



## Report 40 Persons Stricken With Arsenic Poisoning From Soy Sauce in Los Angeles

Following recent cases of food poisoning, believed to have been caused by adulterated soy sauce, it was reported on June 11 that the "Hanamurosaki" brand had been quarantined by city health inspectors in Los Angeles.

In Salt Lake City, state health inspectors were inspecting soy sauce used by families who have reported food poisoning. Inspectors also obtained samples of soy bean sauce in Salt Lake stores.

It was reported that Los Angeles health department officials had typed the information that some batches of a brand of Soy sauce had contained traces of arsenic. The sauce is manufactured in Los Angeles. It was stated by state Food Inspector Milton Duffy that arsenic had been found in original containers in which the sauce for the sauce was shipped from Illinois.

In San Jose, where 25 cases of arsenic poisoning were reported earlier this week, officials indicated the possibility that the 50-gallon barrels in which the soy sauce was shipped had previously been used as a container for chemicals.

It was reported in San Jose that the contaminated soy sauce had been shipped from a Los Angeles manufacturer in the 50-gallon barrels with the suggestion that it be bottled and branded.

LOS ANGELES—In the second outbreak of mass arsenic poisoning a week in California, 40 persons of Japanese ancestry in downtown Los Angeles were taken ill this week as city health inspectors moved to seize 5,000 gallons of soy sauce.

Fred Ramsey of the city health department declared that tests disclosed the presence of arsenic in the soy sauce.

Seizures were made in twelve wholesale and jobbers establishments.

None of the persons taken ill in Los Angeles were in a serious condition, Ramsey said.

## Food Poisoning Cases Reported in Salt Lake City

A number of cases of food poisoning in Utah has been reported the past two weeks and possibly may be connected to the soy sauce poisonings in California, according to a Salt Lake doctor.

It was reported that a number of families in Salt Lake and Davis counties have been treated for food poisoning.

A Salt Lake City Dr. S. Okami

## Expect Federal Court Verdict Soon in Language School Case

LOS ANGELES—The legality of the Territory of Hawaii's wartime statute which restricts the activities of foreign language schools, including those teaching Chinese and Japanese, is now being considered by a three-judge Federal court following the presentation of arguments for a week, A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles attorney, declared this week upon his return from Honolulu.

The test case against the Hawaiian language school law, passed by the territorial legislature in 1943, has been brought by Chinese language school groups in Hawaii. The petitioners were represented by Mr. Wirin and by W. Y. Char Honolulu.

It was reported that the case involves Japanese language schools in Hawaii which were closed in 1941 and which have not reopened. Much of the properties of these language schools already have been liquidated.

A decision in the language school case is expected within a month, it was stated.

Mr. Wirin also appeared in Hawaii in the Hans Zimmerman case in which the plaintiff, an Ameri-

## 25 PERSONS ILL OF POISONING IN SAN JOSE AREA

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A three-pronged investigation was under way this week into the arsenic poisoning of 25 persons of Japanese ancestry living along Berry Ave. between Madrone and Coyote during the past two weeks.

Members of several families were stricken after eating from a new shipment of soy sauce, according to Dr. James J. Higuchi who treated most of the sick. Several of those poisoned were seriously ill for from two to four days but most of the cases were mild, he said.

Laboratory analyses over the weekend revealed "more than a trace of arsenic" in the 50-gallon drum of sauce used commonly by several families, Dr. Dwight M. Bissell, San Jose health officer, said on July 7.

Dr. W. Elwyn Turner, county health officer, was notified and launched an investigation almost immediately. Also due to investigate the case is an official of the State Bureau of Food and Drugs.

None of the investigators was prepared to hazard a guess as to how the arsenic got into the sauce. Three possibilities were advanced by City Health department officials: (1) the arsenic may have been in the drum which originally was believed to have contained chemicals, (2) the poison may have been in the sauce when prepared and (3) the arsenic may have been put in the sauce with criminal intent.

It was definitely determined that the sauce was originally put in the drum by the manufacturer, Dr. Higuchi indicated. He said his patients ordinarily bought their soy sauce in one-gallon jugs but recently purchased the 50-gallon lot with the idea of dividing it among the several families.

and Dr. Toshiko Toyota reported recent cases of food poisoning.

Dr. Okami indicated that several patients he had treated during the past week were suffering from arsenic poisoning probably induced by adulterated soy sauce.

can citizen, is seeking \$500,000 in damages from military and civilian officials on the charge that he was imprisoned and held without hearing for more than a year.

Because both of the Federal court judges in Hawaii, D. E. Metzger and J. Frank McLaughlin, previously had criticized the wartime activities of military officials in their treatment of the civilian population in Hawaii, they deemed themselves to be disqualified from hearing the case and Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick of Los Angeles was assigned.

Numerous motions on the part of Fritz Wiener of the office of the solicitor-general in Washington, legal counsel for the government and military defendants, to dismiss the case were overruled by Judge McCormick who directed the defendants, including ex-Governor Poindexter and Generals Walter C. Short, Delos Emmons and R. C. Richardson, to file an answer to that the case may proceed to trial.

Mr. Wirin declared that the Zimmerman case may affect other cases of persons of Caucasian and Japanese ancestry who similarly were interned without hearing by military authorities in Hawaii.

## House Approves Citizenship For Purple Heart Parents

### Appoint Masaoka To Represent Utah VFW in Capital

Appointment of Mike M. Masaoka as Utah State VFW legislative representative in Washington was announced this week by Glen E. Thompson, state commander of the Utah VFW.

Masaoka, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team and legislative director of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, is a member of the Atomic Post, Veterans of foreign Wars, in Salt Lake City. He will be a delegate to the national encampment of the VFW next month in Cleveland.

Masaoka will carry to the VFW national encampment a resolution, passed unanimously by the Utah State VFW encampment recently at Provo, which supports naturalization for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

## Truman Signs Private Bill For Mrs. Thurn

Records Legal Entry Of Japanese Woman Into United States

WASHINGTON — Enacting into law the first private bill affecting a person of Japanese ancestry since the end of the war, President Harry Truman has signed H. R. 1318, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned this week.

This bill permits the lawful admission to the United States for permanent residence of Mrs. Fuku Kurokawa Thurn.

A Japanese national who married an American engineer in 1905, Mrs. Thurn entered the United States in 1937 on a visitor's permit so that her son might complete his engineering training.

She was scheduled for deportation as an alien but, because of the special act of Congress, may now become a permanent resident of this country.

A resident of Philadelphia, Mrs. Thurn was active in various volunteer defense groups during the war and has been an active supporter of the Philadelphia JACL chapter.

The passage of H. R. 1318 ended a two-year effort to secure permanent status for Mrs. Thurn. A bill in her behalf was stalemated in committee during the last session of Congress.

Commenting on the "relatively quick action" of Congress on the bill, which was introduced on January 23, 1947, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, declared:

"This augurs well for our other private legislation. We hope this means that the other private bills will also be passed."

## Data on Employment Of Nisei Compiled In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Information on employment conditions affecting Japanese Americans who have resettled in the Minneapolis area is being sought by the Community Self-Survey, according to John Hope, consultant to the industry and labor section of the survey, the Northwest Nisei News reported recently.

The survey's eager to secure full information on Nisei employment conditions to include in a report to Mayor Humphrey, Mr. Hope declared.

It was stressed that all information received from Nisei would not be analyzed in Minneapolis but would be sent to Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

## Passes Bill to Permit Stays Of Deportation for Aliens Ineligible to Naturalization

Bill to Give Rights to Parents of Nisei War Dead Broadened; Evacuee Claims Bill "Passed Over" at House Consent Session

WASHINGTON—Climaxing more than two years' intensive legislative effort, two out of three major bills affecting persons of Japanese ancestry passed the House of Representatives on July 7 and have been sent to the Senate for consideration, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Legislation for the Naturalization of Issei parents of Purple Heart veterans and stay of deportation of aliens ineligible to citizenship passed the House after a closely argued debate, the ADC office reported.

The Evacuation Claims bill, however, was passed over without prejudice.

"This action on the Evacuation Claims bill, H. R. 3999, means a temporary delay," Mike Masaoka, national ADC legislative director explained.

The bill is scheduled to come up again on the next House Consent Calendar on July 21, although we hope to get it out on a rule within the next two weeks and have it debated by the House before adjournment," he added.

Pointing out that the House action on H. R. 3999 was almost a foregone conclusion," Masaoka explained that the congressman who asked that the bill be passed over without prejudice was one of three official Republican objectors.

He was acting under a House rule that prohibits passage on the Consent Calendar of any bill which would involve more than \$1,000,000, and H. R. 3999 calls for the expenditure of more than \$10,000,000, Masaoka added.

A close contest marked the passage of both the naturalization and deportation staying bills, the Washington ADC office reported.

Originally passed over without prejudice early in the day, the naturalization bill, H. R. 3555, which provides for the naturalization of Gold Star parents only, was later reconsidered by the House upon the request of Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, D.

On the recall action the bill was passed by the House after incorporating an ADC-suggested amendment to increase the number of persons who would be eligible to naturalization under the provisions of the bill.

Congressman Walter proposed the amendment to include the parents of all Purple Heart veterans in the bill.

By this action the number of per-

sons made eligible to naturalization privileges was increased from a reported 1000 to between 15000 and 20,000, the ADC office pointed out.

Stormy debate featured the passage of the deportation staying bill, H. R. 3566, according to the Washington ADC office.

Questions by Congressman Carl Hinshaw of California, R., on an amendment regarding private bills and the introduction of a new amendment involving the controversial issue of immigration quotas by Congressman Jacob K. Javits of New York, R., brought about heated discussion, Masaoka revealed.

This was climaxed, he added, by the proposal of Congressman John E. Rankin, Mississippi, D., to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary committee, which would have "killed" the bill for this session.

Proponents of the bill forestalled this move, however, by calling for a voice vote, Masaoka added, and H. R. 3566 passed by a narrow margin.

This bill involves more than 2000 Japanese in this country who are subject to deportation.

Under its provisions the attorney general would be extended discretionary powers to cancel the deportation of aliens regardless of race or inadmissibility into the United States.

"The important feature of H. R. 3566 is that it strikes out the inadmissibility - because - of - race restrictions in our deportation laws, a big step toward the ultimate naturalization of all those now denied these privileges because of race," Masaoka declared.

Outgrowth of a two-year campaign of the ADC 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.

## Shigeki Ushio Named Chairman Of National JACL Convention

Salt Lake, Mr. Olympus Chapters Will Be Hosts in 1948

Preliminary plans for the 10th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, scheduled for Salt Lake City in 1948, were outlined this week as Shigeki Ushio of Murray, Utah, present chairman of the Intermountain District Council, was named convention chairman.

Convention plans were discussed this week at a joint meeting of the cabinets of the two host chapters, Salt Lake City and Mount Olympus.

Delegates and boosters from the more than 50 chapters of the JACL are expected to attend the convention.

In accepting the chairmanship of the convention, Shigeki Ushio declared:

"With our rapidly growing strength and significant national program, we look forward to making the 10th biennial national convention of the JACL the finest ever held. We are assured of the utmost cooperation of all our Inter-

mountain district chapters and members."

He said that the convention had been set for August 26 and 30 and that the headquarters would be established at the Hotel Utah.

In noting Shigeki Ushio's selection as convention chairman, Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, declared:

"He is the logical man to lead the national convention because of his untiring efforts on behalf of the JACL and because of his ability to carry out the program. I cannot say too much of the grand way in which the JACL chapters of the Intermountain area gave their moral and financial support to the national organization during the war years when chapters and district councils in other areas were disrupted by evacuation and other wartime conditions.

"If it had not been for the grand support given the National JACL from the chapters in Salt Lake City, Mount Olympus, Ogden, Pocatello, Boise Valley, Idaho Falls, Magic Valley and Yellowstone districts, there would be no national organization today."



## Justice Department Seeks Reconsideration of Verdict On Tule Lake Renunciants

SAN FRANCISCO—Preparing the way for an eventual appeal to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, the Justice department on July 8 filed a motion for reconsideration of a writ issued June 30 preventing the deportation of approximately 1800 persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their United States citizenship at the Tule Lake segregation center.

Directly involved are 325 renunciants who are at the Crystal City, Tex., camp of the Justice department and at Seabrook Farms, N. J., and who have petitioned the courts for the cancellation of their renunciations on the charge that the government procedure under which the renunciations were carried out was unconstitutional. An additional 1,500 renunciants are at liberty.

Judge Louis E. Goodman of the Federal district court in San Francisco, in granting a writ of habeas corpus to free the detainees, declared that the renunciants "are not alien enemies within the provision of the Enemy Alien Act of 1798 and hence may not be detained for removal or deportation from the United States."

Robert B. McMillan, assistant United States attorney, in filing the government motion for reconsideration, contended that Judge Goodman had erred because the renunciants were dual citizens.

McMillan argued that the renunciants automatically became citizens of Japan once they renounced their American citizenship and thereby came under the scope of the Enemy Alien Act.

## Ikuo Oyama Feted By Local Residents In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Ikuo Oyama Japan's most noted political refugee, was honored by San Francisco residents at a dinner Monday evening at the Shanghai Low.

Oyama, who has been teaching at Northwestern university, stated that there was a background for democracy in Japan and that all barriers preventing the complete democratization of that country should be removed.

He added that many misconceptions about Japan arise from the fact that western writers and newsmen fail to interview the average Japanese, and instead interview only well known political figures.

Mr. S. Asano of the Nichi-Bei Times acted as toastmaster for the dinner.

Oyama is scheduled to return to Japan August 8 from San Francisco. He will visit Hawaii and return to San Francisco before leaving for Japan.

## Canadian Company Refuses to Hire Nisei In Plant

TORONTO, Ont.—Refusal of the Coulter Copper and Brass company to hire a Canadian of Japanese ancestry because of his racial origin was charged by the AFL-CIO Joint Labor Committee to Combat Intolerance last week.

"We have a clause in our contract specifically outlawing discrimination because of race or color," declared Mrs. Brida Gray, stewardess of the Coulter Copper and Brass local of the United Steel Workers of America, CIO.

A. R. W. Urens, personnel manager of the firm, said that the union was not consulted in the company's refusal to hire the Japanese Canadian.

"We don't feel it is necessarily a union matter," the company official said.

## Chicago Chapter Group Aids Friends Relief Program

CHICAGO, Ill.—Members of the Chicago chapter of JACL were on hand at the American Friends Service Committee relief warehouse at 159 N. Michigan on July 7th to mend, sort, pack and bale used clothing for distribution to war-torn countries.

According to Aiko Nakane who supervises work at the warehouse, fifty percent of the clothing baled will be sent to Japan. She added that Ruth Dross, director, would like to employ a secretary-receptionist at \$150.00 per month.

Present from the Chicago JACL were Wiley Higuchi, Roy Iwata, Kiyoshi Kasai, Dorothy Kitow, Tats Kishida, Marvel Maeda, Harry Mizuno, Eunice Mohri, Jane Nishino, Masao W. Satow, Roxie Takehara, Aiko Watanabe, Tad Yemoto and Kumeo Yoshinari.

## Supreme Court Asked to Rule On DeWitt Case

Homer Wilcox Files Writ Asking Review Of Exclusion Action

LOS ANGELES—With the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court last week by Homer Glen Wilcox, the court will be given an opportunity to decide whether Lt. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, is personally liable for enforcing a military exclusion order against an American citizen. Wilcox, an associate of Mankind United, a California religious organization, was ordered evacuated because of suspected loyalty by Gen. DeWitt and was removed by a squad of soldiers from his home in San Diego to Nevada.

In his suit for damages, in which he consented to take a nominal judgment of \$100, filed in the federal court at Los Angeles, Judge Peirson M. Hall ruled that Wilcox's evacuation violated constitutional right; and that General DeWitt was liable in damages.

The appeal from that decision by General DeWitt to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals resulted in an order setting aside Judge Hall's judgment. Now Wilcox has taken his case to the Supreme Court.

Because the Supreme Court is now in its summer session, no ruling upon the petition by Wilcox can be had until the Supreme Court reconvenes in September.

The case is sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. The American Civil Liberties Union's counsel, A. L. Wirin, is attorney for Wilcox. The petition in the Supreme Court is countersigned by Arthur Garfield Hays, Osmond K. Fraenkel, Nanette Dembitz, Marion P. Ames and Walter Gellhorn of the New York Bar. Counsel for the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union, Fred Okrand, southern California ACLU counsel and Charles A. Horsky, Washington, D. C., ACLU counsel.

Mr. Wirin indicated the suit against DeWitt is of interest to persons of Japanese descent, because the case involves the legality of an army evacuation order. Should Wilcox win in the Supreme Court, a precedent will be established, upon which suits by persons of Japanese descent, for both the evacuation and detention, may be filed against Gen. DeWitt, it was stated.

## Los Angeles YBA Plans Obon Festival

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles YBA is planning to hold its annual "obon" festival and carnival on July 19 and 20 at Kudo's auto park.

General chairmen for the affair are Dr. Ryo Munkata, Sammy Kuratomi and Bill Kitayama.

## Nisei Must Consider Other Minorities, Says Negro Writer

By HISAYE YAMAMOTO  
LOS ANGELES—Nisei will not come of age until they show as much interest in the problems of other minorities as they now show in their own, in the opinion of Bayard Rustin, author-lecturer and member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation's national racial and industrial section.

Mr. Rustin, speaking here earlier this week to a group of Nisei and their friends, said he believed the progress of a minority could be gauged by its active interest in other minorities, and added that he had found this interest almost totally lacking in the average Nisei.

He pointed out that the Japanese American Citizens League, while becoming encouragingly ac-

## Assembly's Fight Against Land Law Cited by Legislator

SAN FRANCISCO—The fight in the California assembly against the Alien Land law was described as the "most significant" action on questions affecting racial minorities at the recent legislative session by Assemblyman George D. Collins, D., San Francisco, at the Statewide Legislative Congress here last week.

Collins, a leader of the assembly's liberal bloc, also cited the legislature's passage of a bill repealing the section of the California education code which permitted the establishment of segregated schools for children of Indian, Japanese, Chinese and Mongolian ancestry.

Collins declared that he would take the lead in fighting the Alien Land law if another appropriation bill to enforce the law is submitted to the next session of the legislature.

Edward Howden, director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, described the fight against the Alien Land law appropriation in Sacramento and noted that the campaign came "within an ace of victory" until Attorney General Howser personally intervened.

## Alien Property Claim Won by Film Company

\$75,000 Also to be Returned in Hashimoto Company Case

LOS ANGELES—The Office of Alien Property Custodian has allowed in full the claims of the Nichibei Kinema company and Kazuichi Hashimoto, doing business as the Hashimoto company, it was reported here by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, Los Angeles attorneys.

These cases are the first in which contested claims filed by persons of Japanese ancestry against the orders of the Alien Property Custodian have been allowed.

The claim of the Nichibei Kinema company was for the return of a large number of Japanese motion picture films, valued at \$250,000. The claim filed by the company, which distributes motion pictures for entertainment in the United States and Hawaii, was allowed after hearings in Washington which were attended by Katsuma Mukae and Shunsuke Kumamoto, officials of the firm.

Kazuichi Hashimoto was engaged before the war in the wholesale hardware and fishermen's supplies business in Terminal Island. He was seized by the Alien Property Custodian and the business was liquidated.

The property now returned consists of \$75,000 in cash and a large number of accounts receivable.

## Nisei Youth Drowns In Sacramento River

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Shigeki Harano, 13, tumbled to his death in the Sacramento river levee near Walnut Grove Monday when the river bank on which he was playing gave way.

His younger brother, Masaki, who fell into the water with Shigeki, managed to grab some reeds at the waterline and was rescued by a nearby bridge tender.

The body of the dead youth was found about three hours later by searchers from Sacramento.

## Tension on Capitol Hill: House Action Described as Credit to ADC's Activity

By ESTHER L'ECLUSE

Washington, D. C.—Tension and knotted stomach muscles characterized the atmosphere in the historic old House of Representatives last Monday afternoon for the Japanese American Citizens League.

After so many months of painstaking preparation and breaking delays, this was the pay-off day. Three major bills were up for passage by the House—and there was a chance, though slim, that they might go through.

Out in force in the gallery were the Washington staff members of the Anti-Discrimination Committee tense, a little worried, but optimistic.

They had need of their optimism early for the day got off to a bad start.

First up for passage by the House was the naturalization bill—and it was promptly rejected.

"Passed over without prejudice" was the official term and it meant a delay of two weeks—a delay which would bring the bill perilously close to the end of the Congressional session.

One of the official Republican objectors had asked what the Justice department had to say on the subject and there had been no one to answer him.

Chairman Frank Fellows of the Subcommittee was ill and Congressman Ed Gossett, whose bill it was, was not present.

So, despite the weeks of preparation, for lack of an official answer, the naturalization bill was doomed.

They came the deportation staying bill—and up until the moment the prognosis on that, too, was definitely negative.

Debate was stormy, the House was getting unruly, and in the gallery the ADC stomach muscles were a little rigid.

At first it had looked good. When the bill was read, anxious eyes from the gallery scanned the floor to see if anyone might rise to object. No one did.

But when the amendment was read, unsmiling Carl Hinder of California objected on the ground that his private bills would be jeopardized.

(The amendment provides that no private bill could be introduced unless the Attorney General certified in writing that no administrative remedies remained.)

He moved that the entire bill be "passed over without prejudice" until he could be reassured on his private bills.

This was an unlooked-for obstacle, but on the floor Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania came to the rescue. He objected and asked for a voice vote on the amendment.

Only a few "no's" sounded and the amendment was passed. The staff members in the gallery drew a collective deep breath.

But not for long. For Congressman Javits of New York proposed a new amendment—and thereby interjected a subject usually handled only with the finest kid gloves or the longest 10-minute pole.

He brought into the discussion the highly controversial topic of immigration quotas and set off a stormy debate that threatened momentarily to engulf the entire bill.

(His amendment would allow the Attorney General to charge a cancelled deportation to the quota of the year in which the alien entered the United States so that present quotas would not be reduced.)

Several minutes later the situation became desperate when the stormy petrel of the House, Representative Rankin of Mississippi, shouted out a request to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee since there was so much debate on it.

This would have killed the bill for this session.

But again Congressman Walter saved the day. He and several other congressmen objected to the Rankin suggestion and called for a voice vote.

They got it. And it was close.

The speaker cautiously ruled, "In my opinion, the Ayes have it," and thus the deportation staying bill passed.

Then came an agonizing wait for the evacuation claims bill. When action did come on this, it was swift. One of the official Republican objectors asked that it be passed over without prejudice and that was all that was needed. The bill was rejected.

It was a rather disheartened ADC staff that filed slowly out of the gallery then. But they hadn't given up.

As a last resort they called Congressman Walter off the floor to see if he might be able to resurrect the evacuation claims bill.

It was he, then, who provided the climax of the day.

Delayed some time in answering the ADC call, he finally burst through the door excitedly and exclaimed: "Oh, you missed it. I just called back the naturalization bill for reconsideration and added an amendment to cover parents of Purple Heart veterans and both passed unanimously!"

He beamed delightedly at the elation he brought.

The day for the Japanese Americans was summed up neatly by Walter Besterman, clerk of the House Judiciary Committee at the end of the afternoon when he said:

"It was a real triumph for the Anti-Discrimination Committee. For the first time since 1790 Congress has eliminated race from immigration and deportation law."

where, he said, "Nisei have clustered together in small colonies, when they can live anywhere in the city that they choose."

However, his main recommendation was that all Americans now work for universal disarmament, as racial and labor-management strife was made trivial by the possibility of World War III.

Mr. Rustin was a conscientious objector during the late war and was active in fighting Negro-White segregation at Ashland (Ky.) Federal prison, where he was committed at one time. More recently, he was one of a group of white and Negro men sent south by the NAACP to test the Supreme Court ban on segregation in interstate travel.

He was in southern California this week as a lecturer at the Institute of International Relations sponsored yearly at Whittier College by the American Friends Service League. He is recognized as an authority in the field of non-violent solutions to social problems.



## War-Stranded Nisei Return on Gen. Meigs

First Returnee from Okinawa on Board Army Transport

SAN FRANCISCO — The first war-stranded Nisei to return from Okinawa arrived in San Francisco July 3 on the General Meigs. Also on board were 40 other Nisei who had been cleared by United States authorities in Japan to return to American homes following the certification of their citizenship.

The Okinawa returnee was Hiroshi Oshiro, 25, of Los Angeles. Twenty-six other Nisei returnees from Okinawa disembarked at Honolulu.

Miss Oshiro declared that her father and sister were killed during the war in Okinawa and related her experiences during the bombing and heavy fighting on the island.

Nisei passengers aboard the General Meigs and their destinations were:

### CALIFORNIA

Kimiko Tani, 17, Margaret Shimizu, 28, San Francisco; Mary Tsuyue Okimoto, 22, Joe Yoshinaga, 29, Knights Landing; Mineyoko, 18, Los Gatos; Joseph Gen Kimura, 32, Palo Alto; Shuzo Kono, 26, Auburn; Bette Mikami, 26, and Tsuyako Tani, 18, and Mariko Jane Kato, 16, Stockton.

Haruo, 28, Tsuyue, 26, and Takeda, 25, Sacramento; Nao Miyagi, 37, Bakersfield; Sonoe Tobo, 32, Franklin, 13, and Roosevelt Tatsuya, 14, Haruo Hamano, 17, Kinya, 19; Masao Kawanami, Isao Sakai, 18, Tsutomu Haruo, 22, and Hideko Oshiro, 25, Los Angeles.

Chiko Uchiyama, 18, San Fernando; Fusako Kawata, 18, Puen Shizuko Koyanagi, Gardena; Misao Takagaki Inouye, 40, Noreen, 15, Alice, 14, and Carol Inouye, 9, Pasadena.

### UTAH

David Yoshiro Kimura, 32, Ogden.

### COLORADO

Teruko Hiraki, 22, La Junta.

### ILLINOIS

Yama Kasai, 23; Albert Yamaoka, 20; Yoshio Sakaue, 29, and Ieko Nakamura, 18, Chicago.

### MINNESOTA

Yama, 19, and Ryoe Kyono, Minneapolis.

### WASHINGTON

Yadako Yamaguchi, 22, Seattle.

### MISSOURI

Yazumi Goto, 19, Kansas City.

## Overflow Crowd Sees Jose Talent Show

SAN JOSE, Calif.—An overflow crowd of 900 persons attended the talent show sponsored by the United Citizens League of San Clara County (JACL) on the fourth of July at Peter Burnett high school.

Kogura of the Issei support group acted as master of ceremonies.

The proceeds from the talent show will be allocated to the nationalization campaign and for the support of the local JACL chapter.

## JACL Picnic

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL will hold a picnic July 20 under the chairmanship of Toby Kuruma.

## Radio Drama Written on Nisei Housing Case in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The efforts of the Jon Matsuo case, involving discrimination against a Japanese American veteran in housing, was discussed in a radio drama which was presented this week as part of a series, "Neither Nor Equal," over WCCO.

The programs, written by Ralph Andrist and Ralph Andrist, WCCO staff writers, were sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Governor Youngdahl's interracial commission, the Urban League, the St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Minnesota Jewish Council, St. Paul Council on Human Relations, Mayor Hubert Humphrey's Council of Minneapolis, and the

## JACL Anti-Bias Group Seeks Elimination of Exit Permits For Issei Traveling to Hawaii

WASHINGTON—Elimination of exit permit requirements between Hawaii and continental United States for Japanese nationals who are permanent residents of this country will be urged by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in an informal discussion with officials of the Justice department early next week, the Washington ADC office announced today.

The Attorney General has been asked by the State department to concur in the granting of a general waiver of exit permit requirements, the ADC office was informed.

Immediate action on the matter is being sought by the ADC since negotiations were begun early this spring, Mike Masaoka, national ADC legislative director, reported. "Pointing out that Hawaii is an integral part of the United States, we urged the State department last April to exempt Japanese nationals who are permanent resi-

dents of the United States from the necessity of obtaining exit permits in order to return to or visit the Territory of Hawaii," Masaoka said.

"We told officials at that time that since the Japanese nationals are actually nationals of the United States, in that they have lived here for a long time and have been thoroughly investigated, the necessity for exit permits has caused great inconvenience and hardship," he added.

"Many times these persons have had to cancel airplane or steamship reservations at the very last moment because exit permits were not issued in time. This has resulted in serious loss and hardship to business men as well as others."

In answer to the ADC request, the State department has agreed to waive the requirement, Masaoka revealed, but officials have requested concurrence of the Attorney General.

## Army Policy on GI Marriages With Japanese Discussed By Masaoka at War Department

WASHINGTON—War Department policy regarding the marriages between United States soldiers and Japanese women was brought up for discussion this week by Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, when he contacted the office of Howard C. Petersen, assistant secretary of war, the Washington ADC office reported today.

Masaoka talked with Colonel F. P. Munson, executive officer, the ADC said.

## Summer Activities Outlined for Chicago JACL Members

CHICAGO, Ill.—Although the next regular meeting of the Chicago JACL chapter will not be held until September, an active summer program for the membership will include outings, informal discussion groups and special meetings, according to a review of the proposed summer program by Mari Sabusawa, vice-president and program chairman.

"The membership will be kept informed of all summer activities through the JACL-er, a monthly chapter newsletter," she stated.

A weenie-bake will be held on Saturday, July 19th at 6:30 P.M. at the 55th Street promontory, according to the social chairman Yo Furuta, Roy Iwata and Harry Mizuno, who assure an enjoyable time for everyone. Members and friends of the Chicago chapter are requested to phone in their reservations no later than July 16th to the JACL office at FRANKlin 8840. There will be a charge of 75c per person. An outing is being planned for August, they announced.

## San Diego Residents Give to JACL-ADC

LOS ANGELES—The San Diego JACL last week submitted a donation of \$689.50, to be divided equally between the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee and the JACL's Legal Defense Fund of Southern California.

According to Fred Katsumata, treasurer of the San Diego chapter, the money was collected by former members of the Civil Rights Defense Union in the area.

Colonel Munson is familiar with the record of Nisei GIs in the Pacific, having been in charge of many G2 troops with Admiral Halsey's command during the war.

The legislative director started action on the policy matter after more than 150 American soldiers now on occupation duty in Japan telegraphed a request that the Anti-Discrimination Committee contact the War Department with the view of suspending or rescinding a directive prohibiting the marriage of American soldiers and Japanese women.

The directive was issued by the general headquarters of the Far Eastern Command.

The Washington office also received a telegram on this matter from Cal Sakamoto, formerly of Loomis, Calif., and now in Japan, the ADC office added.

Requests for rescinding the marriage prohibition apparently resulted from the newspaper accounts of the House of Representatives' passing of the Soldier Brides amendment, Masaoka explained.

"When the House passed H. R. 3149 on June 16, the Pacific edition of the Stars and Stripes and several Japanese news papers apparently carried a story of this action," he added. "Since the Anti-Discrimination Committee initiated this kind of legislation, the inquiries were sent to us."

Primary cause for concern to the soldiers in Japan is the 30-day clause in H. R. 3149, the legislative director declared.

Only soldiers who were married prior to or within 30 days of the enactment of the Soldier Brides amendment would be eligible under the Act, according to this clause.

"Because of the theater directive GIs in Japan cannot marry Japanese girls now, and they are afraid the 30-day time limit will be too short to enable them to overcome military 'red tape,'" Masaoka said.

## 150 Register for Lake Tahoe Retreat

FRESNO, Calif.—One hundred and forty persons have registered for the Lake Tahoe retreat of the Northern California Young People's Christian Conference which will be held at Zephyr Point on July 17 to July 20.

Leading speakers at the retreat will include Chaplain George Hall of Stanford, the Rev. Howard Thurman of San Francisco and Harold Jow of Hawaii.

Among the committee chairmen for the YPCC retreat are Sadao Nakashima, Toshiko Tekewa, Alice Shigezumi, Velma Yemoto, Hisashi Horiya, Paul Tani, Calvin Yamashita, Motoko Hirose and Elinor Umezawa.

## Famous Nisei Combat Units Will Be Reactivated by Army Group in Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU—Army headquarters at Fort Shafter announced recently that the famous 442nd Infantry Regiment Combat Team would be reactivated soon as an Organized Reserve component of the Army of the United States.

The equally-famous 100th Infantry Battalion also will be reactivated as the first battalion of the 442nd Regiment.

Composed of Nisei enlisted personnel from Hawaii and the mainland United States, the 442nd Combat Team became the

most decorated unit in the United States army during its service in Italy and France in 1944 and 1945.

The 100th Battalion, the first all-Japanese American unit to be committed to battle, went into the line above Salerno in Italy in September, 1944. It joined up with the 442nd Combat Team near Rome in June, 1945 and became the first battalion of the Japanese American unit.

The 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Battalion received seven Presidential citations.

Announcement of the reactivation of the units was made nearly a year after the returning of the 442nd from occupation service in northern Italy, 1946 and the subsequent parade of the returning men of the 442nd down Constitution avenue in Washington. The Nisei regiment was reviewed and decorated by President Truman.

The unit officially was deactivated in ceremonies in Hawaii in August 1946.

The colors of the 442nd and the 100th Battalion still are in Hawaii. It was understood that in its reactivation status the 442nd Combat Team would not be an all-Japanese American outfit but that its ranks would be open to all American soldiers.

The army announcement stated that former officers of the 442nd Regiment and the 100th Battalion would be used as far as possible in officiating the reactivated units.

Final details of the reactivation of these units will be announced at a later date.

It was announced that the 442nd infantry regiment including the 100th battalion, will be reactivated initially as a Class C unit, composed only of officers. No enlisted men are included in the makeup of a Class C unit.

It was explained that all organized reserve units are initially activated as Class C. When organization is completed as Class C, a cadre of non-commissioned officers can be added and the unit can then apply for Class B recognition. After a unit has been recognized as Class B, it can then add enlisted men up to about half of final and full strength and apply to the War Department as Class A.

## Harold Sakata Wins AAU Weightlifting Title at Dallas

DALLAS, Tex.—Harold T. Sakata, Nisei weightlifting star from Hawaii, won the National AAU junior weight-lifting title here recently with an aggregate score of 800.

Sakata swept three events. Richard Tom of Honolulu, Sakata's teammate, won the national 123-pound title. Tom equaled the National AAU record of 185 pounds in the press which is held by Emerick Ishikawa of York, Pa. Ishikawa, a former resident of Hawaii, set the record in 1944.

## UYEDA GETS 2ND IN BROAD JUMP AT JUNIOR AAU

LINCOLN, Neb.—With a leap of 24 feet 1 inch, George Uyeda of the Citywide A. C., Honolulu placed second in the National AAU junior division track and field meet on July 4.

Uyeda, who is one of the few trackmen in the United States who have cleared more than 25 feet this year, is a student at the University of Hawaii.

He jumped 23 feet 3 and 1-8th inches to place fifth in the National AAU senior division meet on July 5.

## New York Issei Hear Tsuchiya Talk on JACL-ADC Program

NEW YORK—Ioji B. Sekine, one of the leading Issei pioneers in the New York Japanese community and president of the I. Sekine Co., served as chairman at a New York city-wide meeting on July 2, which featured the 13-reel Japanese movie, "Shina no Yoru," plus newsreels and several short talks.

Nearly 250 persons heard Scotty Tsuchiya, special national JACL representative, who shared spotlight billing on the program with the Japanese classical movie. Mr. Sekine, after welcoming all those present, spoke of the important place the Japanese American Citizens League occupies in the Japanese community and in the daily lives of all Japanese Americans. The chairman introduced Master Sgt. Frank Kufamoto and Lt. Reynold Muranaka who are representing the Monterey Military Intelligence Service Language School

in the Metropolitan Area during the Army's current nation-wide drive to secure qualified replacement troops for critical assignments in Japan and Korea.

Mr. Tsuchiya reemphasized the importance of every Japanese community's support of the JACL and the ADC stating that the people could not know when such an organization would be sorely needed by them locally even though residents here are fortunately relieved of many of the West Coast hardships. Citing examples of the work the regional JACL offices have done, the speaker declared that such accomplishments were possible primarily because JACL has won recognition as a great national Japanese American organization.

The meeting was sponsored by the New York JACL Chapter in conjunction with its 1947 JACL Fund Appeal Campaign.



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## EDITORIALS: Civil Service Racism

The Civil Service Commission apparently is the repository of residual wartime prejudice against Japanese Americans in government service. The commission was caught off base recently by Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the ADC, and by Togo Tanaka, columnist for the Colorado Times, who have protested the use of the racial classification, "Japanese," as descriptive of potential disloyalty.

The commission has reported that five government employes have been fired because they were suspected of being "Japanese," whatever that means. The other two classifications under which government workers have been released and applicants have been denied positions under the new loyalty procedure are "Fascist" and "Communist." These classifications pertain to political ideologies and may constitute grounds under the new security system but there has been no authority given the Civil Service Commission to terminate the employment of Federal personnel because of race.

During the war the Civil Service Commission, or at least their regional offices in the west, gave undue credence to the distortions of the Dies Committee in their approach to Japanese Americans. A handbook which was provided to Civil Service Commission agents to assist them in investigating Nisei applicants is replete with the suspicions and falsifications of the Yellow Peril mongers. This handbook is indeed an amazing document which has as its premise the view that no American of Japanese ancestry can be trusted since he is a potential subject of the Japanese emperor.

Indicative of the Civil Service Commission's attitude is the case of a Nisei war veteran with four years service in the army. This ex-GI who has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the war against Japan was turned down when he applied for a U. S. government civil service job in Japan on the ground that he was potentially disloyal.

One of the five persons of Japanese ancestry, reportedly released from government civilian service on the charge that they were suspected of being "Japanese," already has been accepted by the army which has shown that it does not subscribe to the sort of racist nonsense typified by the Civil Service Commission. The army undoubtedly believes that this individual, who did valuable service for important agency during the war, is loyal enough to wear the uniform of the United States. It might be noted in passing that, of the 33,000 Japanese Americans who have worn that uniform, not one has disgraced it.

## Treason Case

Some fears were expressed when the arrest of Tomoya Kawakita, charged with treason for the mistreatment of American prisoners of war in a Japanese prison camp, was made public that the case would result in an exhibition of yellow journalism such as that which accompanied the Tule Lake incident in 1943. The exhibition of journalistic pyrotechnics which followed the Tule Lake demonstration undoubtedly delayed the return of the evacuees to the west coast for some months since it served to agitate a considerable portion of public sentiment against the rescission of the exclusion orders.

So far the Kawakita case is being treated in its proper perspective, as one of a number of cases in which Americans of many ances-

tries have been accused of treasonable activities in wartime. Ezra Pound, Robert Best, Douglas Chandler, Fred Kaltenbach and a number of other Americans have been accused or tried to date for treason. The charge against Tomoya Kawakita is one which involves a crime which is far more reprehensible than that of the intellectual treason with which a man like Ezra Pound, one of the foremost figures in American literature, was accused. Kawakita is accused of mistreating American prisoners and this incident is paralleled only by the charges which have been made against at least two American POWs who have been charged with the mistreatment of fellow prisoners.

Kawakita's guilt or innocence on the treason charge will be determined by a Federal court in Los Angeles. Whatever the result of that trial, Tomoya Kawakita, if it is established that he served the Japanese government in a civilian capacity during the war, is guilty of a callous disregard of his fellow men. If the facts of his wartime service are established, it must be concluded that he has falsified or hidden that record in order to obtain clearance to return to the United States. In so doing, he has jeopardized the security and welfare of many thousands of Nisei in Japan who deserve the right to return to their families and homes.

The record of wartime achievement of the Nisei in the United States is one which is not to be lightly jeopardized, for this record is one for which more than 600 Americans of Japanese ancestry gave their lives to achieve.

## Japanese Brazilians

All of the soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought and bled in Italy were not members of the 442nd Combat Team or other United States army units. There were a few, several score, in Italy who were members of the Brazilian Brigade, the only expeditionary force from South America to see combat action in Europe.

Several of these Japanese Brazilians were wounded seriously and were hospitalized in the United States. One of them, Sadayuki Hino, an amputee case, was treated at Bushnell general hospital in Utah.

These Japanese Brazilians were the representatives of the largest group of persons of Japanese ancestry in the western hemisphere. They were a part of Brazil's nearly 300,000 residents of Japanese ancestry, most of whom are farmers and small merchants in Sao Paulo state.

Brazil's Japanese were not evacuated although, being a later immigrant group, they had maintained closer ties than Japanese nationals in the United States to Japan. One reason for the lack of restrictions on the group was that Brazil did not declare war against Japan after Pearl Harbor was attacked but merely broke off diplomatic relations. A reason for this may be that an outright declaration of war may have imposed a serious problem on the government in that a considerable number of the nearly 300,000 would have become "enemy aliens."

This week it was reported from Rio de Janeiro that the Brazilian government is taking active measures to "assimilate" its large population of Japanese ancestry. There is little in the way of a racial problem, as such, since Brazil, with a large mestizo population, is one of the least race-conscious nations in the western hemisphere. One of the first steps in the "assimilation" policy is the deportation of 81 persons accused of leading recent riots among the Japanese population. These 81 leaders are members of the infamous Shindo Renmei, a pro-fascist band which has carried on a campaign of terror against the recognized leaders of Brazil's Japanese. A number of leaders who opposed the Shindo Renmei were killed or wounded by the terrorists.

A large percentage of these Brazilian Japanese live in isolated villages where they have fallen prey to the propaganda of the Shindo Renmei and have lived in fear of the terrorists. When Brazilian authorities stepped in, they found that one reason for the campaign of terror was that Shindo Renmei leaders hoped to confiscate the farms of ignorant colonists who fled in fear of the terrorists.

In addition to jailing and deporting the leaders of the terrorist group and eradicating their pro-Japan influence, Brazil has undertaken a systematic campaign of education of the young Brazil-born citizens of Japanese ancestry. They believe that these young Japanese Brazilians will make splendid citizens of the new world. Some of them, like Sadayuki Hino who lost a leg in Italy, already have proved it.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Nisei and the 49th State

One of the by-products of World War II is the changed attitude of California politicians toward Japanese Americans. The 34 votes in the California assembly against the anti-Japanese land law enforcement appropriation was evidence of this. And last week, in the House of Representatives, California congressmen took the lead in defending the loyalty of the Nisei group in the debate on Hawaiian statehood.

The discussion on Nisei loyalty was touched off by a crack by Georgia's Prince H. Preston that Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry were "descendants of the Emperor of Japan."

He was first challenged by J. Leroy Johnson of Stockton, Calif., a Republican who, at the war's outset, introduced a number of bills which, if passed, would have restricted the wartime freedom of Americans of Japanese ancestry, both on the mainland and in Hawaii. One of his proposals was the creation of a loyalty commission to investigate Japanese Americans and to deport any who were found to be disloyal.

Rep. Johnson, obviously a man of some prejudices but one who is not unwilling to learn, stood up to bear his testimony. He said that twenty years ago he had become a member of V. S. McClatchy's Joint Immigration Committee, once the most powerful anti-Oriental organization in California, as a representative of the American Legion, then a participant in anti-Japanese politics along with the Native Sons, the California AFL and the Grange.

"For ten years following my entry on this committee, it was my firm conviction from my studies and observations that Hawaii was a Japanese outpost. I worked on the premise that Hawaii was an outpost of Japan."

The Californian said that during the past ten years he gradually had come to the conclusion that Hawaii was American and that this conviction was borne out during a visit to Hawaii last summer. As a matter of record, Rep. Johnson wrote an article for the McClatchy Bee newspapers last year from Hawaii in which he expressed this same conviction.

Rep. Johnson answered Congressman Preston's fear that a Hawaiian state would send men to Congress who would speak for "180,000 Japanese" in these words: "The observation that the gentleman made that the representatives that Hawaii would send to Congress, if it became a state, and who would represent 180,000 of them who are of Japanese extraction, are going to speak for Japan, falls of its own weight because those men, regardless of the color of their skin, are just as loyal as the people in Hawaii who have a white skin."

"They are Americans, not Japanese. His premise is fallacious. The representatives will in fact represent real Americans."

Rep. Johnson indicated that he was not completely shorn of his prejudices when he declared that "the Japanese in Hawaii, judged by their record under fire in the most trying circumstances, were more loyal, were more devoted, gave better service to the United States than did the Japanese from the mainland."

It might do to remind Rep. Johnson that California's 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were prevented by mass evacuation from participating to a larger degree in the war effort but that 17,000 of the 33,000 Japanese Americans who served in the U. S. Army in World War II were mainlanders.

In the House debate on Hawaiian statehood a number of congressmen have assumed, for sale of argument probably, that the 442nd Combat Team was an all Hawaiian unit. It would not be mere carping, since prejudices still exist in many mainland areas, to remind the congressmen that one-half of the men of the 442nd Combat Team were residents of the continental United States.

Another vigorous proponent for Hawaiian statehood is Rep. Clair Engle of California who blocked the passage of the evacuee indemnification bill in 1946 and who was the most vocal member of the anti-Nisei brigade in the 79th Congress

when the return of the evacuees to the west coast was under debate.

Rep. Engle took the floor last week to remind Rep. Preston that "90 per cent" of persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii were American citizens, the Georgia member having intimated that statehood would "confer" citizenship on alien Japanese.

"The only Japanese in Hawaii who are not American citizens are the ones who came in from Japan many, many years ago," Rep. Engle declared.

The so-called "Japanese question" was a rock on which strenuous efforts to obtain statehood for Hawaii had foundered in past years. In a previous discussion of Hawaiian statehood Mississippi's John Rankin had shouted that it would mean seating a "Jap" in Congress. The war, however, had dissipated whatever doubts most House members may have had about Hawaii's Japanese Americans and the result was the House's passage of the Farrington bill last week.

Arguments by some southern bigots, including Georgia's Gen. Cox, that statehood should be denied because of Hawaii's racial composition received short shrift on the House floor. Most of the opposition to statehood came from southern Democrats and a few northern reactionaries of the stripe of New York's F. R. Coudert. It was Louisiana's Henry D. Ladd who put into the record a statement regarding the wartime loyalty of Hawaii's Japanese American population.

Rep. Larcade, head of the House subcommittee which held hearings in Honolulu last year, declared:

"We had before us representatives of the FBI who testified notwithstanding the reports and the propaganda that was spread in regard to sabotage and espionage in Hawaii by citizens of Japanese ancestry, before, during and after the war, their investigations disclosed that there was no such espionage or sabotage on the part of any citizens of Japanese ancestry or any other citizens of the Territory of Hawaii."

Rep. Larcade's statement on Nisei loyalty was seconded by other Californians, in addition to Reps. Johnson and Engle. Rep. George Miller and Gordon McDonough gave cogent arguments and Rep. Norris Poulson, who has indicated that he was misinformed in his wartime opposition to the Nisei group, also supported statehood.

"On the record of their behavior and their participation in the war, American citizens of Japanese ancestry can be little criticized," Rep. McDonough stated. "Such evidence of bloc voting as exists among Americans of Japanese ancestry is not likely to assume serious proportions, because they, like other peoples, are divided amongst themselves by differences, political, social and economic."

George Miller, one of the few California congressmen still in office who maintained his sense of fair play on the question of the evacuees during the war, cited the conduct of the 100 Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team and the over-subscribed war bond drive as powerful arguments for Hawaiian statehood.

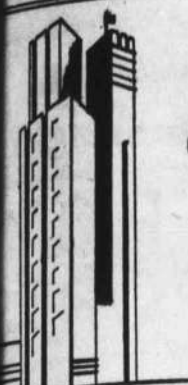
On the basis of House debate the "Japanese question" is today a strong factor favoring Hawaiian statehood. The racist arguments once used by the Rankins and the Coxes have withered before the proof and record of Nisei loyalty and service. The mainland Nisei who helped make that record during wartime service on which the Japanese American group as a whole are judged, can be proud of their contribution toward the realization of Hawaii's dream of statehood.

## JACL Deputation To Hold Meeting In San Juan

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for organizing a JACL financial drive in the San Juan Bautista area will be discussed in that city Saturday, July 12, by Joe Grant, executive regional JACL director, Akimi Sugawara, Mitsuzo Uyeda and Kiyoshi Ikeda.

Possibility of forming a chapter in that area will also be discussed with local Nisei.





# a Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Life in Summertime

I don't know how they do it, but the native Nisei New Yorker survives the hectic summer. I find it a tough situation, even in former New Orleans. The humidity, constantly in the 80s, that makes it rough, with it a sticky heat not unlike the sultriness of the deep South. Even the steaming El Centro, Calif., heat of 115 degrees in the summer seems mild in comparison. A sure sign that summer is here is the appearance of the swarms of sight-seeing guides and excursion ticket sellers on nearly every street between Radio City and Times Square. The visiting firemen, the hinterlands, must be in full force because even the Chinatown are filled to the gills, heat or no heat.

## Milling Throng Everywhere

Everywhere there is crowd. At the theaters, parks, ball fields, and zoo; in subways, elevators, and trains, it's always one big mass of humanity charging at the beach, sand space is always at a premium and you usually find just enough space to sit on the Coney Island beach, but enough room to park your whole body, let alone your lunch and soda. Then walking to the surf and finding the water is another one-way process. Another amazing thing about this city is the staggering number of taxis that flit and dart everywhere. There are more cabs in New York than many towns have cars. Whatever direction you may turn, never be the hour, a cab will be coming by. Wave hello to a friend on the street and a dozen cabs will come to a squeaking halt.

## What New Yorkers Put Up With

Heat or no heat, the average Manhattanite likes to appear well-dressed. There is none of that shirt-sleeve or sport-shirted informality in the west. A tie and coat are strictly SOP even in 100 degree weather. Of course, the rules in Brooklyn and the Bronx differ. They have their own ground rules. Housing is also a tough nut to crack. In town, the modern apartments like you see in the movies, run from \$300 a month up to \$1,000. There are suitable homes in the suburbs, but that means long commuting ride by trains. So, the struggling Nisei usually ends up in a furnished room or two in upper Manhattan. These rooms run generally a trifle larger than a sardine can. Rent is calculated on a square foot basis and not so much on the number of rooms. Then, why do they all put up with this rush and congestion? Well, they someday hope to hit the jack-pot of their dreams. Nisei New Yorkers and others of the eight million, calculate on their stride and "arrive" in their special line. Unbounded ambition and dewey-eyed optimism obscures even the highest barriers and the most short-comings.

## Around Chinatown

There is a Chinatown, adjoining the Bowery, and in the shadows of the Third Street El and the Manhattan bridge. It is small compared with San Francisco's Grant Avenue and its shabby and drab alongside Los Angeles's modern China Town. There are the usual winding streets, with chop suey parlors and curio stores predominating. Most of the Chinese here are concentrated in the laundry and restaurant businesses, whereas the Japanese are scattered in almost every line of endeavor.

## Travel to Japan Opens

West coast Issei and Nisei are flooding Washington with applications to travel and visit Japan. I'm afraid that those boys will not get very far as yet. The first group of American businessmen are scheduled to leave for Japan in mid-August. The world quota for commercial travel to Japan at the present time is set at 400 a month. Of this quota, 100 places, the largest for any nation, is reserved for the United States. By Northwest Airlines, it is now a mere two-day jaunt from Los Angeles to Tokyo. At this rate, it will be quite a long time before west coast Nisei applications are even considered. It seems that a lot of high priority in the economic and political fields have much higher priority than the other hopefuls.

## Japan Situation Muddled

The situation in Japan today is rather confused and uncertain. There is a definite rush of well-moneyed and well-placed persons to establish firm beach-heads on Japan's potentially lucrative foreign shores. The chief drawback is that Japan's production is very limited at the present time and she has barely enough raw materials to satisfy even the basic needs of her people. A few luxury items like silk goods, cotton yardage, toys and other miscellaneous items are coming in small dribbles via the U. S. Commercial company setup, but the present total exports to this country are even approximate a fraction of the prewar figures.

## Changed Conditions in Japan

The Nisei GIs in Japan and also the Nisei civilian workers are treading a narrow and straight line. Every step of the way is like walking on a path of eggs. There is a regulation and prohibition on most everything. A definite chasm, for some reason, exists between the GIs and the U. S. civilian workers. I guess both feel a little insecure about their jobs and a little wary lest the other takes over the whole situation. The bombed-out native Japanese, too, are having their hands full. Where shortages and scarcities existed back in the 1930s, they are ten times as many and as aggravated today. Pick out any page from a Sears-Roebuck catalog and you'll be sure that almost all those items are lacking and very much needed in Japan.

## Weak Monetary Structure

The sky-rocketing, inflationary tactics of the yen has completely wrecked the home economy. Where once the yen was 4 to 1 before the war, it is officially pegged at 50 to 1 today. In the widely preva-

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## How Wide the Salt Lake Streets

Salt Lake City, Utah. After four years we had forgotten how wide Salt Lake City streets are. They give the city a look of spaciousness and an air of well-being. Even Li'l Tokyo looks clean and presentable in the desert air, the urchins less grimy. And even if the district isn't the best, it's a welcome change from the beat up old slum areas in which the Japanese usually are forced to congregate.

It was in the grim summer of 1943 that we last were in Salt Lake. There was unrest in the WRA camps. Martin Dies was on the warpath. John Costello was wallowing in self-created glory as the result of his so-called exposes of WRA and JACL. Dies' trained seals were dishing out half-truths to Hearstlings who splashed them under inflammatory headlines.

WRA and the JACL were being tried and convicted without hearing in the press. According to these charges the JACL was setting government policy in league with Japanese fascists, guilty of Communist leanings.

Looking back, the hysteria of those times seems funny. But in 1943 it was serious business. The JACL and the Pacific Citizen, which in truth were the only voice of Japanese Americans, were being threatened with extinction. The right of a people to speak out in their own defense was being challenged in the name of national security.

Those were rough times, and fading memories of the days were sharpened anew by our visit.

## The PC's Inner Sanctum

So far as we know, no one has tried to describe the offices of The Pacific Citizen. It used to be a favorite pastime of aspiring journalists—including Nisei English section editors—to wax philosophical in their columns writing about the dingy environment in which they labored. But, it seems, the PC has been too busy crusading, holding aloft the noble torch and pointing the journalistic finger with alarm (which is entirely within its province) to have much time for philosophy.

As a matter of fact the PC's editorial sanctum is hardly conducive to philosophy. There is nothing of the back alley garret about it, no groaning and clanking of presses nor fumes from an ancient linotype machine.

The PC's office adjoins that of the JACL on the

fourth floor of the Beason building, a somewhat elderly but eminently respectable-looking structure in downtown Salt Lake City. In more rigorous times the PC's one-room editorial hideout used to be piled high with newspapers—stacks of them from virtually every village and hamlet in the coastal and mountain states plus metropolitan journals from the length and breadth of the land.

These newspapers were the grist for the PC's editorial mill; they provided the raw material (in the absence of regular correspondents) which was shaped into the matter for the news columns. It was tedious work, but it was effective.

These piles of newspapers gained in stature each time the mailman staggered in. Since the janitor never dumped anything unless he was told—for fear of throwing away the wrong pile of trash—the papers gained mountainous proportions until someone in desperation started a short-lived clean-up campaign.

Strange things were likely to be found under these stacks: a missing letter, notes galore, old hats, half-eaten sandwiches somewhat dehydrated, stained milk bottles used to bring up coffee during night sessions to sustain Editor Larry Tajiri's flagging energy.

But somehow there was order in what appeared to be utter confusion. The copy found its way to the printers several blocks away and the PC never missed an issue.

The PC today is still operating on a short staff. No news may be good news to some but the silence of the oldtime persecutors and the peace that reigns in the onetime hotbeds of anti-Jap fervor is making it more difficult to phrase a headline. The PC has served nobly through a difficult period.

## City Bustles with Tourists

Salt Lake City is bustling with tourist activity, an industry that's booming this year thanks to the Mormon Centennial. It's difficult to spread a madri gras atmosphere throughout a whole summer but if bright lights are any help, Utahns will do it.

What a change there is in the city since we first saw it in November, 1942 when the JACL called an emergency conference of representatives from each of the WRA centers. There was little else but gloom then—and solemnity and determination and grimness.

But this time, well—perhaps the difference is in our personal outlook.

# Vagaries

## Movies . . .

Al Nozaki, one of Paramount's art directors, is now working on the settings for the latest film version of Mark Twain's "Connecticut Yankee" which will star Bing Crosby. . . . Nine years ago Eddie Imadzu, art director at MGM, worked on "The Crowd Roars," a picture which starred Robert Taylor. MGM is remaking the film with Mickey Rooney in the top role and Eddie Imadzu is again the art director.

## Heroine . . .

One of fiction's newest heroine is a Japanese girl named Hanako whose love story with a grounded British pilot, Michael Quinn, in wartime India is told by Richard Mason in his new novel, "The Wind Cannot Read," which recently was published by Putnam's. Hanako is in Britain at the outset of the war and, taking the Chinese name of Miss Wei, goes to India to teach Japanese to British army officers.

## Judo Star . . .

Kenneth Kuniyuki of Seattle, Wash., who holds a fifth degree rating in judo, taught James Cagney judo techniques for the latter's role in "Blood on the Sun." Kuniyuki now works for Cagney as butler, handyman and judo partner. . . . Cagney also had a Nisei butler in a screen role some years ago in the film, "Something to Sing About." Cagney, a progressive in politics and a man who is opposed to racial stereotypes, presented the Nisei character as an individual and not in the traditional "Japanese butler" manner.

## Politics . . .

There's apparently considerable pro-Wallace sentiment among the Nisei. Sono Osato is chairman of the women's division of PCA (Progressive Citizens of America) in New York City. Fusaye Ikeda from Nebraska is head of the youth division of PCA in Salt Lake City. Several Nisei also are active in ADA (Americans for Democratic

# Prejudice in Government: Civil Service Commission Uses Racial Classification

By Togo W. Tanaka  
(From the Colorado Times)

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has reported to Congress that it has already plucked two dozen undesirable off the federal payroll.

Between January 1, 1946, and March 31, 1947, the Commission says that 24 "disloyal" civil service employees resigned or were fired. The Commission denied jobs to 42 others after checking their records. Latest box score—66.

Who were these subversive sixty-six? The Commission enlightened Congress by listing these persons non grata under four main headings, to wit:

Communist	47
Nazis	3
Fascists	3
Japanese	5

The Associated Press carried

Action) whose leadership includes Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Leon Henderson and others. . . . One Nisei Republican leader in California already is on the Stassen bandwagon. There's little vocal Dewey sentiment, probably due to the New York governor's action in ducking the evacuee issue in the 1944 campaign.

"Asia Calling," a children's magazine published in Santa Monica, is now preparing material for an issue devoted to Japan and appearing in November. The editor is Mary Ellen Hawk Saunders, Shanghai-born wife of J. R. Saunders, a returned missionary from China. The magazine is published by the American-Oriental Friendship Association, Inc.

## Tribute . . .

A San Mateo radio station paid tribute to Kenji Kato, former sergeant and president of the San Mateo chapter of the JACL, in a news broadcast announcing the death of the Nisei leader. He was called one of California's "greatest war heroes" in the broadcast.

lent black market, the yen is as low as 150 to 1. Many a fortune has been wiped out by the spiraling movement of the monetary system.

Aside from the violent gymnastics of the yen, there has been a complete change of personnel at the controls. With the purge of the Zaibatsu, the old order is no more. Instead, new companies have mushroomed and different faces are in the executive posts.

Yes, postwar Japan, like Germany, is in the throes of great economic distress and it will be a full decade yet before the first bloom of normalcy will show on the face of the nation and its people.

these statistics. We quote our reference because somebody is going to ask us, how come?

Somebody who is "Japanese" but neither a Communist nor a Fascist nor a Nazi will know whether you can get kicked out of federal employment for being a "Japanese."

We doubt it, but we don't know. To read the Civil Service Commission's listing of the subversive 66, we wonder if the Commission itself knows.

Once not long ago, you could lose your federal job just being "Japanese" in origin. All other things about you counted for less. If you were "Japanese" you were marked for purge in the post-Pearl Harbor months.

But during the war, that situation changed, and the federal government hired hundreds of "Japanese," aliens and citizens alike, for civilian jobs involving war work.

On the whole the impression got around to us that these people did a creditable job, winning out the early stigma attached to the fact of their being Japanese.

But now comes this latest communique to shake us out of our smug complacency.

Were the five Japanese fired or rejected because they were "Communists" or "Fascists" or "Nazis"? Or because they were "Japanese"?

If they were undesirable because they fitted too snugly into any of the first three headings, their records could neatly have been tucked into those classifications and properly buried where they belong.

Whatever the practices may be, we do not believe the Civil Service Commission operates on the principle that you kick a man out of federal employment because of his race or religion. Rejectees are not classified as Jews, Catholics or Negroes.

Some might say that the war against Japan excluded people of Japanese descent from each theoretical immunity. But the period covered in the latest Civil Service Commission report starts several months after V-J day.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission ought to make it clear whether an employee can get fired from his government job today for being a "Japanese."

If this is not the case, the Commission can avoid misunderstanding about its policies by revising future reports to Congress to the extent of striking out references to the racial origins of its purgees.



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## New Jersey Resettlement Aid Council Votes to Disband

Report 2300 Now  
Relocated in State;  
1800 at Seabrook

BRIDGETON, N. J.—By unanimous vote recently the New Jersey Council on Japanese Americans, which assisted in the relocation of 2300 evacuees in the state, voted to discontinue its work as a group but to continue assisting the relocated Japanese Americans as individuals.

Before disbanding, the council endorsed pending legislation in Congress to set up an evacuation claims commission and to give the attorney general discretionary powers to stay the deportation of Japanese aliens. The secretary was instructed to notify Rep. Clifford Chase, R., N. J., a member of the House Judiciary committee, of the resolutions.

Mrs. Stephen J. Francisco of Little Falls, retiring president of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the council since its inception in January, 1946, congratulated the chairman, Miss Marian Glaeser, student counsellor at New Jersey College for Women, for their success in assisting those of the 2300 evacuees in New Jersey who sought help after the disbanding of the War Relocation Authority.

It was noted that Seabrook Farms has the largest number of persons of Japanese ancestry in the state with 1800, of whom 700 are children. It was noted that there are nursery schools and playground facilities at Seabrook Farms, while the older children attend Bridgeton high school.

Mrs. Ellen Nakamura, Nisei member of the council, has served as liaison officer between the Japanese Americans and the Seabrooks.

Mrs. Nakamura thanked the council for its work and said "it was a very strengthening thing to know that the council was behind us."

All further inquiries by Japanese Americans in northern New Jersey may be addressed to the New York International Institute, while those in the southern part of the state may send their queries to the Philadelphia International Institute.

## San Jose Issei Apply for First Citizenship Papers

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A new post-war interest in United States citizenship is being shown by resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in Santa Clara County.

In recent weeks 18 Japanese aliens have applied for first naturalization papers at the county clerk's office. For \$3, anyone can file papers but under the present naturalization law aliens of Japanese ancestry are not eligible for the final citizenship papers.

Japanese aliens explain that they are filing papers to signify both intent and desire to take out American citizenship.

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## SAN JOSE TEAM SPLITS SERIES WITH ALL-STARS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras and the Central California All-Stars split a two-day series at Municipal stadium over the Fourth of July weekend.

The Zebras, undefeated in the current Northern California Nisei baseball league, won the first game 5 to 3 but dropped the second tilt 10 to 9.

Sterling defensive play by Chi Akizuki, centerfielder, and Chesty Okagaki, second baseman, of the Zebras featured the first tilt in which the San Jose team collected six hits off the pitching of George Fujioka, former Sanger high ace, and squeezed out five runs. John Horio held the All-Stars to five scattered bingles.

Fujioka came back the next lay to turn in a brilliant relief pitching job to hold the Zebras, while Tak Abo, former Fresno State star, had a brilliant day at the plate with five for five.

## Believe Delgadillo Ruling May Affect Madokoro Case

LOS ANGELES—The action of the United States Supreme Court recently in grant a writ of certiorari to Jose Audon Salazar Delgadillo in a deportation case may have "far-reaching effects" on the case of Sannosuke Madokoro, it was indicated recently by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, counsel for both men.

Wirin noted that the cases and the principles involved in the two actions were similar.

Delgadillo, a native of Mexico, has been served with a deportation order on the theory that when his ship was torpedoed while he was in the service of the U. S. Merchant Marine, he was rescued by an American ship and taken to Cuba from where he was flown to Miami. Immigration Service contended that this constituted a new entry into this country for which Delgadillo was not eligible because he did not possess an unexpired immigration visa.

The case of Sannosuke Madokoro, in which behalf a petition for writ of certiorari is being presented for presentation to the Supreme Court, involves an alien who has lived in the United States for many years but who now faces deportation orders because he entered Mexico for a few hours in the course of business in 1926. Immigration officials declared that Madokoro's re-entry after his few hours' visit in Mexico constituted a new entry, for which he was not eligible since the Japanese Exclusion Act had been passed in 1924.

## Lieut. Hotta Will Leave for Japan

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. — Master Sergeant Yoshio Hotta, an instructor at the Military Service Language school, was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Medical Administration corps, AUS, on June 17 by Colonel Elliot R. Thorpe, Commandant of the MISLS. Lt. Hotta will be transferred to Japan in the near future for service with the Intelligence Division as a translator and interpreter.

The new lieutenant is a native of Oakland and a graduate of the University of California from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. He entered the army shortly after Pearl Harbor and served as a translator and interpreter for approximately four and one half years, reaching the rank of master sergeant. He served overseas in the Alaskan theater for about six months.

## Wedding

LOS ANGELES — Miss Alice Mariko Fujino, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Koheiji Fujino of Van Nuys, was married to Mr. Albert Nakazawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nakazawa, now residing in Tokyo, at St. Mary's Episcopal church Saturday, May 31. The Rev. J. H. M. Yamazaki officiated.

Mr. Nakazawa, now on leave from his civilian War department position, will return to his post in Japan in the near future.

## Ichinose Charges Paterson Unable to Make Title Weight

Nisei Fighters  
Refused Permission  
To Fight in Britain

GLASGOW, Scotland—Sam Ichinose, Nisei manager of Dado Marino, flyweight challenger from Honolulu, charged this week that Jackie Paterson, world's champion in the 112-pound division, is unable to make the weight for the scheduled title bout with Marino.

The bout was postponed for the second time this week and is now scheduled for July 16. It was originally set for June 11 but was moved to July 9 when Paterson declared that he had a blood infection. The second postponement was allowed when Paterson broke out with boils on his hand.

Ichinose, who has been here with Marino since May 5, declared that he was "disgusted" with the postponements.

"Paterson can't make the weight," Ichinose said. "We still have no guarantee that Paterson will step into the ring on July 16 and I am asking that he put up a substantial personal bond."

Promoter Charles Black said he consented to the second postponement only because he already had sold \$80,000 worth of tickets for the fight, and, as far as he was concerned, "this is Paterson's last chance."

Meanwhile, Ichinose announced that he would claim the world's flyweight championship for Marino if there was any further delay in the plans for the bout.

Scheduled bouts for Robert Takeshita, Baldwin Okamoto and Tommy Blondin, who accompanied Marino from Hawaii, were called off when the British boxing board of control refused to sanction the proposed matches, declaring that the fighters were not of "international repute." Takeshita, winner of 15 straight fights in Hawaii since turning professional last year, had been matched with Jack Marshall, British lightweight champion. Takeshita already has returned home to Hawaii.

The most recent sparring partner to join the Marino camp and another protege of Ichinose is Tsuneshi Maruo, 1946 National AAU bantamweight champion and a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, who arrived from Honolulu last month. Ichinose indicated that he already had received offers for Marino to fight in Paris, Manila, Belfast and Brussels, if he wins the flyweight championship.

## Victor Fujiu Leaves Cleveland Post

CLEVELAND, O.—Victor Fujiu, who has been active in work among the Nisei in Cleveland for

## P C SPORTS

## Forty-Niner

Wallace Yonamine, hula-dancer Nisei halfback from Hawaii, has big part in Coach Buck Starnes plans for the San Francisco Forty-Niners in the coming All-American conference season. Yonamine's team with Frankie Albert, Eshmont, Norm Standlee and other Forty-Niner stars.

## Pro Ball

Two years before the signing of Jackie Robinson, Roy Campbell and other Negro stars by the Brooklyn Dodger chain, the Dodgers management issued a clear statement of its policy of non-discrimination. Back in 1943 a baseball player wrote Branch Rickey to ask whether he was eligible for a tryout with the Dodgers. Rickey's answer, which was signed by Branch Rickey Jr., who is in charge of the Dodger farm operations, welcomed the Nisei rookie and was a forthright declaration of the organization's attitude. Incidentally, Bill Kajikawa, varsity baseball coach at Arizona State college, helped conduct the Brooklyn Dodger baseball school in Arizona the past two years.

A number of Nisei have played in organized baseball but none to any particular degree of success. Jimmy Horio, still playing baseball in Hawaii, and Kenzo Nishimura of Stockton got the closest to them played a year with the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast league. Sammy Takahashi played Class B ball for Tacoma in the Western International many years ago. Size, and not the myth that Nisei cannot hit a curve ball, what keeps many good Nisei players out of pro ball. The ability of Nisei players was demonstrated in Hawaii during the war when a number of Japanese Americans showed up well in a wartime league which included such major league stars as Joe Gordon, Pee-wee Reese, Walt Judnich, Bob Dillinger and Walt Masterson.

three years and has been in charge of the Sunday Evening Fellowship group, has left for the city school at the University of Chicago.

He formerly was president of the seminary union student body at Oberlin college.

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## San Francisco JACL Takes Part in Survey of Housing

SAN FRANCISCO—An area of square blocks in the center of the city once San Francisco's Japanese district is now the center of an exhaustive housing survey being conducted under direction of the city's attorney general.

Operating in the survey are the Golden Gate chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP and the Japanese YM-YWCA.

The purpose of the survey, according to the attorney general, is to see what action can be taken to improve living conditions in the district.

The immediate test area includes blocks on Languna and Buchanan streets from California to Market.

Approximately 700 housing units in the six-block area and the surveyers hope to make at least 100 personal interviews for the survey. Though the area was evacuated, populated wholly by persons of Japanese ancestry, the residents today are Japanese, Negro, Latin-American, Chinese, Filipino and white.

Most of the entire western addition which includes all of San Francisco's "Japanese town," has been declared a slum area. The survey will give exact data on housing facilities.

Interviews are being carried on by two-man teams who volunteer their services. At the present time there are being made three even-ings every two weeks.

Questions asked relate to number of rooms in each family unit, size of family members, rental rates, facilities provided including kitchen and bathroom facilities, repairs made by occupants.

The AVC questionnaire also asks for social conditions regarding employment and housing. Special attention has been made out to see if the persons interviewed made previous efforts to find housing outside of the Fillmore district and what obstacles had been encountered.

The AVC questionnaire also asks for job discrimination has been encountered and if the persons interviewed is employed in the trade which he has been trained.

Among Nisei interviewers now working on the survey are Kenji and Yori Wada of the AVC.

## Jack Yasutake Will Resettlers Post

CHICAGO—Appointment of Jack Yasutake to the post of administrative assistant in charge of the Issei recreational program announced this week by Corky Kawasaki, executive director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee. Yasutake, a native of Japan, recently filed his first papers for American citizenship. He is 56 years of age and he and Mrs. Yasutake are the parents of three children and a daughter.

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## PORTLAND VETS WIN NORTHWEST BASEBALL TITLE

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Portland Nisei Veterans team won the Northwest Fourth of July invitational tournament when they defeated the Seattle Nisei Veterans, 4 to 2, at Columbia field.

The consolation trophy was taken by the Valley All-Stars who defeated Spokane, 14 to 7.

Bill Wakayama limited the Seattle ex-GIs to five hits to hurl Portland to victory, while his mates were getting nine blows off the pitches of Mas Nakamichi.

The Western Giants, Ontario, Hood River and the Lotus M's were the other teams in the tournament.

## Canada House Will Investigate Evacuee Claims

Losses Resulting From Mass Removal Will Be Considered

OTTAWA, Canada—Proposal to establish a commission to investigate the evacuation loss claims of Japanese Canadians was approved unanimously in the House of Commons on June 27.

The recommendation confines the powers of the commission to investigation of claims for losses as a result of the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from British Columbia's coastal area in 1942.

The present commission will not have the power to investigate land deals in which the properties of Japanese Canadians allegedly were sold at low figures. The commission also will not be empowered to investigate the administration of the Veterans Land Act which led to the sale of farm property owned by evacuees of Japanese descent.

## Eight Teams Enter Cleveland League

CLEVELAND, O. — A softball league, sponsored by the Cleveland Nisei Athletic Assn., is underway here. Composed of eight teams, the league is entered as part of the city recreation program and games are scheduled every Sunday afternoon at 30th and Euclid ave.

Managers of the teams are: Sportsmen, Larry Shimamura; West Side Athletic club, Howard Tashima; Aces, Harry Taketa; Shamrocks, Ben Fudukawa; Rebels, Harry Sakaki and Frank Sugimoto; Bangers, Tom Igusa and John Boris; Dusters, Tak Kunitomo, and Mustangs, Walt Nuibe.

The governing board of the CNA is headed by Joe Shigezane, president; Abe Hagiwara, secretary, and Tosh Yamada, publicity manager. Team managers of various sports are also part of the board.

Plans for softball inter-sectional games with other cities are being made by the association. Arrangements for playing inter-sectional games against a Cleveland Nisei team may be had by writing to Tosh Yamada, 6105 Belvidere Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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To Dr. and Mrs. George Nishio, a boy on June 16 in Fresno, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Mera, a boy on June 26 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Yagi, a boy on June 28 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadayoshi Hashimoto, a boy on June 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hattori, a girl on June 20 in Monterey, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. S. Boe Hamamoto, a girl on July 1 in San Luis Rey, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rikio Yoshida, a boy on June 6 in Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Sugihara, a boy on June 9 in Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monty Urakami, a boy on June 28 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ryu Uyeda, a girl on July 3 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuyo Iriye, a boy on June 30 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Mori, a girl on July 2 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Tanaka of Peryn, Calif., a boy on June 29 in Auburn.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Kasubuchi, Draper, Utah, a boy on July 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nishikawa, 633 East 5th South St., a girl on July 8 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Hashimoto, 5531 Kenwood St., Chicago, a girl on June 29.

### DEATHS

Seiueemon Niizawa on July 1 in Stockton, Calif.

Osami Aso, 11, on July 1 in San Jose, Calif.

Yasukichi Sugiyama, 78, on July 1 in Helpe, Utah.

Gary Shig Teraji, infant, on July 5 in Denver, Colo.

Jisaku Mukai, 71, on June 25 in Seabrook, N. J.

Chisa Takase, 64, on June 30 in Seattle.

Kenji K. Kato, 27, on July 4 in Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Umeno Sakata, 51, on June 29 in Gardena, Calif.

Masakichi Hamada on June 28 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGES

Lucy Hiyama to Yoshinobu Oda on June 28 in Chicago.

Sadako Nakashige to Hiromu Nishi on June 29 in Chicago.

Hisako Kamikawa, Los Angeles, to Michimasa Nakahara of Selma, Calif., on June 28.

Fujiye Ninomiya of Fresno to Akashi Shirakawa of Chicago on June 30.

Tomiko Sugimoto to Ray R. Yakura on June 28 in Los Angeles.

Kiyoko Imazu to James Tanaka on June 29 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Rose Kitagawa, 20, and Joseph Frederick Nunnally, 36, both of Berkeley, Calif., in Seattle, Wash.

Josephine A. Search, 26, Richmond, Calif., and William K. Yoshihata, 27, Berkeley, in Seattle, Wash.

## Bowling League

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — A bowling league will be formed in the near future under the sponsorship of the Watsonville Citizens League. Local Nisei groups interested in entering teams were asked to contact Bill Mine, in charge of athletics.

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## Leadership Workshop Planned By Midwest District Council

CHICAGO, Ill.—A new chapter in JACL history will be written when a workshop, rather than a district convention, will take place the weekend of October 11th, 1947, according to Mari Sabusawa, chairman of the Midwest District Council (MDC) of JACL. This experiment is in accordance with the decision of the JACL chapters represented at the organizational meeting of the MDC on April 26th and 27th, this year.

The preliminary planning committee met at the conference room of the American Council on Race Relations in Chicago on July 7th to map out the general workshop program and to explore areas of discussion for the event. Primarily a leadership training program, the workshop will be designed to develop the programs of the seven Midwest JACL chapters, particularly in relation to their communities.

Present at the meeting were Miss Sabusawa, Masao W. Satow, national JACL secretary; Dr. R. Mas Sakada, second national vice-president; Abe Hagiwara, first vice-chairman of the MDC; Eureka Satow, recording secretary of the MDC; Dorothy Sakon, corresponding secretary of the MDC; Tats Kushiida, Midwest regional representative; Howard Bennett, Gladys Ishida, Marvel Maeda, Jack Nakagawa, William Simms and Eiko Yoshihashi. Miss Sabusawa appointed a program planning committee which will set up necessary subcommittees.

"Representation from chapters outside the district will be welcomed," said Mas Satow. "We hope that this workshop will contribute to the fund of information available to all JACL chapters," he added.

## Tom Nakashima Heads Livingston Cabinet

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—Tom Nakashima heads the cabinet of the Livingston YPCF which was installed recently. Others include Sam Okuye, vice pres.; Ann Kawana, sec.-treas.; Mary Shoji, corres. sec.; Joyce Kashiwase, music chairman; Paul Okuye and Pat Suzuki, social chairmen; and Ann Ohki, historian.

## Filipino American Wins Nisei Tourney

SEATTLE—Sam Tamayo of Seattle, Filipino American bowling star, won the Northwest Nisei bowling tournament at Main Bowl last week with a 779 series for four games.

Hero Nishimoto was second with 769.

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## Mid-Columbia JACL Sets Fishing Derby

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Mid-Columbia chapter of the JACL is sponsoring a fishing derby for its members and their friends, it was announced.

The fishing derby will continue until Sept. 1, it was stated.

The following members are in charge of the project: Ray Sato, Parkdale; Bob Kageyama, Dee; Gene Asai, Oak Grove; Ned Takasumi, Odell, and Tom Toda, The Dalles.

The entry fee for JACL members is \$1.00 and \$2.00 for non-members.

Prizes will be awarded in four divisions: Trout, steelheads, bass and crappies.

Portland merchants have donated prizes for the derby.

## Eelect Cabinet Blue Cross Plan Adopted by UCL

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League has adopted the Blue Cross plan of hospital and medical benefits and is currently conducting a campaign to enlist its members in that service, according to Phil Matsumura, executive secretary.

The league voted its approval of the project on June 12 after a talk by C. R. Doyle, field representative.

## Will Terminate Japanese Project

SAN FRANCISCO — The board of national missions of the Presbyterian church will terminate its Japanese project under Gordon Chapman on June 30.

Mr. Chapman will take a six-month furlough, after which he will go to Japan to carry on Presbyterian work in that country.

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## Burgoynes Honored Before Departure from Hood River

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne and Mrs. Burgoyne were honored at a farewell party by the Mid-Columbia chapter of the JACL and by their many other friends at the Avon Sutton home in Parkdale recently. The Rev. Mr. Burgoyne was given the Thomas Jefferson award in New York City recently by the Council Against Intolerance in

America for his campaign against race prejudice during the war in the Hood River valley.

It was noted that the Rev. Burgoyne had been the pastor of the Asbury Methodist church since 1942 and that he was leaving soon on a new assignment.

The farewell party at the Sutton home was in the form of a pot-luck supper and a weenie roast. Eighty persons were present.

Mam Noji, president of the JACL chapter, presented each of the Burgoynes with a pen and pencil set as a token of appreciation from their many friends in the Hood River valley.

It was noted that the Rev. Burgoyne had been a leader in the successful fight to place the names of Nisei servicemen back on the Hood River county honor roll.

In addition to members of the Mid-Columbia JACL, the other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cosner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiorretti, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smullin, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Avon Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Linville, Mrs. Max Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mr. Richard Higgins and Mr. Ralph Borst.

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## 300 Attend UCL Dance in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—More than 300 persons attended the graduation dance of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County (JACL) on June 21 at the Women's Club in San Jose.

The dance honored 100 graduates of Santa Clara county schools.

Akira Shimogaki, UCL vice-president, was master of ceremonies.

## Nissei Greens Lead East Bay Bowling

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Nissei Greens with 12 victories and 4 defeats are leading the East Bay JACL handicap bowling league, it was announced this week.

Mas Iwaihara of the second-place Kadonagas with an average of 190 and a high game of 243 is the leading individual bowler. Fifteen other bowlers hold averages above 165.

## Gardena Woman Dies In Auto Accident

GARDENA, Calif.—Mrs. Umeno Sakata, 51, was killed on June 29 when the light truck in which she was riding collided with a passenger car.

Shiro Sakata, 15-year-old son of the deceased, was driving the truck at the time of the crash.

## Note Progress In JACL Fund Drive in Hawaii

### Largest Sum Comes From Lihue District In Latest Reports

SAN FRANCISCO — Hawaiian contributions to the JACL-ADC financial drive passed the \$25,000 mark this week with a remittance of \$4870 from Seinosuke Tsukiyama, co-chairman and treasurer of the Supporters' Committee for Equality in Naturalization and Citizenship.

The largest sum came from the Lihue district, which contributed \$2,107.50 for the drive. Other districts contributed as follows: Kapaa, \$1,288; Hanapepe, \$640; Kalaheo-Lawaii, \$33.50; Hanakei, \$81.50; and Wahiawa, \$89.50.

Special credit for the Hanapepe campaign was given to Charles S. Ishii, general chairman in Kauai, who supervised a house-to-house canvass of residents of Japanese ancestry. Community response to the JACL-ADC drive was heartily lauded.

## Set Final Date For Bussei Queen Contest Entries

FRESNO, Calif.—Official deadline for the Bussei queen contest sponsored by the Central California District YBA has been definitely set for Monday evening, July 21, according to Kiyo Kawamoto of the Reedley YBA. All ballots must be in at the central ballot box located in the Fresno Buddhist Church by 6 p.m. on July 21.

The deadline has been moved ahead to that date to give the committee enough time to tabulate all votes and determine the five highest contestants who will be eligible to participate in the final round, Miss Kawamoto said.

The five finalists will be honored at a Queen's Tea to be held on the evening of July 23 in the Persian room of the Hotel Sequoia. Carnival committee members and district cabinet are being invited to attend the affair. Final judging will take place at this time, and the results will be publicly announced at the Coronation Ball.

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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.

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## Hawaiian Response to JACL Financial Drive Hailed by Kido

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — More than \$30,000 is being contributed by the people of Hawaii to the work of the National JACL and the Anti-Discrimination Committee, Saburo Kido, past national president of the JACL, declared here last week.

Mr. Kido, now in the practice of law in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, returned to Los Angeles recently after a six weeks visit in Hawaii where he assisted Sim Toga-saki in the JACL financial campaign.

"I must give credit to Sim Toga-saki for his perseverance and untiring efforts in trying to bring home needed funds for the work on the mainland," he said. "The people of Hawaii have been giving him every possible assistance and support."

"The people of Hawaii have been most generous," Mr. Kido continued. Even in the city of Hilo which had a disastrous tidal wave last year, the donations exceeded the total quota which had been set for the whole island."

Mr. Kido described his trip, the first visit to Hawaii since he left the territory 26 years ago, as a "wonderful experience."

He added that he believed the present JACL campaign in Hawaii would result in a closer relationship between Japanese Americans on the mainland and the people in the islands.

"A better appreciation and understanding of our common problems has been created," he said. "Our problems are inseparable."

He said that desire to establish closer relationships between Japanese Americans on the mainland and in Hawaii was expressed by many persons during his recent visit as a means by which cooperation can be attained in the approach to the common problems facing the two groups.

## Orange County JACL Enters Parade Floats

### Nisei Contributions In War Depicted at Huntington Beach

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.—A float entered by the Orange County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League was a feature of the Orange County "victory parade" at Huntington Beach on 4.

The JACL float, bearing the theme, "Better American Greater America," depicted Nisei contributions to victory.

Three Nisei veterans, each picting a branch of the army on the decorated vehicle. They were Mits Nitta of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, Charles Ishii of the Artillery Battalion and Frank Zusawa of military intelligence. The float was driven by Ko Takahashi, a veteran of the army transport corps.

Henry Kanegae was chairman of the float committee.

## Setsuko Nomura Will Wed Attorney

CHICAGO—The engagement of Miss Setsuko Nomura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nomura of Chicago, to K. Higuchi, Chicago attorney and of Mrs. Moto Higuchi of Los Angeles, was announced on July 11 at an informal party given by Tomoko Nomura, sister of the bride-elect.

Miss Nomura is a graduate of the Kähler school of Nursing, Rochester, Minn., and is presently with the Michael Reese hospital foundation of Chicago.

A summer wedding is planned.

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