



## House Group Favors Evacuee Claims Bill



Little Wayne Miyahara, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miyahara of Sunnyvale, Calif., is shown at O'Connor hospital in San Jose following an operation for the removal of the cornea from his tumor-afflicted eye. The Miyaharas offered the cornea to a "blind and needy" person and the Red Cross promptly found a recipient in San Francisco.—San Jose Mercury Herald photo.

### New Cornea Put in Eye of Blind Woman

SAN FRANCISCO—A blind San Francisco woman is reported "doing satisfactorily" in University of California's hospital this week, following an operation on June 24 in which the cornea from a 3-year-old Japanese American boy was transplanted into her eye.

The child, Wayne Miyahara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miyahara of Sunnyvale, suffered a tumor, making removal of the entire eye necessary. The operation was performed in San Jose and the eye was then rushed to San Francisco where the cornea was transplanted.

### Kawakita Case Continued on Defense Appeal

Counsel Will Request Transfer of Trial To Court in Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Tomoya Kawakita, 26, was arraigned on treason charges on June 23 before Federal Judge William C. Mathes.

Judge Mathes allowed continuance of the proceedings until a later date for plea and hearing on various motions filed by Kawakita's attorney, Morris Lavine.

Counsel for Kawakita indicated that they will ask that the trial be transferred to Tokyo in order that the defendant, charged with mistreatment of American war prisoners in a Japanese prison camp, will be able to call witnesses.

Kawakita, one of the first persons of Japanese ancestry to return to the United States after V-J day, arrived in San Francisco in Aug., 1946. It is alleged that he provided false information to American consular authorities in Japan in order to obtain permission to return to his home in Calexico, Calif.

### LODI GIRL DIES FROM INJURIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

LODI, Calif. — Ruth Shigeko Funamura, 15, died June 19 of injuries sustained when the car which she was driving overturned on South Orchard Road on June 18.

Another passenger in the car, Mary Furuoka, 15, of Acampo, received severe lacerations about the legs and body bruises. Kenichi Takai, 15, also of Acampo, was treated for fractured ribs.

According to highway officers who investigated, the car in which the young people were riding was believed to have been traveling at a high rate of speed down South Orchard road when it overturned and rolled about 75 feet.

The injured girls were taken to Buchanan hospital in Lodi where Miss Funamura died the next morning.

### 54 Nisei Leave for Alaska Cannery Work

SEATTLE — Fifty-four Nisei were included in the second contingent of Alaska canned salmon industry workers who left on June 14 aboard the SS Cape Victory for the Bristol Bay area, according to George Minato, president of the Seattle JACL and former member of the executive board of the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers Union, Local 7, CIO.

A few Nisei were in the first group which left for the Cordova and Anchorage areas.

Before the evacuation 800 persons of Japanese ancestry were employed each season in the Alaska canned salmon industry from the Seattle area.

### Proposal Redrafted to Give Justice Department Authority In Indemnification Program

WASHINGTON—After nearly a month's delay swift action on the part of the subcommittee and the full Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives on June 24 brought the Evacuation Claims Commission bill (H.R. 2768) out of committee and tentatively ready for House consideration, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Early approval on June 24 by the House Judiciary subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John W. Gwynne, R., Iowa, which had heard testimony on the bill last month, sent the proposed legislation on to the full committee where it was reported out favorably the same afternoon.

At the same time the Judiciary committee ordered a favorable report drawn on the Evacuation Claims Commission bill, which will provide for the indemnification of evacuees of Japanese ancestry for accountable business and property losses sustained as a direct result of the Pacific coast evacuation in 1942, the group also ordered a new bill drawn to incorporate amendments.

The Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee noted that although the general provisions of the bill remains the same the Judiciary committee has drafted an amendment which would shift the administration of the indemnification program from the Interior Department to the Justice Department. The addition of this provision also has necessitated various minor amendments so that a redraft of the whole bill was ordered by Rep. Earl C. Michener, R., Mich.

The bill is scheduled to be ready within "two or three days" in its new form, the JACL-ADC office was advised.

"The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee approves the committee's action in placing the proposed Evacuation Claims Commission under the supervision of the Department of Justice instead of the Interior Department," Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL-ADC, declared. "This should answer all arguments that

'disloyal' Japanese claimants would be indemnified under the terms of the bill."

"Since time is running short in this congressional session, we hope to have the bill placed on the consent calendar of the House and to activate interest in it in the Senate," Mr. Masaoka added.

The bill which originally was introduced on March 25 by Rep. Michener is similar to a bill which was passed unanimously by the Senate in the 79th Congress but which was not acted upon in the House. It provides for the creation of a three-man claims commission to adjudicate certain losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry as a result of the evacuation.

The bill received a public hearing on May 29 before Rep. Gwynne's subcommittee at which time eight witnesses favored its passage and only one, Rep. Clair Engle of California, voiced any objection to any of its provisions.

Among those who testified in favor of the claims bill were Hito Okada, Salt Lake City, national president of the JACL; Oscar L. Chapman, Undersecretary of Interior; Dillon S. Myer, former WRA director and now commissioner of Federal Public Housing Authority; Dr. Leonard Bloom, professor of sociology at UCLA; Elmer J. Hewitt, vice president of the AFL union at Seabrook Farms, New Jersey; the Rev. F. Nelson Schlegel; Malcolm A. Pitts, former regional director of the WRA; and Mike M. Masaoka.

### House Committee Approves Bill To Stay Deportation of Aliens

Proposal Will Give Attorney General Discretionary Powers

WASHINGTON — In executive session last Friday the House Judiciary committee unanimously approved H. R. 3566, the deportation staying bill, and ordered it to be reported out for House action, according to an announcement from the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee on June 23. The House should receive the report on Monday or Tuesday, the ADC office reported.

Involving more than 2,000 Japanese in this country who are subject to deportation, H. R. 3566 would extend to the attorney general discretionary powers to cancel the deportation of aliens, regardless of race or inadmissibility into the United States.

Conditions to the bill provide for such discretionary powers only when such deportation would result in serious economic detriment to an American citizen family or a resident alien spouse or in cases where the deportable alien has been in the United States for seven or more consecutive years.

"Since there is little time left before Congress adjourns and since we would like to see this legislation passed, an attempt is being made to have the bill placed on the Consent calendar of the House," Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, stated.

The Judiciary committee has already submitted an application to the Rules committee to allow placement on the Consent calendar, he revealed.

Outgrowth of the two-year cam-

paign of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee to place prospective deportees of the Japanese race on the same basis as deportees of other countries, H. R. 3566 is a redraft of four previously introduced bills.

Most recent of these was H. R. 2933, a measure drawn up by the Justice department as a comprehensive amendment to the federal immigration and deportation laws.

This was reworked by the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and after several further changes to eliminate provisions objectionable to the attorney general the bill was designated H. R. 3566 and sent on for full Judiciary committee action.

### Chicago Nisei Artists Plan First Exhibition

CHICAGO — A newly-organized Nisei artists group in Chicago will sponsor their first exhibition on July 20 at the Southside Commercial Art Center, 3831 Michigan St.

The new group has been named the Gaka-Artists group and will present drawings, paintings, sculptures, graphic arts and ceramics in their forthcoming exhibition.

One of the members of the group, Miyoko Ito, formerly of Berkeley, Calif., recently was awarded the \$100 Brodus James Clarke memorial prize for her oil painting, "Big White Boat," which was exhibited at the Chicago Art Institute.

George Shinkichi Tajiri, a veteran of the 442nd Infantry and another member of the group, had a sculpture, "Young Boy," which also was exhibited at the Art Institute.

### Cornea From Eye of Child May Give Sight to Blind Woman

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Doctors hoped this week that the cornea from the right eye of 3-year old Wayne Miyahara may enable a San Francisco woman to see. The child's eye was removed June 24 because a tumor had formed at the base of the skull. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miyahara of Sunnyvale, were told by doctors that the

cornea was not injured by the tumor and could be grafted to the eye of a blind person.

The Miyaharas agreed and the Red Cross found a woman who needed such an operation. The woman's name was not disclosed.

Little Wayne was born in a war relocation center at Heart Mountain, Wyo.

### Congress Passes Private Bill for Woman in Philadelphia

Approves Measure to Record Lawful Entry of Mrs. Thurn

WASHINGTON — Congressional action was completed this week on H. R. 1318, a private bill to permit lawful admission to the United States for permanent residence of Fuku Kurokawa Thurn, according to the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee which reported that the measure passed on June

so that her son, John Alexander, might complete his engineering training.

She was born in Japan and married Theodore Thurn, an American engineer, in 1905 in Tokyo. In 1922 they and their three children left Japan for a vacation trip to Switzerland.

It was there that Thurn became seriously ill and died.

One of the daughters later married a Swiss citizen and the other married an Italian citizen. Both are still living in Europe.

Altogether an active supporter of the United States during the war as a member and active worker in various defense groups, Mrs. Thurn was scheduled for deportation as an alien. A resident of Philadelphia, she is an active supporter of the Philadelphia JACL chapter.

### 63 Nisei Graduate From High School In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Sixty-three Nisei, the largest number to be graduated from a single high school in Los Angeles, received their diplomas on June 19 at Roosevelt high school.

H. R. 1318 is the first private bill affecting a person of Japanese ancestry to be passed since the end of the war, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, declared.

"We hope this means that our private bills will also be

introduced by Representative Eddie Scott of Pennsylvania, Republican, on January 23, H. R. 1318 passed the House on April 10 after favorable reports by the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and the full Judiciary committee.

The bill is now awaiting the signature of President Truman.

Mrs. Thurn entered the United States in 1937 on a visitor's permit



## Commonwealth Club's Members Favor Immigration Quota for Aliens of Japanese Ancestry

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the Commonwealth club last week voted 798 to 770 in favor of an immigration quota for Japanese aliens, it was announced.

Fourteen years ago the club turned down a similar proposal by a vote of 713 to 364.

The voting also brought favorable totals for the application of immigration quotas to nationals of Siam, Korea, Burma and the Dutch East Indies.

By a vote of 819 to 744 Commonwealth club members voted against a blanket quota for "all Orientals and Pacific Islanders not now admissible."

The balloting followed study of a report published by the club's immigration section which summarized alternative policies for admitting other nationals to the United States and American citizenship.

Regarding present immigration procedures the members voted 953 in favor of existing quotas, 369 for increases and 374 for tightening the quotas.

An immigration quota for Korea was favored by a vote of 830 to 730.

## Part of Former Assembly Center Destroyed by Fire

SACRAMENTO — Part of the former Walerga assembly center for persons of Japanese ancestry was destroyed by fire on June 20.

The Walerga camp, which once housed evacuees from the Sacramento area who later were transferred to the Tule Lake center, was renamed Camp Kohler when it became an Army installation.

About 100 of the camps buildings were destroyed in the spectacular blaze.

Several hundred returned evacuees were quartered at Camp Kohler in 1946 when they were unable to obtain private housing.

## Kawaoka Enters National Clay Courts Tennis Tournament

James Kawaoka and two other Hawaiian tennis players, Rudy Tongg Jr. and Francis Kam, arrived in Salt Lake City this week to participate in the national clay courts tournament which opens on July 28 at the Salt Lake Tennis club.

## Utah Governor Hails Citizenship Of Nisei Residents of State

Hope that Utah's new citizens of Japanese ancestry will remain in the state and will participate in the future of the intermountain country was expressed by Governor Herbert B. Maw in a short talk at the Salt Lake JACL graduation dance on June 21 at the Union building on the University of Utah campus.

Gov. Maw found high praise for the citizenship of Utah's Americans of Japanese ancestry and noted that members of the group had made a brilliant record during the war in the U. S. Army.

Governor and Mrs. Maw and President A. Ray Olpin of the University of Utah were among the guests at the dance.

President Olpin told of the splendid record made by Japanese Americans at the university. He cited the present activities of Mike A. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and noted Masaoka's activities while a student at the university.

## Kaelin Sisters Reunited With Mother in U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Kaelin sisters, Yuriko Katrina and Fusa Marielli, half-Japanese daughters of Mrs. Martha Kaelin, Cincinnati-born woman who has been a resident of Japan for the past 30 years, were reunited with their mother this week.

The two girls have been detained by the Immigration Service at the alien detention ward following their arrival in the San Francisco with special permission from General MacArthur's headquarters.

Word was received from the main office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia that \$500 bond had been approved for the two girls. Previously, San Francisco immigration officials had refused to permit the entry of Yuriko and Fusako Kaelin because they believed that the \$500 bond required was not sufficient to insure that the girls will leave when their stay in this country had been terminated.

Mrs. Kaelin met her husband when he was a student in the United States. The couple was married in Japan and the girls were born there. The parents separated after the birth of the second daughter and the present whereabouts of the father are unknown.

Fusa, the younger daughter, worked for Time Magazine in Tokyo following the occupation and Yuriko was employed by the American military government.

## San Jose Picnic

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One hundred and fifty persons attended the community picnic sponsored by the United Citizens League on June 22 at the Hidden Villa grounds in Los Altos.

The Utah centennial theme was carried out in decorations for the dance.

Gov. Maw and President Olpin participated in the presentation of Utah's new Nisei graduates of colleges, universities, high schools and business training institutions. All of the girl graduates were presented with red roses.

Dr. Olpin also presented Dr. James Sugihara, assistant professor in chemistry at the University of Utah, who is the first student to be awarded a Ph.D. by the university.

Masao Satow, JACL national secretary, presented Governor Maw with a membership card in the JACL and a JACL pin.

Bill Mizuno was chairman of the dance committee. Others were Toshi Odow, invitations and orchestra; Mrs. Henry Y. Kasai, tickets and reception; Tazuko Nishizaki, refreshments; Jane Akimoto, publicity; and Ruth Matsuda, dance programs.

## Northern California Groups Give \$36,000 to ADC Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Northern Californians have already contributed a total of \$36,000 for the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, according to Akimi Sugawara, executive secretary of the Issei supporters committee in charge of the ADC fund drive.

The sum represents passing of the half-way mark in the campaign, during which the committee hopes to raise a total of \$66,300, which has been set at the quota for northern California.

Donations, as of June 21, were as follows: Salinas, \$200; Sacramento, \$1,424.85; Richmond, \$310; Sonoma county, \$940; Placer county, \$2,925; Suisun district, \$460; Fresno, \$10,020; Visalia, \$100; Stockton, \$1,500.

Oakland, \$45; Colusa, \$146; Menlo Park, \$5; Napa, \$40; Berkeley, \$137; Alameda, \$20; San Jose, \$2000; Marysville, \$409; Redwood City, \$1; Livingston, \$2952; Modesto, \$50; Cortez, \$2500; Eden Township, \$1252; Florin, \$796.50; San Mateo, \$2000; San Francisco, \$3,500; out-of-state, \$10.

Donations totaling \$3,000 have been received since the June 21 figures were made out, according to Mr. Sugawara.

## Radio Star Plugs Democracy



Andy Russell, noted radio and screen star, appeared with young John Kimura, student at Roosevelt high school in Los Angeles, in a radio show on June 23 over KRKD, Los Angeles. Sponsored by the County Council on Human Relations, the program stressed intercultural and interracial relationships in the Los Angeles area. Andy Russell, of Mexican ancestry, also is a graduate of Roosevelt high. Written and directed by Dempster Dirks and Mark Keats, the program, "These Are Your Neighbors," featured Koichi Inouye, Nisei employed in advertising, and Tad Shindo, orchestra leader, in past broadcasts. Photo by Toyo Miyatake, Los Angeles.

## Masaoka Condemns Alien Land As "Legal Bigotry"; Requests Howser Withhold Filing Suits

SAN FRANCISCO—Stating that there is a growing consciousness that the alien land law is "legal bigotry," Joe Grant Masaoka of the San Francisco office of the JACL this week reiterated his request that the office of the attorney general of California withhold the filing of new suits on alleged violations of the alien land law.

In a letter to Fred N. Howser, attorney general, on June 21, Masaoka asked additionally that the attorney general sanction a five-year statute of limitations to be proposed as a bill before the next legislative session.

He also asked the approval of a referendum measure for redetermination of the alien land law by the people.

Masaoka thanked Howser for meeting personally with him and others interested in the defeat of the alien land law on two previous occasions, adding that the meeting reflected a "conscientious effort to comprehend all sides of the situation."

The JACL representative lauded the Assembly ways and means committee, which voted 14-3 earlier this month to strike out a budget appropriation for enforcement of the bill.

"The considered decision by this committee is significant," Masaoka wrote to Howser. "Remarks by legislators indicated they felt this item should not be given a free ride on the budget but should stand or fall on its own merits as a separate appropriation bill. This was the only legislative body before whom an opportunity was presented to discuss fully the alien land law. The vote to reject the appropriation is particularly revealing."

Masaoka stated that the original purposes of the law have become twisted to victimize citizens of Japanese ancestry, including U. S. army veterans. He also said that nearly every family of Japanese descent in the country is represented in the 33,330 Nisei who fought

## Honolulu Girl Will Aid Blind Persons

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Hideko (Dee) Shimokawa, 20, partially blind from birth, left San Francisco this week en route to her home in Honolulu, where she will be in charge of the public library's branch for the blind.

Before her departure Miss Shimokawa and a fellow Hawaiian, Robert Oshima, visited the San Francisco Association for the Blind to inspect the work done by Blindcraft.

Mr. Oshima, manager of the Territorial Shop for Adult Blind, is on the mainland to study methods of working with the blind and to purchase materials.

## Passes Away

STOCKTON, Calif. — Totaro Goto, 80, pioneer resident of the Stockton delta district, passed away here Monday, June 23. He had been a resident in the area for 50 years.

## CRDU Group Enters New Escheat Case

State Seeks Seizure Of Vineyard Property In Fresno County

SAN FRANCISCO—The Citizens Rights Defense Union will take defense of the Kaneichi escheat case, in which the state now held in the name of Y. Kaneichi, 28, according to Motoki, executive secretary of CSDU.

The state, according to its filed in April, has held that property is actually the property of Yoshio's father, Kiehei Kaneichi of Route 9, Box 2818, Fresno. The land in question was originally held in the name of another Kaneichi in 1940.

Hearing on the case, originally set for June 28, in the Fresno superior court, has been postponed.

James C. Purcell will represent the Kaneichis, according to Motoki.

Mr. Motoki stated that the Kaneichi case is the 13th to be taken by the CRDU.

He also stated that the CRDU will cooperate in other cases being handled by local attorneys and will act in an advisory or consulting capacity upon request.

## Twelve Nisei Receive Washington Diplomas

SEATTLE — Twelve Japanese Americans were among the students who were graduated ceremonies on June 14 at the University of Washington.

Three members of the group received cum laude honors: Yukiko Ideta, Roy Eiji Nakano and Cyrus S. Noritake.

Other graduates included M. jorie C. Ota, Hisa Nakata, Eunice Takei, Masao Bud Ueda, Toshio Noma, Sachiyo Kodama, Tad C. Fujioka, C. M. Murakami and Hiroshi Yamada.

## Skating Party

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League will sponsor a skating party on July 3 at Rialto land. League members will receive special rates upon presentation of their UCL cards.

## New York Protestant Churches Endorse Evacuee Claims Bill

By INA SUGIHARA

NEW YORK—The Human Relations Commission of The Protestant Council of the City of New York, speaking on behalf of the Protestant churches of the city, this week endorsed the Evacuation Claims Commission bill (H. R. 2768) and the Deportation bill which would empower the Attorney General to stay the deportation of several hundred treaty merchants, students, and others of Japanese and other ancestry.

The group urged leaders of Congress, the President and all New York congressmen to support these measures on behalf of democracy and Christian decency. The restitution of losses incurred in the evacuation was considered a "national responsibility in view of the fact that our national government issued the orders and conducted the process of evacuation."

Among members of the Commission are: Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Bishop of the Protestant

Episcopal Diocese of New York; chairman; the Rev. Dr. Robert Searle, executive secretary; Prof. John C. Bennett, Department of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary; the Rev. Dr. H. Sloan Coffin, President Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary; the Rev. Dr. Phillips P. Elliott, First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn; the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Dick, Pastor Emeritus, The Riverside Church; Dr. Harry D. Gerson, President, Brooklyn College; Hon. Leonard V. Harrison, Former Commissioner of Welfare of the City of New York; Mrs. Elinor Herrick, New York Herald Tribune; the Rev. Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, Director, Department of Research and Education, Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Walter Kaempfert, Science Editor, The New York Times; Dr. Edward C. Lindeman, New York School of Social Work; Hon. Charles Pollock, former Lt. Governor of the State of New York and others.

## House Will Vote on Citizenship For Parents of Nisei War Dead

WASHINGTON—Action on the Gossett naturalization bill, H. R. 3555, by the House of Representatives has been tentatively set for July 7, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week.

Placed on the consent calendar of the House last week after approval by the Committee on the Judiciary, H. R. 3555 will come up for debate on the next consent day, which is July 7, the ADC office reported.

The Gossett bill asks for naturalization privileges for all persons, regardless of race, who are parents of a member of the armed forces

of the United States who died in service in World War II.

Introduced in May by Representative Ed Gossett of Texas, the bill was delayed somewhat by amendment, according to Mike Masaoka, national legislative director.

However, since approval by the Subcommittee on Naturalization and Immigration two weeks ago, H. R. 3555 in its amended form proceeded rapidly through the House legislative processes, Masaoka stated.

In its original form, the Gossett bill asked for naturalization only those sons died while serving in the armed forces.





IKUO OYAMA, outstanding Japanese liberal who opposed the militarists and was forced to leave Japan and come to the United States in the 1930s, is returning again to Japan in July. Prof. Oyama was the leader of Japan's Social Mass party which constantly opposed the war-making program of the militarists until 1936. During his long exile in America Prof. Oyama has been on the faculty of Northwestern university. Last year Tokyo students staged a pro-democratic demonstration and called for the return of Prof. Oyama. On page 5 is Prof. Oyama's final message to his Nisei and other friends in the United States. With Prof. Oyama in this photo is T. Mukoyama, Chicago businessman and civic leader.

## Oyama, Political Refugee, Will Return to Former Japan Home

CHICAGO — Prof. Ikuo Oyama, research associate at Northwestern University and a pioneer Japanese advocate of democracy and peace, next week looked forward to the beginning of his new life in his native land, the Chicago Daily News reported.

He believed it would be a hard and happy one, he told reporters, as he announced July 25 the probable date of his departure for Japan.

Prof. Oyama came to the United States as an exile in 1932. Now going home, hoping to help rebuild the new Japan of which he dreamed since 1926.

Prof. Oyama expects to engage in non-political civic activity and counts a warm welcome, he said, as the new government of Japan is a former cabinet member and several cabinet members were among his students.

Before his departure, he will give a number of talks before Japanese and Japanese Americans, including one in Denver and in Chicago on July 15.

Meanwhile, he and his wife have been living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mukoyama in Chicago.

After an anti-militarist party, Prof. Oyama was unopposed by the militarists and gained control of Japan. He received a letter from Kenneth Colegrove, Colegrove's written party leaders in Japan for political literature.

Each letter Prof. Colegrove received cost \$5.

The Japanese government, in sending the letter to Oyama, stated the \$5.

Oyama did not answer the letter, he remembered it.

One day his students told him they were against his life and rushed to a vessel bound for America. He was admitted for a temporary stay. From San Francisco he went to Evanston to explain to the Japanese government why Colegrove's letter had not been answered.

Colegrove got Oyama's stay extended and found a place for him in Evanston.

"My research in Japanese constitutional matters was invaluable," Colegrove, who advised Gen. Clark in connection with the formation of Japan's present government.

"I am deeply grateful to Prof. Oyama and to America, and to the people who stood by me when I was in danger," Oyama de-

## San Jose Hospital Fund Oversubscribed

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Santa Clara valley's Japanese American community has not only oversubscribed its quota of \$8000 for the Community Service hospital's expansion campaign, but has also set a new quota of \$12,000, according to Will B. Weston, chairman.

In reaching the \$8000 goal, Americans of Japanese descent became the first group in the entire campaign to complete its quota.

Dr. Lee Watanabe, chairman of the Japanese American committee, said his group was planning to memorialize the 33,000 Nisei soldiers who fought with the armed forces of the United States during World War II. These soldier-Nisei included the famed 442nd regiment.

Weston commended the Japanese American committee for a "wonderful example of civic spirit."

The committee is composed of Dr. Watanabe, Dr. Tok Ishikawa, Dr. Morton Kimura, Dr. James Higuchi and Dr. G. I. Kawamura.

## Nisei Soldiers In Italy Cited By Gen. Clark

Illustrates Harmony Displayed by Races On Fighting Front

SAN FRANCISCO — Nisei soldiers of World War II were cited by General Mark Clark, new commander of the 6th army, in a speech at the San Francisco armory June 23 to illustrate the harmony displayed by races and nations cooperating in the war.

Soldiers of "Japanese descent from the west coast and Hawaii" fought side by side with white and Negro Americans in the fifth army in Italy, which also included British, French, Yugoslav, Polish, Palestinian, South African, Brazilian, Australian, Italian and New Zealand troops, General Clark said.

In his speech, which asked for a strong American policy towards Russia, General Clark deplored the lack of harmony in peace between nations which cooperated in war.

General Clark was commander of the 5th Army, which included the famous 442nd Combat Team.

## MERCED VFW POST FAVORS REPEAL OF ALIEN LAND ACT

MERCED, Calif. — The Merced post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars recently passed a resolution favoring repeal of the California Alien Land law, declaring that the measure was racially discriminatory to persons of Japanese ancestry, according to Gordon H. Winton, Jr., post commander.

The Merced VFW resolution was introduced following a communication from the Nisei VFW post in Sacramento.

## Nisei Students Club to Reopen In Berkeley

Clubhouse Will Offer Housing to Men Students at UC

BERKELEY—Decision to reopen the Japanese Student Club house in Berkeley for occupancy by Nisei men students was made on June 22 at a meeting of former University of California JSC members at the International House.

It was announced that the decision to reopen the Japanese Student Club was approved by an "overwhelming vote."

In a recent poll taken by the steering committee of the Nisei group, Nisei students at the University of California had voted 104 to 22 in favor of reopening the club which has been used since the evacuation as a co-operative dormitory.

A committee, composed of Dr. H. Uyeyama, Hachiro Yuasa, Susumu Yamashita, George Yasukochi and Henry Takahashi, was elected at the meeting to take steps toward reopening the clubhouse as soon as possible.

## Co-ed's Clubhouse Will Reopen Soon

BERKELEY, Calif.—Reopening of the Japanese Women Students clubhouse for Nisei with the summer session at the University of California was announced this week.

Norma Engle, who served as a WAC officer during the war, will be the housemother.

## 12 Nisei Graduate From Boston Schools

BOSTON, Mass.—Twelve Nisei students were graduated from colleges and universities in the Boston area this month, according to Kiyo Tomiyasu, president of the Boston Nisei Hospitality Committee.

The following graduates were listed by the Nisei committee:

Namiko Hamano, Yoshikazu Casper Horikoshi, Teruko Nakamizo and Nicholas Edward Tawa, Boston University; Tei Tao, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Paul Honda, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; Momo Nagano, Wheaton College; George Inouye, Kiyo Tomiyasu, Kenji Okuda and Yeiichi Kuwayama, Harvard University; and Ryo Uyeno, Simmons College.

## Son of Dr. Opler Killed in Accident

LOS ANGELES—Richard Opler, six-year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin K. Opler, 1535 Hazelwood Ave., died on June 17 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Dr. Opler formerly was head of the social analysis department at the Tule Lake segregation center and is now teaching at Occidental college.

Young Richard was well known to residents at the Tule Lake center.

## Berkeley Freshman Wins Scholarships

BERKELEY, Calif. — Richard Isamu Tanaka of Richmond, Calif., freshman student at the University of California, last week was awarded the David Bowerie scholarship to continue his work in electrical engineering and the Kraft scholarship for maintaining the highest average in his group. The two awards total \$550.

Yukio Uyeno of Berkeley won the \$200 Levi Strauss scholarship.

## Roger Baldwin, Back From Japan, Confers With JACL On Stranded Nisei Problems

Roger N. Baldwin, of New York, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, who has just returned from Japan, conferred in Salt Lake City on June 21 with leaders of the Japanese American Citizens League on the problems of over 10,000 U. S.-born Japanese Americans now stranded in Japan and desirous of returning to the United States. A branch of the League was recently formed in Tokyo by Mr. Baldwin, who served as its special representative in Japan.

Mr. Baldwin reported that both the U. S. consuls in Japan and the Japanese Foreign office are assisting in clearing up complicated questions of nationality and of marriage. Many of the thousands caught in Japan by the outbreak of war had gone back with parents to visit relatives or attend school, and in the war years lost their U. S. citizenship by merely registering for food and jobs, or by being drafted for war service. Others under age were naturalized as Japanese by their parents without their consent. Conflicts between U. S. and Japanese law make many such cases so complicated as to require action in the Japanese courts, Mr. Baldwin noted. Some lost U.S. citizenship last year by voting in an election to help democratize Japan and "to assist General MacArthur," not realizing the consequences, he said.

Mr. Baldwin said in reporting his findings: "The plight of the thousands of Nisei in Japan is not only an American concern. It also concerns hundreds more born in Canada, Brazil and Peru who were back visiting relatives in Japan when the war broke. They almost all want to return to the lands of their birth and their relatives and friends there. Action by the State Department in liberalizing narrow rulings, and even by Congress, may be necessary to restore to their American homes many who are as American at heart as any of us, but who lost their citizenship by technical regulations. Japan is not home to them."

"Another pressing problem concerns the right of American GIs and occupation civilians in Japan to bring back to the United States

their Japanese wives. They are now excluded under the oriental exclusion law, and because of that the military authorities have denied all applications for permits to marry. The result is to encourage sin, and to deny legal paternity to a considerable number of babies. Over forty GIs and civilians in Tokyo alone put up to me pathetic cases of babies and pregnant would-be wives for whom the fathers under the regulations can make no provision whatever, even for milk or hospital care.

"If men of 21 wish to take their chances on bringing wives back to the United States by a change in law or a court decision, or stay in Japan with them, or go to some other country, that should be their responsibility, not the military's. They do not need guardians. I shall certainly urge the War Department to change the policy of compounding sin and irresponsibility."

Mr. Baldwin reported that the State Dept. now has under consideration the registration as an American citizen of a baby born in Japan of a Caucasian American father and a Japanese mother, married in a Christian religious ceremony without a civil Japanese or U. S. military permit. Under the law children of an American father born abroad are U. S. citizens if the marriage to a foreign wife is legal.

Army regulations in Japan concerning fraternization of Americans and Japanese have been recently "tightened up greatly," Mr. Baldwin asserted, allegedly to control black market operations. The marriage ban was imposed in January.

## Nisei Homeowner Wins Case On Race Restrictive Covenant

Decision Affects Specific Residential Area in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Efforts to enforce a race restrictive covenant in a Los Angeles residential area against persons of Japanese and Negro ancestry collapsed last week when Superior Court Judge Frank Swain held the agreement invalid.

Judge Swain's decision will affect occupancy of homes in the area between 11th Avenue and Crenshaw boulevard and between Jefferson and Exposition boulevards.

The Title Insurance and Trust Company and the property owners in the area had sought to exclude persons of Japanese and Negro ancestry from residing in the district on grounds that a racially restrictive covenant was in force which limited occupancy of homes to persons of the Caucasian race.

The Nisei defendant in the case was Isami Miyadi. Other defendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bendy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crane, Mrs. Trelma Narcisse, Russell Webb and Miss Lena Thomas. All of these persons recently had purchased property in the neighborhood.

The Title Insurance and Trust Company and the property owners had instituted court action to prohibit occupancy of homes by non-Caucasians in the area.

Judge Swain's ruling, announced with comment, came when he upheld a demurrer interposed by Loren Miller and Harold J. Sinclair, attorneys for the Bendys, Cranes and Mrs. Narcisse. By previous agreement, the ruling in the case also will apply to Mr. Webb, Mr. Miyadi and Miss Thomas. The attorneys explained that the demurrer was sustained without leave to amend and that the practical effect of the decision is to order judgment for the defendants.

The title company, which imposed the restrictions, had sought to have the titles of the defendants reverted to itself. Other property owners had sought an injunction expelling non-Caucasian residents of the area from their homes.

The agreement recited that "said

premises or any part thereof shall not, nor shall any interest therein, at any time be rented or leased to or occupied by, or be sold, devised, or conveyed, or inherited by or be otherwise acquired by or become the property of any person not of the Caucasian race."

The defendants contended that the covenant's terms were too vague to support a judgment in favor of the Title Insurance and Trust company. The defendants also advanced the argument that only the Title company had the right to seek enforcement because the agreement did not confer that right on persons who bought property in the area.

The community affected by the decision adjoins another area on the east which is largely occupied by Negroes and in which a covenant was declared inoperative by Judge Carl Stutsman about two years ago. The basis of that decision was a change in the character of the community.

## Martha Raye Returns From Engagement

SAN FRANCISCO — Martha Raye, stage and screen comedienne, arrived in San Francisco on June 25 from Honolulu where she appeared before more than 100,000 persons in the 442nd Veterans Club's five-day carnival to raise funds for a memorial clubhouse.

Miss Raye is en route to Nevada where she is booked for a series of engagements.

## Watsonville JACL Starts Campaign

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The Watsonville Citizens League is in the midst of a concerted drive for new members, and every district in the valley is being canvassed by its representatives. Results of the drive will be announced at a forthcoming meeting.

All members were urged to attend the regular meetings held on the first Wednesday evening of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2 at the local Buddhist church.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Revised Claims Bill

The transfer of administrative responsibility from the Interior Department to the Justice Department in the revised Evacuation Claims Commission bill is a development which the bill's sponsors believed necessary in order to meet opposition to the indemnification proposal from congressmen who may have entered an objection on the ground that allegedly "disloyal" persons may benefit.

Although time is running out before Congress takes its customary summer recess, proponents of the bill feel that it has a good chance of passage on the consent calendar. An effort will be made to get the bill passed by both houses before adjournment, in order that long-delayed justice may be achieved for the evacuees. The revised draft of the bill is designed to meet the objections which were raised last year when the bill was similarly presented. In the new version Congress is given a veto over large payments and a special division will be created in the Justice Department to handle the indemnification procedures. All claims up to \$2500 may be settled by the Attorney General's office but those involving a larger sum would be sent to Congress for approval.

Under the proposed legislation the Justice Department will be called upon to wind up the long chain of circumstances initiated by mass evacuation in 1942. It is interesting to note that in 1942 the Justice Department then under Attorney General Francis Biddle, opposed mass evacuation as a solution to the problem of military security on the west coast. Mr. Biddle's personal representative on the west coast and his liaison in contacts with Lieut. Gen. DeWitt who insisted on mass evacuation was Tom Clark, then a member of the Anti-Trust division. Mr. Clark was the top civilian official during the actual evacuation period. Now as Attorney General of the United States he will be called on, if the revised bill passes, to complete the evacuation cycle.

### Naturalization Notes

The major objective of the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in its current legislative activity is to obtain citizenship rights for legally resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who are considered racially ineligible for naturalization under the present law.

The issue is not one of immigration, although opposition groups have sought to confuse the issue by injecting the immigration question into the discussion.

Repeal of the racial ineligibility clause in the naturalization law will not affect the present immigration situation but it will provide a measure of belated justice for some 90,000 persons of Japanese ancestry and several thousand others of Asiatic descent who have been law-abiding residents of the United States since 1924 when the Asiatic Exclusion Act went into effect.

At the present time Congress is being asked to consider several other bills which will provide for the naturalization of Japanese aliens. Although these are admirable in intent, the bills will affect only parents of servicemen. The Gossett bill, supported by the National VFW, will give citizenship rights only to the parents of Nisei GIs who were killed in action or died of wounds. Both the Gossett and the Farrington bills will thus exclude from naturalization rights the many Japanese aliens who contributed to the war effort but who did

not have sons or daughters in the armed services.

It has been said that the immigration policies of the United States toward persons of Asiatic ancestry long has been determined by west coast pressures. The Asiatic Exclusion Law of 1924, aimed mainly at the Japanese, was hammered through Congress by California politicians and was passed despite the objections of President Coolidge. Last week a poll of the influential Commonwealth club of San Francisco gave evidence of a shift in west coast opinion on the Japanese immigration issue. By 798 to 770, Commonwealth club members voted in favor of the establishment of a quota for Japanese immigrants. Since the issue today is one of naturalization of Japanese aliens who have resided legally in the United States for more than 20 years, it can be presumed that an even larger majority of that section of California opinion represented by the Commonwealth club would have voted in favor of the elimination of racial restrictions in the naturalization law.

### Gunther on Evacuation

"The ancient principle that a citizen has individual rights, and should not be punishable by group indictment, was clearly violated" in the wartime evacuation of Americans of Japanese ancestry on the west coast, John Gunther, noted journalist, declares in his latest book, "Inside U.S.A."

Mr. Gunther's comment is particularly important in that it presages the approach which historians in the future will take in their treatment of the mass evacuation.

He quotes Eugene V. Rostow who declared that "one hundred thousand persons were sent to concentration camps on a record which wouldn't support a conviction for stealing a dog," and notes that the distinguished Yale law professor called the entire episode "our worst wartime mistake," a threat to society and a violation of law that denied every value of democracy.

In his comment Mr. Gunther goes behind the surface displays of racism which accompanied the anti-Nisei campaign on the west coast. Speaking of the return of the evacuees, he declares:

"About forty thousand Nisei did return. They had a hard time for a while. They were discriminated against vigorously; threats, vandalism, arson and minor outrages occurred, and something called the Japanese Exclusion League fed the fires of anti-Nisei propaganda. But, it is only fair to add, most of the excesses took place in isolated interior counties, and no violence took place on a serious or widespread scale. The focus of resistance to the Japanese was in almost every case the same, that of the white horticulturists, vegetable growers and the like who hated them as competitors.

"The exclusionists were motivated more by economic than by racial bias. In some cases feeling against a Japanese farmer was deliberately whipped up by whites who had grabbed his land while he was interned."

### Illegal Undertaking

We commend Assemblyman Chester Gannon of the Sacramento district for the courage displayed in expressing opposition to a continuance of the Alien Land laws in California which deprive American citizens of Japanese ancestry of the right to own and occupy land in the state which they owned and occupied prior to the war.

By this time it is quite apparent that there were, among the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, many who demonstrated their intense Americanism on the fields of battle, and above and beyond the call of duty.

These served courageously in many far flung sectors in the recent war—and came home to find their lands escheated by a state which was laboring under war's hysteria.

The easy path for Assemblyman Gannon to have taken would be to stand mute with reference to these Alien Land laws, but he chose to speak out in public against them, and for that he is entitled to credit.

Because of the long campaign against the Japanese in this section of California, this has been a fertile field for the spawning of anti-Caucasian programs.

A calm and dispassionate recording of events during the hectic war years, will quite likely point out, a quarter of a century from now, that when the Japanese Americans were evacuated en masse from California points, the government participated in an illegal undertaking the like of which has never been recorded in the world's history.—An editorial in the Sacramento Union of June 2, 1947.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Movies With a Message

Through the efforts of Mary Oyama Mittwer and others, a letter-writing campaign has been in progress for some time to interest Hollywood story editors and film producers in making a film about a Nisei. One reason for the hesitancy of motion picture producers in doing a Nisei story is their belief that the public is tired of war stories. Another is the screen's record of cowardice in approaching problems of race discrimination.

Until recently pictures with a purpose about prejudice were taboo in Hollywood. That was before Samuel Goldwyn bought "Earth and High Heaven," the love story about anti-Semitism in Canada, and announced plans for its production. Now a virtual cycle of pictures about race prejudice are in prospect, although all of these films carefully ignore any specific treatment of the basic question of race relations in America, the problem of anti-Negro prejudice and Jim Crow conditions. Studios which now are making hard-hitting films about anti-Semitism are fearful of losing a substantial section of the American film market, below the Mason-Dixon line, if they make a picture in which Negroes are treated as ordinary human beings.

Under Hollywood's cinematic double standard, non-Caucasians rarely are treated with dignity. There always are exceptions and "Anna and the King of Siam" was one of them, but generally Orientals are pictured as servants, coolies or as comic relief.

During the war Hollywood presented a distorted portrayal of the Nisei in such films as "Air Force," "Little Tokyo, USA," "Across the Pacific" and "Betrayal from the East." Most of the Nisei who were pictured in these films were traitors and saboteurs and this treatment by Hollywood undoubtedly contributed much to the fact that a large majority of the American people, when quizzed in a public opinion survey, expressed their belief that Japanese Americans had been guilty of traitorous acts during the war. The creation of a false conception that many Nisei were traitors, although there is no record of any such activity in Hawaii or the mainland U. S., may account for the lack of public reaction over the Tomoya Kawakita case, which shocked the Nisei but apparently surprised few others.

The fact that Hollywood was located geographically in an area in which anti-Nisei activities flourished during the war undoubtedly contributed to the screen's distortion in its treatment of the Nisei. The Hollywood line as displayed in "Little Tokyo, USA" and in "Betrayal from the East," was to present a "loyal" Nisei who was killed in the first reel, leaving the screen clear for the villainous Nisei characters. In this way the writers, Audrey Wisberg was one of them, were free of any fear of confusion among the audience as to which Nisei was "good" and which was "bad." In "Little Tokyo" the picture starts as the "loyal" Nisei was found decapitated, while in "Betrayal" he is shot.

This same device also was used by Dorothy Hughes, one of the best mystery story writers and the author of "The Fallen Sparrow" and the "Delicate Ape," in a novelette called "The Spitting Tongue." The latter story started with the murder of a "loyal" Nisei, one Juan Yano, in Los Angeles. His murderers are evacuated with others of Japanese ancestry to the Manzanar relocation center. The two men then escape from Manzanar and make their way through the Sierras to Yosemite where they seek to contact enemy agents of Caucasian ancestry. A glance at a map of California will show that the two Japanese agents who escape from Manzanar in the Dorothy Hughes story faced a "walk" of nearly 200 miles by the nearest highway, no mean feat.

The motion picture industry, which devoted several full-length features to the anti-Nisei campaign during the war, has found it inexpedient to produce any picture to dispel the false information which it propagated. The argument is that film, such as that on the 442nd Combat Team, would not be commercially feasible. The attitude apparently is that hate films pay, particularly during a war, but films against that same hate do not.

The question whether movies

against prejudice will be successful at the box-office will be tested in a number of pictures which are now in production and which are the first breach in Hollywood's long taboo against such subjects. RKO is beating the other studios the theaters with the first of these films, "Crossfire," starring Robert Young and Robert Mitchum, taken from Richard Brooks' novel, "The Brick Foxhole." Century Fox is producing "Carmen's Agreement," the novel by Laura Z. Hobson about how it is to be a Jew in America. Gregory Peck will play the part of a writer who poses as a Jew. Dorothy McGuire is the girl. The picture is being directed by Kazan who did "Boomerang." King Brothers, an independent outfit, has bought Arthur M. Seltzer's "Focus," a story of anti-Semitism and Christian Frontiers. Roy Montgomery will direct Roy Kendrick's "Lights Out." David Selznick and Sol Lesser also reported to be preparing similar pictures.

It may be noted that most of these films are about what is socially religious prejudice. Hollywood is still a little skittish about films on race prejudice. As for the film industry in general, these will provide a test of the public's receptivity to motion pictures which have something to say. Those who oppose ideas in films that people who have paid for at the box-office do not want to listen to a lecture. But this argument is based on the premise that such films and ideas are necessarily dull. The opportunity presented in the forthcoming films on prejudice is a challenge to the writer, the director to produce pictures which will entertain and hold the theatergoer's interest. The public reaction will not be a one unless the pictures themselves are good films from every angle.

It may have been argued that a film about a drunkard would be acceptable, yet, "The Lost Weekend" was a box-office success which won the Academy award. English and French and Russians continue to produce films which do not come from ideas nor from discussion of problems other than the pet queries of whether the boy gets the girl. Hollywood never has dared treat the Negro with such respect and dignity as in "Song of Freedom," a British film of some years ago which starred Paul Robeson.

Motion pictures of courage and compassion about human problems can be produced in America. Paul Strand proved in "The Land," a picture about civil liberties which has been virtually censored and has been shown in cities outside of New York. Another such film was the John Beck story of a Mexican community, "Forgotten Village," which is one of the finest pictures of the last ten years. On the other hand, one of the few Hollywood ventures to date, the much-praised Frank Sinatra short, "House I Live In," was so generalized and oversimplified that it missed its point. Even the telling lines of Earl Robinson's song about "my neighbors and black" were deleted.

If the Warner Brothers, who are the worst offenders with their Nisei propaganda in their films, were interested, there are a number of stories which would make splendid material for the screen. John McManus, the New York film critic, once commented that the story of the 442nd Central Postal Directory was one of the most dramatic stories of the year. Ralph G. Stein's fine biography of Ben H. Huh and by several story editors but the fact that the central character is a Nisei makes the story Hollywood's opinion, limited appeal. Karen Keoh's "City in the Sun" and Joseph Anthony's produced play, "Some of the Best" are two other stories which would make splendid movie material. Joseph Anthony play, which Larye kind hopes to produce on Broadway, concerns a GI who returns to a western town with a Nisei from Hawaii. One of the characters is the girl's brother, a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

One of the obstacles to the production of a Nisei story in Hollywood is the film industry's

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# Oyama's Farewell: Amid Ashes of Military Defeat Japan's People Face a Future Of Democracy in a New World

By IKUO OYAMA

After fifteen years of sojourn in this country, it is a more less depressed mood that I have to say "Sayonara" to all of my friends on this continent, including both Americans and Japanese, and the latter covering both Issei and Nisei with an occasional sprinkling of even Sansei: To all of those friends, I say, from whom I have drawn much comfort in my life as a forlorn exile, and toward whom I harbor profound gratitude from the consciousness that I even owe my life to their friendly protection.

Now, let me first of all make a brief report concerning my physical condition, seeing that there are many among my friends who made a point of asking me about my health out of the unusual tenderness of their hearts and in the full knowledge that I have frequently been physically ill during these two or three years. To them especially, I want to say that I am now all right. I even feel much better than at any previous time, and all the doctors who have treated me agree that I am in such fine condition that I am definitely able to stand the strain of a long trip to my homeland.

My homeland, indeed! Is not where are found waiting for me a host of my old friends and comrades, and are these not men and women with whom I once fought arm in arm for the liberation of the Japanese mass from the yoke imposed upon them by the financial oligarchy of the day and the military and police state in action under its command? And are they not the same men and women who are quite ready to turn to account all their past experiences in their long drawn fight for freedom and security in anticipation of the titanic efforts they will have to make for the accomplishment of the work of reconstruction and economic rehabilitation of postwar Japan.

Nowadays there is afloat much talk about the democratization of Japan, it is true. Nevertheless, doubts are at the same time expressed on all sides as to whether the Japanese people are capable of living up to the requirements of democracy. Some observers even go further to venture the assertion that Japanese have fundamentally no leaning toward breathing in the refreshing air of democracy. But if it is admitted that the democratic mode of life is the common goal for mankind's onward march, what on earth is the cogent reason for singling out the Japanese alone as incorrigible laggards in the matter? A slight acquaintance with the constitutional history of modern Japan would be sufficient to see through this threadbare fallacy.

Especially enlightening in this respect is the history of the emancipation movement in Japan during the decade immediately following World War I. It was in this period with the brutal forces in action at the beckoning of the ruling classes.

It was a fight for freedom as well as against war; a fight for liberation from feudalistic despotism disguised as modern constitutional government as well as against relentless exploitation perpetrated by predatory monopolistic capitalism; a fight, in short, to wrest for the people civil liberties and political rights from the hands of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

And what is significantly marked was a rising tide of democracy coming spontaneously and attaining an unheard of height among the immense multitude of people. So, even fully admitting as we certainly should, that all too great repercussion set in with the advent of the Manchurian affair at the threshold of the Thirties and got infinitely aggravated during World War II, yet we who were constantly in direct contact with those fighting masses of Japan throughout that turbulent decade do not hesitate a moment to lay our perfect confidence in their proven ability for reconstruction and advancement of democracy. Yet, those sceptics of democratic reconstruction of post-war Japan, that group of all-wise commentators of Japanese affairs, both of the foreign and the Japanese brands, nonchalantly blame upon the Japanese people in general what are exclusively the faults of a small circle of their exploiters and oppressors.

Today, the same Japanese masses are now facing a thoroughly changed world as we all know it. With the total defeat of Japanese arms, the storms of oppression that were raging all around them have completely abated. Under the effective execution of the Potsdam Declaration of July 26, 1945, the entire structure of Japanese imperialism has fallen apart, and "those who have deceived and misled the people of Japan into embarking on world conquest" have been brought to their knees. All "political offenders" of former days have been released from their confinement, and those labor unions and farmers' organizations that were long placed under a ban were enabled to be revived for the renewal of their free and open activities. And on top of all this, a new democratic constitution has been enacted and carried into operation under the protection and guidance of the allied occupation forces headed by the American troops; and in its wake has come on the scene Japan's new coalition cabinet with the Social Democratic party as its controlling power. In these circumstances, the Japanese people are making a new start in their national life.

Of as much vital concern for contemporary Japan as its democratic reconstruction is its economic rehabilitation. And in this connection the Potsdam Declaration makes a significant remark like this: "Japan has been permitted to maintain such industries as will sustain her economy and permit the exaction of first reparations in kind, but not those which would enable her to rearm for war. To this end, access to, as distinguished from control of raw materials shall be permitted. Eventual Japanese participation in world trade shall be permitted."

Well aware that at least the future material welfare of the entire nation is largely dependent upon the interpretation of these phrases in that historic document, the Japanese people are sincerely in the hope that they take for their moral right to offer their own views especially on such terms as "just reparations" will be recognized by the allied powers—this certainly under the new international environment which has caused anything like the Potsdam Declaration to be given out to the listening world. Then, fully convinced that the democratic reconstruction of the nation is the indispensable condition for the restoration of her former position in the family of nations and therefore her future acquisition of a membership of the United Nations, the Japanese are firmly determined to achieve that objective with all the might and main by ransacking their priceless past experiences along the line.

Furthermore, looking forward to the time of Japan's final admittance to the United Nations, the Japanese are doing their best to shed off their depressing consciousness of being a defeated nation, and are pledging themselves to making positive contributions toward world peace and culture as a peace and freedom loving nation in name and in fact, confident that they are now placed in an especially favorable position to do something for the solution of such problems as are connected with disarmament and the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

Having thus indicated in broad outline the most important tasks revolving upon the shoulders of the Japanese people regarding the democratic reconstruction and economic reconstruction and rehabilitation of the nation, and hurrying to join hands with them again in the performance of our new duties, I now say good-bye to you, my friends in the USA, eagerly hoping that I shall be able to come back again in a position to act as a useful agent for bringing folks back home in closer contact with you—you, whose kind assistance they are badly in need.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Sky-High Pork and Beef Prices

Denver, Colo. If coming events cast their shadows before them, then the Nisei housewife can look forward to sky-high pork and beef prices. The shadow has been cast by the stormclouds that have covered so much of the nation in recent weeks, especially in the mid-west corn belt.

We drove through some of that country a month ago before the big rains came. Even then the fields were soggy with rain, the early plantings spindly, the late plantings delayed.

When we drove west a year ago in late June much of the corn was waist-high, promise of a bumper crop before frost. But this year there will be no comparable yield, and many of the ears will be soft and unfit for storage.

The inevitable results of shortage is higher prices, already evident in the future market. And high-priced corn means expensive pork and beef, for it takes corn to fatten those animals for market.

Newspaper stories of floods in the midwest may interest the Nisei housewife only casually, but she can't escape the consequences of those disasters, no matter who she may be.

### Min Yasui Leaves Tri-State Post

Min Yasui inherited a pair of man-sized boots when he took over the job of the JACL's Tri-State area representative from Joe Grant Masaoka. This month Yasui stepped down after amply proving that the shoes fit.

Yasui worked with an unspectacular purposefulness that showed up best after he had reached his objective. He now goes back to private law practice, having recently acquired a wife, and to continue with his studies.

The position of his successor, Roy Takeno, is hardly an admirable one. Takeno takes over at a time when the Nisei community in Denver is dwindling and when there is no common danger to unite it. His advantage lies in a long association with the community and a good working knowledge of its characteristics.

Our 3-year-old Susan sometimes amazes people

## The Prettiest Girl I Ever Saw: The Japanese Acrobats

By REX BISON

I was born and reared in Kentucky. Like all young animals, I did not know that anything existed beyond the local horizon until a preacher traveling through the country stopped at our place for lunch one day. Father put his horse in the barn and fed him. After lunch when he and father went out to the barn to get his horse, my brother and I went along.

The minister reached into his saddle pockets and handed us boys two little brown objects which we mistook for dryland terrapins. I ran to the house and got two coals of fire to put on their backs to make them crawl.

The preacher came leading his horse and said: "What are you boys trying to do?"

My brother said: "It's a hell-ova joke you have played on us boys. Look at my little brother with tears in his eyes after blowing the coals of fire. These damn terrapins are dead."

The good minister said: "Boys, these are bun sandwiches. They are good to eat."

My brother said: "Gwan, who do you think yere' foolin'?"

The preacher bit into one before we would believe him. This was the first time I knew that bread could be made out of anything but cornmeal.

Some of the young men in our community would migrate every spring with curlews to the northwest. They would bid us goodbye and assure all their relatives that it would be years before we would have the pleasure of seeing them again if ever.

The curlews and Kentuckians have something in common, though it would require a biologist to prove the missing link. Curlews have long curved bills and go north for the summer. When the leaves turn yellowish-brown in the fall, the curlews flock together and return to the south. Kentuckians drink long glasses of corn whisky; this also curves as they pour the liquid into their mouths. They go north in the spring; in the fall they flock together and return with the curlews to the old home and mother's apron-strings.

As to how many centuries I lived before I was twenty and a half years old, I don't remember; but it must have been several thousand years. I was twenty in October and looked forward to curlew time next spring. In April the young corn-crackers began bunching up for the migration to the north. My folks knew I was going, but they did not know what time I would start. Naturally, they thought I would go with the curlews. I bought a new suitcase and hid it in the barn. Took what clothes that I thought I might need and packed them one night.

Mr. Poynter, a married man with two children, was also going to Montana to look the country over

by using words like helicopter and dinosaur. The first she learned through a toy she had, the second she remembered after seeing the reconstructed skeleton of one at a museum.

But since she is no prodigy, more commonplace words throw her. She tends to associate new words with objects already familiar, and thus she invents strange combinations when she tries to recall an unfamiliar one.

For instance, necktie becomes necktight, hairnet becomes hairnest, and cantaloupe came out as canopener.

Lately she has provided a realistic set of names for her motley collection of dolls. The little Negro is, of course, Topsy. The one with the cracked head, naturally, is Crocky, and another, for some unknown reason, is Toenail.

But the best, we think, is the one called Polio because her legs cannot be bent.

### Four Pups and the Mechaus

The Bonnie Mechaus, formerly of the Heart Mountain WRA staff, are blessed eventing in a vicarious way. Their dachshund Judy presented them with four pups which now are named tentatively, in order of their appearance, Punch, Stanislaus, Maggie and Bitsy.

The Mechau household is enjoying a respite now inasmuch as the pups are sleeping when they aren't eating. But as soon as their eyes open those long-chassised pups will be everywhere and more fun than a troupe of monkeys.

Their arrival was awaited as anxiously as the arrival of any stork with a human burden. Judy hadn't experienced motherhood since Heart Mountain days and so she was, in a manner of speaking, out of practice. Besides, she had had trouble with her last litter of one.

As the day approached the Mechau telephone rang frequently, and almost all the calls were regarding Judy's welfare. As the due date came and went and still no pups appeared, the calls became more frequent and more solicitous.

In due time, as they have for centuries, the pups arrived without benefit of midwife. But the Mechaus were as exhausted as if they had been involved in the arrival of their own son and heir.

## Vagaries

### Correspondent . . .

Lyn Cross, war correspondent who covered the 442nd Combat Team for the Honolulu Star Bulletin, is the mother of a girl born in Santa Barbara last week. Miss Cross last year married Ed Kennedy, A. P. correspondent who scooped the world on the V-E day flash and was fired. . . . The Joe Takata post of the American Legion in Honolulu is named after the 100th Infantry Battalion soldier who was one of the first Japanese Americans to die in the war for Italy. Joe Takata was one of the outstanding baseball players in Hawaii before he became a GI. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

### Dance Act . . .

The Berry Brothers, top Negro dance act, finished an engagement at New York's Paramount theater one day recently. A few hours later they were at La Guardia airport, boarding a plane. The next day they arrived in Honolulu to appear at the carnival sponsored by the 442nd Veterans Club to raise funds for a memorial clubhouse. More than 100,000 persons attended the carnival in Honolulu, which featured Martha Raye. The 442nd Veterans reportedly raised more than \$100,000 toward their clubhouse project.

### Basketball . . .

Ned Irish, basketball promoter at New York's Madison Square Garden, declared in Salt Lake City last week that Wat Misaka was one of the best players he had ever seen in action on the Garden floor. "I could use Wat Misaka on my professional team in New York," Irish declared. . . . Bradford Smith, author of a forthcoming book on persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, has an article on Nisei in Chicago which will appear in a forthcoming issue of American Magazine. The article will be illustrated by photos by Vince Tajiri.

more luck."

This was at the close of the Spanish-American war. The press those days referred to the Japanese as our little yellow brothers in Asia. The proprietor seemed to be proud to have these Japanese as guests. He did his best to help me to win the girl. He got the manager of the carnival who also roomed at his place and asked him to bring up the interpreter. The manager refused to cooperate. Said it would spoil his business if I should be able to win the girl. This was many moons ago. I still think that she was the prettiest girl I ever saw.



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An Orchid For the Queen



Toshi Odow pins a corsage on Calleen Robinson, queen of Utah's Centennial celebration, who attended the Salt Lake JACL annual graduation dance at the University of Utah's Union building on June 21. Miss Robinson was accompanied by her two attendants.—Photo by Ben Terashima.

Hayashi Elected as Chairman Of Eastern District of JACL

Memorial Service Will Be Held for Nisei War Dead

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Tom Hayashi, president of the New York JACL, was elected temporary executive chairman of the Eastern District Council which formally organized on June 21 in Washington D. C. Chapter members of the council are New York, Seabrook Farms, Philadelphia, and Washington.

Other officers are Hal Horiuchi, Washington, vice chairman; Hiroshi Ueyehara, Philadelphia, recording secretary and historian; Don Komai, Washington, treasurer; Jack Ozawa, Philadelphia, publicity. Hal Horiuchi, president of the host chapter, presided.

The council approved three projects suggested by Mike Masaoka, representative of national headquarters. The first is the memorial service to be held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery to honor the first bodies of Nisei war dead to be returned to this country sometime in August. Jack Hirose, chairman of the Nisei Soldier Memorial Committee, was named chairman of arrangements. All chapters throughout the nation will be asked to participate in the memorial by contributing to the fund for the wreath to be placed at the tomb.

The council also approved having each chapter member circulate petitions to be signed by Issei signifying their desire to become naturalized citizens. Each chapter will

also offer its facilities to aid Issei who wish to file their first papers. The Seabrook delegation reported that already 265 Issei in that community have filed papers through the assistance of JACL.

The constitution which was adopted by the council will be submitted to chapter members for ratification.

Delegates to the council meeting which was held at the YWCA were: Tom Hayashi and James Starr, New York; Tets Iwasaki and Hisoshi Ueyehara, Philadelphia; Vernon Ichisaka and Rev. George Shibata, Seabrook; Don Komai and Hal Horiuchi, Washington. Mrs. Yurino Starr and Ina Sugihara were booster delegates from New York.

Washington booster delegates were Eiko Narita, Kenko Nogaki, Sada Onoye, Ken Iseri, Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, Mrs. Gladys Shimasaki, Ira Shimasaki, Jun Okazaki, and John Kitasaki. Observers were Esther L'Ecluse, Rev. Nelsen Schlegel, and Scotty Tsuchiya.

Sacramento YPCC Section Will Hold Pre-Confab Rally

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento section of the Northern California Young People's Christian Conference will hold their pre-conference pep rally at McKinney park on July 13.

Baseball and other athletic activities are planned in the afternoon while a weinie roast is planned in the evening. Singing and a short service will follow.

George Masuda and Miyo Washizu are co-chairmen of the rally. Others on the committee are Sue Yoshikawa, Yas Kodani, Sab Mizutani, Amy Sakuma and Doris Nitta.

The Sacramento section includes the Loomis, Vacaville, Marysville, Walnut Grove and Florin areas.

Min Okubo Heads Fresno Fellowship

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Young Peoples Fellowship has elected its cabinet members for the summer and fall term with Min Okubo taking over as president.

Installation ceremonies will be conducted by the Rev. George Aki at the new memorial chapel on June 29.

Other members of the new cabinet include Dolly Nagai, vice pres.; Mary Sato, corres. sec.; Tomiye Yabuno, rec. sec.; Ross Hirakawa, treas.; Kiyu Sanbonji, music; Phoebe Ichinaga, social; Ruth Ogawa, publicity; Sally Nagata, relief; Sally Sato, membership; and Shogo Hattori, usher.

The outgoing cabinet was headed by Chiaki Renge.

Army Nisei Recruiting Drive Under Way in Four Cities

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif.—The arrival of 1st Lieutenant Yeiji Kono in Denver has completed the initial stage of the current Military Intelligence Service Language School recruiting drive, it was announced this week. At present there are officers working in four cities, New York, Denver, Chicago, and Salt Lake City. They will be joined shortly by the enlisted members of the teams, who are scheduled to leave Monterey by air.

Master Sergeant Frank Kuramoto will report to 2nd Lt. Reynold Muranaka in New York City, where he is slated to appear on the Guy Lombardo radio program on June 30. Capt. Richard Hamasaki who is in charge of the team in Salt Lake City will be joined by Technician 3rd grade Harry Kubo, who was originally scheduled to fly to New York. Lt. Kono's partner will be Master Sergeant Chizuo Hamamura, while Technical Sergeant Spady Koyama will fly to Chicago to round out the team of 2nd Lt. Paul Sakai and Technical Sergeant George Hachiya which is now operating in that city.

The changes in assignments were due to a number of factors which included overseas shipment, commissioning of an enlisted man and the like.

Lt. Muranaka, a native of Hawaii, is a veteran of the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns, and the Legaspe Landing. He wears the Bronze Star which was awarded to him in April 1945 for service with the 43rd Infantry. Sgt. Kuramoto served in Japan for a year as chief of the Language Section of the Intelligence Group of the 25th Division, and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious work while so engaged.

Sgt. Koyama, who was awarded the Purple Heart in recognition of wounds received in the Leyte landing, was graduated from the MISLS at Camp Savage, Minnesota in June 1943. His overseas service was chiefly as a prisoner interrogator with the headquarters of the Sixth Army and GHQ.

Lt. Kono received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in June 1942 and was employed as an engineer in the Chicago area until he entered the Army in August 1944. He was graduated from the Armored Corps Officer Candidate School in July 1945, and then assigned to the MISLS as a student. His partner M/Sgt. Hamamura served as an instructor at the MISLS from his graduation in June of 1943 until his discharge in October 1945. Upon re-enlistment on the fifth of this month he was assigned to the Translation Section of the language school to await overseas shipping orders.

The most decorated team and the one which has the longest joint total and overseas service is the one in Salt Lake City. Captain Hamasaki entered the Army at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, on March 26, 1942. He went overseas with the 100th Battalion in August of 1943 and served in Africa, Italy and France until returned to the States for hospitalization in November 1944. He was shipped to Japan in December 1945 and returned to this country in January of this year, when he was assigned to the MISLS as a student. He wears the Silver Star, awarded in the Leghorn campaign, the Bronze Star, which was given to him for service during the Volturno campaign, the Purple Heart with four palms, indicating five

wounds, and four stars on his European Theater ribbon.

T/3 Kubo, his partner, entered the Army at Los Angeles in February 13, 1942, and graduated from the Intelligence school in April 1943. He was assigned to a special section since he was a speaker who had studied for several years in Japan. He arrived in Brisbane in June 1943 and after a short period of service with the All Translator and Interpreter Section as a translator was assigned to the 32nd Infantry Division and attached to the 126th Regiment. Kubo went through the entire New Guinea campaign with the 32nd making two landings and living in the jungle for months at a time. He landed on the Island of Morotati in the Philippines in August of 1944, and in November in the Luzon campaign. He disembarked at Sasebo in Kyushu in October 1945 and served with the occupation forces in northern Kyushu and southern Honshu after having been decorated with the Bronze Star. He was discharged in January 1946, and reenlisted in January of this year to await processing of his application for a commission.

The various teams can be reached at the following addresses:

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Golf Association Formed in Chicago

CHICAGO—An organization of Midwest golfers of Japanese ancestry was formed here recently with Ronnie Shiozaki of Chicago as president.

Monthly tournaments will be conducted and an annual fall tournament will be sponsored by the group which will be known as the Midwest Golf Association.

Eighteen-hole tournaments are scheduled on July 20 and Aug. 13 and a 36-hole annual tourney is set for Sept. 14.

A committee composed of Jim Yamaguchi, Dr. Bill Hiura and Dr. Mas Sakada will select the course for the tournament.

Florin Fellowship Elect Cabinet

FLORIN, Calif. — Bill Taketa, president, and other newly-elected officers of the Florin Youth Fellowship will be installed in a candlelight ceremony on June 29.

The other officers are Richard Kobayashi, 1st vice pres.; Grace Yasui, 2nd vice pres.; Doris Nitta, rec. sec.; Flo Wakita, corres. sec.; Mas Tsuda, treas.; Max Mizoguchi and William Yoshizuka, sergeants-at-arms; Yuri Tsuda, song leader; Beatrice Yasui, editor, and George Dakuzaku, assistant editor.

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### Omachi Assails California Land Law in Speech

#### Denial of Citizen Rights to Issei Group Cited by Attorney

STOCKTON, Calif.—Persons of Japanese ancestry in this country are the two chief barriers, both imposed by law in spite of constitutional guarantees, Joseph Omachi said here June 20 in an address before the California conference of Methodist ministers at a dinner held at the Clark hotel.

The speaker is a Stockton attorney. The first barrier, Omachi said, is the denial of citizenship and second the denial of land ownership in California. Omachi said that the state has already instituted more than 70 escheat cases, of which 12 have been settled for cash payments to the state.

The speaker assailed the law as a lever for bribery and race "mail." Basically the entire law itself is vicious and morally wrong, never rational basis is used by courts in upholding its constitutionality to date. It has no place in the laws of a civilized state which purports to stand for democratic principles and equal rights for all," Omachi said.

### Hardener Injured

SEATTLE—Bunji Kimura, 54, a hardener, suffered a fractured rib and a lung injury on June 14 when his car crashed head-on into another carrying Les Enthorne, University of Washington basketball player, and his wife, Jacqueline.

### Nisei Vets Lead

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—The Nisei Vets are tied for first place in the Freedom team in the B division of the city softball league. Both have four wins and no losses. They meet this week to decide the first half championship.

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### Selma Editor Feted By Nisei Americans In Community

FRESNO, Calif. — Lowell C. Pratt, former editor of the Selma Enterprise, was honored at a dinner held June 5 at the Basque hotel in Fresno by members of the Japanese American community.

Mr. Pratt was presented with a gold watch from Selma Japanese Americans. Presentation was made by Minoru Okubo.

He was also given a pen and pencil set by the Young Buddhists association of Central California.

Mr. Pratt, speaking to the 75 guests, urged a continuation of the fight for equal rights and opportunities for members of all minority groups.

Mike Iwatsubo was master of ceremonies. George Abe and Tom Nakamura were among the speakers.

### Canadian Nisei Plan National Conclave Soon

#### Japanese Canadians Plan Formation Of New Federation

TORONTO, Ont. — A national conference of Canadians of Japanese ancestry will be held in Toronto from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 to consider the formation of a national federation of Japanese Canadian groups.

At a meeting on June 14 and 15, delegates from Japanese Canadian groups in London, St. Thomas, Hamilton and Toronto voted unanimously to form a provincial organization for Ontario.

Headquarters of the new Council for Ontario Japanese Canadian Organizations will be established in Toronto.

The Toronto meeting was called at the initiative of the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy.

Delegates called for united effort on the part of Canadians of Japanese ancestry to work for the removal of race restrictions against Japanese Canadians as well as restrictions against other racial minorities.

George Tanaka and Roger Obata of Toronto and Edward Ide of London were chosen as Ontario's delegates to the forthcoming national conference.

### Nisei: USA On Movies

(Continued from page 4)  
system under which stories are tailored for individual stars in the belief that the general public goes to the theater to see the stars and not the stories. The movies probably need another Sessue Hayakawa before they will be interested in a Nisei film.

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#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki S. Kimura a girl on June 14 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George K. Suzuki, Loomis, Calif., a son on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Kajimura a boy on June 16 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Makabe, Loomis, Calif., a girl, Naomi June, on June 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Suzuki a boy on June 16 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Okabayashi, Elk Grove, Calif., a boy on June 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Kusumi a boy on May 29 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sato a girl in Henderson, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Yanagihara a boy in Brighton, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo G. Teraji, 2343 Cleveland Place, a boy in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Miyata, Yuba City, Calif., a boy in Marysville on June 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mas Horiuchi a girl on June 26 in Salt Lake City.

#### DEATHS

Inasuke Takatsuno on June 11 in Portland, Ore.

Zenichi Goto on June 18 in Richmond, Calif.

Kumiko Uyematsu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miyosaku Uyematsu, on June 18 in Los Angeles.

Ume Tanabe (Mrs. Tatsujiro Tanabe) on June 19 in Los Angeles.

Ruth Shigeko Funamura, 15, on June 19 in Lodi, Calif.

Seisaku Sakaguchi on June 19 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Tsuno Shiroishi on June 13 in Los Angeles.

Yonezo Kimura, 65, on June 20 in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Mitsutaro Fujikawa, 61, on June 23 in Los Angeles.

#### MARRIAGES

Mariko Mizumoto to Taro Takemura on June 15 in Seattle.

Reiko Ohara to Tom Tsubota on June 15 in Seattle.

Mariko Kato to Shuji Uyematsu on June 1 in Chicago.

Michiko Kimura to Toyoaki Yamashita on June 14 in Chicago.

Teruye Uyeno to Kazuo Matsumoto on June 7 in Chicago.

Toyoko Abe to Toshio Suda on June 1 in Chicago.

Hanaye Tsuji to Yutaka Menda on June 7 in Chicago.

Sadako Kitano of San Francisco to Lieut. Kaysumi Kawaguchi of San Francisco on June 7 in Yokohama, Japan.

Esther Takei to Shigeto Nishio on June 22 in Los Angeles.

Kimi Inagi to Hiroichi Shoji on June 15 in Los Angeles.

Kiyoko Tokuda to Takeo Arakawa on June 1 in Pasadena, Calif.

Fusako Horiuchi to Katsumi Murakami on June 13 in Clearwater, Calif.

Ruth Yamauchi to David Arata on June 2 in San Diego, Calif.

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### Winona Camp Residents Will Receive Two Months Extension

#### Plan Is Conditional On Purchase of Trailer Homes

BURBANK, Calif.—The Winona emergency trailer camp, operated by the Federal Public Housing Agency, will be out of government hands on June 30 when the present lease with the Pacific Airmotive Corporation expires but 850 persons of Japanese ancestry, returnees from war relocation centers who have been unable to find individual housing since their return to the West Coast in 1946, will receive a two-months period of grace to decide whether they want to stay at Winona until Aug. 31 by buying their preset trailer homes. Otherwise, the returnees must leave the Winona camp by the end of June.

Eiji Tanabe, Southern California regional director of the JACL, declared that housing officials were sympathetic to the plight faced by the returned evacuees in their search for permanent housing.

Meanwhile, 15 Nisei veterans families at the Winona trailer project will be transferred to other projects since they are entitled to GI housing benefits, a housing official indicated.

County welfare cases among the families at Winona also will be cared for, according to the assurance voiced by county officials.

After June 30 families purchasing the trailer units at the estimated \$75 to \$85 cost will pay \$14 a month rent to the FPMA to "cover expenses for facilities and utilities at the camp."

During the two-months period of grace after June 30, supervision of the 10-acre lot which now contains 300 trailers will be in the hands of the tenants themselves, FPMA representatives indicated.

The Pacific Airmotive Corporation agreed to the two-months extension although the lease with the government expires this month.

### San Jose Zebras Lead No. California Baseball League

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras were in first place in the northern California Nisei baseball league this week with their 12-6 victory over the Stockton Yamatos Sunday, June 22, at the Municipal stadium.

The game marked the third league victory for John Horio, who is pitching his second season with the Zebras.

The Zebras will meet Lodi at Lodi on June 29 and will also play a special two-game series with the Central California All-Stars, a picked aggregation of players under Ken Zenimura, on July 4 and 5 in San Jose.

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### Evacuee Movie To be Revised

SAN FRANCISCO — "Barriers and Passes" a movie on relocation center life, will be brought up to date and revised to delete misleading features, it was decided here by the board of national missions of the Presbyterian church.

The board voted a substantial sum to cover revisions.

Arthur Kamitsuka, a seminary student who is presently completing an internship, has been named to write the scenario for the revised film.

Additional footage on relocation, shot during the past year, will be added to bring the film up to date, it was announced.

Objections to the film had been raised previously on grounds that the relocation center shots painted "too rosy" a picture of life in the evacuee camps and did not portray actual conditions of discomfort.

### Salt Lake Church Group Plans Bazaar

The Japanese Christian Church in Salt Lake City will hold a bazaar, "The July Jamboree," on July 6 in back of the church building.

Concessions, booths, refreshments and prizes are planned.

Funds raised by the bazaar will help send Sunday school children to a summer camp.

Nobu Miyoshi and Sachi Asahina will be co-chairmen of the bazaar.

### Bob Okano Honored At Graduation

SHELTON, Wash.—Recognition of three years of outstanding scholastic achievement came to a Shelton high school Nisei, Bob Okano, who presented his salutatory address in ceremonies held here last week.

### Nisei Drowns in Russian River

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Harry Toshio Fujiwara, 18, of Santa Rosa was drowned during a vacation outing at the Russian river Monday, June 23.

The youth was swimming in a deep part of the river with two youths. He disappeared unnoticed and his body was not located until 45 minutes after search had begun.

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## Utah Nisei Veteran, Appointed By Sen. Thomas, Passes Test For U. S. Military Academy

WASHINGTON—The Office of Senator Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, last week announced the appointment of George Shibata of Garland, Utah, to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Shibata will be the first American of Japanese ancestry to enroll at West Point.

He was the only one of six nominees selected by Senator Thomas to pass the West Point examinations.

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Last February Sen. Thomas announced that Shibata, an honor graduate of Bear River high school in Utah in 1944 had been selected as first alternate to John W. Rawlings of Provo.

According to available information, he is the first Nisei to be named and to be appointed to West Point.

He volunteered for the army in 1944 and went overseas in August, 1945. He was honorably discharged in Aug., 1945.

He is the son of Mrs. I. Shibata of Garland and has been working on the family farm during the past year.

### Lily Yonago Weds 442nd Veteran

SPOKANE, Wash. — Miss Lily Yonago, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Yonago of Spokane, was married to Robert Taro Mizukami of Fife, Wash., on June 22 at the Japanese M. E. church in Spokane.

The Rev. T. Goto officiated. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Esther Yonago of St. Paul, Minn., and the bridesmaid was Mrs. Tom Iwata.

Tom Iwata was best man. A reception in the Palm room of the Deseret hotel followed the wedding.

The groom is a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team. The couple will honeymoon at Lake Louise.

### Esther L'Ecluse Addresses Meeting of Washington JACL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Two recent arrivals from JACL offices in California addressed the Washington JACL at its monthly meeting on June 21. Miss Esther L'Ecluse, new legislative assistant to Mike Masaoka of the Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington, spoke on the legislative activities of the Northern California Regional JACL, where she was in charge of the educational program.

Scotty Tsuchiya, special representative of the JACL fund-raising committee, recounted his experiences as regional director of the JACL office in Los Angeles.

President Hal Horiuchi announced the newly appointed committee chairmen as follows: Sada Onoye, program; Keith Kaneshiro, constitution; Don Komai, Anti-Discrimination Committee; Ken Iseri, finance; Kenko Nogaki, membership; Jack Hirose, Nisei soldier memorial; Bob Iki, public relations; Eiko Narita, publications; Mrs. Betty Murata, recreation; Mrs. Gladys Shimasaki, social; Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, reception; Susie Tsuda, secretarial; Ira Shimasaki; John Kitasako, publicity.

A picnic will be held on July 20 in Grove 11, Rock Creek Park.

### Watsonville JACL Will Sponsor Dance

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The newly organized Watsonville Citizens League will sponsor a semi-formal dance on July 5, Saturday night, at the spacious Veterans Memorial Hall. Tony Vyeda and his popular orchestra will furnish the dance music.

Chairman Tommy Yagi and Min Hamada, assistant, are in charge of arrangements for the first social affair of the new organization. Bids may be obtained at the gate.

### Nisei Golfer Splits Match with Joe Louis

SEATTLE — Sumio Nagamatsu, Nisei golf star, divided honors with Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis in matches on June 16 and 17 on the Jefferson Park links.

Nagamatsu shot a 73 to Louis' 74 to defeat the boxing champion on July 16. The next day Louis came home in 71 while Nagamatsu was shooting a 75.

After the match Louis invited the Nisei golfer to enter the annual Joe Louis Golf Tournament in Detroit, Mich.

### WANT ADS

The present address of Mrs. Aiko Yamamoto who formerly resided at 2500 Pasadena st., Los Angeles, is being sought by a friend in Hawaii. Please notify the JACL office, 415 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

WANTED JAPANESE girl for cooking and general housework. Private room and bath. Salary \$75.00. Write: Mrs. L. Wessendorf, 11 Green St. Santa Cruz, California.

PERSONAL: Tokuji Uehara, formerly of U.S. Army and later of Chicago, is asked to communicate immediately with Toki Uehara, Camp 2, Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii, in regard to important business matter.

ADDRESS WANTED: Emiko Ichinokuchi, formerly of Long Beach, Santa Anita and Jerome, Ark., and recently of Chicago. Please contact S. O. McCoy, Central YMCA, 530 Oregon st., El Paso, Texas.

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## Indigent Returned Evacuees Given Assurance of Shelter By San Francisco Officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifty indigent Issei, residents of the Southgate war dormitory housing project, have been assured they will not be left homeless, despite the scheduled closing of the project on June 30, according to Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional representative.

Official assurances that the fifty Issei will be cared for at the event they have not found other housing by June 30 have been given to the JACL, Masaoka stated.

### Nisei Veteran Asks Chick-Sexing Training Through GI Bill

NEW YORK CITY — The New York state labor department received an unique request for on-the-job training under the GI bill recently when it heard Hiroshi Osako's request for training as a chick sexer.

Osako, a resident of Troy, N. Y., who served as a sergeant with army intelligence in the China-Burma-India theater, told the department he wanted to study with his brother-in-law, Tok Kuroiwa, recognized as one of the country's 50 experts in chick sexing.

Kuroiwa now services more than 16 hatcheries. But Osako figures he will have to study between 15,000 and 16,000 chicks before he acquires professional skill.

Right now he considers it a good day is he can sort 300 chicks. His brother-in-law sorts 1000 an hour and guarantees 98 per cent accuracy.

### Northern California Bowling Meet Planned

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A Northern California Nisei bowling tournament will be held in San Jose in August under the sponsorship of the local Nisei bowling league.

Invitations will be extended to bowlers in Nisei leagues in Monterey, Watsonville, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton and other cities.

The Issei include both men and women, of whom 23 are on public welfare.

Masaoka also reported that negotiations are progressing with the Salvation Army to release space in its present building for the use of the Salvation Army has established an officers training college on the property.

Masaoka stated that Salvation Army officials have agreed to provide space for not more than 20 persons through lease with the FPHA and the San Francisco FPHA, unless unexpectedly high cost "entirely preclude" such an arrangement.

The organization also has agreed to arrange for a transfer of personnel from Cleveland to care for the project. Adjutant and Major Uchida will be transferred, it was said.

The arrangement would not be on a permanent basis, but would be temporary measure to relieve the immediate problem. The project would continue on a year lease, it was stated.

The Salvation Army reports that enrollment at its training school has doubled for the coming year, and that it has been impossible to find adequate space for transfer of the school. Release of the building at the present time would mean cutting out its training program, officials said.

### Stork Shower

LOS ANGELES — A surprise stork shower was given on June 22 by Merijane Yokoe and Anne Fujimoto for Mrs. David Nikaka at the latter's home.

### NOTICE

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