withdrawn.

0505—here's my K-ration—must not forget them. Boy, I wish that I had ham and eggs now, with hot coffee. I wonder when I'll be able to eat a decent meal? I wonder who those dead were back in that hole? They looked so young. I wonder those back home know of the sacrifices of these kids?

0510—"Dear, Lord, we need Thy protection and guidance. Please help me to be brave. Give me the courage to face the enemy without flinching. Guide me to make the right decisions."

0515—there go our "Long Toms." It's good to hear them. Throw them in, boys; throw everything you have. We are counting on you to smash the enemy for us. How can the Germans stand all the pounding? Sometimes I wonder if they are human at all.

0520—the damn Germans are firing back. Where the hell do they get all the ammunition? Damn stubborn fighters. Why don't they go home? Ten minutes to go. I'm getting nervous. Must answer nature's call.

0525—Gosh, I'm suffering now. I hope that no one sees my knees shaking. My heart is pounding so damn hard; I can hardly breathe. Must take slow, deep breaths. Must keep calm. Two minutes to go. "Our Father, who are in Heaven . . ."

"O. K., Robert. Here I come!"

It had stopped raining for half an hour now. But the clouds were still low and dark—ready to burst open any second. Slowly we struggled out of the river. Keeping low, we cautiously crept forward.

The artillery of both sides were pounding each other hard. Ours were trying to smash the enemy; while the Germans were firing desperately to throw us back. The gun blasts flashed and crashed across the sky. It seemed that the whole world was on fire. My nerves were tense and tight. My eyes were wide open, eyes sharp.

Robert Takeo, with his faithful Tommy-gun in his arms, at the head of our squad; his bearing, his every movement showed his courage and confidence. He was followed at ten yards slightly to the right by Edward Ogawa, our BAR man, who turned was followed by Richard Tengwan, our assistant BAR man. I was the fourth man, followed by Peter Tanabe. Sgt. Miyamoto, our new assistant squad leader, brought up the rear.

Twenty-five yards to our right, I could see our first squad being led by Lt. Johnson and S/Sgt. Ito Maui, winner of a Silver Star. Our left flank was covered by a roving patrol, out from the division. The third squad, led by S/Sgt. Asano, was still in the river, waiting for a signal from Sgt. Miyamoto.

Our machine-gunners in support, led by T/Sgt. Sadasu, were staging a duel to the finish with the enemy. They were firing fast and furious, sweeping the high ground before us. The Germans retaliated ferociously. We were not able to see them, but we could hear their faster machine-guns and machine pistols.

The tracers flying back and forth, some ricocheting into the sky, were beautiful to watch. But we were all alert for the surprise. Twenty-five—thirty yards we moved, then the Germans struck. With machine guns, machine pistols, and artillery and mortar shells, the Germans hurled "death" upon us. We dived into the mud.

"We gotta reach that knoll. Follow Me!" Robert shouted above the crashing sound. I wanted to remain in the shell hole I had found; but, "Follow me!" was the order. Grabbing my rifle I dashed forward. I tried to be brave, but the whirring sound of the shrapnel and the buzzing of angry bullets around my head made me dive for cover again.

As I slowly crept forward in the mud, Edward rushed toward me and yelled, "Com'un, Johnnie!"

"O. K. I'm with you!"

We both dashed forward, crouching low. I felt a little more courageous with a friend nearby. To my right, I momentarily saw Stan; to my left was Edward.

A shell exploded in my right front. It wasn't a large one, but I was barely able to hear the explosion. But I saw Stan go down, screaming and grabbing his stomach. Stan was my buddy.

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EDITORIALS: Feast of Racism

There is a growing realization among Canadian liberals regarding the dangerous implications of the Ottawa government's new regulations which continue its control over the movements of persons of Japanese ancestry and prevent the return of the evacuees to the coastal area of British Columbia.

The enforcement of such regulations during a time of war has been justified by government spokesmen on the grounds of military security and expediency. But the enforcement of such regulations during a time of peace is impossible to rationalize as democratic conduct.

Writing in the Winnipeg Free Press and other Canadian newspapers, Bruce Hutchinson, one of Canada's foremost journalists, goes to the heart of the problem facing Japanese Canadians today. That problem is the intimidation of government policy by the racist politicians of British Columbia, led by Ian ("No Japs from the Rockies to the Sea") MacKenzie, now Minister of Veterans Affairs.

"By saying that no Canadian must move as he chooses because his ancestors came from Japan, the House of Commons has violated the central principle of our society, has established a precedent which can be applied not only to Japanese Canadians but to anyone else," Mr. Hutchinson declared in his Free Press article. He added:

"And why has this been done? Because a handful of Japanese would be dangerous to our security on the Pacific coast when Japan is impotent and occupied? This preposterous fiction is actually maintained by Mr. Ian MacKenzie, who seems to fear a Japanese armada may sail into Vancouver harbor tomorrow morning, but no one, not even Mr. MacKenzie believes it. Why, then?

"First, because the competition of Canadian Japanese is feared on the Pacific coast, but when did it become a crime for a Canadian to work harder than his neighbor, and if this is a crime why stop with the Japanese? Why not prevent the free movement of any Canadian who will work harder than the local residents?

"Second, this whole policy is based on a very simple and obvious thing, racial hatred, and nothing else. A government which calls itself Liberal, which has signed solemn international covenants against the very practice, has yielded to a minority of British Columbia members of Parliament who hate the Japanese simply because they are Japanese. The Conservative opposition has joined in this feast of racialism and the British Columbia Conservatives are among the chief promoters of it. The CCF alone has rejected the invitation and stood by its principles.

"Sheer racialism, the doctrines of Hitler, have thus been written deliberately into the laws of Canada by men who are constantly mouthing their slogans of One World and universal peace . . . some of the infection which Hitler sowed throughout the world has penetrated into the political body of Canada. The fact that Canada is not seriously alarmed by it is the worst symptom of this illness."

The Hideous Profit

Attorney General Frederick N. Howser of California personally directed the legislative maneuver which last week resulted in the inclusion of a special appropriation for the enforcement of the California Alien Land law in the state budget after the item had been

stricken from the bill by the Ways and Means committee of the lower house.

When the Assembly began consideration of the \$75,180 Alien Land law enforcement fund which had been deleted from the bill by the Ways and Means committee, a preliminary lineup of legislators indicated that the committee's action would be upheld by a narrow margin. It was then that Attorney General Howser took personal charge of the fight on the floor to pass the appropriation. According to a report in the San Francisco News, Howser took personal charge of the fight on the final vote until they were able to swing a majority.

"Not since liquor bills were at stake were such concentrated vote-getting methods tried," the News reported on May 23. "Howser friends buttonholed opponents, hurriedly called in absentees." Finally three of the assemblymen changed their votes.

While district attorney of Los Angeles county during the war, Howser engaged in open race-baiting against Japanese Americans in an effort to prevent their return to the area. As attorney general of California, Howser has increased his political prestige and influence. It is to be regretted that he has not gained in stature or statesmanship.

The \$75,180 fund which Attorney General Howser covets will be used in the prosecution of Japanese Americans, including Nisei war veterans, for the alleged violation of the Alien Land law. Proponents of the measure have declared that the appropriation will prove an investment which will return a "million dollars" to the state in properties confiscated from Japanese Americans.

As Assemblyman George D. Collins of San Francisco, one of the outspoken opponents of the Alien Land law, commented last week, such an investment can return only a "hideous profit" which will not enhance the reputation of the state of California.

Camp for Citizenship

Of special interest to Nisei Americans 17 to 23 years of age will be the Encampment for Citizenship, an interracial, educational project to be sponsored by the American Ethical Union at the Fieldston school in Riverdale, New York, from June 30 to August 9.

Designed to promote an alert and informed democratic citizenship among American youth, the encampment is a six weeks course in interracial living, in community activity and democratic education.

The camp's educational program will emphasize the following phases of democratic life: the economic life of the city and nation, international issues, civil liberties and minority problems.

The study course will consist of lectures, discussions, trips, films, workshops and bull sessions. Research trips to New York including visits to sessions of the United Nations, will be part of the course. Young campers will also study public speaking, propaganda analysis and techniques of organization.

In addition the six-week encampment will include a variety of sports, craft and play activities.

The first Encampment for Citizenship held last summer was attended by three Japanese Americans.

A letter this week to the Pacific Citizen from Mrs. Su Geiger, executive secretary, invites additional Nisei representation at this summer's camp program.

The Encampment for Citizenship program, for which a fee of \$125 is charged, will be made available to Nisei boys and girls through scholarships, Mrs. Geiger reports. These will be awarded to young Nisei, 17 to 23, whose applications are approved by the admissions committee.

It has also been suggested that organizations such as churches, Y's, settlements, unions, civic groups and clubs sponsor delegates to the encampment. Applications should be made immediately, since the encampment is limited to 175 persons. The \$125 fee covers cost of tuition and living expenses, and the fee can be paid by the individual, by a sponsoring agency or by a scholarship grant.

The Encampment for Citizenship is a noteworthy project, training young Americans in the practices of democracy. We urge all interested Nisei to write immediately for application blanks.

A few application blanks will be available at the Pacific Citizen office, 413 Beason building, Salt Lake City 1, in the near future. Nisei may also write directly to Mrs. Geiger at Encampment for Citizenship, 2 West 64th street, New York City 23, N. Y.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Thirty-Four Votes

The 34 votes cast in the California Assembly last week against the Alien Land law enforcement fund failed to prevent the reinsertion of the special appropriation in the state budget, but those 34 votes represent the greatest vote of confidence the Nisei and their parents have received in the legislature.

The Alien Land law fund, a shameful bit of profiteering at the expense of the state's integrity, was jammed through the Assembly by the remnants of the yellow peril bloc which has dominated legislative consideration of matters pertaining to California residents of Japanese ancestry for two generations. The racists finally triumphed again at Sacramento, but found that their ranks were sorely depleted. The old hate-mongering fervor was gone. Even the more rabid members of the bloc, like Lloyd Lowrey and Albert Robertson, do not dare attack the record of the Nisei soldier. And one of the main supporters of the Alien Land law, Chester Gannon of Sacramento, has quit the fold, as previously reported.

The antics of the California legislature on a question concerning Japanese Americans is of special interest because the men at Sacramento long have set the pace on restrictive legislation against the group. California was the first state to enact an Alien Land law which was tailored especially to achieve the expulsion of resident alien Japanese farmers. Mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in California was a wartime expedient, but an attempted economic expulsion was initiated in 1913 with the passage of the original Alien Land law. Many other western states followed California's lead, particularly during the heat of yellow peril agitation from 1919 to 1924, but California is the only state in which the statute has been operative.

During the war California's legislature passed a law in 1943 specifically barring aliens of Japanese ancestry from commercial and game fishing in the state. The 1943 law was frankly discriminatory and sought to prohibit the return of the evacuees to their former place in the fishing industry of the state. Informed that this law was "unconstitutional" because it singled out a single racial group for discriminatory treatment, the California legislature passed an amendment which substituted the words "aliens ineligible to citizenship" for "Japanese" in the anti-alien provisions of the fish and game code. The effect would be the same, but the language was presumably legal. This law is still one of the statutes of the state, although its legality is now being tested in court.

Other states passed discriminatory legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry during the war as racist legislators seized upon war hysteria. Arizona passed a law which, in effect, prohibited any trade with persons of Japanese descent, but this was declared invalid by the state's Supreme court. Utah passed an Alien Land law modeled on the California statute in 1943, but this action was repealed by a near-unanimous vote of the first post-war legislature. Anti-evacuee interests in Colorado attempted to force an Alien Land law through the legislature, but the effort was defeated by the state's Senate. A later attempt to pass an Alien Land law as an initiative measure was defeated by the voters of the state. Wyoming's legislature passed a law prohibiting Japanese American evacuees relocated in the state from voting in the elections, while Oregon tightened its Alien Land law to the degree wherein the actual occupancy of land by Japanese aliens is questionable under the literal wording of the law.

Arkansas passed a foolish law which prohibits any person of Japanese ancestry, including American citizens, from purchasing land, while the Iowa legislature entertained a resolution to prohibit Japanese Americans from attending schools in the state. All of this legislative activity was inspired by the California legislature which has been the fountainhead of restrictive action on the so-called "Japanese question."

Most of the states undoubtedly

would like to forget their hastiness in passing racially discriminatory legislation. To date, however, Utah's is the only legislature which has had the moral and practical courage to reconsider and repeal its action.

Last week's action of the 34 members of the California Assembly in openly opposing the Alien Land law enforcement fund, which includes a provision for four undercover operators of the "grape" mold, whose job it will be to spy on the agricultural operations of Japanese Americans, is of considerable significance. It marks the end of organized antagonism against the state's Japanese Americans.

This is the first session of the California legislature which has not been besieged by organized anti-Japanese groups. The organizations which flowered during the anti-evacuee excitement which preceded the return of Japanese Americans to the state in 1945 now seem to have withered. Many have disappeared without a trace. Established groups such as the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, which have been traditionally anti-Oriental, now are embarked on an anti-Communist drive on the apparent presumption that Russians are Orientals. Walter Odemar and other Native Sons leaders are as emphatic these days in their anti-Communist oratory as they once were against Japanese Americans.

John Lechner, one of the professional patriots who was in the forefront of the anti-Nisei campaign during the war as the director of the Americanism Educational League, now is ferreting out "Communists" in Hollywood with the same energy with which he once sought saboteurs among the Nisei. It was Mr. Lechner as director of the Motion Picture Alliance, Hollywood's organized right wing, who was behind the recent testimony of Robert Taylor, Adolph Menck and others before the House committee on un-American activities.

The joint immigration committee, once the coordinator of organized yellow perilism in America, now exists only in the "letters to the editor" from H. J. McClatchy, who attempts periodically to revive the corpse of anti-Orientalism in California. Other groups, like the California Preservation Association, the various Anti-Japanese leagues in the Sacramento valley, the Monterey County Council on Japanese Relations, Home Front Commandos, No Japs, Inc., the Japanese Expulsion Association and various other groups in Brawley, Fairfield, Visalia, Tulare, Santa Barbara county and Salinas which thrived on war hysteria have either disbanded or are temporarily dormant.

The pressure is off the legislature on the "Japanese issue."

The exploits of the 442nd infantry echo these days in the California legislature and will one day drown out the hate-mongering of Lloyd Lowrey and other remaining racists. Bigotry no longer will be a banner to be waved proudly at Sacramento, as Hiram Johnson once acclaimed the crusade of the white supremacists. Thirty-four men who stood up to be counted in opposition to the Alien Land law have served notice that anti-Orientalism is dead in California.

Time Magazine Reader Has Answer For Congressman

James Spalding Bodrero, a reader of Time magazine, had an answer last week for a congressman who had opposed statehood for Hawaii with the comment "Do we want Senator Yamamoto coming to Washington?"

The congressman's comment appeared in the May 5 issue of Time and Mr. Bodrero's answer was published in the May 26 edition.

"As a member of a non-Asiatic family of four generations' residence in Hawaii (sugar planters), I . . . would like to point out to this congressman that Yamamoto is an extremely common Japanese name," Mr. Bodrero stated, "and doubt shines with quiet dignity on the burial markers of more than one member of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Letter to the Editor:

In the Obligation of UC's Japanese Student Club

For, Pacific Citizen:

regard to a recent article published in your paper concerning the University of California Japanese Student Club (UCJSC) we wish to express our appreciation for the invaluable service rendered by the University of California Students Cooperative Association (UCSCA) in taking over the UCJSC building during the time of the war. We also agree with the fact that the amount of \$750 per year set aside by them was ample to cover depreciation on the building during that period.

However, in normal times we feel that property now valued at \$50,000, erected and furnished at the cost of \$35,000 in 1925, should net at least 6 per cent yearly to the UCSCA from an investment standpoint. This would amount to \$3000 yearly.

regard to improvements made to the property, surely the UCSCA does not expect that such costs of improvements should be borne by the lessor when using the property at such a low rental. It is also pointed out that some of the so-called improvements were made to use the clubhouse as a men's dormitory for their own convenience, such as remodeling library and adjoining room into quarters for the housemother.

The UCJSC in the past two decades has consistently provided a board at a lower cost than any existing organization of its kind. Many members in the past have expressed the fact that they could not have been able to attend the university had not the UCSCA afforded such low living accommodations. The UCSCA because of its buying power can not but buy their provisions at a lower cost than the UCJSC, but we feel will be offset by the other operating expenses of a large organization.

Integration is a moot question and its evaluation depends entirely on the individual's background. We cannot close our eyes, however, to the fact that as far as the Japanese community is concerned the pattern is unchanged from pre-war days. As far as conditions on the campus are concerned we discern very little progress made toward integration in the fact that for almost 10 years they have not been held by the existence of Nisei organizations.

There are 305 Nisei students on campus. We doubt whether 10 per cent or 30 of them are active in ASUC and other activities. Should the remainder of them be deprived of a normal student existence to further the aspirations of a handful of ambitious students?

The fraternity system, restrictive covenants and existing marriage laws are but a few of the greater obstacles that hamper integration more than the existence of a mere student club. Pressure has been brought upon particularly in the East Bay area: 1) the students, 50 of whom signed a petition that the club be opened to house Nisei students. Many of these are veterans commuting from Richmond, and others, for the lack of better housing are working in homes in the vicinity of the campus; 2) Residents of northern California who donated generously to make a haven for Nisei students on the campus; 3) Alumni, who through years of experience are convinced that the UCJSC has a definite place in the life of the Nisei students.

As a natural course of events, it is indicated to the contrary by the majority of the members, the UCJSC has an obligation to open the clubhouse for the purpose for which it was built.

Henry Takahashi, '26
Hajime Uyeyama, M. D., '30
Sakaye Iwai, '30
Berkeley, California.

Address Wanted

NEW YORK CITY—The eastern office of the JACL has been asked to find the present address of Sudakura, formerly of California, in answer to a request from Japan. Information may be sent to the New York JACL office at 299 Madison Avenue, Room 1109, New York City 17.

Vagaries

Misaka . . .

Wat Misaka indicates he will not accept any of the pro basketball offers he has received. Misaka, however, may play some amateur basketball next year to keep his hand in . . . Although it's two years since the end of the war, a number of Nisei still are employed in the U. S. government's civilian intelligence services . . . Sono Osa, her husband Victor Elmaleh and their infant son, Niko, are staying with the Gene Kellys in Hollywood because of the current housing shortage . . . Hal Hoshino is mentioned as a possibility for a non-title match with Manuel Ortiz, world's bantamweight champion, after the latter's title bout on Memorial day in Honolulu with Davis Kui Kong Young.

Nomura . . .

Coach Bill Hubbard of the San Jose Spartans indicated in San Francisco last week that Babe Nomura, Nisei halfback, has a big part in the Spartan football plans for the 1947 season. San Jose's first game will be with the University of San Francisco, and Coach Hubbard is confident that Nomura will be a worthy match in the scabback department with the Dons' famous speedster, Forrest Hall . . . A Nisei talent revue, featuring Tats Bessho and his orchestra, was the feature of a special political rally which was held in Los Angeles to support a measure in the city elections for increased recreational facilities. A softball game between a team of Nisei and a Mexican American nine wound up the rally at Evergreen playground.

Seattle Strike . . .

Some 40 Nisei joined other AFL workers in a short two-day strike of metal molders last week in Seattle . . . A change in the National VFW's attitude on legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry is noted in the organization's support of the bill proposed by Sen. Downey of California to give naturalization rights to "ineligible alien" parents of U. S. GIs killed in action . . . An effort may be made to take the recent alien land law case in Oregon to the Supreme court for a hearing at the same time as California's Oyama case this fall.

GI Book . . .

"Hawaii's Own," a book about Hawaiian Nisei in the 442nd Combat Team and in G-2 units in the Pacific, was published this month in Honolulu by Larry Sakamoto, a veteran of the 442nd . . . A new Hawaiian quarterly magazine is "Nisei, in Hawaii and the Pacific," published by Harry Tomita, a Honolulu advertising man.

Yonamine . . .

Wally Yonamine, the Hawaiian Nisei star who will make his major league pro football debut with the San Francisco Forty-Niners in August, also is noted as a good baseball player. He is now playing first base for the Honolulu Athletics in the Hawaii league . . . A Hollywood studio official recently asked the correspondent of a Honolulu newspaper whether "they would ever let the Japanese come back to Hawaii." The movie official found it impossible to believe that persons of Japanese ancestry never were evacuated from Hawaii.

N.Y. JACL Office Seeks Address of Teruko Sumara

NEW YORK CITY—The present address of Teruko Sumara (or Sumura) is urgently requested by the New York office of the JACL, 229 Madison Avenue, Room 1109, regarding a claim filed by Miss Sumara through the Hunt, Mills and Betts law firm. Miss Sumara's claim must be filed immediately, it was reported.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Best-Seller in Nippon

Denver, Colo. Whatever the literary quality of "Tokyo Romance," Correspondent Earnest Hoberecht's novel on postwar Japanese life, there is no question regarding its popularity. It is a Japanese best-seller whose circulation, according to reports, is being held in check only by a newsprint shortage.

The voracious Japanese appetite for reading matter, especially translations of American publications, seems to have been whetted by the wartime famine.

In the period shortly before Pearl Harbor almost all American best-sellers also were Japanese best-sellers. And therein lies a story.

Numerous publishers and dabblers in literature staged spirited contests in those days to be the first to come out with translations of the latest American novels. This is the way some of the more enterprising worked:

A copy of a book would be torn into six or eight sections as soon as it was received off a trans-Pacific liner, and each of the sections distributed to a translator.

All of them would translate their portions as rapidly as possible, their efforts re-assembled, and placed in the hands of the typesetters who would race to get out the first complete book.

With several firms working on the same book, and each firm using a number of translators, the finished products were likely to vary widely in context. In addition, the style of writing was likely to vary with each section.

Those who know the business declare that often it was difficult to find much of a resemblance between the translation and the original.

Perhaps it was just as well since the publishers customarily ignored copyright laws and such details as the author's royalty.

A few Nisei in prewar Japan with a good command of both English and Japanese made pocket money translating these novels in their spare time.

May Queen in Iowa

Memo on queens: Add to the list of various Nisei festive and beauty queens the name of Marion Konishi. She was the May queen who ruled over a celebration at Simpson college, Indianola, Iowa.

Marion, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, has, among her qualifications, the distinction of placing on Simpson's honor roll four years running.

Many displaced Nisei students found a warm welcome at Simpson during the war.

The drug store is three and a half blocks from the house. Mike, our first-grader, knows a shortcut to

the store. It comes in handy when he has to rush down there in an emergency, like buying ice cream, for instance.

He volunteered to show us the shortcut in case we were faced with an emergency, like buying ice cream for him. So we went.

First we walked north a half block to the street, then we turned east. A half block later we cut down an alley and darted into a narrow walk between an apartment house and a row of garages. That passageway opened up on a rear court of the apartment, and walking through it was like intruding on someone's privacy.

Mike walked along as if he owned the place; we trod softly, half expecting to be challenged by some embattled householder. But no sentry appeared, and after another bend we were back on the relatively safe terrain of a public street.

The next deviation from well-trodden trails was up across an empty lot and along the hind end of a row of stores. However, this route was a few yards longer than the sidewalk, and apparently the youngsters set favors it only because it permits them to explore the mysteries of what storekeepers pile up along the backs of their establishments.

We realized, then, that we were getting old. We no longer appreciate the convenience of shortcuts.

Conversation Piece

There was a lull in the vigorous routine of skating, chasing around as cowboys and Indians, marbles, pumping like mad on coaster wagons, and just plain whooping around from the sheer exuberance of being kids.

They were sitting on the steps, resting for a moment and talking, and the little ruffian who lives down the block was telling how he made eight cents last Sunday.

"My Mom and Dad stayed in bed until 11 o'clock," he was saying. "I told my Mom to get up and she told me to get my Pop up."

"Then my Pop said if I got my Mom out of bed he would give me four cents. So I made my Mom get up and I made four cents."

"Then my Mom said I could have 50 cents out of my Pop's pants pocket if I could make him get up. But he wouldn't get up."

"Then my Pop said if I could make my Mom make breakfast he would give me four cents more. So I told my Mom and she made breakfast for us. So I made eight cents on account of my Mom and Pop are such sleepy-heads."

It was good for a laugh, but we went back to struggling with the lawn with a sinking feeling that our own youngsters may be going around bragging about their parents' failings.

The Silken Curtain: Do We Have a Complex?

By MARY OYAMA

Regarding a subject touched upon variously by Bill Hosokawa, Rev. Clark Garman, John Kitasako, Bob Cullum, Toshio Yatsuhiro and various others, a Caucasian friend makes this observation:

"My own reaction to the Nisei? It is silly of me to worry about problems other than my own, but I do, nevertheless, and I have always felt for the underdogs and the minorities. I have donated as liberally as I could in my position to the JACL and various organizations which I think might promote the welfare of the Nisei."

"But what ails the Nisei? I can talk to you, or J. K. or R. S. as frankly and freely as I would to any other Caucasian, but for the most part, the Nisei I have met do not quite come into this category. I don't mean that they are un-American, but they seem so sort of throttled, if you know what I mean—when they talk to me. I can't seem to get next to them."

"It is of no importance whether they let themselves go with me, or not, I don't mean to thrust my company upon them if they don't want it. But there seems to be a silken curtain between us. My personal reaction does not matter too much, but are the Nisei doing the same thing with other Caucasians? Because if so, they certainly are not helping the cause of assimilation and integration by a long shot."

"Now, take the JACL, for instance. I asked a Nisei girl about it. She seemed for it, but she tells me lots of GIs are not. I ask why? Oh, vaguely, she and some other Nisei don't like whoever the head guy is handling things, or what he stands for, or something. Well, I counter, don't the Nisei realize that they must have representation through united organization if they expect to promote their welfare?"

"We-e-ell, and a shoulder shrug. So I tell her, if the Nisei are not going to support the JACL or benefit from the organization itself, why should I throw away what little money I have giving it donations. I really can't afford it and it means nothing to me. I do not gain anything from it personally—not that I expect to, but if it is for the good of the Nisei, I

support it as my own gesture of goodwill. It is just a token of my friendship for a group that has taken a terrible licking for no fault of their own—"

"You and I have both heard the statement: 'Oh, they're different than we are (Caucasians)'—and I have always said no, they are not. They (the Nisei) are human beings, as aren't we all? But lately, doggonit, I am beginning to wonder if maybe perhaps the Nisei might not possibly be 'different'? Perhaps they look at things differently, or have a slightly different viewpoint, or perspective? Now, please do tell me what you know or what you discover about the Nisei. You think like a Caucasian and have the American psychology down pat. What do you know?"

(Then our friend whom we call "Caucasian," even though she has Japanese blood in her, but who was bred wholly in Caucasian society, tells us that her Issei parent has "always thought like a Caucasian" and that "there has never been any other way in our house." She also concludes her query by saying, "If I sound very critical of the Nisei, it is from their interest rather than disinterest. I want to see them emerge into something that stands together than just fringes around. Catch?"

At any rate, this missive provoked some thinking on our part. We too had deplored the general apathy of the average Nisei, the lack of social consciousness, lack of unity, slow pace of assimilation and integration (if at all), political immaturity and ignorance, no evidence that the Nisei had profited at all from the bitter lesson of evacuation, the setting up of the "silken curtain" by self-segregation, comparative apathy of Nisei veterans, etc.

All along, we had been thinking on the same lines as our friend. Could it be that we both were being a little impatient? Perhaps we were expecting "too much to happen too soon." We would have to recognize the fact that the average Nisei or the lay group would not be thinking in exactly the same terms as the Nisei leaders, or those who had become more thoroughly assimilated and integrated into American society than others (because of environment, education,

NOGUCHI'S SETS PROVE FEATURE OF NEW BALLET

NEW YORK—"The Seasons," a new ballet presented by Ballet Society on May 18 at the Ziegfeld theater, derives much of its effectiveness from the scenery and costumes designed by Isamu Noguchi, according to Frances Herridge in PM on May 21.

Merce Cunningham's 'choreography and John Cage's music are other features of "The Seasons."

"Noguchi used all the tricks in his bag for this one, plus a few new ones," Miss Herridge commented. "Changing lighting effects on the back drop suggested snow, fire, water and a wispy kite floating in a summer sky. Each season had its symbolic props which the dancers added to their oddly striped tights; a sex symbol here, and fertility symbol there, the snake of evil, a helmet of war. There was even a burst of gunpowder to herald the spring."

ADC Fund Group Canvasses Homes In Oakland Area

OAKLAND, Calif.—A joint Issei-Nisei committee is now carrying on a door-to-door campaign in Oakland to raise funds for the ADC, according to the East Bay JACL headquarters.

Plans for the ADC drive in Berkeley will be announced shortly by an Issei-Nisei committee headed by Mr. K. Togasaki, who recently returned from Hawaii.

cultural background, financial and economic status).

Some Nisei were more "Japanese" than others, some were more "Nisei" than others (not so "Japanese," but yet not quite as Americanized as the ultra-Americanized). Still others were those Nisei with varying degrees of: Japanese, Nisei, or American complexes. The "silken curtain" was thin, heavy, or non-existent between the Caucasian American and the Nisei according to the complex or the degree of psychological "clicking," like minds meeting on a like or unlike plane. Rather complicated business, all this, we admit, but something to think about.

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NEGRO TEAM WINS
MATCH AGAINST
CHICAGO NISEI

CHICAGO — In an inter-racial bowling match arranged through the midwest office of the JACL, the Negro bowlers of Sewell Bros. outpointed the Nisei Cab team from the Nisei Bowling league, 2820 to 2759, at the Triangle bowling alleys on May 21.

Dr. R. M. Sakada, representing the midwest JACL office, and acting manager of the Nisei all-stars, was introduced by Arthur Singleton, proprietor of the alleys in a brief preliminary program. Jackie Marshall, co-sponsor of the match, welcomed the Nisei team. Marshall, who is connected with the Pittsburgh Courier, was the 1946 champion of the National Bowling association.

Although team totals gave the victory to Sewell Bros., individual honors went to two Nisei keggers: T. Fujii, with a high game of 255, and George Yasukochi, who was presented a gold buckle for the high three-game series of 612. As a result of this successful event, a return match is being planned.

Detroit Chapter
Hears Report
On District Council

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit chapter of the JACL was given a first-hand account of the organizational meeting of the JACL Midwest District Council in Chicago April 26 and 27 by Willis Hirata, official Detroit delegate, at a membership meeting May 21 at the International Institute.

Tats Kishida, JACL representative in Chicago, spoke on the subject, "Why JACL and Why ADC?" Peter Fujioka, president, presided at the meeting.

The Detroit chapter will hold an anniversary ball June 21 at the Hotel Detroit-Leland ballroom to commemorate its first anniversary.

Betrothed

CHICAGO—Announcement of the betrothal of Miss Hideko Takahashi to Bao-Ling Deng of New York City was made on May 2 at a party celebrating the fourth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. William Y. Takahashi.

Miss Takahashi is at present employed as a photographer's associate in Chicago. Mr. Deng recently attended Northwestern university and is contemplating work with the United Nations.

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Nisei Soprano
Makes Hit in
Toronto Opera

TORONTO, Ont.—Lily Kuroyanagi, young Nisei soprano, won the praise of Toronto critics on May 15, when she took the leading role in the Rosselino opera company's production of "La Traviata" at Eaton auditorium.

Augustus Bridle, music critic of the Toronto Star, said that the Japanese Canadian girl "has the art of her compatriot Miura."

"Triaviata" is considered a test opera for coloratura sopranos, Edward Wolson of the Evening Telegram commented. "Lily Curonaga (Kuroyanagi) as Violetta came through that test triumphantly. She has a silvery soprano voice that ranges truly as flute tones through two octaves... How really 'grand' opera would be if all passionate sopranos would act as Lily Curonagi did last evening."

The role of Alfredo, Violetta's lover in the Verdi opera, was taken by Bontempi, a tenor from New York.

Prominent Utahns
To Act as Judges
In Speech Contest

Bishop Grant Iverson of the LDS church, Justice Harry Pratt and Bob Roberts, district attorney for the 3rd judicial district, will act as judges in the Utah Nisei oratorical contest sponsored by the JACL June 20 at the Tribune-Telegram auditorium, it was announced this week by George S. Mochizuki, chairman.

Deadline for entries is June 2, Mochizuki said, and written speeches must be sent to the contest committee by that date.

A dinner honoring the contestants will be held after the contest. Bill Mizuno will be in charge of the arrangements. Tickets for the dinner will be sold to the public.

Further details may be obtained by writing to Mochizuki at BOQ 436, Room 28, Vet Housing, U dormitory, Fort Douglas, Utah, or by calling 5-0788.

University Students
Have Japanese Dinner

DENVER—About 40 sociology students from the University of Denver attended a Japanese dinner at the Manchu Grill Thursday, May 15, under the direction of Min Yasui, JACL representative and instructor in a special sociology course, "Japanese American Contributions to American Life," at the university.

The program included a demonstration of koto playing by Madame Kineya, who played "Kagayaku Hi," and a talk on Japanese art and ikebana by Saburo Tani of the Ace Hi advertising studios.

A special display of Japanese art included flower arrangements by Mrs. T. Kako, prints and paintings loaned by Hibitsu Murai and Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, and Japanese dolls displayed through the courtesy of J. Kuroki of the Toyo company.

Mr. Sei Ozawa spoke briefly to the students, extending greetings on behalf of the Issei and Nisei of Denver.

Washington Girl
Is Wed in Hawaii

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Miss Joy Takeshita was married to Dr. Denis Teraoka of Honolulu on May 3 at the Honokaa Protestant church, according to word received by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Takeshita of Washington, D. C.

The attendants for the bride were Miss Jeanne Teraoka and Mrs. Thomas Hori, sisters of the groom. Francis Takemoto was best man. The Rev. Masao Yamada, former chaplain of the 442nd, performed the ceremony, while the scriptures were read by the Rev. Brewster of the Honokaa church.

Mrs. Teraoka was formerly employed by UNRRA in Washington, D. C. Dr. Teraoka, who was with the 442nd, has a dentistry practice in Honolulu.

Picnic

The Salt Lake City and Mt. Olympus chapters of the JACL will hold a joint picnic Sunday, June 29, at Storm mountain in Cottonwood canyon.

Italian War Bride of Nisei
Studies English in Honolulu

HONOLULU — Italian-born Josephine Del-Bondio Miyamoto has celebrated her first Mother's day on American soil and her qualification is a plump 3-month-old boy, Stanford.

The blue-eyed war bride, who arrived in Hawaii 11 months ago, is as enthusiastic over Mother's day as she is about most things that are American, the StarBulletin reported.

Her standard appraisal of everything from Manhattan's skyscrapers to Honolulu living conditions is a smiling "It is good."

The Miyamotos, who met in Leco in northern Italy when the 442nd

Combat Team was stationed there following the German surrender in Italy, are now occupying a three-room unit at Kalihi war homes.

They were married in Feb. 1946 in a civil ceremony in Leghorn, Italy, and remarried recently, at the bride's instigation, in a Catholic church service in Honolulu.

Ex-Sergeant Miyamoto is an employee of the Honolulu Gas company.

Mrs. Miyamoto, who is attending English classes in Honolulu, is ready to converse in a mixture of Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese and English.

Stranded Nisei Group Leaves
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MONTEREY, Calif.—Many copies of the MISLS Album are still being held for lack of proper forwarding addresses, according to Akira Oshida, chairman of the MISLS Album committee.

Persons who have not yet received their copies are asked to send their name, address and number of books purchased to the committee at the Presidio of Monterey, California.

Many copies of the album have been returned because there was no claimant at the forwarding address, Oshida said. He also stated that many soldiers who have "school battalion" as their only address have copies awaiting them. They will be forwarded upon receipt of present addresses.

Additional copies may still be obtained at \$3.50, postage prepaid.

Nisei Veterans Win
Sixth Straight in
Seattle League

SEATTLE—The Nisei Veterans' baseball team won its sixth straight victory last Sunday and remain undefeated in the Blue division of the Puget Sound baseball league.

The Nisei Vets defeated the Naval Station, 13 to 12, at Hiawatha grounds as Ted Matsushita doubled in Sam Sasaki and Jim Yamaguchi in the seventh inning for the tying and winning runs.

Shimizu, Takayoshi and Sasaki shared the pitching burden for the Nisei nine.

Dance Committee
Meets in Ogden

OGDEN, Utah—The executive committee for the Centennial graduation ball to honor Utah Nisei graduates met at the Utah Power and Light auditorium in Ogden Saturday, May 17, under Ken Uchida, general chairman.

The dance, to be held May 29 at the Weber college ballroom, will be sponsored by the Honeyville PYPA, the Davis Comets, the Syracuse YBA and the Ogden JACL.

Among committee members are Betty Horita, invitations chairman; Floy Tanaka, ticket sales chairman; Jim Watanabe, Tubber Okuda and Jack Oda, ticket sales committee for Davis county; Kol Haramoto and Kaz Takasuka, ticket sales committee for Box Elder county; and Matt Tateoka, Tada Sato, Stomo Ochi, Charlie Tsukamoto, Jake Kago, Toddy Same-shima and Shig Hamada, Weber county.

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Another large group of stranded Nisei who are being repatriated to the United States sailed on May 26 for Honolulu and San Francisco on board the General Patrick.

All of the repatriates were processed by the American consulate in Japan and their American citizenship was certified before they were permitted to schedule passage.

Also on board the General Patrick were two of the first Japanese who are being allowed passage to the United States under the recent allied headquarters arrangement for the travel of Japanese nationals abroad.

They are Arthur Akira Kamii and his one-year-old sister, Meika, who were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Ruth Kamii, an American citizen.

Arthur Kamii, who was born in Switzerland, is a victim of infantile paralysis and will go to Los Angeles, where relatives will help him obtain medical treatment. They are expected to stay with their uncle, Paul Aiso, in Hollywood pending approval of their visa in Washington.

Wedding

DETROIT, Mich.—The wedding of Miss Toshiko Yoshida, daughter of Mrs. Y. Yoshida, to Mr. George Ishioka was held May 18 at the Buddhist church with the Rev. S. Sako officiating.

Toshi Sako was the vocalist, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. A. Yagian, who also played the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Hiroshi. She was attended by Mrs. Sam Kawamoto, matron of honor, and Setsuko Itami, flower girl. Mr. Ben Ishioka, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Kurihara Installed
As President of
Ventura Group

VENTURA, Calif. — With forty members in attendance, the installation ceremonies for the new Ventura county chapter of the JACL were held on May 24 at the Pierpont inn.

The installation of Akira Kurihara, chapter president, and other officers was conducted by Eiji Tanabe, regional director of the JACL.

Other new officers of the Ventura chapter include: Izuto Otani, vice-pres.; Alice Kimura, sec.; Tadashi Tokuyama, rec. sec.; Nao Takasugi, auditor; and Harry Tsutsumi, sergeant-at-arms.

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Hawaii Nisei Artist Will Tour Army Hospitals on Mainland

HONOLULU—George Yamana, Honolulu artist who has drawn 100 charcoal sketches of wounded veterans in Hawaii without charge, is going on a tour of mainland hospitals.

"George Yamana is the sort of guy that a lot of wounded veterans are going to remember for a long time," the Star-Bulletin said recently. "He is the sort of a guy who, on his own time and with his own materials, spent hours in the wards of army hospitals here just drawing charcoal sketches of fellows."

Now George is on his way to the mainland and more military hospitals to do some more morale building with his 18 by 24 sketches.

He was prevented from seeing active service with his pals by reason of a hearing and speech defect. He took his drawing board to help out in his own way.

He is paying his own way and his trip to the mainland is going to be a little expensive.

Asked how long he expected to stay, George said: "Three months minimum. Maybe a year. It depends on how long my money holds out."

Army general hospitals in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago are on George Yamana's itinerary at present.

"The signature 'Jorge '43' first went at the bottom of a veteran's portrait one afternoon more than three years ago, when Artist Yamana visited an Oahu hospital at the request of a nurse," the Star-Bulletin reported.

"I had sort of wavy hair," one

of the men directed the sketcher. "This scar on my cheek doesn't really belong there," he prompted. So George took his cue and drew all the men the way they wanted to be—without marks or bandages or staring eyes.

In Washington he expects to visit the surgeon general to secure expediting of his work. It seems he has run into opposition.

"People think I have an axe to grind," he said. "They often can't grasp the idea that there is no charge for the work—that there is no other purpose than just doing this for the men."

For many years George Yamana was the display artist for Andrade's, a Honolulu firm. During the war he was appointed chairman of the Displays for Victory committee in Honolulu during the war and was consulting artist for the Army orientation program for the Central Pacific area.

Canadians May Stop Return Of Repatriates

OTTAWA—Although Canadian-born and naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry who have gone to Japan since the end of the war in the government's voluntary repatriation program may reenter Canada under the present law, it was indicated that administration officials may initiate action for legislation barring the return of members of the group.

Thomas Wayling, Ottawa correspondent of the Vancouver Sun, quoted a government authority as declaring that if Japanese Canadians now in Japan attempt to return "regulations would be put into effect in short order keeping them out."

"Parliament probably will have to pass the required legislation," the official stated.

Masunaga to Attend AVC Convention

SACRAMENTO—George Masuda will be one of the seven delegates of Sacramento chapter No. 1 of the American Veterans' committee who will attend the forthcoming AVC national convention in Milwaukee from June 19 to 22.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Takeuchi a girl on May 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mason T. Akiyama a boy on May 8 in Salt Lake City.

DEATHS

Mrs. Sayono Mitara, 75, on May 20 at Richfield, Utah.

Tachu Minowa, 64, on May 16 in Sacramento.

Mrs. Ko Kawaguchi on May 19 in San Francisco.

Zenbei Saiga on May 23 in Burbank, Calif.

Mrs. Tsune Endow Miyagishima, 54, wife of Seikichi Miyagishima, on May 27 at Warren, Utah.

Yasujiro Matsumoto on May 19 in Portland, Ore.

Tasuke Yano in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Tomiko Ninomiya Morino, wife of Kinji Morino, on May 26 in San Francisco.

Katsuji Oyama, 71, of 1820 West 34th Ave., Denver, on May 26. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miyo Oyama of Denver; by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Mittwer, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lily Sasaki, Covington, Ky.; and by three sons, Wesley, San Francisco; George Clem, Denver, and Joe, New York.

MARRIAGES

Janice Hashii to George S. Kamada on May 17 in Los Angeles.

Kiyoko Oba to Kiyoshi Uchida on May 18 in Monterey, Calif.

Chizuko Hayashi to Satoru Takemoto on May 10 in New York City.

Sumiye Miho to Dr. Keisaburo Kitagawa of San Francisco on May 24 in Detroit.

Dorothy Izumi to Masaki Hoshi on May 17 in Chicago.

Mariko Taketoshi to Chikateru Inouye on May 10 in Chicago.

Yaeko Uyemori to George Miyagi on May 19 in Chicago.

Japanese Alien Group Appeals Deportation

DENVER, Colo.—Seven residents of Japanese ancestry of Utah, California and Idaho on May 24 filed an appeal with the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver against a deportation order issued by the U. S. Immigration Service.

The plaintiffs were all ordered deported on the grounds that they now are illegal residents of the United States. The order was upheld in Federal district court in Salt Lake City on Dec. 21, 1946, by Judge Tillman D. Johnson.

It was noted that many of the plaintiffs were legal residents of the United States under the status of international traders or members of the families of international traders but that the classification was abolished following the abrogation of the commercial treaty between Japan and the United States.

The plaintiffs are: Takasaburo Sekino and Yoshiko Aoki, Salt Lake City; Sakijiro Moriyama, Clearfield, Utah; Hatsu Chogyogi and Hana Kanaya Hildebrandt, Los Angeles; Yasutaro Ikuta, Caldwell, Idaho; and Koshiro Miura, San Diego.

The appeal alleges the plaintiffs are being discriminated against "solely because of their race," and that "deportation at this time would constitute cruel punishment."

Several of the plaintiffs were held at the Tule Lake camp during the war. Mrs. Hildebrandt, a Japanese national who is the wife of a discharged Regular Army soldier, was interned with her husband at Santo Tomas, Manila, by the Japanese.

Attorney General Tom Clark and Gilbert F. Crowe, head of the Immigration Service's Salt Lake City office, were named defendants.

Veterans to Hold Carnival, Dance

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans will hold a carnival dance June 6 at the Italian entertainment park. Other valley organizations will enter concessions.

The dance will be held at the Palomar ballroom.

Nisei Elected to Hi-Y Post in Erie

ERIE, Pa.—Tom Doi, a Nisei, recently was elected president of the Bett chapter of the Millcreek Hi-Y club in Erie.

Yonamine Had Pro Grid Offer From New York Yankee Team

HONOLULU — Wally Yonamine, southpaw backfield star who signed a two-year contract with the San Francisco Forty-Niners of the All-America Football conference, will report to Coach Buck Shaw on July 21 for his first crack at major league pro football.

Yonamine will try to win a starting berth in a backfield which includes such stars as Frankie Albert, Norman Standee, Len Eshmont and Ken Casenaga, who were All-Americans at Stanford, Fordham and St. Mary's respectively.

The San Francisco offer was not the first pro contract proffered Yonamine. After his sensational play with the Leilehua Alums on the west coast last fall and with service teams in Hawaii, Yonamine received numerous offers from mainland schools as well as professional teams.

He was considering a \$5000 contract offered by the New York Yankees of the All-America conference when he received a better offer from San Francisco.

It was reported that Coach Shaw hopes to use Yonamine, a slashing, triple-threat star, to give the Forty-Niners the touchdown punch they lacked during the 1946 season.

Yonamine, who was selected on an all-star service team coached by Jock Sutherland last year, is 21 years of age and has been a star since he came from Lahainaluna high school to Honolulu and sparked Farrington high school's championship team of 1943.

He is said to have amazing poise on the gridiron and is a fine passer and kicker as well as a runner.

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House Subcommittee Favorably Reports Bill to Give Citizen Rights to Gold Star Parents

VFW-Sponsored Legislation Will Authorize Naturalization of All Ineligible Alien Parents Of U. S. Servicemen Killed in War

WASHINGTON—Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored legislation to authorize naturalization of Japanese "Gold Star" mothers and fathers took a long step toward passage during the present session of the 80th Congress this week, as the House Immigration sub-committee voted to favorably report the bill, HR 3555, to the full committee.

As originally drafted by the VFW legislative service and introduced by Rep. E. Gossett (D., Tex.), the bill would have affected only parents of deceased Japanese-American servicemen. However, the immigration sub-committee amended it to include all alien "Gold Star" parents who otherwise would be ineligible for American citizenship.

Following action by the House group, V.F.W. legislative officials expressed belief that the bill will become law before the close of the current Congressional session.

Development of the bill stems directly from a resolution adopted two years ago by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8 of Los Angeles, Calif. The resolution was forwarded to a post member and former staff sergeant in the famed Nisei 100th Battalion, Harry Tanouye, now employed in the coordi-

nation and planning service of the Veterans' administration in Washington, D. C. The Nisei hero presented the resolution to the national legislative committee of the V.F.W., and the V.F.W.'s legislative service took action to draft the bill.

Enactment would open the door to American citizenship for an estimated 1200 Japanese "Gold Star" parents, and an undetermined number of other foreign nationals.

Coloradoans Honor Nisei War Dead On Memorial Day

DENVER, Colo.—More than 40 known Colorado Nisei war dead were honored at Memorial Day services Friday morning in the city auditorium annex.

The Denver Buddhist church, the California Street Community church and the Japanese American Citizens League sponsored the program.

Colorado Nisei who died in service are Harry Endo, Abe Fuji, George Futamata, George Gushiken, Victor Katsumi Hada, Kaneo Hattori, Takeshi Hattori, Takashi Ito, Masami Inatsu, Frank Kanda, James Karatsu, Haruo Kawamoto, George Kawano, Seike Kawano, Paul Kimura, Mamoru Kinoshita, John Kyono, Peter Masuoka.

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Randolph Sakada Named Treasurer Of Lions Group

CHICAGO—Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada, prominent Chicago optometrist and 2nd national vice president of the JACL, was recently elected treasurer of the Oakland-Kenwood Lions club.

Sadie Hawkins

FRESNO, Calif. — Yoshi Noda and Harry Nakata were chosen Daisy Mae and Lil Abner at the ELLE's Sadie Hawkins dance Friday, May 23, at the Marigold ballroom.

More than 250 informally clad dancers watched the mock wedding of the couple as performed by Hiro "Marrying Sam" Kusakai during the intermission.

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Nisei Attorney Named To Executive Board Of Municipal League

LOS ANGELES—Elmer Yamamoto, Los Angeles Nisei, has been elected a member of the executive board of the Municipal League of Los Angeles, according to an announcement made by J. B. Tietz, treasurer of the league and the sponsor of Mr. Yamamoto.

The Municipal league, founded in 1901, chiefly concerns itself with giving non-partisan information and recommendations at election times.

Both Mr. Tietz and Mr. Yamamoto are attorneys long active in Japanese American interests. Mr. Tietz is presently legal counsel for the Nisei Veterans' association.

Colorado Unity Council Backs Evacuee Claims

DENVER — The Colorado State Unity Council on May 24 endorsed immediate enactment of bills to liberalize naturalization laws and to create an evacuation claims commission.

The Unity Council's resolution stated that "the achievement of democracy and the fulfillment of the equalitarian principles of this nation must be reinforced by national legislation."

Violations to the rights of minority groups within the United States occur in employment, the poll tax, lynching, naturalization laws, deportation and evacuation claims, the Unity Council said.

The council also asked for passage of FEPC legislation, anti-poll tax bills, anti-lynch laws, and bills regarding naturalization, deportation and evacuation claims.

Two hundred delegates from all parts of Colorado attended the conference. Nisei delegates included Min Yasui, Toshio Ando, George Furuta, Roy Takeno and True Yasui from the JACL and Mrs. Genta Nakamura, Mary Louise Sasaki, Chiyo Horiuchi, Dorothy Wada, the Rev. Russell Nakata and Mr. W. Nakamura of Sterling.

Northwest Council To Hold Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Pacific Northwest JACL district council will meet June 7 and 8 in Portland to elect permanent officers and adopt a constitution.

Hito Okada, national president, and Masao Satow, acting executive secretary, will attend as representatives of the national office.

The Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne and his wife will be honored by the delegates at a dinner Saturday, June 7. The Rev. Burgoyne returned to Hood River recently after receiving the Thomas Jefferson award for the advancement of Americanism at a dinner in New York City.

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VFW Council Asks Warren To Drop Alien Land Law Fund

Golden Poppy Group Unanimously Requests Governor's Action

SACRAMENTO — The Golden Poppy Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, comprising 34 posts in northern California, unanimously requested on May 26 that Governor Warren strike out the Alien Land law enforcement fund of \$75,180 from the state budget.

"Japanese American veterans by their exemplary war record have earned deserved justice for themselves and their families," the VFW communication to Gov. Warren stated. "No other class of citizens or veterans is being thus penalized because of ancestral origin. Forward-looking Californians concur with us that class legislation of this type must be wiped out."

Elmo L. Irish, commander of the Golden Poppy Council, declared that a resolution asking the substantial modification or repeal of the California Alien Land law will

be presented to the state committee of the VFW. "It is expected that eliminating this outmoded law will be a date upon our VFW legislative representatives," Commander Irish said.

In a letter to Assemblyman Robert Robertson of Santa Barbara, leader of the Assembly which succeeded in obtaining reinstitution of the Alien Land enforcement fund, Commander Irish declared that remarks by Robertson on the Assembly that no veterans are being harmed by the law "must surely be based on misinformation."

Commander Irish cited the case of three Nisei veterans against whom the state has filed suits for confiscation of farm property.

"We hope that you as an honest and fair legislator will see eye with us in the modification and elimination of the Alien Land law which we consider class legislation of a most vicious nature," Commander Irish stated.

Nisei Manager Trains Marino For World Championship Bout

GLASGOW, Scotland — A 39-year-old Nisei fight manager, Sad Sam Ichinose of Honolulu, is putting the star of his boxing troupe, Dado Marino, through the final training paces before Marino faces Scotland's Jackie Paterson, world's flyweight champion, before 40,000 fans in Glasgow on June 11.

Ichinose has two young Nisei fighters who are training with Marino in Scotland, as well as a promising middleweight named Tommy Blondin.

The two Nisei stars, both undefeated to date in professional competition, are two of the outstanding boxers of the 1946 National AAU championships in Boston. They are Robert Takeshita, 20 years of age, who was the United States amateur welterweight champion in 1946, and Baldwin Okamoto, who was a finalist in the bantamweight division.

Takeshita has won sixteen straight fights since he turned professional in 1946, winning 14 by knockouts.

Takeshita and Okamoto are expected to fight in Scotland, London, Paris and Stockholm before their return with Ichinose to the United States. On their return to Hawaii, the fighters are expected to be booked in New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Ichinose hopes that the international tour will result in a Marino victory which will mean a world's championship for Hawaii and that the trip also will establish both Takeshita and Okamoto as outstanding contenders in the welterweight and bantamweight divisions, respectively.

Fresno VFW Post Invites Nisei To Membership

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno VFW post No. 884 has invited Nisei war veterans who served overseas to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Shim Hara, president of the United Veterans.

Joseph Noda Named To Amvets Post

LOS ANGELES—Joseph M. Noda, adjutant of the West Los Angeles post of Amvets, recently assigned to the office of adjutant for the Los Angeles county council of Amvets, according to Joseph Hager, commander of Post 34 Amvets, this week.

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