



## U. S., France to Honor 442nd Combat Team

### Supreme Court Test Looms in Constitutional Validity of California Alien Land Law

WASHINGTON—With Oct. 21 set as the date on which the constitutionality of the California alien land law will be argued before the United States Supreme court, final briefs for the case now being completed, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned this week.

This information was revealed by A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles attorney who arrived in Washington to settle details for the oral argument next month.

One of the most important decisions ever to come before the Supreme court affecting persons of Japanese ancestry, the oral argument on October 21 will review the decision on the famous Oyama case. California, according to Wirin, several hundreds of millions of dollars are involved, the California attorney said, since the decision October will involve large areas of land in certain western states which have alien land laws.

At the oral arguments on October 21 the attorneys for the petitioners, Fred Y. and Kajiro Oyama, are expecting to argue that the Supreme court should reverse its judgment of 20 years ago which held that alien land laws are unconstitutional, Wirin pointed out. He added that attorneys for the state of California will ask that the Supreme court reaffirm its previous decision holding that alien land laws are a legitimate exercise of a state's constitutional powers relating to the ownership of land. Arising from a decision of a San Francisco Superior court that declared the lands of Fred Oyama, a citizen, should be escheated to the state of California, the Oyama case was tried through the California Supreme court and then appealed to the United States Supreme court. A petition for writ of certiorari to review a lower court decision by the United States Supreme court) was granted on April 7, 1947.

The state of California contended that the father of Fred Oyama, Isamu Oyama, an alien, had purchased the land and entered into possession of the property and used

it as his own although the land was deeded to the citizen son and he was named guardian, according to the petition for writ of certiorari.

It added that the California courts found that these acts were done in an attempt "to prevent evade, and avoid escheat."

While in Washington, Wirin conferred with New York and Washington attorneys who are also serving as counsel for the petitioners.

Of this group, Charles A. Horsky, one of the nation's leading constitutional attorneys, is preparing the final brief in cooperation with Wirin, the Los Angeles attorney stated.

The appeal to the United States Supreme court is sponsored by the JACL Legal Defense Fund of Southern California and the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California.

According to the Washington ADC office, it is expected that Saburo Kido, immediate past president of the national JACL and now JACL legal counsel, will be in Washington to attend the oral arguments next month.

Kido was one of a group of California attorneys who signed the petition for writ of certiorari as cooperating counsel last spring.

The others were James Purcell, William Ferriter and Guy C. Calden of San Francisco and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles.

Ernest W. Jennes of New York is among the prominent attorneys serving as counsel for the petitioners, the Washington ADC office reported.

### Ikuo Oyama, Noted Exiled Professor, Returns to Japan

CHICAGO—Prof. Ikuo Oyama, political refugee and former leader in Japan liberal movement, left here last week to return to Japan after an "exile" of 14 years.

Prof. Oyama was scheduled to leave for Japan in July but his departure was delayed because of numerous speaking engagements on the mainland and in Hawaii.

He was scheduled to have sailed from San Francisco on Sept. 19 on the General Gordon.

The former Waseda university professor came to the United States in 1933 after an attempt on his life by members of the Japanese military clique. He has been a research associate in political science at Northwestern University.

### Nisei Welder Badly Burned In Freak Blast

Buddy Mizuno Hurt While on Job as Welder in Tank

Fumio (Buddy) Mizuno, 27, was seriously burned on the night of Sept. 18 when his clothing caught fire from a freak explosion of welding fuel while welding inside a tank at Utah Welders, 717 South 4th West St. Salt Lake City.

Mizuno's condition was reported as "poor" by doctors at Salt Lake General hospital where he and a fellow workman, Richard Horrocks who was also injured in the blast, were taken. Horrocks' condition was described as "fair."

Mizuno is active in the Salt Lake chapter of the JACL and is in charge of the program for the 1948 national convention of the JACL in Salt Lake City.

### Japanese Canadians Protest Narrow Frame Of Proposed Inquiry

TORONTO, Ont.—A strong protest against what was described as the "present narrow terms of reference" for the forthcoming government investigation into the evacuation property losses sustained by Japanese Canadians was sent to Ottawa last week by the National Conference of Japanese Canadian Organizations.

The resolution was wired to Prime Minister MacKenzie King, Minister of Justice J. L. Hsley and Secretary of State Colin Gibson.

The resolution, passed at the recent conference and signed by Roger Obata, president of the newly-organized Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, declared that the present scope of the proposed inquiry "limits drastically the number of justified claims for losses which can be considered" and "totally ignores the basic principles upon which Japanese Canadian evacuees base their claims."

"Only a broad mean of restitution which will encompass all economic losses suffered as a result of the forced evacuation can justify the interpretation of simple British justice and fair play promised to the Japanese Canadian evacuees by the government," the resolution declared.

### San Francisco JACL Considers Credit Union

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL is giving preliminary consideration to a proposal to form a local credit union.

A report on the National JACL credit union, which has a membership of 200 and paid-in capital of \$50,000, will be given at the Sept. 25 meeting of the local JACL by Yasuo W. Abiko.

### National JACL Will Present Plaque to Bruyeres Recalling Rescue of "Lost Battalion"

WASHINGTON—Representatives of the French and American governments will pay official tribute to the gallantry of Japanese American soldiers on October 30 when they gather for special ceremonies at the little town of Bruyeres in France.

This was revealed on Sept. 18 with the announcement that the Japanese American Citizens League will present a plaque to the city of Bruyeres on that date in commemoration of the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in France by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Just three years from the date of the rescue—Oct. 30, 1944—Larry Hall, special representative of the JACL in France, will dedicate a plaque to the men of the 442nd who "broke the backbone of the German defenses and rescued the 141st infantry battalion which had been surrounded by the enemy for four days."

Scheduled to take place in the city square in Bruyeres, the dedication ceremony will be attended by representatives of the French army and American army as well as local city officials of the French town, according to the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee which made the announcement Sept. 19.

Special arrangements have been completed with the French embassy in Washington and the French military attache, Colonel Albert Le Bel, for participation of French army representatives, the ADC office revealed.

In addition, arrangements are being completed with General Claude L. Parks of the War department for participation of United States army forces.

The ADC office has requested that an honor guard of Nisei veterans of the 442nd, some of whom are stationed near Leghorn, Italy, be allowed to attend the ceremonies, it was revealed.

A special bronze plaque for the ceremony is being cast in New York, the ADC office said, and will be sent to France for the dedication.

Bearing the seal of the United States army and carrying the message in both English and French, the inscription on the plaque will read as follows:

"To the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States army, who reaffirmed an historic truth here—that loyalty to one's country in not modified by racial origin."

"These Americans, whose ancestors were Japanese, on October 30, 1944, during the Battle of Bruyeres, broke the backbone of the German defenses and rescued the 141st Infantry Battalion which had been surrounded by the enemy for four days."

"Presented by the Japanese American Citizens League."

The special JACL representative for the dedication ceremony, Larry Hall, is a former Salt Lake City newspaperman, the ADC office said.

An associate member of the JACL, Hall has written stories for nation-wide publication on the Nisei and the success of relocation of Japanese Americans throughout the United States, it was reported.

Now en route to Europe for an eight-month stay, Hall will complete final arrangements for the dedication after his arrival in Paris later this month.

It is hoped that the mayor of Bruyeres will make the official dedicatory address at the ceremony, Hall said when he was in Washington.

### One Killed, Three Injured in San Jose Cafe Building Fire

Victims Trapped by Flames in Building In Midnight Tragedy

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One person was killed and three others seriously injured when flames razed the Kiraku-tei restaurant building on Sept. 16.

Yaichi Shiba, 76, one of ten persons rooming in the building, was burned to death when he could not find his way out of the building after he had been awakened by the early morning fire.

Tsuru Yoshida, 75, Kiichi Hirose, 46, and Mrs. Katsu Hirose, 40, were hospitalized with severe burns.

The fire broke out at approximately 1:30 a. m. and was already burning fiercely when discovered.

Other roomers in the building saved their lives by jumping from second floor windows or by sliding down hurriedly improvised ropes of sheets and blankets. Several children were among those who escaped safely.

The Chinese-style restaurant was operated by Bikaku Fujino, formerly of Salinas.

Fire department officials said that the cause of the blaze still was undetermined and that an investigation was under way.

Shiba was found by firemen in the charred ruins of his bed on the second floor of the blackened building.

Mrs. Yoshida received a leg fracture and severe cuts when she leaped for her life from a window of her burning bedroom on the upper floor of the building.

Sam Nagasaki, 26, awakened by

the roar of flames, tried unsuccessfully to reach Mrs. Yoshida, and was badly cut about the legs when he was forced to jump from a window to save his own life, Police Sgt. Hartley Adams reported.

Nagasaki and Mrs. Yoshida were removed to Community Service Hospital where the 75-year old woman remained as a patient and where the young man was released after emergency treatment.

Fire Chief Lester O'Brien said the entire building was ablaze when he and his men arrived in answer to a series of alarms.

Coroner Tom Kilmartin's office took charge of Shiba's body. Search was started for the victim's relatives, believed to reside in the Watsonville area.

George Wakayama, manager of the cafe rooming house for the owner, Mrs. Anna May Tujiro, Los Angeles, said the restaurant section was closed at 12:30 a. m. and he could offer no theory as to cause of the blaze.

### Mita Employed by Office of Wisconsin Attorney General

MADISON, Wis.—Roy G. Mita, veteran of the 442nd combat team and graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is now with the state attorney general's office as an examiner.

He was admitted to the Wisconsin bar on August 2, and to the United States district court, western district of Wisconsin, on Sept. 10.

### Nisei Army Officer Stands Pat in Trieste Boundary Dispute

Lieut. Konishi Orders Unit to Hold Ground Despite Ultimatum

TRIESTE—A young Nisei officer, 2nd Lieut. Harry Konishi of Platteville, Colo., led a small squad of American soldiers who defied Sept. 17 a Yugoslav demand to surrender a 60-yard patch of Italian territory.

The 20-year old Nisei was commanding a detachment of six U.S. soldiers when Yugoslav officers reportedly gave him until noon to retreat about 60 yards but Konishi ordered his men to dig in behind sandbags and hold their ground.

An hour before the ultimatum expired, Konishi reported to headquarters: "I am holding my ground."

An official U. S. army spokesman announced later that the Yugoslavs had not made any advance demand, "but we cannot say the situation has been settled yet."

Lieut. Konishi said that as far as he could see, only a few Yugoslavs were facing him across the border of Outpost No. 8 but there was an anti-tank gun in Yugoslav territory about 400 yards away. He said his men were armed only with Browning automatic rifles.

Lieut. Konishi, who went overseas in October, was holding an outpost about six miles northeast of Trieste with his small detachment. He said the Yugoslav officer had told him: "We will give you until noon to get out of the way so we can move through. We are moving 60 yards to what we consider a just position."

ed a house and a patch of high ground from which they could dominate adjacent territory.

(Konishi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Konishi of Platteville. He was born in Fort Lupton and attended grammar and high school at Platteville. He attended the University of Colorado for one term before enlisting in the army in Nov., 1945.)

### Nisei Girl Arrives From Hiroshima to Attend L. A. School

LOS ANGELES—An eighteen-year old American-born girl of Japanese ancestry who survived the atom-bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 arrived in the city last week in time to enroll for the fall semester at Roosevelt high school.

Yuriko Yamada, who was stranded by the outbreak of war while visiting relatives in Japan, arrived by Army transport with four other stranded Nisei who hope to enter schools.

Miss Yamada's father, Mitsuzo Yamada, was killed by the atom blast.

### Chicago Newspaper Sold to Rival Firm

CHICAGO—Sale of the Chicago Nisei Courier, weekly newspaper published by Earle Yusa, to the Chicago Shimpo was announced last week in a joint statement by Mr. Yusa and Ryoichi Fujii, publisher of the Shimpo.



## Tax Certificates No Longer Required of Japanese Aliens For Hawaii, Mainland Travel

New Ruling Follows Representations by JACL-ADC Officials

WASHINGTON—Resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who desire to travel to or from Hawaii will no longer have to file certificates of income tax compliance before departure, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned this week.

Announced by the Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the elimination of income tax filing restrictions for aliens came as a result of representations made by the Anti-Discrimination Committee on July 30.

At that time the ADC urged the Bureau to amend its directives "so that long time legal residents of Japanese ancestry need not produce additional documentary evidences than those required of other long-time alien residents of our country."

Noting that the Bureau required all Japanese nationals desiring to travel between continental United States and the Territory of Hawaii to produce income tax returns before they might depart, the ADC office declared:

"Action such as your department takes is comparable to that taken in traveling between foreign states."

In a letter to the Washington ADC office this week, William Sherwood, acting commissioner of Internal Revenue, stated:

"In any case where papers carried by the alien passenger show that such passenger is merely in transit between the continental United States and the Territory of Alaska or Hawaii without stop-over privileges in a foreign country a certificate of compliance will not be required."

Special memoranda to this effect have been sent to all Internal Revenue regional offices, according to Sherwood's letter.

The memoranda states: "Section 146 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that no alien shall depart from the United States unless he first procures from the collector or agent in charge a certificate that he has complied with all the obligations

imposed upon him by income, war profits, and excess-profits tax laws. "Section 3797 (a) (9) of the Internal Revenue Code defines the term 'United States' when used in the geographical sense to include only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia.

"It is the view of this office that neither section 146 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code nor section 29.146-1 of Regulations 111 contemplate that an alien is required to obtain a certificate of compliance when he is merely in transit between continental United States and the Territory of Alaska or Hawaii.

"Accordingly, in any case where the papers carried by the alien passenger show that such passenger is merely in transit between the continental United States and the Territory of Alaska or Hawaii without stop-over privileges in a foreign country, a certificate of compliance will not be required.

### Domestic Detained For Questioning In Dyche Death

WHEATON, Ill.—Taro Okuchi, 66, domestic employee, was detained without charge on Sept. 12 for questioning in the death of Mrs. Ella Gary Dyche, 77, niece of the late steel magnate, Judge E. H. Gary, on Sept. 10.

Okuchi was detained after a coroner's jury expressed dissatisfaction with his report that Mrs. Dyche died of injuries from a fall downstairs.

Sheriff Elmer J. Hoffman said Okuchi called the police on Sept. 9 and reported finding Mrs. Dyche unconscious at the foot of a stairway in her 14-room home. Okuchi said she had stumbled and fallen downstairs, the sheriff related. Mrs. Dyche died in a hospital 24 hours later.

### Masao Satow Speaks

Masao Satow, national secretary of the JACL, gave an informal talk on JACL activities to the Ogden chapter Saturday at the Ogden Buddhist church.

## Subordination Produces Fear, Hate, Cayton Tells CL Group

Discrimination Results In Daily Lynchings of Spirit, Says Writer

By William R. Simms  
CHICAGO ILL. — "Subordination based on force and violence, whether it is because one is a Negro or a Japanese, or on the basis of whether one is a woman, or has red hair or blue eyes, produces fear and hate in the human personality," Horace Cayton, author of "Black Metropolis," told an informal discussion group sponsored by the JACL at the McCormick YWCA on September 12. Speaking on the subject of the "Psychology of Prejudice," the writer, lecturer and authority on race relations provided a revealing and educational two hour discussion. On interracial group of 42 persons, most of whom were non-JACL members, were in attendance. Although Ryo Sato, Grace Ohki and Aiko Harada the hostesses, had planned for a smaller group, the well-known speaker attracted others who asked if they might attend.

Speaking on the race relations "cycle" on the Pacific Coast, Mr. Cayton pointed out that the need for cheap labor had brought about the importation of, first, Chinese, then Japanese, Filipinos and Mexicans in that order. Of the Japanese, the speaker said:

"As their numbers increased they began to show the initiative and ingenuity which we so proudly call the American way. Feelings against them began to mount . . . Our white citizens could not form lynch mobs against them as they had against the Chinese when they attempted to go into the logging industry. Japan was a unified nation with whom we wished to trade, and, unlike China, had a strong central government. We solved the

problem in the only way we know how . . . by forcing the Federal Government to pass the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924."

Mr. Cayton indicated that a good deal of prejudice is due to the fact that "our culture and our people have failed to arrive at an emotional maturity in keeping with our technological advances" and therefore "we are casualties of our own industrial civilization."

He said that the majority group in America use race as a "convenient mechanism to help maintain economic oppression, and a convenient peg upon which to hang our individual and group emotional frustrations."

"Few white Americans fully realize the daily lynchings of the spirit which result from the accumulative effect of small, casual slights and hurts which baffle, exhaust, and erode the personality of the Negro (or any non-white minority in America)," he said.

During the discussion period, someone observed that many Nisei show manifestations of being strongly anti-Japanese and asked the basis of this "self-hate." Mr. Cayton indicated that the phenomenon of "self-hate" was not unusual among minorities and said it sprung from the fact that the minority accepts the standards of the majority group and finding himself and his own group falling short, according to his accepted standards, the result is "self-hate."

Using the standards of beauty as an example, he said that in America, it is better to be tall and blond, rather than short and black-haired; straight-legged rather than bowlegged; wavy-haired rather than straight-haired, etc. When the minority member finds that he and his kind do not represent his ideals, he is apt to develop "self-hate," a completely irrational condition, Cayton said.

### Book Review:

## WEAR IT PROUDLY Letters of a Nisei Soldier Tell the Grim Story of War

WEAR IT PROUDLY, a collection of letters by William Shinji Tsuchida. University of California Press. \$2.75.

By MARION TAJIRI

It was pretty much publicized here at home that the thing the American GI overseas wanted most was mail from home. It was also true, however, that the family back home waited just as anxiously for the battered, scrawled letters that came with postmarks from every part of the world.

William Shinji Tsuchida was a medical aid man with Company I of the 71st Infantry. Perhaps he wrote home a little more faithfully than most men; certainly he wrote often, and he also wrote well.

His letters were not intended to be passed around, but they were. They were not meant for publication—but here they are. Long and short, gay and sad, sometimes carefree and more often serious—these letters comprise a picture of life overseas for the American GI.

He is a Nisei, but he learned as most men learn overseas, that the war came first. He was in most respects a typical GI, stirred by the memory of food, sickened by the squalor of war-destroyed cities, toughened—yet not too much—by the things he saw.

A hundred times in his letters he wrote home about food: "Oh my god!" he wrote from France, "do you mean to say Kiyoko is sending me Spam? and beans? Straighten her out, will you?" Or, "Please wrap everything in waterproof stuff because the mail bags have to lie out in the rain in some port area for weeks before transportation is available." And again, "I wrote to Mom for some powdered Nestle's chocolate and for some powdered soup like bouillon, chicken broth, etc. Please tell her to make sure the chocolate is sweetened with sugar already and that soups are complete and can be easily made with the addition of hot water only. Would you kind of supervise it and see that she doesn't buy too big of a package of the stuff and that if possible she wrap it in some waterproofing."

Tsuchida was an aid man, but it was evident that he was a good one. He wrote once:

"You will have to forgive me if I speak too affectionately of 'my' platoon. You just can't help it. The truth is I don't mention them as often as I should, the reason probably being that we hate to talk shop during our hours away from the front lines where life is on borrowed time. Although there are many, many new faces and always new ones to replace the old, probably every aid man in the army thinks of his particular rifle platoon as his own blood and limb. He knows his esteem of them is not partial or prejudiced because he knows the hell they have to go through. And he is not ashamed to admit his 'mothering' complex within the platoon because the boys will come to him with their colds, their headaches, or ask him for some pills to stop their GPs (diarrhea) or pills to dope up their coughs before they go out on a combat patrol. They will come to him with all these little ailments and it is not the least disturbing to the aid man because he knows that some day they won't be able to come to him and then he will have to go to them, to try to piece together a hopelessly shattered leg or arm, or maybe to patch a sucking wound in the chest that bubbles everytime they breathe, or worst of all to have them die in his arms. As for me, I feel I can't do enough for them on account of all these things. Like the time I was scraping the bottom of my tobacco pouch when some one noticed it and before long the whole company must have known it. 'Doc's out of tobacco.' 'Got any pipe tobacco?' The Doc needs some.' In an hour I was deluged with pipe tobacco from all over—new packages and old, Prince Albert and Christian Peper, from company supplies to well hidden private supplies in ammo bags to illegitimate pockets in the gas mask. For several days to follow I had to satisfy the query, 'Did you get enough tobacco, Doc?' Then there's that embarrassing moment on day day when one of the men would come up to me with a fistful of money and say, 'Here's your combat pay, Doc, from the boys.' That always put a lump in my throat. Things like that convince me that I am with a great bunch of guys. Yep, they don't care about nationality or anything. These boys are the frontlines, and they are

winning the war. I think they are tops."

Just before Tsuchida left Europe to come home, the platoon showed how much they thought of him. They presented him with the combat infantryman's badge, and honor that cannot be legally given to aid men. Describing the event, Tsuchida wrote:

"Did you get a sketch of me done in pencil from Brussels yet? I forgot the man's name but he did it for me for a pack of cigarettes. You may wonder what I'm doing with the combat infantryman's badge. My platoon gave that to me just before I left and boy, I wouldn't part with that for anything. They told me to wear it proudly. If anybody challenges it, I'm to notify the entire platoon."

There must have been, almost always, the sombering thought of the evacuation in the back of Tsuchida's mind. He once wrote home: "You know how I feel about going home—a real home. If I knew that we could fix up a home for ma and pop, a real place with lawns and gardens and stuff like that, and a real definite place we would call home when I get out of the army, I believe I could fight twice as hard out here. Personally I don't see how those kids in the outfits like the 100th and 442nd can fight as they do with their parents still in the relocation camps. It all comes under the morale department; there's nothing that can give you a lift like the thought of going home again—if you have one."

Later, writing from Germany, he describes the way a town is occupied. "When we take a town, we usually take the best houses and kick the civilians out on a moment's notice," he writes. "As tough as it is on the civilians, I try to assume a hardened attitude is not revengeful, because indirectly weren't these very people responsible for all the humiliations and discomforts of yours and Pop's and Mom's and all our friends when they had to suddenly pack up and leave home back in 1942? Since you people faced this predicament once, you probably would be the ones to appreciate the situation here." It is apparent, however, that for Tsuchida revenge is an emotion hard come by. He adds: "Sometimes you can realize the dither that puts them into. They don't know where to begin, what to take, where to go. They immediately plunge into a scramble and begin to load wagons and baby carriages with the odd, unessential things instead of the more useful. They try to take bulky and big furniture with them instead of food or blankets. Calamity could not have a better description. All we can do during this is to glare menacingly for we have been told about teaching them a lesson of the firm hand, this time for good. Now, I am only a Pfc. whose disposition is not toward this strong-arm stuff necessarily, which makes us feel so unnatural and uncomfortable, but it has to be this way."

The fighting was bitter beyond words, and the soldiers became calloused to it and its discomforts. Once, writing from France, Tsuchida said:

"You asked in your letters where I sleep. This might shed a little light. Night before last, it was too dark to dig in so Warren and I went over to a German halftrack, removed the dead driver, threw out the junk, carefully remembering the booby traps, found a grenade under the seat, removed that, and then climbed in and huddled together to shiver the night out. It was a mansion compared to a water-filled hole."

When he got a Purple Heart, and later a cluster, he announced the news casually: "Oh yes, while we're at it, I have a cluster to my Purple Heart now because I got hit in the

## T. W. Tanaka's POST SCRIPT

Get out the Aspirins . . . CHICAGO, Illinois.—Sam I saw breeze by here again other day. He was on a wind tour for Japan Relief.

In a few days he clears off desk in the Philadelphia headquarters of the American Friends Service Committee, buys a jar of aspirin pills, and heads for New York.

In Manhattan he takes on job of eastern representative of the J.A.C.L. Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Who Dunit? . . . As a friend of Sam's, we are going to figure out whodunit. We talked him into it.

Whoever persuaded Sam to another detour in the path to permanent calling by taking this headache of a blind alley a job?

Sam's friends from Oyster Maine, to San Diego, California are asking the same question.

But so far as we could hear Sam ain't saying. He's just keeping his Quakerly calm.

Feet on the Ground . . .

Once we worked next to Sam. He works hard. He uses his arms, as well as his hand, and feet.

He thrives on hard work, sleepless nights, strenuous travel, meeting people and keeping up otherwise cockeyed pace—when all for something he believes in.

When we tossed in the towel and called it quits, we left him tipping the scales at about 160.

Since then he's hustled back forth across the country raising (he'd say helping to raise) near a quarter of a million dollars for Japan Relief. We expected him to look on the skinny side after that.

When he whizzed by here on last fireman's whistle stop, looked like he was all of pounds, avoirdupois.

He's in for it . . .

Sam's an ex-Harvard man, none of his friends holds against him. He was a graduate student in economics when the Friends Service Committee called him to Chicago to do a job in west relocation.

Before that he had turned in quiet, efficient job in National Japanese American Student Relocation.

He has assiduously shunned public attention, but now we think he's in for it.

Gentle Persuasion . . .

By taking on a job with J.A.C.L.—ADC, he inherits a tradition of conflict and some tension in his job.

But we think our 26-year-old Quaker friend will do all right. He is equipped with an imperturbable calm and above all sense of humor.

He's always looking for the good in his fellow man.

When he popped by here, we were gleefully stirring up some fine mud to toss in the Colorado Times at the Rocky Shimpo editor, Jimmie Omura.

Art of Reconciliation . . .

We suspect Sam's been reading some of the crude things we been writing about Omura lately. So he says:

"I met your friend Omura in Denver."

We're all ears. Give us dirt on the lowdown bound, say with our upraised eyebrows.

"He's a fine person, a good writer, and he means well,"

Sam.

That's all. That from eastern representative of the J.A.C.L.—ADC about the Rocky Shimpo's J.A.C.L.-baiting editor. You see why we think Ishikawa will do all right for the job tackling? — By arrangement with the Teh Colorado Times.

right wrist this time (by a Panfaust fragment.) Two pieces. I always lucky as I always get small ones."

He also received the Bronze Star and was recommended for the Silver star. Whether or not he received it, the letters end too soon to reveal.

"Wear It Proudly" has an authenticity no novel or book written after the fact could hope to have. It comes pretty close to being the story of—not the Nisei service alone—but the story of the American GI.



## Pioneer Issei Woman Dies California

Mrs. Nakashima Said To Be First to Settle in Stockton Area

STOCKTON, Calif.—Mrs. Chiku Nakashima, 71-year old pioneer woman, reportedly the first of Japanese ancestry to be a resident of Stockton, died Sept. 13 in Turlock of a heart attack.

She had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrino, when she came.

A native of Japan, Mrs. Nakashima came to the United States in 1890. She moved to Stockton two years later. She operated the Nakashima hotel and a dry goods store. She was the co-founder, with the late T. Tanaka, of the Japanese Buddhist church in Stockton.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 18.

Burial services were held at the residence of Mrs. Andrino. Mrs. Nakashima is survived by a second daughter, Mrs. Helen S. Nakashima, and a son, Dr. Fred C. Nakashima, both of Stockton.

## Settle Claims of Victims Tainted Sauce

SAN ANGELES—Procedures for settlement of claims against E. Staley Co. of Decatur, Ga., brought by persons made ill by consuming arsenic-tainted bean sauce will be set up next week at a conference in Chicago between representatives of the Staley firm and the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co., Kenji Masao, Staley attorney, indicated Sept. 12.

More than 800 persons of Japanese ancestry in California, Oregon and Utah were stricken with arsenic poisoning, ranging from mild to serious, as a result of their consumption of tainted sauce.

It was urged an early filing of claims by prospective claimants in order to assist the insurance companies involved in determining and settling claims.

## JACL Raises Fund for Test Cases

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The newly organized Ventura County JACL raised a total of \$1521 in its fund drive for the JACL's Defense Fund of Southern California, according to Akira Kuroki, chapter president.

The sum was turned over to the national JACL-ADC representative in the Pacific Southwest at a joint meeting of Santa Ana and Ventura county chapters Sept. 4.

## Flower Show at Mateo Fair

MATEO, Calif.—Several thousands of dollars worth of chrysanthemums grown by Japanese nurserymen were one of the outstanding features of the San Mateo county floral show held at Bay Meadows last week.

## JACL Aids Nisei Win Fight Upgrading in Express Firm

FRANCISCO—A case of "discrimination" in employment against a Japanese American because of his ancestry was recently settled with the assistance of the Northern California office of the JACL, it was reported last week.

Grant Masao, JACL-ADC director, said that Hiroshi Matsuda, 18-year old employee of Pacific Fruit Express at San Francisco, was released from his position on Sept. 9 by the firm, a representative of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Matsuda had been employed since 1943 as an iceman and on Sept. 5 was promoted to a position as clerk-inspector. He was given the promotion the following day, only to be told by A. W. George, manager, that orders had

## Photographer Meets Princesses



ANADARKO, Okla. — Toge Fujihira of New York City, cameraman for the Methodist Board of Missions, meets two beautiful princesses, Lahoma Willingham, left, representing the Chickasaw tribe, and Dorothy Rhoads, center, Kiowa belle, at the American Indian exposition in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Fujihira recently spent six weeks in Oklahoma shooting Kodachrome motion pictures and hundreds of still photos recording the life of the American Indians in that region.

## Nisei Women Lead Men in Interracial Ties in Hawaii

HONOLULU—More women than men of Japanese ancestry married non-Japanese during the past year in Hawaii, the Department of Public Health reported in figures on territorial marriages released recently.

Of the 6,080 marriages in the islands during the past fiscal year, 2,237 brides were of Japanese racial descent. Of this total 1,810 married men of Japanese ancestry, 227 Caucasians, 79 part-Hawaiians, 39 Filipinos and 34 Chinese.

The board of health reported that of the 1,869 men of Japanese descent who were married, 24 married part-Hawaiians, 10 Chinese and 14 Caucasians.

The report noted that the greatest amount of racial mixed marriages involved persons of Korean ancestry.

Fifty-nine of the 128 Korean American girls who were married in Hawaii during the past year married Caucasians, 23 married Koreans and 19 married part-Hawaiians.

Other statistics on the territory's racial marriage statistics showed that 2,377 Caucasian men were married. Of this total 1,532 married Caucasian girls, 317 married part-Hawaiians, 227 Japanese, 80 Filipinos and 66 Chinese.

Caucasian brides numbered 1,704. Of this group 1,532 married Caucasians, 66 married part-

Hawaiians, 41 Filipinos, 20 Puerto Ricans, 14 Japanese and 14 Chinese.

Chinese grooms numbered 318. Of that group 205 married girls of Chinese descent, 46 part-Hawaiians, 34 Japanese and 14 Caucasians.

Of the 348 Chinese brides, 66 married Caucasians, 47 part-Hawaiians and 10 Japanese.

The average age of bridegrooms in Hawaiian marriages was 28.9 years and the average bride was 25.5 years.

There were 14,050 babies born in Hawaii during the same period. The birth rate for each 1,000 population follows: Part-Hawaiians, 50.5; Puerto Rican, 34.1; Korean, 31.9; Japanese, 28.3; Chinese, 27.1; Filipino, 26.4; Hawaiian, 21.1 and Caucasian, 16.2.

Of the births the greatest number were Japanese, 4,817; part-Hawaiian, 3,314 and Caucasian, 2,807.

## Masao Reports On ADC Activities To Cleveland JACL

CLEVELAND—Mike M. Masao reported on the progress of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's legislative program at a meeting of the Cleveland JACL chapter last week.

Frank Shiba, president of the Cleveland chapter, presided over the meeting as well as a prior meeting in which leading Issei and Nisei representatives of Cleveland discussed methods and techniques for raising funds and supporting the legislative program.

Masao also conferred with prominent local leaders, including George T. Trundle, a sponsor of the National JACL.

At the meeting on Sept. 12, attended by Issei and Nisei, Masao Horiuchi, National JACL office manager, made an official presentation of the charter from national headquarters.

Members of the ADC executive council in Cleveland, including Issei and Nisei are: Mr. Kondo, Mr. Matsushige, Mr. Matsumura, Mr. Nako, Mr. Ohmura and Mr. Sasahara, Issei, and George Chida, Tom Fujimoto, Tom Imori, Justin Matsuda, George Nakanishi, Show Okasaki, Frank Shiba, Tak Toyota and Haya Uehara, Nisei.

The council meeting was held in the newly-acquired JACL headquarters at the International Institute of the YWCA.

## JACL-ADC May Participate In Forthcoming High Court Restrictive Covenant Cases

WASHINGTON—Participation in restrictive covenant cases to be heard by the United States Supreme court this fall is being considered, by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee "either actively or as a friend of the court," the Washington ADC office announced this week.

The announcement followed a conference with A. L. Wirin, national ADC legal counsel, who attended the all-day strategy planning conference on the cases last week in New York.

## Final Rites Held For Mrs. Hosokawa

SEATTLE, Wash. — Funeral services were held Sept. 16 for Mrs. Kimiyo Hosokawa at the Buddhist temple here. Mrs. Hosokawa died Sept. 10 after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Hosokawa, 56, was a native of Hiroshima, Japan, and had resided in the United States some 35 years. She is survived by her husband, Setsugo; two sons, Bill Hosokawa of Denver and Robert of Syracuse, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

## Canada Cancels Sixth Boat for Repatriates

### Voluntary Repatriation Program Abandoned By Government

NEW DENVER, B. C.—The Canadian government has cancelled the sailing of the sixth repatriation ship, carrying persons of Japanese ancestry from Canada to Japan, and has abandoned its voluntary repatriation program, it was reported here last week.

The repatriation ship was scheduled to have left San Francisco on Oct. 3. Baggage of persons scheduled to leave from the interior British Columbia area had been sent to Vancouver but is now being returned at the government's expense.

It was reported that 145 persons had applied for voluntary repatriation on the ship.

It was stated that the large expense involved in effecting the transportation of repatriates to Japan under the program, under which the government supplied the expenses for the trip, is part of the reason for cancellation of the program, particularly since many Japanese Canadians who "repatriated" to Japan with their parents now are planning to return to Canada.

Termination of the voluntary repatriation program is believed to have been under consideration for some time.

Approximately 5,000 of Canada's 25,000 persons of Japanese ancestry had been transported to Japan under the program which was instituted in 1945.

## 400 Nisei Expected To Enroll at UC

SAN FRANCISCO — Approximately 400 students of Japanese ancestry will attend the University of California at Berkeley this fall, the Nichi-Bei Times estimated last week.

There were more than 500 Japanese Americans enrolled at the university in 1941.

## Survey Discloses Thousand Evacuees Back in Pasadena

PASADENA, Calif.—About 1000 Nisei and Issei have returned to Pasadena, according to a survey carried on here recently under the direction of Yaemitsu Sugimachi, former executive secretary of the Pasadena Japanese association.

The largest age group among the returned evacuees comprises persons in the 26 to 30 year bracket, of whom there are 126. Next largest is the 21-22 group, numbering 106. The survey shows a decline downward on both sides of this peak point, until the 1 to 5 year group is reached on the one side and the 51-60 year group is reached on the other.

The survey indicated that 121 persons are homeowners in Pasadena, and that 92 are either leasing homes or working in homes for their living quarters. Fifty-two are still living in hostels or apartments set up for bachelors.

At that conference, also attended by Ina Sugihara, secretary of the Protestant Council of New York City and a member of the New York JACL chapter, approximately 50 lawyers and 10 sociologists gathered to prepare the final plans for presenting two restrictive covenant cases to the Supreme court.

Sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in cooperation with other national groups, the restrictive covenant cases to be heard by the nation's highest tribunal will serve to test the constitutionality of private housing covenants, according to Wirin.

Such housing restrictions when imposed by state or city ordinances have already been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court, it was learned.

"The Anti-Discrimination Committee is considering participating in these cases because of the great number of cases that have been called to our attention involving racial restrictive covenants that have denied to certain Japanese Americans the right to live where they choose," declared Mike Masao, national ADC legislative director.

"Restrictive covenants are vicious and un-American because they restrict certain persons in the freedom of movement and selection of homes," Masao added.

He pointed out that "of the larger program in which the ADC is interested the matter of housing is probably the most important, and in this regard restrictive covenants are imposing an intolerable burden."

Other national organizations sponsoring the Supreme court test cases include the American Civil Liberties union, National Lawyers guild, American Jewish committee, National Bar association, American Jewish congress, Anti-Defamation league of the B'nai B'rith, the Protestant council of the City of New York, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The two cases to be heard this fall arose in St. Louis, Missouri, and Detroit, Mich., according to Wirin.

The St. Louis case, Shelly v. Kraemer, concerns a Negro who bought a house and moved into it, not knowing that a covenant prevented his purchasing, occupying, or using the property. An injunction compelling him to move and release his title to the property was upheld by all courts through the Missouri State Supreme court.

In the Detroit case, McGhee v. Sipes, a Negro also purchased property but was barred from moving into his new home because of a covenant restricting use or occupancy, but not ownership, by anyone "except those of the Caucasian race."

Wirin described restrictive covenants as private agreements signed by owners of property in an area agreeing not to sell and/or rent to certain people. When these people are members of a certain race, creed, or color, the covenants are discriminatory, he said.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Lost Battalion

In late October of 1944 more than 200 men of the 141st Infantry of the 36th (Texas) division were cut off by the German enemy during the Battle of Bruyeres in the bitter cold of the wooded Vosges. Elements of the 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team, then attached to the 36th division, were designated to relieve this "lost battalion" of men caught behind the enemy lines. The rescue of these trapped infantrymen by the Nisei GIs of the 442nd, at a cost in casualties far exceeding the number of rescued, was accomplished in a display of heroism which has become symbolic of the participation of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States army in World War II.

Recently the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, at the suggestion of the *Pacific Citizen*, undertook a project to memorialize this significant feat of wartime heroism. It was decided to present a plaque to the city of Bruyeres to be placed in the city square. The plaque is now being struck in New York City and will be flown to Paris for the presentation ceremony on Oct. 30.

Learning of the project, representatives of the United States and France have announced that they will participate officially in the ceremony as a tribute to the gallantry of the Japanese American soldiers who contributed to the liberation of France and the ultimate defeat of the Nazi enemy. Representatives of the United States and French governments, together with officials of the city of Bruyeres, will take part in the presentation of the plaque by the JACL representative. Arrangements are being made for the presence of an honor guard of Nisei veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, who are still in service in Europe.

Bearing the seal of the United States army, the inscription on the plaque will read in English and French:

*"To the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States army, who reaffirmed an historic truth here—that loyalty to one's country is not modified by racial origin."*

*"These Americans, whose ancestors were Japanese, on Oct. 30, 1944, during the Battle of Bruyeres, broke the backbone of the German defense and rescued the (First battalion) 141st Infantry which had been surrounded by the enemy for four days."*

### Nisei Teachers

Discrimination against Japanese Americans in one of the most democratic of our institutions—the public school system of California—has been pointed out by the Los Angeles Tribune in an editorial.

"American born Japanese, in many cases with educational qualifications far superior to most presumptive teachers, are being turned away as a matter of policy by the boards of education of all California cities, as either a matter of policy instituted by the elected board officials or the superintendent of schools," the Tribune reports.

"As far as the Tribune can ascertain, there are but two Japanese public school teachers in the entire state. One is in Los Angeles. This is pointed to by officials as proof of non-discriminatory policy, and Japanese applicants who are turned down are being trusted to remain silent in the matter."

There is ample proof for the Tribune's statements. Certainly it is an odd situation that in public schools in almost all other states there have been Japanese American teachers, but in California, with the largest

Nisei population (indeed, with almost half the Nisei and Issei population in the country) there are only two public school teachers at the present time. It might be remembered that prior to the war, there were no full time public school teachers at all.

It is strange indeed that many Nisei (and Japanese aliens too, for that matter) have taught for years in colleges and universities not only in California but throughout the country. It has, apparently, always been easier for a Nisei to teach in colleges, where qualifications are vastly more strict and exacting, than in the lower grades.

There can be little doubt as to the ability of the Nisei to teach. In the Hawaiian Islands there are at least 400 teachers of Japanese ancestry in the public school system. In the states outside of California Nisei teachers have proven as capable as any others.

During the war, Nisei teachers staffed all the grades in the war relocation center schools, from the nursery grades, through the elementary and high schools, to classes in adult education. Most of them were not specifically trained for teaching, but they proved capable and conscientious.

Much of the prejudice against Nisei in the California school system is doubtless due to fear of parental pressure. But the time has surely come for the school system to insist that the democracy it teaches in the public schools be extended to the hiring of teachers.

The public school system in recent years has been making tremendous forward strides in advancing democratic aims. In the past month the country has seen the appointment of two public school principals of Negro ancestry, one of them in San Francisco.

If the Nisei have remained silent on this phase of discrimination, it is time that they broke that silence. This year the Nisei are working in California in many fields hitherto closed to them. They have proven their competence. It is time that Nisei who are trained to become teachers be allowed to use their training in the field of public education.

Nor can there any longer be any doubt as to the complete loyalty of the Nisei. As the Tribune put it:

"No need to say the war between Japan and the United States is over. The majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry never felt they had any stock in that unfortunate occurrence except as American citizens, wishing their country the best and wanting to do their part. The United States made a sad mistake in the evacuation and detention of Americans. Its citizens can best repair that mistake by taking these outcast American closer to their breasts than ever before."

### Army Linguists

During the past five years the Military Intelligence Service Language school of the United States army has played an important part in the successful prosecution of the war in the Pacific and in training linguists for the specialized jobs of military occupation in Japan.

Of the 6,000 men trained by the school the great majority have been of Japanese ancestry. Starting operations in an abandoned airplane hangar on old Crissey field in San Francisco in 1941, the school was enlarged with the outbreak of war in the Pacific. It was forced to move to Minnesota because of the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 and was reestablished at Camp Savage.

Men from Camp Savage played an integral part from the outset of the Pacific war and Nisei linguists accompanied army forces on the long road back in the Pacific, from Bougainville and Guadalcanal to the willow-lined Ginza in Tokyo. The use of Nisei language specialists saved countless American lives and materially shortened the long road of war. These Nisei specialists were also loaned by the army to the marines and to the navy and Nisei GIs went ashore at Iwo Jima, Leyte, Okinawa and all the other beachheads of the Pacific.

Trained Nisei specialists from the Military Intelligence Language school interrogated prisoners, translated captured documents and monitored enemy broadcasts. Later in the war they participated in the war of propaganda which, especially on the mainland of Asia, served to reduce the morale and effectiveness of the enemy forces.

Early in the war the War department made a major decision when it began recruiting men of Japanese ancestry for specialized language work in military intelligence. That decision, opposed by those who sought the wholesale exclusion of Japanese Americans from the army, has proved to be a most successful one.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Nisei Civil Service Workers

The current loyalty investigations of Federal employees, which constitute a frontal onslaught upon the civil liberties of the American people, must have a reminiscent ring to many Nisei. It was during that unreasoning period of hysteria and suspicion regarding persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States early in the war that the ramparts of our civil liberties were initially breached.

Before the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese descent from the Pacific coast, which has been called "our greatest wartime mistake," was ordered by General DeWitt, a general ouster of Japanese Americans from Federal and state government services already had been achieved.

Nisei employees, particularly of the state of California, were urged to take leaves of absence and were threatened with summary expulsion from the state civil service if they did not accede. Most of the more than 500 Nisei civil service workers in California, the majority of them clerks and typists in the Motor Vehicles department, were thus forced to leave their jobs. Eighty-eight of the Nisei who refused to quit under fire were discharged under blanket charges of disloyalty and were not permitted individual hearings on the disloyalty charges. The fact that they were of Japanese ancestry apparently was enough in the eyes of the officials concerned to justify their expulsion.

These eighty-eight persons finally were cleared, more than four years after they had been discharged, when the blanket charges of disloyalty which had been brought against them were dismissed at a hearing of the California State Personnel Board in 1946.

In Washington, D. C. last week Miss Helen Yuhas, secretary to Undersecretary of State Clayton, declared that pressure had been brought against her to resign her Federal civil service position because of her Russian ancestry. (State Department officials declared unequivocally that Miss Yuhas already had resigned on Sept. 5) The pattern for the discharge of civil service employees because of racial ancestry was set during the early months of World War II when the employment of hundreds of Nisei employees of state, municipal and Federal governments was terminated because of their racial background. Later in the war, of course, the attitude toward Nisei in government employment, particularly in key war agencies, was drastically revised and many hundreds more were employed or re-employed by the WRA, War Department, the Federal Broadcast Intelligence Service, Agriculture department and others. But in the months following Pearl Harbor the trend was to discharge Nisei workers.

One of the first outright challenge to the civil liberties of Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor was the resolution introduced by Senator John Harold Swan of Sacramento in the California Senate on Jan. 6, 1942, which urged special loyalty investigations of Nisei State civil service employees. It was Senator Swan's contention that 50 per cent of the Japanese Americans in California were disloyal.

One of the many lies about alleged Japanese American disloyalty in Hawaii, later completely disproved, was used by State Senator Jack Metzger of Red Bluff, an active anti-Nisei racist, in a speech supporting the Swan resolution. Sen. Metzger produced a photostatic copy of a payroll sheet of the California Motor Vehicle Department which showed only Japanese names and Sen. Swan contended that this was a "systematic plot to get Japanese on the state payroll and allow them to bore from within." Sen. Metzger charged categorically that "Japanese fifth columnists in milk wagons drew machine guns instead of milk bottles out of 21 wagons in Honolulu the morning of Dec. 7 and turned them on Pearl Harbor barracks." Not one word of Sen. Metzger's fantastic charge was true, according to the Army, Navy and the FBI, but this charge, and others similarly disproved at a later date, were used in the move to purge the California state civil services of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Angeles county supervisors ordered the discharge of 56 county employees of Japanese ancestry, Mayor Fletcher Bowron dismissing the 39 city employees of Japanese descent. This was in Jan., 1942, a month before the mass evacuation was ordered. The State Personnel Board followed within 24 hours the actions taken by the city and county of Los Angeles by voting to launch an investigation of all employees and moved to bar all "suspicious" direct descendants of immigrants from state employment.

These were the first official actions taken to restrict Americans of Japanese ancestry who predated the military orders which finally led to mass expulsion from the Pacific coast.

Although no mass restrictions were levied against Japanese Americans in Federal employment at the outset of the war, the hiring of Nisei was severely restricted in 1942 and 1943. Later the hiring of Nisei was resumed but before special investigations on individual basis were devised, in fact, it has been only in the two months that the Federal Civil Service Commission finally abandoned its policy of discriminating on racial grounds against the Nisei.

A protest from the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee resulted in action by the Civil Service Commission to drop the classification "Japanese" from among grounds on which Federal employees were discharged. According to a Civil Service Commission representative five Federal employees were discharged during a stated period because they were "Japanese." JACL also was assured that the commission would abandon a special investigation of Japanese American employees based on racial ancestry.

When Federal employment of Japanese Americans was reopened on a general basis late in 1943, investigators for the Civil Service Commission were armed with fantastic collection of distorted truths, half-truths and rumors, jumbo called "Investigative A—Japanese Ancestry Applications."

It is apparent that this report which was studied by investigators for the commission, was based on the Dies Committee's "Yellow Per" which was issued in Feb., 1942 and which propagated rumors regarding acts of disloyalty by persons of Japanese ancestry.

In the booklet designed to assist investigators in hiring Nisei government work appeared paragraphs as this: "The working of the Japanese mind is almost foreign to the conception of a Western thinking person . . . Watching the eyes of Japanese when incidents of significance are mentioned, a fury can be noticed. This may be over the eyes of the Japanese who the American immigration discrimination is mentioned or some historical flouting of the augustness of the Emperor is referred to."

This booklet also reported that 80,000 Japanese living in the United States had served in the Japanese Army or Navy. Since there are fewer than 80,000 Japanese persons in the United States it would mean that all of them were veterans of Japanese military service, including some 40,000 women, although the Japanese Army and Navy have not permitted women to serve in any general capacity. This, however, was the sort of amazing nonsense on which United States Civil Service investigators were briefed before they investigated Japanese American applicants. It is also symptomatic of the manner in which loyalty investigations have been carried out.

Henry Steele Commager, professor of history at Columbia University, has written an important article which has been published this month by Harper's under the title "Who Is Disloyal to America?" Prof. Commager's article points to the danger of a witch hunt conducted in the name of liberty and loyalty.

"Who are those who are really disloyal?" he asks. The disloyal, says Prof. Commager, are "those who influence racial hatreds, who sow religious

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# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Japan Weddings Hurt Martial Mart

There's a major crisis 'abrewing and 'astewing on the Nisei matrimonial horizon. As a result, there's gonna be some feuding and fighting over the present anemic crop of Nisei bachelors. It's subtle and a silent campaign that these Nisei lassies are waging. It's a situation that the city boys hate to admit and don't like to confront.

The cause of all this flurry and speculation on the wedding market resulted from the recent Japan gesture of a considerable number of Nisei there. Seems that some seven hundred Nisei overseas, both GIs and civilian workers, decided to take unto themselves a Japanese bride the past few months.

This situation brings a resounding clap of doom to many a Nisei's intentions. Mainland girls are left high and dry on matrimonial shelves. And this wild tide of weddings will leave many a broken heart torn from Manhattan to California as a consequence.

## Getting Down to Figures

So, sharpening my pencil, and arming myself with adding machine and handy "soroban," the figures show that those 700 marriages represent a 20 per cent total. In other words, one out of every five eligible Nisei swain has been gobbled up by those damsels from Ginza way.

If figures mean anything, there are some 3500 Nisei girls of marriageable age. This is in the 20 to 30 age group. Those 3500 have only 2800 potential Nisei husbands of that age bracket.

It's this scarcity of men that's adding those extra wrinkles for the girls, on top of that short-long skirt controversy. It's no picnic you can be sure.

## That New York Nisei Girls Say

I wanted to get the reaction of the Nisei girls to the above situation, so I put the question to some 35 lassies in the upper Manhattan area.

What is your reaction?

I expected a lot of gnashing of pretty teeth, some flashes of temperment, and perhaps a small-fisted left hook thrown in for good measure. For fresh in my mind's memory were the cat-calls and boos from Manhattan girls at newsreel theaters showing American GIs returning with European brides.

There was no need to duck.

The Nisei girls took it like a covey of trained seals. They rolled over and clapped their hands. The Nisei girls showed a complete reversal to their Times Square newsreel cousins. They voted five to one in favor of this latest spurge of mass marriages in the old country Nisei boys. The figures show:

Favorable	26
Opposed	5
No opinion	4

Evidently, the Nisei girls aren't anxious to put up a fight for their men. Else, the Cho-cho sans of Tokyo have out-maneuvered their U. S. counterparts.

## Favorable Comments

Here are a few of the sentiments expressed by the majority of those questioned.

"Sure, it's a good thing. Nisei fellows should be free to marry anyone of their own choosing. It's natural for them to choose Japanese brides. I see nothing wrong with it."

Of course on a task of this nature, you have to look into the person's eyes instead of merely listening to their lines. It's so easy to say one thing and feel quite differently inside.

"Japan-born or kibe girls make fine wives. It's a natural consequence to be expected."

"There's other fish in the ocean and other men available, so why should I worry?"

"Live and let live is my motto. Every man to his own poison."

"Our mothers made fine wives for our fathers and it should hold true for the Nisei as well."

"It all depends on the individual case, but the Nisei fellows won't go far wrong with Tokyo brides. More power to them."

This brings us to another phenomena.

Many an Issei sent an SOS call to Japan a generation ago. There simply weren't enough women around. This brought on the picture-bride situation.

Now a couple of decades later, the shoe is on the other foot. The men are being swamped under by competition. It's the ladies who have to do the scurrying about, the worrying, and the planning of a whirlwind campaign.

And next year is Leap Year. We may have to hold a Sadie Hawkins day and prescribe a set of rules.

## The Minority Report

Then, there's the other side of the picture.

A few of the Nisei girls seem to have a little bit of spunk, nerve, and a definite conviction on the subject.

They're against it. And they are mad.

"We wuz robbed," confided one Nisei lassie, "those Tokyo girls were playing on their home grounds and that gave them the advantage. In a fair and square contest, I'm sure the Nisei girl would end up with the orange blossoms and satin gowns."

Those Nisei GIs were just a bunch of kids who didn't know the score. They were away from mama the first time and for that reason were lonesome for anybody."

"Yes, just wait till they return to this country with their wives. Then they will begin to see the light."

"A gang of double-crossers in my book. My friend had a Nisei sweetheart in Tokyo. Used to write every day. Then one day she received her "Dear Jane" letter. He got married over there ... the coward."

## What's Going to be the Aftermath?

Tied in somewhere to all this is a sociological problem.

Some of these marriages are bound to last; others will wind up in the divorce courts. Undeniably many of the weddings were based on momentary impulse or a matter of convenience.

At any rate, the Nisei girls got the short end of the deal.

While the wandering Nisei Romeos have been cavorting around the Orient, the hard-working and patient Nisei girls had to stay home, keep the light burning, and operate in a small and restricted territory.

There are three conclusions to be drawn from this sample survey of the New York Nisei girls.

First, there is a distinct possibility that the future years will see more than a proportionate number of Nisei spinsters.

Second, there is the possibility that inter-racial marriages will

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## A Native Returns to Seattle

Seattle, Wash.  
Seattle by the sea is our home town. Here we first saw the light of day, and here we spent the first 23 years of life before greener pastures lured us away. That was nigh onto ten years ago, but the town still is filled with memories.

It's had its face lifted in the decade—new buildings, new thoroughfares, new names in the news. But the old landmarks are still here.

There's the ramshackle old house which for so many years was home. It has acquired a concrete and brick porch since we left, and a bright, simulated brick sheathing for the clapboard that became decrepit with age and those Puget Sound rains.

But the structure itself is unchanged, and it looks strangely small. Nearby is the empty lot over which we raced in boyish games of cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians. It was an expansive natural playground then, dotted with bushes that bore hazelnuts, and little thickets that were cool and convenient for hiding.

The lot is still there, too, unchanged except for a bit of one corner which someone started to excavate with a powershovel, but never finished. But where once it was roomy enough to stalk imaginary buffalo and Redskins, where we could whoop and scream and chase each other for hours on end, today it looks confined and strangely inadequate for such goings-on.

Surely the proportions of that piece of real estate have not altered. The change is in our perspective—a view point that has been modified by time and experience and growth—and we are not altogether sure that we like it that way.

## Nostalgia for the Home Town

At times during our years of exile—both forced and voluntary—we thought often of the old home town and how pleasant it would be to get back. We recalled the familiar streets and faces, the smell of salt air, the cold rains and the green of spring.

This week we returned and walked the old haunts.

## Report From Washington:

# Nation's Capital Retains Aura Of an American Small Town

By ESTHER L'ECLUSE

Washington, D. C.

The days are growing shorter now in Washington and fall has tinged the leaves with copper flame.

Over the city there is a subtle quickening, an intangible crispness that spells autumn—and relief from the stillness and compression of summer "mushi atsui" weather.

The cherry trees around the tidal basin are still green and still set off the rounded splendor of the Jefferson memorial, but a small breeze cuts across the water now—ruffling it into activity.

It might be anywhere in the United States on a crisp fresh day in September, except for the buildings—the massive marble and stone edifices that make the nation's capital a continuous civic centre.

These buildings, which hold such an aura of top drawer unapproachability to most of America, have come to have a personal meaning for the staff members of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

It is here that much of our work is done—the important contact work—and with each visit comes again a feeling of participation, of being in the midst of the vital business of keeping the government of the United States running.

The old-timers have developed an immunity, but to the newcomer there is still glamor about the State department, the Government Printing office, and the Bureau of the Census where acres of files carry a card for every person in this country.

The Supreme Court building is but short blocks from the office. The most beautiful building in Washington, to our taste, we pass it every day—and each time are filled again with a certain reverence for what it stands. Here is the final seat of justice of our land—here is the last recourse for us as individuals. How strong must be the character of those inside to match the beautiful simplicity and strength of the building itself!

Across the small park to the west lies the Capitol and here, too, there is daily meaning for us.

The House document room from which we secure our bills lies just to the side of Statuary hall where the famous figures of our nation's history are commemorated in marble. Only one hall down is the House floor where the representatives meet in session. Outside the entrance doors to the floor are stationed the young pages who

run errands and carry messages for the busy lawmakers of our land.

The Senate document room lies on the Senate side of the Capitol—just opposite the Senate gallery—and, when the doors open as visitors enter or leave the gallery, the booming voice of a senator can often be heard.

The Senate "dock," as the document room is called, is a little more haughty, a little more conservative in passing out bills to us. After all, isn't this the senior side of the legislative ranch? One naturally must be less hasty and more judicial here—the seat of the "watchdog" over the laws of the nation.

At night, when the dome is alight and the colored fountains point the way through the long vista of grass and graceful trees, a peace and tranquillity descend around the Capitol and erase for the moment the awesome portent of the laws that have been made that day. It becomes just a place of beauty, a spot in which to recover that sense of tranquillity and feeling of "all's well with the world."

In one corner of the Capitol mall lies the Government Printing office, a building that never sleeps. No matter the time of day or night, there is a hum of activity on the inside, almost audible to the passer-by. At night, the blaze of lights is visible from afar, as the busy presses turn out the congressional record of the day's events or the numerous other documents that pass daily through its halls.

Often, late at night as we pass through the Union train station on our way to the post office next door to put the mail in the last outgoing plane delivery, the Government Printing office lights the dark for us, a somehow reassuring

increase among Nisei due to the shortage of eligible men.

Third, this New York poll may be a little premature in that their Chicago or west coast cousins feel differently on this matter.

I'm not a prophet, nor would I care to hazard a guess.

Perhaps I should consult one of several Nisei PhD candidates in sociology at Columbia.

Anyway, this is what they told me.

We strolled along the waterfront where once we fished for shiners and perch. We watched broad-flanked freighters loading, just as they did years ago when we dreamed of boarding them and sailing to solve the mystery of what lay beyond the horizon.

We strolled down sidewalks over which we had run years ago and saw little knots of Nisei and Sansei youngsters talking, no doubt, about much the same things that we had talked about 20 years back.

And somehow the native's return was a letdown, mostly, we believe, because those kids are in the same relative position in American society that we were in two decades ago. Their interests and economic opportunities are still circumscribed by an invisible iron ring, some of it of their own forging. Some wrought over the years by forces beyond their knowledge or comprehension.

But the ring is still there, hemming them in, denying them the freedom of opportunity that is their birthright, pressing them into conformity in the stifling mold of west coast Li'l Tokyo existence.

It is not a pretty picture to return to, now that we have seen and experienced the opportunity that is there for the seizing beyond the horizon.

## You Can't Go Home Again

There is little outside of nostalgia—and perhaps the unexcelled seafood—to lure us back here any more. Most of our friends, who were the strongest tie to these old stamping grounds, have drifted elsewhere. Or our interests have gone so far along divergent paths that we have little in common except our childhood.

This week we came back to pay our last earthly tribute to a person who was very dear to us, and whom we held in great respect. There is no reason, of course, to impose our personal grieving on others.

But we mention it in passing because perhaps her loss has affected our view of the home town. We do not know when we shall be back. It does not seem to matter very much any more.

# Vagaries

## Love Story . . .

Keiji Hashino, the Nisei sergeant from Honolulu who was involved in an international incident last week when he and five other American GIs were detained by Yugoslavs in Venezia Giulia, fought in Italy with the 442nd Combat Team and returned to the United States in 1945. Because he was in love with an Italian girl, Hashino reenlisted in Jan. 1946 and returned to Italy where he married the girl and settled down in Venezia where he was attached to an army unit.

Two Japanese American weightlifting stars will compete next week for the United States in the world's weightlifting championships at Convention hall, Philadelphia. Emerick Ishikawa of York, Pa., and Harold Sakata of Honolulu, T. H., were named to the U. S. team recently.

symbol that all Washington is not asleep.

The Pentagon assumes importance on our list of buildings in the capital, for it is here that the War department gives us information, contacts SCAP in Japan on various matters of concern to our office, and occasionally calls on us for information on some particular problem.

On the vast scale—with department stores, bakeries, drug stores, cafeterias, barber shops, beauty shops—in fact, everything but hotel accommodations—the Pentagon is the largest office building in the world and lies just across the Potomac, down the slope from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We pause in our journeys down its long corridors to look at the fine paintings done by men and women in service.

Back in the city, itself, we stop briefly in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and note with wonder that the immense, block-long building is overcrowded. Rows upon rows of files have been crowded out of offices and line the halls.

It reminds us of the Bureau of the Census, on the outskirts of Washington, with its files of census cards lining the halls, too.

The Immigration department seems more chummy, somehow. Crowded in a little cubby-hole of a building, with no plush nor fuss, it is a plain working spot—a little out of place somewhat amid the more magnificent buildings.

For all its grandiose structures and parks and statues, Washington somehow remains a small town. It is home to more than a million persons, it serves as the core of a powerful nation—as a centre for the world—and it remains still small-town America.

Perhaps it is just as well.



## Report Postal Service from Okinawa Now in Operation

WASHINGTON — According to information issued by the War department this week, out-going postal service has been resumed in Okinawa for residents of the island, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Although the Post Office department announced on May 15 the resumption of postal service to Okinawa and other islands of the Ryukyu group, lack of postage in Okinawa has prevented the civilian population from sending mail out, according to the Washington ADC office.

Incoming mail has been distributed and local Okinawa mail service has continued in the interim, however, it was reported.

After repeated representations by the Anti-Discrimination Committee for the resumption of full mail service in Okinawa for civilians, Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. Hendrick of the War department reported this morning that the long-delayed postage has apparently arrived in Okinawa and is now in use.

Colonel Hendrick, chief of the Far Eastern section of the Policy and Government branch, Civil Affairs division, said he had received the information directly from the adjutant general for the military government commander on Okinawa.

Despite ADC representations that Okinawa civilians were unable to send mail outside the island, actual postage situation as revealed by the adjutant general came as a surprise to the War department staff in Washington, according to Colonel Hendrick.

"This will be good news for many residents of Hawaii and continental United States who have relatives in Okinawa," Mike Masaoka, national ADC legislative director, declared.

"We have received numerous requests to check into the matter from persons in Hawaii and various parts of the United States who have not received any word from their loved ones and friends in Okinawa. According to the War department report, it appears that this situation has been clarified," he added.

## Ogawas Hold Slim Lead in East Bay JACL League

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Ogawas and the Nisei Greens are fighting for the leadership of the East Bay JACL handicap bowling league after eleven weeks of play. The Ogawas are currently in first place with 29 victories and 15 losses and the Nisei Greens are two games behind.

Takeshita, ace of the Nisei Greens squad, is in the lead for individual honors with an average of 181.

Iwaihara has high game of 243 to date and high series of 640.

## NISEI U S A: Civil Service Workers

(Continued from page 4)

and class dissensions. Those who subvert the Constitution by violating the freedom of the ballot box. Those who make a mockery of majority rule by use of the filibuster. Those who impair democracy by denying equal educational facilities. Those who frustrate justice by lynch law or by making a farce of jury trials. Those who deny freedom of speech and of the press and of assembly.

Unfortunately these are not the people who are being subjected to the present loyalty investigation.

There was too little protest when the individual rights of Nisei civil service employees of Federal, state and municipal governments were violated during the war. A precedent was established and today the civil rights of all government workers are in jeopardy. The loyalty investigations conducted on Nisei government employees during the war were based on false and misleading information. It is still to be proved whether the present investigations are on firmer ground.

## Canada Nisei Notes Aid of National JACL

### Assistance Given Toward Formation Of New Organization

The contribution of Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, to the success of the recent national conference of Japanese Canadians in Toronto which resulted in the formation of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, was acknowledged by Roger Obata, new JCCA president, in a telegram to the National JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City last week.

"The Canadian national conference was a great success," Obata wired the JACL. "We are greatly indebted to you and Mike Masaoka."

"We wish to thank you for your generous cooperation," he added. "We owe much to Mike Masaoka for his leadership and fine advice while taking an active part with us throughout the conference."

"We shall continue to look to you for leadership and inspiration and congratulate you on your brilliant record of service to the Japanese American people."

Obata thanked the JACL for the invitation extended to the JCCA to attend the JACL national convention in Salt Lake City in 1948.

"We hope to attend if it is at all possible," Obata said.

## Store Proprietor Beaten Severely By Holdup Man

SACRAMENTO—Tsunao Yoshikawa, 41, grocery store proprietor, was beaten severely by a holdup man as he was opening his place of business on Sept. 10.

Yoshikawa told police he turned his back momentarily on the supposed customer and was struck on the head with a pistol.

Stunned by the blow, Yoshikawa ran toward the rear of the store, calling for help. The attacker followed, continuing to beat him on the head with the weapon.

The victim's family, attracted by his cries, entered the store and the attacker left without obtaining anything.

Yoshikawa was treated at the hospital for severe cuts in the head.

## Fellowship Group Fetes Minister

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Christian Fellowship attended a reception at the Methodist church for the Rev. and Mrs. S. Uyemura and their daughters Elizabeth and Hannah on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Methodist church.

The Rev. Uyemura is formerly of Denver. He will be co-advisor for the young peoples fellowship with the Rev. George Aki.

The fellowship will hear the Rev. D. G. M. Bach on Sunday, Sept. 21, in a meeting at the Memorial chapel. Koko Yemoto will be in charge.

## Livingston YPCF

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—The Livingston YPCF had a "back to school" outing at Henderson park in Snelling on September 14. Art Shoji was general chairman. Pat Suzuki and Mary Shoji were in charge of the food department and Paul Okuye was social chairman.

Art Shoji led a devotional meeting in the evening. The Rev. J. Fujimori gave a sermon.

On September 21 the fellowship group will travel to Stockton for a joint meeting.

## Sad Sam Ichinose Happy as Lucky Coin Swells Fight Purse

LONDON, England — Sad Sam Ichinose was a little happier this week and a flip of the coin was the reason why.

The Japanese American manager of Dado Marino, outstanding contender for the world's flyweight championship crown of which Jackie Paterson was shorn in July, will get an extra 250 pounds (\$1,000) for his fighter in the forthcoming title match with Rinty Monaghan of Eire.

Ichinose said he had borrowed the lucky coin.

It all started when Ichinose was negotiating with Jack Solomons, the London promoter, for the Marino-Monaghan fight on Oct. 20.

Ichinose said he had asked for 6,000 pounds (\$24,000) as Marino's share of the purse.

"Solomons started at 4,500 pounds," said Ichinose. "Finally I agreed to come down 500 pounds

and Solomons came up the same but that left us 500 pounds apiece."

"After some more argument," said: "Mr. Solomons, why don't you compromise on the 500 and Dado will get 5,250 pounds."

"Solomons then suggested I flip a coin—Dado to get 5,250 if won and 5,000 if I lost. So I borrowed a coin."

"Solomons yelled 'heads.' But came up tails."

Ichinose conceded that 5,250 pounds is a big purse for a flyweight bout.

"I doubt if the fight could draw that big a gate anywhere else in the world," said Sad Sam.

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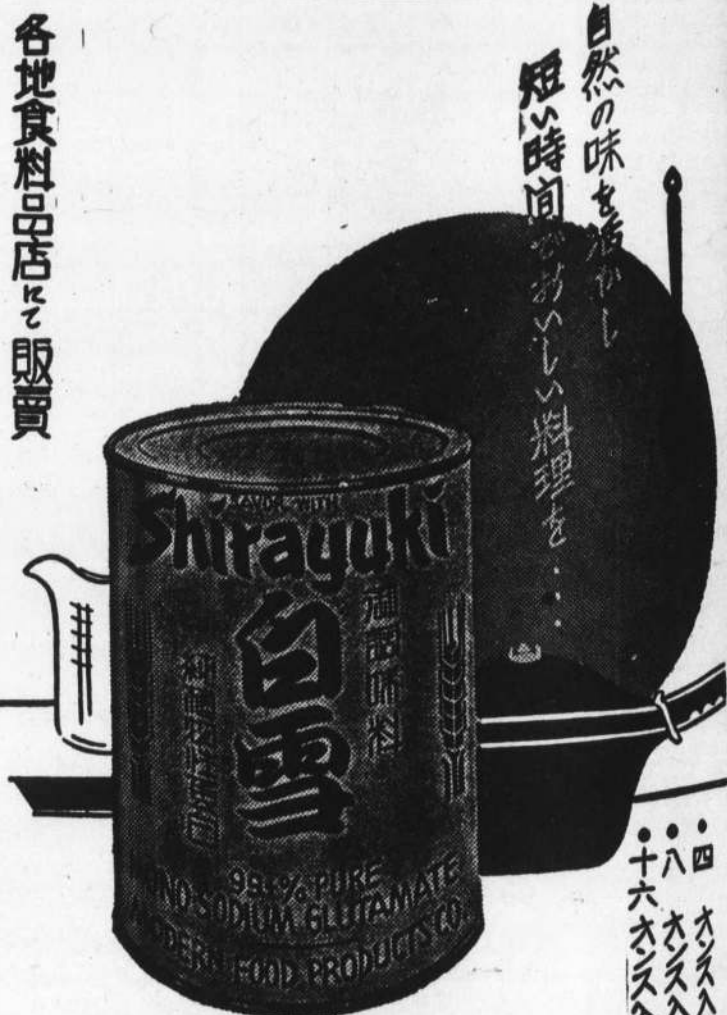
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## San Jose's Zebras

Sweeping undefeated through the Northern California Nisei Baseball League, the San Jose Zebras have established themselves as possibly the top Nisei team on the mainland. The Nisei Vets of Los Angeles and the Nisei Vets of Seattle are the teams which can dispute the title of the Zebras to the honor. The Zebras have again been accorded for a place in the eight-team San Jose Winter league, one of the fastest semi-pro winter leagues on the coast, because of their record last season and their fan following. Teams in the league are "loaded" with players, including many from the Pioneer, California and Western International leagues. Such players as Sal Taormina and Joe Brovia of the San Francisco Seals also were in the league last year.

Meanwhile, the Nisei team will probably be minus two of their stars for part of the winter season since Babe Nomura, first baseman, and Jake Kakuuchi, catcher and outfielder, will be busy with the San Jose State College Spartans. Johnny Horio, named the outstanding pitcher in the Northern California Nisei league with ten straight victories, is expected to be the bulwark of the Zebra mound during the winter season. Teams in the winter loop include the Gatos Grill, Napoli Cafe, South Market and Houser Used Cars, rated among the leading semi-pro nines in California.

## The Old Nippons

One of the best Nisei nines on the mainland in semi-pro play was the old L. A. Nippons team of the early 1930s which was managed by Masao (Mose) Igasaki and included such players as George Matsumura, Sammy Takahashi, Joe Suzuki, Kiyoshi (Pat) Okura, Pete Ando, Choo-Choo Sugi and others. "Rocky" Harris, no relation to the manager of the New York Yankees, was the catcher for the Nippons. Harris was a veteran of considerable pro baseball experience in the Western and other leagues. Harris, Sammy Takahashi, who played shortstop for a while with Tacoma in the Western International, and Matsuura went to Japan in 1936 to play for a Nagoya Dolphins in the Japan Professional League. Harris and Matsuura, who was rated one of the top pitchers in Japan, returned before the outbreak of war. Harris became an officer in U. S. Army intelligence and served in combat in the Pacific theater, while Matsuura also went across as a sergeant from Camp

## OKADA INSURANCE WINS SALT LAKE BOWLING CROWN

The Okada Insurance bowling team came through on schedule in the Salt Lake City JACL summer league by taking first place with 60 wins against 28 losses as league play came to an end Sept. 17 at the Temple alleys.

The Pacific Citizen team, dark horse entrant, proved the sensation of the league by taking second place. The highly contested second place spot was determined on the last night of the league, September 17, breaking up a close fight between OK Cafe, the Pacific Citizen and Ma's Cafe.

OK Cafe came in third, followed by Ma's Cafe, fourth, and Dawn Noodle, fifth.

Okada Insurance bowlers placed four men in the first five individual averages places, with only George Kishida of Tuxedo cafe breaking into the first five spots. Dr. Jun Kurumada, Okada, maintained the highest average for the league with a 180 average for 59 games. He was followed by George Kishida, 176; Maki Kaizumi, Okada, 176; Tad Sako, Okada, 173; and Sho Hiraizumi, Okada, 171. Twenty-one bowlers held an average of 160 or better as the summer season closed.

High scratch series for teams were as follows: Okada Insurance, 2909; Tuxedo hotel, 2665; and OK cafe, 2619.

High scratch single games for teams were Okada, 1015; Tuxedo hotel, 967; and Terashima studio, 916.

Maki Kaizumi rolled the highest individual scratch series with a 662, followed by Tad Sako with 647 and George Kishida with 624.

Individual game honors were won by Tom Matsumori, Terashima studio, 257; Sho Hiraizumi, 253; and Shigeki Ushio, Terashima, 248.

The team standings for the season were:

Okada Insurance, won 60, lost 28, average 852; Pacific Citizen, 52 wins, 36 losses, 772 average; OK Cafe, 50 wins, 38 losses, 782 average; Ma's Cafe, 50 wins, 38 losses, 760 average; Dawn Noodle, 46 wins, 42 losses, 775 average; Main Appliance, 41 wins, 47 losses, 764; Terashima studio, 41 wins, 47 losses, 758; Excellent Cleaners, 41 wins, 47 losses, 744; Tuxedo hotel and cafe, 40 wins, 48 losses, 791; Temple Noodle, 39 wins, 49 losses, 780; U. S. cafe, 37 wins, 51 losses, 727; and Pagoda, 31 wins, 57 losses, 705.

Officers for the summer league were Maki Kaizumi, chairman; Bill Honda, secretary; and Mas Horiuchi, treasurer.

Savage and was one of the first GIs to land in Japan after V-J day. The Nisei Vets team in Los Angeles is now taking up where the Nippons left off.

## Short Notes

Short notes: Johnny Naumu will start at left half for the USC Trojans against Washington State on Sept. 27. . . . The WSC Cougars had a triple-threat Nisei halfback named Frank Miyaki, a star from Spokane's Central high, two years ago. . . . Several Nisei boxers from Hawaii will perform in Boston on Sept. 27 in the first International Amateur Boxing championship at Boston Garden. . . . Babe Nomura has been a standout in practice sessions with the San Jose Spartans, showing lots of dash and sparkle at his favorite left halfback position.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To the Rev. and Mrs. Howard N. Toriumi a girl on Sept. 6 in Watsonville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taira a son, Morris Eiji, in New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grant Masao a boy, Alan Keith, on Sept. 10 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Masaru Takeda a girl on Sept. 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Koyamatsu a girl on Sept. 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Isobe a boy on Sept. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsumi Nakamura, West Los Angeles, a girl on Sept. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nakasone a boy on Sept. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tsuchio Terada, Norwalk, Calif., a boy on Sept. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Takeuchi a girl on Sept. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ryochi Adachi a boy on Sept. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Usui a boy on Sept. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kazahaya a boy on Sept. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Okizaki a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom I. Ioka a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Imatani, Henderson, Colo., a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morizuma Kutsuna a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saikichi Ishihara a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Mayeda, a boy, Wayne Akira, on Aug. 22 in Richmond, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jun Morita, Reedley, Calif., a girl on Aug. 29 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kawamura, Walnut Grove, a girl on Sept. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley S. Kato a girl on Sept. 9 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Wakamoto a boy on Aug. 30 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenji Ishii a boy on Aug. 21 in Fresno.

### DEATHS

Yoshitaro Tanaka on Sept. 10 in Mesa, Ariz.

E. K. Saito, 62, on Sept. 8 in Ontario, Ore.

Hisashi Namikawa on Sept. 8 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Shiku Nakashima of Stockton, Calif., on Sept. 13 in Turlock.

Kametaro Inamoto on Sept. 11 in West Los Angeles.

Kikushiro Yoshiki, 70, on Sept. 10 in Fresno.

Mrs. Kimiyo Hosokawa, 56, on Sept. 10 in Seattle.

Yoshio Yokomizu, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yokomizu of Syracuse, Utah, on Sept. 15 in Ogden.

Yaichi Shiba, 76, on Sept. 16 in San Jose, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Ruriko Yokoyama to Yoshio Otani on Sept. 13 in Los Angeles.

Masako Oba, Fullerton, Calif., to George Sugita, San Luis Rey, on Sept. 13 in Los Angeles.

Kazue Yamaguchi to Takeshi Miyoko on Sept. 14 in Los Angeles.

Toeko Minaji, Seabrook, N. J., to Jodo Yabumoto, Anthony, N. M., on Sept. 11 in Denver.

Doris Sugioka to George Uyeno on Sept. 7 in Denver.

## Three Men's Bowling Leagues Scheduled on Salt Lake Alleys

Nisei bowling enthusiasts in Salt Lake City will begin play Monday, September 29, at the Temple alleys as the winter league of the Salt Lake JACL goes into action with 14 teams.

Another eight teams will go into action Thursday, October 2, on a major-league circuit covering the Temple, KB and Ritz bowling alleys. The Thursday night league, to be called the Nisei Traveling League, will be comprised of teams with averages over 800.

Another innovation will be a doubles league to be played immediately after the traveling league on Thursday nights.

A meeting to elect officers for the winter league will be called Monday, September 22, at the Temple alleys by Maki Kaizumi, chairman of the summer league.

Winter league teams have been announced by Chairman Kaizumi as follows: Okada Insurance, Pacific Citizen, OK cafe, U. S. cafe, Ma's cafe, Excellent Cleaners, Arthur Frank's, Hibbard drug, Terashima, Murray, Modern garage, Davis county, Dawn Noodle and Pagoda teams.

Thursday night entrants will be the Main Jewelry, Pacific Citizen, OK cafe, Excellent cleaners, Gil's auto, Pagoda, Okada Insurance and Tuxedo teams. The eighth team has not yet been announced.

Grace Obata to Minoru Amemiya of San Francisco on Sept. 8 in Cleveland.

Sophie Abe to the Rev. Norio Ozaki on Sept. 7 in Oakland, Calif.

Betty Hashimoto to Kenji Kishino on Sept. 14 in Chicago.

Midori Kunitomi to Philip Masaji Iwata on Sept. 6 in Chicago.

Helen Tada to John Nishimura on Sept. 7 in Denver.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hattie Takimoto and James Ruckle in Seattle, Wash.

Shimako Saito, San Diego, Calif., and George Marato Uda, Sacramento, in Reno, Nev.

Natsuko Nakamura and James Kentaro Ishii in Sacramento.

Reiko Shimada and Laverne Masao Kurahara in Sacramento.

Ritsuko Otsuki to John Koyama in San Francisco.

Yeiko Higashi and Harry H. Nakata in Seattle.

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## HAWAII WELTER WINS IN TWENTY STRAIGHT FIGHTS

HONOLULU—Robert Takeshita, sensational young Japanese American welterweight, punched his way into national contention on Sept. 16 when he scored a technical knockout over Chuey Rigueria, 136, of Los Angeles in the third round of a scheduled eight-round main event bout.

Takeshita recently returned to Honolulu after a trip to Scotland.

It was the 20th straight victory for the young Nisei welter since he turned professional in 1946 after winning the National AAU championship.

He weighed in at 139 for the Rigueria fight.

## Expect Misaka To Aid Pro Cagers at Gate

Utah Nisei Star Popular with Fans At New York Garden

Wat Misaka, sparkplug of last season's University of Utah basketball team which defeated Kentucky in the Metropolitan tourney at Madison Square Garden, may be an answer to the hopes of the Basketball Association of America for better patronage for eastern pro basketball, Jim Becker, Associated Press sports writer, indicated in an article last week.

Misaka has been signed by the New York Knickerbockers, whose home court is Madison Square Garden.

"Always the darling of the crowds, the lightning-fast Misaka may perk up the Knicks at the gate," according to Becker. "Misaka was the spark of the gallant Utah team which tamed Kentucky in the Madison Square Garden tourney final."

Other teams in the BAA are Chicago, St. Louis, Washington, Baltimore, Providence, Boston and the Philadelphia Warriors, defending champions.

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## 254 Join Stockton JACL As Member Drive Concluded

STOCKTON, Calif.—An all-out JACL membership and fund-raising campaign has resulted in the signing up of practically every Nisei in the Stockton area, according to Joseph Omachi, president of the Stockton chapter.

Two hundred and twenty-six new members were signed up, bringing the total to 254 members.

The chapter also collected 87 subscriptions to the Pacific Citizen. Committee members who participated in planning and carrying out the drive were Frank Yokoi, Jun Agari, Jack Matsumoto, Lou Tsunekawa, George Noda, George Fujita, Bob Ota and John Fujiki.

A supporting committee aided in the chapter's house to house campaign for funds. Assisting in the Stockton city area were Shintoro Ito, Kaneko Fujii, Kinzo Tateyama, Kaizo Mikasa, Toshio Inouye, S. Hagio, M. Sakamura and K. Ohashi.

Donations for \$100 from W. T. McGillivray and \$25 from L. J. Smallpage were obtained by Mr. Y. Agari.

In the outlying rural areas the following supporters aided in the JACL campaign: S. Motoike, S. Ishimaru, Paul Sato, Frank Hattori, S. Kaneishi, M. Kamigaki, S. Watanabe, H. Uyeda, Jack Kitagawa and Ted Oseto.

Omachi expressed his appreciation for the strong support shown

the JACL in the Stockton area.

"It is hoped that our chapter will be a powerful force for social, economic and political advancement in this area for the Japanese Americans here, in view of the strong support shown," Omachi said.

### Ardent Five Wins Orange County Title

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The Ardent Five won the championship of the Orange County JACL bowling league which wound up a 11 week summer session on Sept. 2 at the Santa Ana Bowling Center.

The Ardent Five, captained by Mits Masuda, took a major share of league honors. They took high game laurels with 936 and had a high series of 2511.

Talbert Tech, captained by Wyck Kato, placed second. Other teams in the league were the Holy Rollers, River Gang, Hopeless Five and the Garden Grove Midgets.

Tak Oka has high average of 165 and high individual series of 581.

Ko Takahashi's 224 was high game.

Other high average bowlers were Mits Masuda, Sam Sugita, Chuck Ishii, and Mamo Sadakane.

The league was organized and sponsored by the program and activities committee of the Orange County JACL.

## Idaho Falls Nisei Begin Play in Bowling League

IDASO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL bowling league was scheduled to begin play Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Hi-Ho bowling alley.

Yukio Inouye was named president of the league, with Tucker Morishita vice president; Todd Ogawa, secretary and Eke Tanaka, treasurer.

## Nisei Exhibit Wins Prize at County Fair

Farm Produce Shown Under UCL Auspices At San Jose Fete

SAN JOSE—A feature exhibit of vegetables, fruit and flowers grown by Santa Clara Japanese Americans and sponsored by the United Citizens League was awarded second prize in its class at the 3rd annual Santa Clara County fair in San Jose this week.

The prize-winning entry includes strawberries from Hillview Farms (Yoshioka); green peppers, Mitsuo Okubo; pears, Sakauye Bros.; celery, Namimatsu Farms; yellow chili-peppers, cucumbers, string beans, Yamada Bros.; red bell peppers, C. T. Taketa Farms; green onions, Masaru Yamaichi, broccoli, Mr. Ando; begonia plants, Onishi Nursery; gardenia plants, Jio Nursery; chrysanthemums, Mountain View Nurseries.

The booth was constructed by Kiyo Nishiura and was designed and painted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zaima. Tats Yamada arranged the produce and George Tsukagawa, Mas Oku and Fred Yonemoto were responsible for the floral arrangements.

"Much credit for the success attained by our entry this year is due to the untiring efforts of all the exhibitors and committee members," Phil Matsumura, Fair committee chairman of the UCL, declared.

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## Montana Paper Pays Tribute To Issei Railroad Worker

LEWISTOWN, Mont.—A tribute to a Japanese railroad worker was published last week in the Lewistown Democrat News, the city's morning daily.

It was an editorial accolade to Seitaro Akiyama of Lewistown who was retiring from the Great Northern railroad company after 27 years of service.

Said the Democrat News: "Forty-seven years ago a young Japanese came to Montana from Japan . . . and he lost no time becoming a good American."

"This week, after 47 years with on company, he is retiring and will spend the rest of his days at his home here in Lewistown. During Akiyama's 47 years with the Great Northern, he has done much to see that the company's freight and passenger trains move over smooth

and safe tracks. In fact, for past 17 years he has served section foreman for the line, working out of the Key City.

"When Akiyama went to work for the Great Northern, section hands got \$1.05 for a 10-hour day today they get a dollar an hour."

"Also, when the Japanese American's boyhood country attacked adopted country at Pearl Harbor Akiyama continued to serve new nation in a job that was vital to defense, and to winning the war."

"He was loyal to the United States. 'Akiyama—good American—earned his retirement and has proven his right to citizenship in the United States.'"

The Lewistown paper's editorial was reprinted on Sept. 15 on the editorial page of the Great Falls Mont., Tribune.

## Visits to Japan Still Barred Except in Special Cases

### Nisei War Objector Publishes Pamphlet Against UMT

LOS ANGELES—George Yamada, 27, is author of a pamphlet against universal military training, "Tactics for Tyranny", which was published here this week by Deancraft Press.

Yamada, Nebraska-born and a former student at the University of Nebraska, was a conscientious objector during World War II, "walking out" of Germfask Civilian Public Service camp in 1945 and subsequently being sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Danbury (Conn.) Federal Correctional Institution. Released from Danbury in early 1947, he has since become active in pacifist, labor, and Socialist circles here.

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WASHINGTON — Visitors are not permitted to enter Japan unless in exceptional instances, reported the War and State departments in a special interview this week with staff members of the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

In answer to queries about passage to Japan for Nisei who want to visit relatives, the two government departments replied that in extreme cases where the relative was seriously ill or dying would the request be given consideration.

Application may be made with the Passport division of the State department, according to E. Hutchison of the Visa section of that department, who added that "no favorable action on the application can be expected at the moment, however."

Although business visitors are permitted to enter Japan to negotiate for the reopening of private trade, no other visitors are allowed except on compassionate grounds, declared Colonel E. W. Hendrick of the War department.

He added that, after the signing of a peace treaty with Japan, the conditions might be altered since the Japanese government would then make the decision on visitors and tourists.

In regard to baggage restrictions and passport arrangements for those who are now permitted to visit Japan, the ADC office learned that business representative visitors are limited to 125 pounds of personal baggage and an additional 50 pounds for commercial samples.

The visitor must arrange his own transportation, the ADC office was informed. At present, air transportation from Seattle to Tokyo averages \$650 one way or \$1170 round trip, while boat transportation from San Francisco to Tokyo averages \$350 for first class, \$280 for dormitory class, and \$188 for third class.

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