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## Colorado Governor Expresses Pride in Integration of Evacuee Resettlers in State

Gov. Lee Knous of Colorado, attending the Colorado river basin committee meeting in Salt Lake City this week, said he was "proud" of the manner in which people of Japanese ancestry had integrated themselves into all phases of life in his state.

"Since I have been in office," he said, "I've received no legitimate complaints against people of Japanese ancestry."

"They are not crowding anyone, nor undercutting on prices, and generally they are contributing to better land practices on their farms, and 'above the counter' manners in their shops, so that no one can complain," Governor Knous declared.

## Masaoka Tells Gov. Knous of ADC Program

Legislative Director Meets Colorado State Leaders on Trip

DENVER, Colo.—Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, conferred with Governor W. Lee Knous of Colorado on Sept. 30 regarding the progress of Federal legislation to remove restrictions against persons of Japanese ancestry and to indemnify West Coast evacuees for losses sustained as a result of the evacuation in 1942.

Governor Knous noted that evacuee resettlers of Japanese ancestry were being integrated into the social, political and economic pattern of the state.

Masaoka began a week of speaking engagements before Issei, Nisei, Spanish American and other organizations in Denver following his interview with Gov. Knous.

Now on tour of more than 20 cities in the United States and Canada, Masaoka met more than a score of leading Colorado figures following the conference. He talked over the problems of Japanese Americans and other minority groups with Senator Eugene D. McMillan, Rep. John A. Carroll of Denver and William S. Hill of Fort Collins, Gene Cervi, Colorado state chairman of the Democratic party, and former Governor Ralph L. Carr. In his meeting with Carr, Masaoka recalled that the former was the only western governor who did not oppose the resettlement of evacuees as proposed by the Federal government.

Through arrangements with Mr. Mark Switzer of KLZ, Masaoka was scheduled to make a radio broadcast during the week.

On the evening of his arrival on Sept. 30 from Omaha, Masaoka was invited to a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kako, vice-chairman of the Kikka Kisen Domei organization which is affiliated with the Tri-State JACL-ADC regional office.

Masaoka also attended the dinner sponsored by the Denver JACL chapter, a policy board meeting of the Denver Unity council, the Spanish American Service Club and the Issei-Nisei meeting.

Mr. Masaoka is scheduled to leave for Minneapolis on Oct. 5 where he is scheduled to address the luncheon meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations.

Whenever newspaper stories appear relating to "brains" in public schools, the name of a Nisei student invariably is included, the chief executive said.

Recently on a trip through the rich Arkansas valley Governor Knous related, he was told that some of the people accepted the Japanese and their American children with some trepidation.

Some of the worse farms in the valley were palmed off on them as a means of discouraging their competition he was told. But, after a single growing season, natives of the valley came around seeking advice on land fertility instead of going to the county agent, Knous said he was told.

Nisei businessmen are not only making a contribution to the state, Governor Knous said, but they are "upping" the standards existing before the war.

Colorado's chief executive was "pleased" to visit with Mike Masaoka, executive secretary of the JACL, last week and asserted that more alert Nisei should make themselves active in community affairs.

Governor Knous said that he was proud of the Denver Post for giving an opportunity to a top-flight writer like Bill Hosokawa, assistant editor of the Sunday section. The governor recalled the time when he was a supreme court justice and viewed the "smear" campaign of The Post and the rebuttal of the Heart Mountain Sentinel, then edited by Hosokawa.

"I admire the manner in which the Nisei and their hard-working parents, who have done so much for this country, have fit themselves into their conditions and surroundings."

"Both Colorado and the nation benefit and America is learning a fine lesson in human decency in the process," Governor Knous said.

## Resolution to Give Vote to Canada Nisei Defeated at Parley

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Union of British Columbia Municipalities last week decided to ask for the right of ballot for East Indians in municipal elections but not for Canadian-born citizens of Japanese and Chinese ancestry.

The convention at Harrison Hot Springs endorsed a resolution submitted through Victoria to remove restrictions against East Indians going on the list of voters.

An amendment by Alderman O. L. Jones of Kelowna, which would have removed restrictions from Canadians of Japanese and Chinese descent, now barred from the municipal ballot, was defeated after some argument.

## Court Denies Move To Remand Morita Escheat Case

SAN FRANCISCO — Motion to remand to Federal district court in the escheat case brought by the State against Takashi Morita for alleged violation of the Alien Land law has been denied by Superior Court Judge Arthur C. Shepard of Fresno county, it was learned this week by James C. Purcell, general counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California.

A total of 80 acres of farm property in Fresno county is involved in the case.

## VFW Leader Asks California To Defer Charges

Seek Withholding of New Prosecutions Under Alien Land Law

SAN FRANCISCO—In a letter directed to Attorney General Fred N. Howser, F. F. Gonsalves, California VFW Department Commander, requested that in view of the pending Oyama case scheduled before the U. S. Supreme Court on October 21, court action on cases pending be deferred and filings of new escheat cases be withheld.

Gonsalves pointed out that at the annual encampment held in Santa Cruz, California, on June 8 to 11, the organization adopted a resolution in favor of amending the Alien Land Law so that title and possession of real property owned by honorably discharged Japanese American veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States be held inviolate.

In Attorney General Howser's reply it was stated that the Office of the Attorney General has for some time been considering the possibility of complying with their wishes, and still has the matter under advisement.

Similar letters have been sent by the California Council for Civic Unity, San Francisco Council for Civic Unity and the West Coast Regional Office of JACL-ADC.

## Masaoka to Appear On Chicago Radio

CHICAGO, Ill.—"American Brotherhood", a half hour broadcast over State WAAF (950 K.C.) every Thursday afternoon from 1:15 to 1:45, will feature Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL-Anti-Discrimination Committee, on its October 16th program.

Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, "American Brotherhood" is a program devoted to forums, newscasts and music broadcast in behalf of bettering human relations.

Masaoka will bring into focus several actual instances of how individuals and families can be personally affected by the passage of legislation now being sponsored by the JACL-ADC. He will be interviewed by Ethel Getzoff, program director of the NCCJ. Masaoka's appearance on the program was arranged through the Midwest ADC office.

## Establish Identity Of Man Drowned in Mokelumne River

STOCKTON, Calif.—Identity of a man drowned in the Mokelumne River on Sept. 19 and whose body was recovered on Sept. 22 was established this week as S. Tanimura, 65, formerly a resident of Stockton.

Identity was established through fingerprints on file in the State Identification Bureau at Sacramento.

Tanimura's fingerprints were filed in Aug. 1924 when he was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The charge was filed after he had injured another person of Japanese

## Supreme Court Brief Filed In Oyama Test Case, Stressing Rights of Nisei Citizens

LOS ANGELES—Stressing the citizen rights of an American of Japanese ancestry, a brief was filed this week in the United States Supreme Court in the Oyama test case on the validity of the California Alien Land law, it was reported.

The brief was signed by Attorneys A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles and Charles A. Horsky and Ernest W. Jennes of Washington, D. C. Countersigning the brief are James Purcell, William Ferriter and Guy C. Calden for the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union and Saburo Kido, Fred Okrand and Frank Chuman for the Japanese American Citizens League.

Chief emphasis in the brief is placed on the rights of the citizen of Japanese ancestry in the case which was initiated when the State of California filed suit to escheat the property of a citizen, Fred Oyama, on the ground that his alien father, K. Oyama, held an interest in the property in contravention to the Alien Land law which prohibits ownership of real property by an alien "ineligible to citizenship."

"The decision of court below deprives petitioner Fred Oyama of the equal protection of the laws and the privileges and immunities of a citizen," the brief declares. "In California minor children other than those of Japanese ancestry may receive gifts of real estate from their parents with no presumption that the transaction is illegal. The Alien Land law as applied here requires Fred Oyama, solely because he is the son of a Japanese alien, to defend his gift against the claim of the state."

The brief urges that the California Alien Land law violates the

14th Amendment to the United States Constitution on the ground that it is race legislation; that the law was intended to apply solely against persons of Japanese ancestry and has been enforced only against Japanese and that the phrase "aliens ineligible to citizenship" in the law "is merely a veil" which the Supreme Court should pierce.

The brief argues that the Supreme Court should overrule its former decisions, handed down 25 years ago, in which the Alien Land law was ruled constitutional. The brief points out that "conditions have changed since the earlier cases" and the Court is urged to change its decisions to meet changed conditions.

The final point in the brief claims that the failure of the California courts to protect Americans of Japanese ancestry by giving them the benefit of the state's statute of limitations, which require ordinarily that a legal proceeding be filed within a certain period deprives both Fred Oyama and his father, K. Oyama, of the "equal protection of the laws" under the 14th Amendment.

## JACL Official Meets With Filipino American Leaders

## Five Wounded In Fight on Lodi Street

Police Squads Alerted To Prevent Recurrence Of Recent Incident

LODI, Calif. — Extra police squads were called into this week to forestall any possible recurrence of a clash here following a street fight in which five Japanese Americans were hospitalized for wounds when they were attacked by a group of Filipino farm workers.

According to Lodi police, the fight was precipitated by an apparently innocent salutation delivered by a Japanese American to a Filipino whom he had mistaken for a person of Japanese ancestry.

Treated at the hospital were Dick Okinaka, 28, Woodbridge, punctured lung and chest wound; Kenny Koneka, 29, Lodi, and Hajime Tashiro, Lodi, cut left shoulder; A. Enya, 42, cut nose and left shoulder, and T. Tomita, 38, with a slashed left hip.

According to information reported by Police Officers James Griffin and Charles Pyle, one of a group of Japanese Americans standing on a corner mistook one of a number of passing Filipino farm workers for a person of Japanese descent.

He hailed him and the Filipino group, reported by Griffin and Pyle to be about five in number, drew knives and attacked the Japanese Americans. They fled following a brief melee. Police officers conducted a search of the district but could not find the assailants.

Fearing the fray might bring reprisals, Police Chief Millard Fore ordered a close watch on the district. Chief Fore said he intended to forestall any recurrence of the incident.

ancestry with a knife in a fight. Tanimura later was dismissed when his friend refused to prosecute.

## Better Relationships Sought Between Two Groups in California

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—In a conference held Oct. 1 at the office of the Philippines Consulate General in San Francisco, Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California Regional JACL Director, discussed measures to eliminate race frictions with Aurelio Ramos, Vice Consul; Antonio A. Gonzalez, President, Filipino Inter-Community Organization of America (a national civic organization); and C. T. Alfafera, President of the Caballeros De Dimas-Alang, Inc. (a Filipino national fraternal organization).

All parties concurred in the desirability of joint, informal meetings to be held in Stockton, California, and Lodi, 12 miles from Stockton. A considerable Filipino community exists in Stockton and many commute to nearby farming employment. Participants in these joint meetings would be local branches of the Filipino organizations and the JACL. It was held timely that the Interracial Council of Stockton or some community leader could issue such a call. Suggestions were also made that organizations hold joint meetings.

Upon his return, the Consul General will be urged to issue a statement to the Filipino press deploring any hostility between those of Japanese ancestry and Filipino ancestry in the United States and stressing the need for better understanding in view of the common problems both groups encounter, it was stated.

The Vice-Consul indicated an investigator is checking into reports of the alleged altercation. It was pointed out that frequently members of other national minorities are mistaken for Filipinos and the use of nationality labels was condemned by participants.

Mr. Alfafera indicated their organization would be prepared to take disciplinary action if any organization members were involved. Mr. Gonzalez stated that his organization would undertake independent investigation.

## Newsreel Company to Tell Evacuee Resettlement Story

SAN FRANCISCO—To provide visual exhibits of the successful reestablishment of Japanese after the disruption caused by the evacuation, Frank Vail, Warner Bros.-Pathe newsreel cameraman spent two days in the Sacramento-Loomis area. He was accompanied by Joe Gran Masaoka, JACL Regional Representative, who prepared the itinerary and script for the narrative.

Extensive shots were taken of the Nisei VFW Post No. 8985, whose commander is Dr. Yoshizo Harada, which took a leading part in the recent attempt to curb Alien

Land Law appropriations at the State Legislature. Seventy members were present in uniform and a camera view of their regular meeting was taken. The Nisei Ladies Auxiliary to the Post were also photographed.

Views of businesses, professional shops and farms were taken.

In Loomis shots were taken of the Makabe brothers and their orchard. Wilson Makabe, Nisei veteran amputee, was also pictured.

The pictures were flown to New York where they will be cut and then shown in theaters throughout the nation.



## 34th Division Veterans Ask Legislation to Give Citizenship Rights to Parents of Nisei GIs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Veterans Association of the famed 34th (Red Bull) Division, meeting at a two-day reunion at the Savery hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6-7, went on record as favoring proposed legislation to grant U. S. citizenship to the Japanese parents of the veterans of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Infantry Regiment according to word received here from DeLoss Marken, chaplain and association secretary.

The warm tribute to the individuals of the Japanese American regimental combat team was paid during the closing session of the conference. Marken, who has made many Nisei friends since the day the 442nd entered the Italian campaign with the Red Bull infantry division, introduced the citizenship motion.

He wrote in a letter to the ADC office here, describing the action as follows: "When I made the motion and asked for a second, it seemed that every one present seconded the motion, as a response came from all over the banquet hall. There were nearly 600 present for the banquet, so the association endorsed it overwhelmingly."

Mike Masaoka, national legisla-

tive director of the JACL ADC, who was one of the scheduled speakers at the reunion, was unable to attend, but a telegram expressing regret over his inability to be present was read to the conference. Invitations had been extended to a number of Nisei veterans who served either in the 100th Battalion or the 442nd Regiment.

The association plans to hold another convention at Des Moines about the same time next year. The conference elected E. W. Bird, chairman of the convention committee, as president, while Major Ray Stevenson of Des Moines was named acting secretary.

## Nisei Angler Wins Seattle Salmon Derby, Awarded Auto

### Kimura Stresses Non-Discrimination Policy of Sponsors

SEATTLE — Kaz Kimura was hailed this week as the 1947 champion salt-water angler of Seattle when he won the Seattle Times City Salmon Derby with a 37 pound 14 ounce king salmon which he took with heavy trolling gear while lost in a fog in Puget Sound.

Kimura was awarded a 1947 four-door Dodge sedan, one of five cars given away as prizes by the Seattle Times.

In accepting the award Kimura declared:

"I want to thank the sponsors of the Times Derby for giving us a contest without discrimination—a Derby for fishermen of all races."

A record crowd of 1,076 anglers qualified in the annual salmon derby and turned in 154 salmon.

Two other fishermen of Japanese ancestry Rinji Nitta and Masao Kodani placed in the top 50 and were awarded prizes.

Several other Nisei, who led qualifiers with big salmon, had little luck during the derby finals.

Kimura, who lives at 307 24th Avenue S., acted on a last-minute hunch and borrowed some heavy trolling gear.

"I figured the big kings were down deep," he said, "so I borrowed this heavy dodger-and-herring rig. I had troubles at first. My herring didn't spin so good so I cut off its tail. Then I got lost in the fog. Then I found out I was in front of Gowdy's and when I slowed up some, Socko! There was this big baby and I horsed him right in. I never considered myself too good a fisherman—just lucky that's all."

Kimura's prize salmon is the second largest to be caught in the history of the salmon derby.

Ray Donovan, who won second place with a 26-pound fish, was "sweating it out" when Kimura came in with his prize. Second

### Minority Groups Aided in Housing Hunt on Peninsula

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—Real estate agents who oppose the sale of property to persons not of the Caucasian race are being bypassed in Redwood City and minority groups are finding unrestricted property for sale through the assistance of the local Council for Civic Unity.

Spokesmen for organized South San Mateo county real estate groups recently indicated that they favored a policy to permit only Caucasians to reside on the San Francisco Peninsula.

The local Council for Civic Unity was moved to act in the housing problem facing Negroes, Oriental Americans and other members of minority groups following the burning of the unoccupied home of a Negro war veteran last year. The council has initiated a property listing service for non-Caucasian buyers which has made it unnecessary for them to contact commercial realtors.

place was good enough for a two-door sedan.

Kimura had a lot of talking to do when he got home after winning top honors in the derby. Doors flew open up and down the street and neighbors ran to the front yard of the Kimura home, shouting greetings and congratulations. Kaz had to tell each one of them about his triumph.

Then he posed for a picture for the Times with his wife and his four children, Carole, 10, Paul, 8, Joan, 5, and Benny, 2.

"I'm proud of winning the championship, and the new car is wonderful, but, honestly, the thing I really appreciate most of all is the fact that people of my race—and all races—could take part," he said.

(Fishermen of Japanese ancestry were barred from a fishing derby held by a Seattle group some months ago.)

Kimura, a native of Seattle, is a graduate of Garfield high school and has been employed for the past 15 years at the University Club. He worked at the Army Ordnance Depot at Sidney, Neb. during the war.

He has done quite a bit of fishing this summer but the prize fish was the second king salmon he had caught this year.

### JACL Chapter Will Aid Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—In order to process several thousand local residents of Japanese ancestry and other racial groups in the locality, the San Francisco JACL Chapter will request all Japanese American, Negro and Filipino groups to make a concerted drive for free chest examinations to be conducted under the auspices of the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association it was announced by Yukio Wada, president, this week.

Expected to coordinate all community organizations for this Fillmore district campaign, Miss Mari Okazaki, staff worker of the International Institute, is being requested to assume charge.

Examination period will be set to suit the convenience of the largest number of local residents. Various physicians will be contacted for their cooperation.

### UCL to Prepare 1948 Directory

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League (JACL) of Santa Clara county will start work soon on its 1948 directory of all persons of Japanese ancestry within the county, according to Phil Matsu-mura, executive secretary.

Matsu-mura also stated that new members for the Blue Cross hospital plan will be signed up during the first three weeks of October under Dr. Robert S. Okamoto, chairman.

Blue Cross members will be signed up every three months, Matsu-mura said.

## Young Nisei Doctor Denied Office in Akron Building Because of Racial Ancestry

AKRON, O.—The Beacon Journal recently reported a "shocking rebuff" met by a young Akron doctor because of his Japanese ancestry.

He is Dr. Kazuo Tashiro, born in Chicago 28 years ago, who came to Akron more than a year ago as a resident physician at St. Thomas hospital and married an Akron girl.

Dr. Tashiro, according to the Beacon Journal report, was refused office space in a North Hill building because the landlord was afraid some of his tenants might be "resentful."

Dr. Tashiro grew up in Ohio and went to school and later graduated from medical school at the University of Cincinnati where his father, a nationally-known biochemist, is a professor in the university's medical college.

Finishing up his residency at St. Thomas, Dr. Tashiro planned to start general practice in Akron. He started to move into a vacated doctor's office last week but was told that he could not occupy the premises because of his Japanese ancestry.

The young physician was stunned when the landlord, who had agreed originally to rent the office space told him he had changed his mind. Dr. Tashiro had already made a down payment on the rent for the month of October. He had bought office equipment including a new biological refrigerator.

"Some of my tenants are resentful," the owner of the building was quoted as saying.

"I begged him to try me out for a month, to see if it would hurt his business in the building in any way," Dr. Tashiro continued. "He said he would call me back in an hour but when he called back he hadn't changed his mind."

Dr. Tashiro then made a check of some of the other tenants, mostly professional men who had of-

fices there.

"I found none who had objected to my coming in," he said. Physicians at St. Thomas hospital who had worked with the young doctor were upset when they heard of his predicament. They advised him to make his story public and are endeavoring to find him another office.

Dr. Tashiro is one of the two persons of Japanese ancestry in Akron. The other is a student nurse at St. Thomas hospital.

The Beacon Journal commented on the case in an editorial titled "Who Is The American?"

The newspaper said that the doctor has been told by the landlord to stay out "simply because the composition of his face and the slant of his eyes is a little different from that of most Akron-ites."

"Dr. Kazuo Tashiro is an American citizen," the Beacon Journal added. "His father is a distinguished scientist and professor whose accomplishments are recorded in Who's Who. The Senior Dr. Tashiro, born in Japan, came to this country in 1901 as a youth of 18."

"If the young doctor's name were Smith or Schmidt, and his father had come from England or from Germany, we are sure that there would not be a moment's hesitancy on the part of anyone about accepting him."

"In our opinion the landlord has misjudged the reaction that most Akronites will have toward Dr. Tashiro. His rights under the constitution are the same as those of any citizen whose ancestors came on the Mayflower. He deserves to be judged on his own merits as a person and as a doctor."

"We feel confident that if the North Hill landlord does not promptly change his mind, many other owners of office space will be more than glad to have the young doctor as a tenant."

## Nisei Delegate to National Amvets Convention Asks for Backing on Issei Citizenship

COLUMBUS—A resolution sponsored by the Utah department of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) and urging naturalization rights for parents of Japanese Americans who served in World War II and for other resident Japanese aliens of proven loyalty was presented to the third national Amvets convention here this week.

Among the three-man Utah delegation which is supporting the resolution is Charles K. Yamamoto of Brigham City, one of the regional vice-commanders of the Utah department of Amvets.

Yamamoto is attending the convention as a Utah delegate and as an observer for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The Nisei veteran, only official delegate of Japanese ancestry at the convention, is a former staff sergeant in the 442nd Combat Team. He is one of the charter members of Brigham City Post No. 7 of Amvets.

Yamamoto said that there were 30 Nisei veterans in the Brigham City post. He also noted that Nisei veterans are active in other Amvets units in Utah and that the Ogden, Utah post also had approximately 30 Nisei members.

He said that the Brigham City post recently became the first in Utah to have a post flag and said that it was presented to the group by Issei parents of Nisei servicemen.

Yamamoto said that the Utah department convention of Amvets had passed the Issei naturalization proposal in Ogden last May and that the department's delegates to the convention were instructed to present the resolution for passage by the national body.

Declaring that the aim of Amvets is to uphold the principles of justice, tolerance and equality, the resolution declares that the Amvets "are fully aware of the many unjust and wholly unfounded discriminations and humiliating acts heaped upon the parents of our Japanese Americans whose loyalty to this nation in time of conflict remained steadfast."

The resolution asks that naturalization privileges beyond first papers be granted to parents of Japanese Americans who honorably served the United States as members of the armed services and that other aliens of Japanese descent of proven loyalty be granted the same privilege.

### Labor Leader From Hawaii Visits Mainland Locals

SAN FRANCISCO — Kenji Omuro, president of Local 148 ILWU, in Hawaii, is now in the bay region visiting mainland locals and attending the California Labor school.

Omuro said he expects the training he receives while on the mainland will help in the consolidation program now being carried out among ILWU locals in Hawaii.

## Truman Administration's Aid Sought for Naturalization Bill

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Noting that the Truman Administration has not officially endorsed the extension of naturalization privileges for all those now denied these privileges, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination committee, urged Nisei and other Missourians to request President Harry S. Truman to do so.

"Such support, combined with the active Senate and House support of Missouri's congressional delegation, would prove most helpful to our legislative program," Masaoka told a meeting of the members of the St. Louis JACL chapter and their friends at the YWCA last Wednesday evening. Henry Tani, chapter president, was chairman.

Earlier that same evening, following his arrival from Cincinnati, Masaoka was honored at a fellowship dinner at the main

## Seek Reversal Of Court Ruling On Deportation

### Brief Attacks Legality Of Restrictions in Immigration Law

DENVER, Colo. — A brief was filed this week by counsel for Takasaburo Sekino and six others in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, asking the court to reverse a lower court decision which held that the petitioners are liable for deportation because they were born in Japan and are ineligible to citizenship.

In their suit Mr. Sekino, Yoshiko Aoki, Sakijiro Moriama, Hatsu Chogyoji, Koshiro Miura, Yasutaro Ikuta and Hana Kaniya Hildebrandt are asking the court to declare unconstitutional a section of the Immigration law.

The section in question prohibits the Attorney General from use of discretionary powers in suspending the deportation in the case of aliens of Japanese ancestry whose legal period of stay has ended.

The attorneys for the petitioners, A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, contend that the section violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution because of this discrimination. They point out that if Sekino and the other plaintiffs had been of other ancestry, they would not be threatened with deportation.

The brief noted that the attorneys for the Government concede that the threatened deportees are, and have been, loyal to the United States.

Because there is legislation pending which will affect the petitioners, Attorney General Tom Clark recently indicated that he will suspend deportation in cases where dependent American citizen children are involved until Congress has had a chance to consider changes in the law at the next session.

### U. S. Relief Supplies Sent to Aid Flood Sufferers in Japan

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — More than 360,000 pounds of American relief supplies are being distributed by LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) to the thousands of Japanese marooned in the flooded areas north of Tokyo as a result of the recent typhoon, it was announced this week by the American Friends Service Committee, a contributing agency of LARA.

Word has come from Tokyo that 158 tons of food, 250 barrels of clothing, and nine tons of soap are being sent immediately to the stricken areas.

Up until July 31, LARA, through which all voluntary organizations sending relief to Japan work, had shipped approximately 5,750,000 pounds of supplies, worth \$1,790,000 to Japan. Of this amount, the American Friends Service Committee had sent 2,300,164 pounds, worth \$584,211.28. Americans of Japanese origin have contributed heavily to the Quaker organization.

The supplies have been allocated to 700 institutions in Japan and have been distributed to babies, orphans, tuberculosis patients, old people and repatriates. The number of persons receiving the gifts is estimated by the Japanese Ministry of Welfare to be more than 400,000.

YWCA. The ADC director also met with the chapter cabinet Thursday evening.

At a Friday luncheon meeting of the Fred Stockman American Legion Post No. 245, Masaoka told of the Nisei GI in combat and asked the legionnaires to support the legislative program to eliminate discrimination against their former buddies of Japanese ancestry and their parents, "even as we had to support each other overseas in order that we might have victory."

Friday night, he spoke to the Issei and Nisei attending a JACL carnival at the YWCA.

During his three days in St. Louis, Masaoka conferred with leading Republican and Democratic party leaders as well as with the editors of the three major newspapers.

He left Saturday morning for Omaha.



## Rev. Morikawa Named Pastor Of Historic Chicago Church

Selection Approved  
By Unanimous Vote  
Of Congregation

CHICAGO—The old First Baptist church, 114 years old, added another to its long list of firsts in Chicago last week when its congregation unanimously elected a pastor of Japanese ancestry, the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, to its pulpit as pastor.

The Rev. Morikawa, who came to Chicago from the Colorado River relocation center at Poston, had served for the past three years as associate pastor of the famous Chicago church.

The action in calling the Rev. Morikawa to the pulpit of the historic church meant that the minister, a native of Canada, will be the first of Japanese ancestry to take charge of a white American congregation.

The Rev. Morikawa, born in British Columbia, was graduated from the University of California, studied at Los Angeles Bible Institute and later was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

During the war he served for 18 months at Poston before coming to Chicago where he became associate pastor at First Baptist church under the Rev. Eric Titus and later under the Rev. F. Robert Steigner, who resigned last July to accept a call in Salina, Kan.

When the Rev. Dr. Titus recommended the Rev. Mr. Morikawa as associate minister it was stated that "the church took one of the most daring and significant steps in the history of Protestantism, for in the midst of a world at war the church called a Christian Minister of Japanese ancestry to its staff."

The Rev. Mr. Morikawa is married and has two sons.

The 35-year old new pastor had words of praise this week for his congregation.

"The people have accepted me as a regular minister," he added, "it's a great feeling."

He pointed out that the old First Baptist church, known for its famous "firsts" was carrying on its traditions.

He listed other "firsts" by the church as:

First to found a temperance society.

First to establish a Sunday school in Chicago.

First headquarters of the YMCA were located in the church.

First book published in Chicago was written by the Rev. I. T. Hinton, second pastor of the church.

The University of Chicago was first planned at the church.

One of the first functions of the church congregation under their new pastor will be an anniversary dinner to commemorate the 114th anniversary of the founding of the church on Oct. 15. Tickets for the dinner are \$1.00.

## Begin Construction Of Denver Church

DENVER, Colo. — Construction of a \$100,000 Buddhist temple building is scheduled to begin this week at a location on Lawrence street between 19 and 20th streets.

Plans for the steel-framed, brick and concrete structure were approved several months ago.

## Report Success of Chicago Financial Campaign for ADC

CHICAGO, Ill.—More than \$9,000 was contributed by more than 1,200 persons to the successfully concluded JACL-ADC fund drive, announced Mr. Tahei Matsunaga, chairman of the Chicago ADC.

"This is a striking revelation of the high degree of community support behind the legislative program of the JACL-ADC," he said.

Of the 1,200 Issei and Nisei who contributed a total of \$9,022.50, a Nisei and an Issei each gave \$200. Another \$200 was jointly donated by the Chicago chapter of the JACL and the Chicago Resettlers Committee. Other amounts and number of persons donating included: \$150—1; \$100—8; \$50—15; \$40—1; \$30—4; \$25—35; \$20—18; \$15—29; \$10—57; \$8—1; \$7.50—1; \$7—3; \$6—1; \$5—459. Almost 500 persons donated amounts varying from fifty cents to \$4.

According to Dick Yamada, executive secretary for the campaign, several anonymous donations were

## Kichitaro Okagaki Dies in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Kichitaro Okagaki, 63, resident of San Jose for the past 35 years, died on Sept. 29 after a long illness.

Mr. Okagaki was formerly a director of the New World-Sun, San Francisco vernacular daily, and was San Jose bureau manager for the publication until the evacuation in 1941.

He also formerly managed a packing shed in San Jose.

He and members of his family were evacuated to the Santa Anita assembly center and then to the Heart Mountain relocation camp. He returned to San Jose with his family in 1945.

He is survived by his widow and by five daughters and four sons, Dr. Henry Okagaki, Madison, Wis.; Mrs. Marion Tajiri, Salt Lake; Mrs. Grace Funabiki, San Jose; Warren and Thomas Okagaki, San Jose; Ellen Okagaki, St. Paul, Minn.; Frances Okagaki, Madison; Calvin Okagaki, Chicago, and Janet Okagaki, San Jose.

## Appoint Nisei As Pastor In Chicago

Rev. Perry Saito Will  
Take Over Pulpit of  
Methodist Church

CHICAGO—The Rev. Perry H. Saito has been assigned as pastor of the St. Paul Methodist church, Ashland and Harrison streets, Chicago, it was announced this week.

The Rev. Saito will act as director of the Wesley Foundation at the church and will conduct the Sunday evening worship services beginning Oct. 5.

The Rev. Saito is a former resident of Aberdeen, Wash., and was evacuated in 1942 to the Tule Lake relocation center. He traveled extensively during the war as race relations secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan university and attended Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill.

## Mrs. W. T. Freitas Dies After Long Illness at Home

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. —Mrs. Winfield Freitas, wife of the well-known orchardist and vegetable farm operator, long-time friend of the Japanese here, passed away Oct. 1, at 11:30 p.m. During her 23 years ailment, ten of which was as a bedridden invalid, she remained a true friend of persons of Japanese ancestry. When the Japanese Americans were evacuated to government centers, the Freitas' sent necessities and other requested items to them. Mr. Freitas was at times so articulate in his demands for fair treatment of Japanese Americans that he was often pressured by his neighbors.

The Freitas' home is located at Rt. 1 Box 46, San Juan Bautista.

## Consultant



A. A. LIVERIGHT, consultant for the Industrial Relations Center at the University of Chicago and former director of the American Council on Race Relations, is one of a number of experts who will act as resource leaders at the JACL's Midwest District Council Leadership Workshop and stress leadership training and methods and techniques of building and strengthening JACL chapters in the Midwest area.

## Official Notes JACL Group's Role in Tokyo

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Belief that the JACL could be of real service to the Nisei and Issei stranded in Japan by helping them to solve the many "nationality problems" that have arisen as a result of the war was expressed recently to Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, by Thomas Blakemore, chief of the civil affairs branch of the Courts and Laws Division of the Government Section of SCAP.

Mr. Blakemore, originally in the foreign service, has been in Japan since the occupation. He arrived in the capital earlier this month on Sept. 26.

The Tokyo JACL group, he reported, is well aware of its responsibilities and is working slowly in order that nothing it did would jeopardize the program upon which the national organization is embarked over here. He added that of the "nationality problems," most of these would have to be settled by Japanese courts, and for this reason, he felt the time was not yet appropriate for any American attorney to go to Japan to work on stranded cases. He pointed out the difficulties of Japanese law, language and other barriers.

Mr. Blakemore discussed the property situation in Japan, voicing the opinion that as far as land ownership in that country is concerned, the owners, no matter where they were, would be treated about the same regardless of their citizenship. However, he said that as for other property, no policy had yet developed.

## Colorado Families File Suit Against Soya Sauce Firm

DENVER, Colo. — Members of more than 15 families in the Greeley area were stricken through use of arsenic-tainted soya sauce last July, according to a survey conducted by Toshio Ando and Minoru Yasui, local attorneys who have been retained by several Greeley families to file claims for damages sustained through illnesses resulting from the tainted sauce.

## Will Donate to Civic Unity Group

SAN FRANCISCO—At the chapter meeting on September 25 held at the Buchanan YM-YWCA the San Francisco JACL Chapter adopted a motion to make a contribution of \$250 to the current financial drive of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity.

Studying of group hospitalization plan has been under way. Appointment of Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Tak Yoshihashi and Kaye Uyeda to study other plans of the Permanente Hospital, California Physicians' Service in addition to the Blue Cross was announced.

## Federal Court Judge Restores Full Citizenship Rights of Relocation Camp Renunciants

LOS ANGELES — Federal Judge Charles C. Cavanah this week signed a final judgment restoring the citizenship of four American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who had renounced their citizenship rights while at the Tule Lake segregation center and the Manzanar relocation camp.

Full citizenship rights were restored to Albert Yuichi Inouye, Miye Mae Murakami, Tsutako Sumi and Mutsu Shimizu as an aftermath of court action initiated by the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

It was believed that Judge Cavanah's decision would affect many other renunciant cases now pending in the Federal courts.

In respect to Albert Inouye, who renounced his citizenship while of minor age at the Manzanar camp, Judge Cavanah ruled that persons under 21 years of age cannot renounce their citizenship and added that Inouye had acted while under "parental influence."

In his decisions on the other three renunciants, Judge Cavanah stated that their acts of renunciation while at Tule Lake were not a result of their free and intelligent choice but that the actions were taken under the stress of mental fear, intimidation and coercion "depriving them of the free exercise of their will."

In his decision on the renunciation cases, Judge Cavanah also commented on the evacuation situation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific coast:

"In January, 1942, a great anti-Japanese agitation was aroused, proposing that all persons of Japanese ancestry should be evacuated from the west coast of the United States. The agitation resulted in the ultimate removal from this area by military of all persons of Japanese ancestry whether alien or citizen of the United States."

"In a matter of a few short weeks, a lifetime of savings had been lost. They had lost their homes and friends. They had been forced to liquidate, give away or abandon their farm equipment, merchandise and such other valuables and personal property that they had."

The Federal judge noted reasons for the renunciation of citizenship by Japanese Americans at Tule Lake, declaring:

"Several reasons were prominent as to why the evacuees decided to become segregants and to assume the status of individuals disloyal to the United States. They included fear of being forced to leave the centers and face a hostile American

public, concern for the security of their families, fear on the part of evacuee parents that their sons would be drafted if the sons did not become segregants, anger and disillusionment owing to the abrogation of citizenship and bitterness over the economic losses brought about by the evacuation."

"A great many of the people at Tule Lake under the segregation program also regarded it as a place of refuge where they might remain for the duration of the war."

Describing conditions at the relocation centers, Judge Cavanah said:

"They lived in crowded, dismal barracks, ate unpalatable food in mess halls, lacked privacy in community lavatories and laundry rooms and lived in a constant atmosphere of a concentration camp of dead monotony."

"The residents of the Tule Lake center had for almost four years been subject to the demoralizing effects of center life," Judge Cavanah noted. "They had suffered physical hardship and loss of property from the evacuation. Those who desired work were not given employment. They had been subject to misinterpretation of the renunciation procedure. They had been subject to rumors which had produced an irrational state of mind which accompanied long detention, isolation, tension and insecurity in the form of mass hysteria."

Although noting that conditions in general at the Tule Lake segregation center were "coercive" and that renunciations of citizenship under such conditions are not "free and voluntary," Judge Cavanah stressed that his favorable ruling applied to the four Nisei who had filed suit. Other Tule Lake residents who renounced their citizenship must file similar suits in the Federal courts if they wish to have their citizenship privileges restored, it was said.

The test cases were conducted by A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Frank Chuman, Los Angeles attorneys, as counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Father Flanagan Addresses Meeting of Omaha JACL Unit

OMAHA, Nev.—The Rt. Rev. E. J. Flanagan, founder and director of Father Flanagan's Boys Town, and Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, shared speaking honors at the installation banquet of the Omaha JACL Chapter on Sept. 27 at the Regis Hotel.

Father Flanagan, recently returned from a visit to Japan and Korea under the sponsorship of the War Department and General MacArthur, told of his experiences in the Orient with particular emphasis on the problems of juvenile delinquency. He expressed great admiration for the way the Japanese people were trying to work their way out of a most difficult situation and declared that Japan could be one of America's greatest friends.

Masaoka reported on the progress of the ADC legislative program in Washington and called upon the chapter members and their friends to support the program in order that it might be consummated next session. He stressed the importance of the Midwest and particularly the Nebraska chapters in this program, pointing out that the majority of the key Republican congressmen are from this region.

As an added feature of the banquet, Masaoka, on behalf of the National JACL and his mother, Mrs. Haruyo Masaoka of Los Angeles, California, presented the Second Annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship to ex-GI Kazuo Oshiki. Oshiki, a veteran of the Leyte and Luzon invasions and of the occupation of Japan while an interpreter-translator with the Army Air Corps,

is now a junior student majoring in journalism at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Climaxing the evening, Masaoka, former national executive secretary and field executive of the JACL, formally installed K. Patrick Okura as president, Kazuo Ikebasu as 1st vice president, Joe Matsunami as 2nd vice president, Susan Kumagai as recording secretary, Lily Y. Okura as corresponding secretary, and Frank Tamai as treasurer of the Omaha chapter.

Honored guests at the installation ceremonies included State Senator and Mrs. Harry Foster, dean of Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drew, president of the Omaha Jr. Chamber of Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters, executive secretary of the Omaha Jr. Chamber of Commerce; and Ruth Campbell, executive director of the Omaha YWCA.

Sunday morning, Masaoka addressed an overflow meeting at the St. Paul's Methodist Church. As a demonstration of Christian brotherhood, he asked for individual support for the naturalization and evacuation claims bills.

That same afternoon, he discussed the ADC program in Washington in greater detail than he had been able to during the installation banquet at a special meeting of the Omaha chapter and their friends.

Monday, he visited Boys Town. Together with Patrick Okura, assistant welfare chief of the famous Catholic institution, Masaoka conferred with Father Flanagan who expressed his willingness to do everything possible to support the ADC and JACL programs.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Hemispheric Action

Subjected to mass evacuation and other inconveniences as a result of the war, Americans of Japanese ancestry have evinced considerable interest in the wartime treatment of other persons of Japanese ancestry in the western hemisphere. One reason for this interest is the question whether west coast mass evacuation was carried out by the army as part of a overall plan of hemispheric security. Although the procedure on evacuation indicates that there was no preliminary agreement regarding mass evacuation on racial grounds, particularly of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, the subject may have been discussed at a meeting between Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt and military leaders of western Pacific nations shortly after the outbreak of war.

Canada's evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry, citizens and alien alike, from a 100-mile coastal zone of British Columbia paralleled the American evacuation program and was carried out in the name of security, although the continued refusal of the Dominion government to permit Japanese Canadians to return to their former home areas, more than two years after the end of the war, can be attributed only to the pressures exerted by provincial leaders whose motivation can be laid only at the door of blind, unreasoning prejudice.

Coastal residents of Japanese ancestry in Mexico were moved inland under an informal program but few other restrictions were placed on the group. A number of Japanese aliens were taken into custody in Costa Rica and Panama and were deported to Japan on the exchange ship Gripsholm from the United States. Approximately 500 persons in Peru, which has a population of 25,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, were arrested by authorities and turned over to the United States military and were flown to the United States where they were interned in Department of Justice camps where 300 still remain. Peru has refused to readmit these former residents, all of whom have been cleared by the United States of constituting any danger to hemispheric security, and it is reported reliably that a domestic scandal is involved. The Peruvian Japanese who were arrested constituted most of the large property and business owners and their assets were seized by the government. Return of members of the interned Peruvians to their own country would necessitate an accounting and this may be the reason that Lima has not cooperated with American requests for return of these internees to Peru. Because of Peru's refusal to readmit members of this group, the Immigration and Naturalization Service initiated steps to deport them to Japan on the ground that they were illegally in the United States. This move has been blocked by a court suit instituted by legal counsel for the internees who has pointed out that the Peruvians were "kidnapped" and brought to the United States against their will. Deportation of members of this group to Japan would make the United States a party to an international scandal. If Lima refuses to reaccept these internees, the case may be one for the United Nations to discuss.

There have been few stories out of Brazil which has the largest population of persons of Japanese ancestry outside of the Orient. The few stories which have been published here have been concerned with the activities of a group called the Shindo Renmei which set out to terrorize the nearly 300,000 Japanese Brazilians into refusing to accept news of Japan's surrender. Terrorists of the Shindo Renmei murdered several community leaders

who opposed the group and sought to expose it as a racketeering enterprise. Newspapers and other publications in the Japanese language were sent to Brazil to be used to counteract the vicious activities of the Shindo Renmei. This campaign now has succeeded, according to Mayor Raphael Nicola Oberdan of Bauru in the State of Sao Paulo which has the largest population of Japanese Brazilians. "The last murder was about a year ago and we haven't arrested a racketeer in several months," the mayor told Mac R. Johnson of the New York Herald Tribune last week.

The Herald Tribune correspondent reported that during the war persons of Japanese ancestry were forbidden to speak or publish newspapers in the Japanese language.

"They were closely watched by Brazilian authorities," Johnson reported. "Now the Brazilians and person of Japanese descent have forgotten their differences. There is intermarriage among the Japanese and the European, Negro and Indian stocks that make up Brazil's population. The Japanese make excellent farmers and their industry and thrift are admired. But these qualities also arouse some jealousy among lazier neighbors."

### Citizenship Rights

One of the important points raised in the brief submitted to the Supreme Court this week in the Oyama test case on the validity of the California Alien Land law is the condition of the rights of American citizens of Japanese ancestry under the statute which prohibits ownership or purchase of real property by aliens "ineligible to citizenship."

Use of the Alien Land law in the State of California since its passage in 1921 has shown it to be a punitive weapon which has been utilized in an attempt to dispossess the state's residents of Japanese ancestry. It should be stressed that the law has been enforced only against families of Japanese ancestry and thus has degenerated into a racist document steeped in greed and prejudice.

In the previous Supreme Court hearing on the Alien Land law, nearly a quarter of a century ago, little stress was given the fact that the law clearly discriminates against American citizens of Japanese and other "ineligible alien" parentage by denying them the equal protection of the laws and the privileges and immunities of a citizen in cases arising out of alleged violation of the law's ban on property ownership by aliens of Japanese descent. Under the present application of the law, minor citizen children of Japanese ancestry are the only citizen group which cannot receive gifts of real estate from their parents without the legal presumption that the transaction is an attempt to circumvent the Alien Land law.

Applications of the Alien Land law in California in the approximately 100 cases which have been filed since the outbreak of World War II, when the law was dusted off and revived, clearly demonstrate that the statute is a restriction on the citizen rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

### The Dodgers

The World Series this year, between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers (it is two games to two as we go to press), carries a meaning deeper than the baseball issues involved. The Brooklyn Dodgers, under Branch Rickey, are the organization which had smashed organized baseball's hypocritical color line. In a world in which decency and altruism is not always so handsomely rewarded, it is good to see the Dodgers have had a highly successful season and are one of the contending teams in the World Series.

A hint of the Dodger organization's attitude, even before the signing of Jackie Robinson for its Montreal farm club in 1946 which breached the dikes of baseball's Jim Crow, was contained in a letter received by a young Nisei baseball player back in 1944 at the Rohwer relocation center in Arkansas. The Nisei player wanted to take part in a series of tryouts sponsored by the Brooklyn organization but was hesitant regarding the reception his application would receive. He was answered in a letter from Branch Rickey, Jr., head of the extensive Brooklyn interests in baseball's minors, who declared that the Dodgers were interested in baseball prospects "regardless of race, creed or color" and warmly invited the Nisei and his friends to attend the tryouts. The Dodgers went on to prove the organization's sincerity by abolishing baseball's unwritten law against Negroes in signing Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and others.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Nisei Story on Celluloid

A crew of cameramen from a newsreel company last week spent several days filming scenes which will take the story of the return and resettlement of Japanese American evacuees in Northern California. The cameramen shot scenes in and around Sacramento and in Placer County, one-time center of some of the more violent excesses committed against Japanese Americans in the name of patriotism and white supremacy.

A meeting of the Nisei VFW post in Sacramento was filmed and shots were taken of typical business enterprises started by returned evacuees. The newsreel men moved to Placer County where the daily life of the Makabe family, who sent three boys to war and whose home was burned to the ground by hoodlums while they were away from California, was recorded.

If the company's editors like the shots, the photographed story of the returned evacuees probably will be used in a forthcoming issue of the newsreel.

The fact that a major newsreel company, in this case Warner Brothers Pathe News, has assigned a camera crew to do a story on Japanese Americans is a fact of no little importance. There was a time when Hollywood ignored the existence of racial or religious minority groups in the United States. But the American screen is straining to achieve maturity these days, particularly in the face of strenuous competition from British filmmakers, and Hollywood is learning the hard facts of life.

Until World War II Hollywood's general attitude toward Japanese Americans was conditioned by the propaganda of the Native Sons and persons of Japanese ancestry, when pictured in films, generally were shown in an inferior or menial capacity. The Japanese butler and the Frank Watanabe-type schoolboy were favorite stereotypes.

Early in the war Hollywood, especially the Warner Brothers company, popularized the falsehoods of about Japanese American disloyalty in a number of films which attained considerable circulation. Unfortunately these films, like "Air Force" which was written by Dudley Nicholas, and "Across the Pacific," which was directed by John Huston, were quite effective in spreading the myths about traitorous persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. The lies contained in the film "Air Force" about sabotage in Hawaii by persons of Japanese ancestry were so blatant that the film was carefully edited before it was shown in Hawaii.

It is apparent that Hollywood screen writers early in the war had swallowed the Hearst-Native Sons-Dies Committee line completely regarding Japanese Americans. In fact, one Hollywood film, "Little Tokyo, USA," showed as its concluding scene some newsreel shots of the departure of West Coast evacuees departing for assembly centers while an off-screen voice recited one of those anti-US-Japanese super-patriotic poems which the Hearst papers used to publish during the newsprint crusades against the Yellow Peril.

Later Hollywood writers got the true story of the Nisei, including facts about the record of Nisei GIs and the 442nd Combat Team, in an article in the monthly publication of the Screen Writers Guild. Since that time Hollywood films, with the exception of "Tokyo Rose," have not touched on the subject. "Tokyo Rose," released in 1946, is an example of Hollywood's changed attitude. In this picture one of the main characters, an agent in the anti-militarist underground in Japan, is a Nisei from California.

It is to be regretted that the wartime mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry and their forced detention in relocation centers is recorded only sketchily on celluloid.

One reason for this, of course, is the hard fact of war and the military regulations which prohibited any person of Japanese ancestry from having possession of any sort of camera in the Western Defense Command. As a result one of the major domestic happenings of the war is chronicled largely in official government films, such as those

which the OWI and the War Relocation Authority distributed. Because of the nature of official sponsorship involved, these government films told only half of the story of evacuation. The first OWI picture attempted to justify the evacuation from the standpoint of military necessity. It was shown in theaters throughout the country. The later WRA films stressed the good citizenship and conduct of Japanese Americans in relocation centers and were aimed at introducing the evacuees to groups which had had little previous contact with persons of Japanese ancestry.

The documentary film, although not as commercially successful as the slick fiction of Hollywood, is an effective medium for information and propaganda. The lack of such a film is to be regretted as a time when a widespread campaign has been initiated for the passage of remedial legislation of especial interest to Japanese Americans, the evacuation claims bill in particular.

The film documentary told the story of conservation in dramatic terms in such notable pictures as Para Lorentz, "Plow That Broke the Plains" and "The River." Herbert Klein, one of the best of the documentary producers, brought home the facts about Europe in the lull before the war in "Crisis" and spelled out the crimes of the Nazis in "Lights Out of Europe." Klein and John Steinbeck later teamed to produce one of the most notable films of the last ten years, "Forgotten Village," the story of a small Mexican community, which was a powerful argument for a government health program. Klein's latest film, which opened in New York last week, is a dramatic and effective argument for the Jewish case in Palestine. It is called "My Father's House" and is taken from the novel of Meyer Levin who also participated in the production of the film which is a fictionalized story played against actual backgrounds and actual conditions.

Both Klein and Levin were interested at one time in the evacuation story. Levin, who headed the OWI film unit at one time, produced several of the government films subjects on Japanese Americans.

The change in Hollywood's attitude can be noted in the fact that the story editors of at least two studios have considered story ideas revolving about the wartime experiences of Japanese ancestry. The opinion at present is that the film-going public would not be interested in a story about Nisei, especially since there is yet no novel on the subject which has enjoyed a wide and popular sale. Hollywood films which have treated subjects other than the usual boy-meets-girl theme generally have been inspired by novels. This is true of the John Ford film of "Grapes of Wrath" from the Steinbeck film which related a story of mass evacuation dictated by wind, weather and poverty, and of such recent treatments of race prejudice as "Crossfire," from Richard Brooks' "The Brick Foxhole," and "Gentleman's Agreement" from the best-selling novel of the same name on anti-Semitism. Thus it is possible that if a Nisei novel ever reaches the best-seller lists some Hollywood studio will be interested. Several stars, like John Garfield who believes in striking a blow for democracy along with winning the heroine in the final reel, also are interested.

The point is that Hollywood, although still skittish about themes which it considers controversial, conceivably will be willing to do a story on the Nisei if it can be assured that the stockholders can make a profit. The taboo which once existed has withered and the anti-Nisei attitude which characterized Hollywood's performance in the early months of the war has blown away.

### Ishikawa Takes Third Place in World Weightlifting Meet

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Emerick Ishikawa of Hawaii took third place in the featherweight division as the United States retained the world weightlifting championship on Sept. 27.

Ishikawa was one of three Japanese Americans competing in the tournament.



# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Matter of Nisei Careers

Now that the Nisei fellows will not like this. The facts speak for themselves. My local poll of 35 average girls here in Manhattan shows that the average Nisei girl is more progress than the Nisei boy.

A tough problem to judge and evaluate, but here are the results of my query, "From a career standpoint, is the Nisei boy or Nisei girl the most progress?"

Girls making more progress	17
Boys making more progress	13
No opinion	3

asked for an unbiased and sincere opinion to the topic at hand the local girls responded according to the above.

## Traditional Pattern Upset

On the west coast a few years back, such a question would have been foolish. The boys ran the show and there was no doubt about it during the war years and because of the backwash of evacuation Nisei girls have been forging to the front.

In the Orient, even today, it would be sheer nonsense to even think of the subject.

The emergence of the Nisei woman is all the more pronounced in the realm of vocational opportunities for the Nisei. There are ample calls for women workers, but only limited demands for men.

Where once the Issei women merely served in household and domestic capacities, the energetic Nisei women are holding down good jobs in almost every field of endeavor.

Of course, this smacks a terrific blow at the male ego and we must scout around for some excuse or answer.

## Quality a Decided Impetus

Then again, this situation emerges from the fact of male quality. The Nisei girls have found that husbands were rather few and few between. And for that reason, they had to pitch in and work.

Perhaps the girls have done too well to put many men to shame.

In high schools and colleges, the general scholastic averages of girls will no doubt be higher.

Again, in clerical, sales, or artistic lines, the girls have far outstripped their brothers, nephews and uncles in these fields.

## And Con Opinions

It to get back to the New York poll.

There are a few reactions that are recorded:

"The girls seem to have more gumption, ambition and drive than the fellows. They are also more acceptable to employers."

"I am inclined to believe that the girls have a sounder and more knowledge of the work than the boys."

"Most of the Nisei fellows are willing to accept most any kind of job, but the girls are anxious to pursue jobs that they are trained in."

"As far as I am concerned, the girls I know in New York have better jobs and earn more money than the fellows. That should be enough."

"The reason why I believe the Nisei women are getting ahead is that the Nisei men is that we girls stick to one job or line of work while the men flit from one job to another, anything to meet fancy."

"I believe the girls have better personalities than the Nisei boys. They seem to be able to mix in better and get along with other people."

"Representing the traditional opinion were the following:

"I vote for the boys. Because of their stronger physical makeup they can go into jobs and fields that are closed to women. They have more opportunities, I believe."

"Especially in the professional fields, the men are walking away with the women. Doctors, lawyers and dentists among the Nisei are all men. We are restricted to clerical jobs and thus have the least of future."

"Most Nisei girls take jobs as an interim between school graduation and marriage. On the other hand, the men are searching for and waiting at a lifetime career and job. It's not any wonder they are ahead of the Nisei girls."

"As far back as I can remember the men have been getting the best of it. This applies to jobs as well as most everything."

"You know Japanese tradition . . . it's the fellows who get everything and the girls who get the crumbs. What else can you expect from such a set-up. It's always the backseat for us."

## Large Earnings Quite Similar

If I were to take the monthly earnings of a dozen Nisei men and a dozen girls, taken at random, I would find that the average earnings would be about the same.

At the top of the list among the men would be the dentists, dental technicians, and a few artists who command salaries of \$1000 a month and upward class.

At the lower levels would be the many waiters, bus-boys, dish washers and janitors who are fortunate to make \$150 a month.

For the women, there are dozens who are in the upper bracket. These include fashion designers, illustrators, artists and jewelry makers.

But there is a vast number in the middle class, earning from \$200 to \$500 a month working as personal secretaries, employees in women's specialty shops, laboratory assistants, civil service employees and beauticians.

So, when an average is taken, the per capita figure is pretty much the same.

## Equal New York Conditions

The vocational opportunities here for Nisei women are quite unequal to any other city. It is for this reason that the average Nisei girl here is higher.

Since this is the nation's center for publishing, art work, drama, radio work, fashions, music and similar creative art fields many Nisei women are interested, many opportunities are available in these lines.

The more ambitious and talented Nisei women have been attracted to New York and this has done much to increase the general level of Nisei talent in this city.

It is still early in the game. The average Nisei male will be way behind.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Recognition for Nisei Ministers

Denver, Colo.

Our association with Japanese American pastors has been on the sketchy side, mostly by choice. Some of those whom we knew were usually too unctuous, too eager to glad-hand. A few were out-and-out phonies who knew the rituals of their profession but who were entirely lacking in human understanding and basic spiritual philosophy.

These latter were individuals who held congregations only because they were Japanese—they were foisted on a community and there was no way to get rid of them. So they made a living and the congregation staggered on, led by a few devout souls who would have followed any pastor to the ends of earth and loved it.

The younger crop of clergymen have been considerably more promising. Many of them—both Christian and Buddhist—showed exceptionally vigorous leadership in the relocation centers and were an invaluable asset to their communities.

Some of these Nisei pastors were men of deep wisdom and understanding who would have stood out in any community and who deserved an opportunity to serve mankind beyond the boundaries of the L'il Tokyos.

Consequently we were pleased this week—although we have never met either of the principals—to hear of recognition accorded one American-born and one Canadian-born pastor of Japanese parentage.

Those honored are the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, the native Canadian, who was named pastor of Chicago's 114-year-old First Baptist church, and the Rev. Shunji Forrest Nishi, named acting chaplain of Columbia university.

Both, it should be noted, served as assistants to the men they succeeded which is added support for one of our favorite contentions: Give a Nisei a chance to prove himself and he'll make good.

## Spotlight on a New Nisei Hero

The latest Nisei hero, in these many months after the shooting was alleged to have ended, is a farm boy from Platteville, Colo. The Denver Post in nominating him to its weekly "Gallery of Fame" in "appreciation for some public or private act of benevolence performed in the current week," had this to say:

"Near hotly-debated Trieste, Yugoslavian troops approached an undermanned American outpost. The commander of the Yugoslavs demanded

the American troops surrender their post. The reply was a firm 'No.'

"This reply was given by a Coloradan, Second Lieut. Harry H. Konishi of Platteville. Though faced by overwhelming numbers and strength, Lieutenant Konishi stood his ground to prove to the world once again Americans are not the type to be pushed around."

Other than reflecting a complete turnabout in Post policy since wartime years, the comment is significant in that Lieutenant Konishi is referred to only as an American. His name and accompanying photo made his national origin obvious, but in the tribute he was simply a Coloradan and an American officer, which is as it should be. It's a far cry.

As an afterthought, we venture to suggest that Lieutenant Konishi could have assured himself of a more permanent niche in American history by replying to the Yugoslav threat with a deathless phrase. Or perhaps he simply lacked having a war correspondent on the scene who could have placed immortal words in his mouth.

There was a general who became a three-day wonder during the Battle of the Bulge when it was reported he spurned a Nazi ultimatum with an inspired, unmistakably American reply that consisted of one word: "Nuts." Whether he really said that, or whether it became "nuts" under expurgation by American correspondents has never been fully clarified.

At any rate it's a pity that Lieutenant Konishi couldn't think up some phrase that would have taken its place with such memorable utterances as: "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes" (wasn't that the battle of Bunker Hill?), "I have only begun to fight" (that must have been John J. Auden when his riddled frigate was getting ready to plunge to the bottom), and "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country" (Intelligence Operative Nathan Hale, as we recall it, as he awaited the springing of the trap on a British gallows.)

Incidentally, we don't guarantee the accuracy of the above quotations as they are being jotted down from somewhat unreliable memory.

Anyhow, you get the idea. What a triumph it would have been for the Nisei Lieutenant Konishi could have said something which future generations of schoolboys would learn to recite, something for example like: "I am standing as unshaken and unyielding as Pike's Peak in my own state of Colorado."

## Vagaries

### Blitzed . . .

On the radio last week Alfred Drake, who gained fame as the star of "Oklahoma!" told how the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor stymied his Broadway career for several seasons. Drake had gotten his first big role in a comedy called "The Admiral Takes a Wife." This play, chiefly concerned with the romantic involvements of Navy officers at the Pearl Harbor base, was scheduled to open in New York City on Dec. 7, 1941. After the tragedy of Dec. 7 the comedy about Pearl Harbor naturally was cancelled and Alfred Drake's chance at Broadway stardom was delayed several seasons . . . "The Admiral Takes a Wife" also was the play which would have introduced a Nisei actor, Shiro Takehisa, to Broadway. Takehisa had an important role in the comedy but after the play folded he went into the merchant marine.

### Hotel Policy . . .

Salt Lake City's Newhouse hotel refused to rent rooms to Japanese Americans during the war but this week the Newhouse was playing host to more than a dozen tenants of Japanese descent. The situation came about when the University of Hawaii football team arrived in Salt Lake for its game with the University of Utah on Oct. 4 and was quartered at the Newhouse. The Newhouse kitchen also was cooking steamed rice, Japanese style.

The Autumn, 1947 issue of Common Ground contains an article, "People in Motion," in which Robert Cullum discusses the post-war and post-evacuation readjustments of Japanese Americans. Mr. Cullum, a former WRA official, headed the study of Japanese American resettlement in the War Agency Liquidation Unit. . . . The man who was the actual administrative officer for the west coast evacuation, Karl R. Bendtsen, then lieutenant-colonel on the staff of Gen. John L. DeWitt, is out of the army and has started private law practice in San Francisco. Bendtsen was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal for his role in the mass evacuation. Later he went overseas and served on the combined staff which planned the Normandy invasion and on Gen. Omar Bradley's Twelfth Army group staff. His last army post was on Gen. George Marshall's staff as War Department liaison with Congress.

## Book Review:

# New Book Presents Basic Facts on Man and His World

"THE LIVING RACES" an OUTLINE OF ANTHROPOLOGY by Melville Jacobs and Bernard Stern; Published by Barnes and Noble, New York, 1947, \$1.25.

By ELMER R. SMITH

The very recent publication "Outline of Anthropology" by Dr. Jacobs of the University of Washington and Dr. Stern of Columbia University and published by Barnes and Noble of New York is a pertinent and timely book presenting the basic known facts about man and his world as viewed by the anthropologist. The most interesting chapter from our point of view is the one dealing with the living races of the world.

The authors have summarized the latest scientific findings relative to the origin and distributions of races as well as giving telling death blows to racism of whatever sort that did and does exist in the minds of too many people throughout the world. The common idea that human physical characteristics are due to simple pairs of genes in the germ plasma is adequately exploded by the evidence presented that almost all human physical characteristics are determined by a number of pairs of genes. These numerous pairs of genes are the ones that have been selected in the long process of evolution. This is especially true where skin color, nasal (nose) profile or height—to name but a few—are concerned.

No race has been shown to be superior or inferior to any other in mental potentialities, and therefore the agitation of eugenicists for racial purity has no present justification in scientific biology. As a matter of fact the authors show that the dispersal of genes from communities to adjacent and physically similar communities has always occurred. Thus race mixture has been a continuous process throughout man's history. "There is no evidence that this or any other modern mixture produced especially favorable or unfavorable biological results, any more than did the earlier and slower intermingling of genes." The only known disapproval of such intermixture and where the participants and offspring of such crossing suffer social ostracism and discrimination." The old and thread-worn idea of the racial throwback where interbreeding is

concerned is analyzed in the following words: "The belief that in a hybrid human group there may be a 'reversion to type'—that, for example, the dark skin color of a single Negro ancestor will appear in an otherwise expected descendant—is unfounded, because not one but a complex of genes is involved." The same observation holds for a number of other traits such as hair texture, nasal profile, lip thickness, and many others.

It is impossible to classify mankind into watertight racial classifications based upon physical traits. This principle is stated by Jacobs and Stern in the following words: "The gradations among populations in measurable or observable anatomical features that are directly determined by genes are so imperceptible that any race classification is merely an application of labels for convenient abstractions, termed geographical populations, races, divisions, or ethnic groups . . . within the absolute boundaries determined by the genes, all physical characteristics in a population have as yet undetermined limits of plasticity depending on climate and other environmental conditions and especially on diet."

The ideas that certain well known physical characteristics of peoples can be used to set them apart scientifically from others are unfounded in fact. Stature is so much dependent upon environmental factors that saying a Negro or a Japanese can be classified as tall or short is not dealing with all of the facts. "The greater stature of persons of Japanese origin brought up in Hawaii or the United States suggests a potential increase in stature in the Japanese homeland of that population." The same can be said for the type of head, relative to whether the head is long, round or medium in shape. European Caucasoids and Mongoloid groups are shown to run the gamut from extreme long headedness to extreme round headedness. "For this reason," say Jacobs and Stern, "the largest geographical populations, the Mongoloids and Caucasoids, cannot be characterized as possessing essentially one or the other type of head shape."

All populations today have the same complexity of brain and central nervous system, thus there

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## People Talk Democracy But Few Live It, Says Kuroki

LINCOLN, Neb. — After two years of his own "59th mission" against race hatred and bigotry—during which he spoke to 350 audiences in every part of the United

States—Ben Kuroki has come to the conclusion that a lot of people talk about democracy but precious few live it.

Ben Kuroki, the "boy from Nebraska" who served 58 heavy combat missions in B-24 Liberators and B-29s in Europe, Africa and the Pacific, enrolled at the University of Nebraska four months ago and is majoring in journalism, a profession in which he became interested while on his lecture tours across the country after his return from overseas.

Ben told his story to Ken Keller, Nebraska newsman who is now with the American Mission for Aid to Greece as information director. Keller's story is published this month in the Nebraska Educational Journal under the title "One World at Home."

"A great many people," Ben Kuroki told Keller, "favor amiable relationships between races but when it comes to actually doing something to promote them, well, they'd just rather not."

The problem, as Ben sees it, is not one for "white Americans" alone. He says the minority groups who make much ado over their violated rights must recognize their own responsibility in democracy, too.

"A few times after I had finished speaking," he recalled, "I got some bitter scoldings from members of minority racial groups. They seemed to think my appeals to the majority group represented some kind of disloyalty."

But the thing that troubles Ben most, according to Keller, is the evidence he found in many school groups—evidence that a great number of students simply have not been made to understand the ideal of a working democracy.

"Several times," he said, "I would get a question like this from a school audience: 'How can you be an American citizen when you're Japanese?'"

He said he found, however, that most youngsters and even those of high school age are open-minded on racial questions. But this added, he declared, frequently withers in after-school years.

He said he felt the schools must do a better job of teaching "living democracy." He feared that there has been too much hollow reading of history and too much dry-rot memorizing of dates.

He said he was not as some regarding the future of democracy.

"I would not say that 'this is our last chance,'" he said. Perhaps it is because I don't know anything about atomic research. But it seems to me that the important thing is that we do have a chance. I want to make the most of it."

Ben was married to Miss Shige Tanabe in Pocatello, Idaho more than a year ago. A girl was born to them in Lincoln on Sept. 17.

## Aoki Produce Takes Lead in Salt Lake Women's Bowling

Aoki Produce took the lead in the first round of the Nisei women's bowling league in Salt Lake City by defeating Okada Insurance, 2004 to 1798, on Sept. 28 at the Temple alleys.

Dawn Noodle and Sage Farm Market are the other two undefeated teams in the league, defeating the Pagoda and Pacific Citizen teams respectively. Dawn turned in a good 1947 series.

Terashima Studio defeated Dupler's Furs, 3 to 1.

Mitzi Iwasaki of Pagoda had high game of 187 and high scratch

## MARUO TO MEET STAN ROWAN IN LONDON RING

LONDON — Tsuneshi Maruo, United States National AAU bantamweight champion in 1946 and a veteran of the famous 442 Combat Team, will meet Stan Rowan of Liverpool in London on Oct. 20. Promoter Jack Solomons announced this week.

This will be Maruo's first appearance in London. He has fought previously in Belfast and Glasgow.

Maruo is managed by Sam Ichinose and came to the British Isles as a training partner for his stablemate, Dado Marino, leading contender for the world's flyweight championship.

## Buddhist Group Will Hold Annual Elections At Fresno Meeting

FRESNO, Calif. — The Central Young Buddhist Association board of directors are holding their annual election meeting this week at the Fresno Buddhist church.

The new officers elected will be installed at the fall conference to be held Sunday, Nov. 2.

President Manabu Fukuda has urged all districts to check and see that enough representatives are present at the meeting since no proxy voting will be allowed. The districts involved include Fresno, Fowler, Biola, North Fresno, Bowles, Selma, Sanger, Reedley, Dinuba, Visalia, Kingsburg, Clovis, Hanford, Del Rey.

Those nominated for office are as follows:

President—Fred Nishida, Reedley; Robert Kimura, Fresno; Mike Iwatsubo, Selma; Rikio Yamamura, Sanger; Ben Nakamura, Fowler.

First vice president—Kazue Sekiya, Fresno; Sakaye Ogawa, Del Rey.

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Public relations chairman—Wally Suda, Fresno; Harry Hoshiko, Bowles; Yento Tsuji, Hanford; Kiyo Kawamoto, Reedley.

Music chairman—Dorothy Kanenaga, Fowler; Yoshiye Noda, Selma; Fukiko Horiye, Hanford.

Men's athletic chairman—Tad Miyake, Fowler; Taro Taniguchi, Fowler; Yas Chono, Hanford; Willy Suda, Fresno; Tak Naito, Dinuba.

Women's athletic chairman—Shinobu Kodama, Reedley; Shigeo Masuda, Fresno; Mary Okada, North Fresno.

series of 463, while Dorothy Mukai of Dawn Noodle had a 185 game in a 450 series.

## Three Men's Bowling Leagues Open Play In Salt Lake City

Okada Insurance, three-time champions of the Salt Lake JACL bowling league, took an early lead in the first round of play at Temple alleys on Sept. 29, hitting a 2663 scratch series to defeat a tough New Sunrise Market team which came home with 2442.

In the closest match of the night Hibbard Drugs took three points from Excellent Cleaners, with scratch series of 2542 to 2498. Excellent Cleaners had a 937 first game, high for the night.

OK Cafe, Pacific Citizen and Pagoda won 4 to 0 victories over U.S. Cafe, the Murray Cubs and Star Pool respectively. OK Cafe had a 2424 series, while the PC team fired a 2386.

In other matches Modern Garage took three points from Ma's Cafe, 2403 to 2330, while Dawn Noodle defeated Terashima Studio by the same margin in a 2386 to 2121 contest.

Dr. Jun Kurumada, who had a 180 average in the summer league, continued his consistent bowling with 591 series, high for the night.

Tosh Igata of Excellent Cleaners had high game of 246 in a 574 series.

A dozen 200 games were bowled as the bowlers inaugurated the new league on the fast Temple lanes.

OK Cafe took the lead in the Thursday night scratch traveling league at Temple by trimming Doi's team, 4 to 0.

High series of the night was turned in by the Pagoda five which hit 2555 to split four points with Dawn Noodle, the latter scoring 2551. George Kishida's 552 was high.

Main Appliance defeated Gil's Service, 3 to 1, with a 2510 series. Dr. Jun Kurumada had high series for the match with 551.

Dr. Kurumada and Maki Kaizumi team to start the new Thursday night traveling doubles league off with a 1175 total with series of 575 and 595 respectively. Sam Matsukawa 564 and Isamu Tanabe 524 had second high series of 1088. All teams except one hit above the 1000 mark.

## Book Review: On Anthropology

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is decisive evidence in favor of the judgment that all races are potentially equal and that there are no genetically superior or inferior races. Further, it is shown that "no evidence has ever been advanced to show a causal interconnection between degree of concentration of melanin granules (factors establishing skin color) and the developmental level or quality of the central nervous system. There is thus no relationship between skin color and mental potentiality."

The epicanthic fold or the "slant eye" usually associated with persons of Mongoloid ancestry is not characteristic of Mongoloids alone. "Inner, medial, and outer foldings occur in a number of the people of all other populations, the outer folding especially among older persons in Europe and some other countries."

The idea that there are racial body odors is thoroughly discussed by the authors and is shown to be erroneous. True there are body odors, but they have nothing to do with the genetic "facts" of race. The body odors are due to types of diet and are thus culturally determined.

One of the most important contributions to the study of race is the classification of mankind given by Dr. Melville Jacobs. This classification gets away from the old stereotyped method of classing people into groups upon the basis of emotionally tinged physical traits, and classifies people relative to their geographical location. The "racial classification" presented divides mankind into eleven major geographical populations as follows: Mongoloid, Caucasoid, African Negroid, Melanesian, Micronesian-Polynesian, Congo or Central African Pygmy, Far Eastern Pygmy, Australoid, Bushman-Hottentot, Ainu, and Veddoid.

The reviewer recommends the Outline of Anthropology, and especially the chapter on "The Living Races," as one of the best books published within the price range of all to combat racism and its accompanying evils of segregation and discrimination among peoples yet to appear. It is a key to unlocking the door to "One World."

## PC SPORT

### Revived Asahis

George Yamooka, former pre-war days, has organized a Nisei team to be entered in the league under the Asahi name. The team's roster will include several players from the Zebra northern California Nisei champs, among them the Horio brothers, Sumito, Frank, Frank Shimada, Tamiaki, and George Hinao, possibly several others.

The Asahi team, one-time in Nisei and other baseball will thus be playing once after a five-year lapse.

### Nisei Football

Back in the 1930s there was considerably more activity in Nisei football than in years. There formerly were leagues in Southern and California and in the Pacific west with occasional interleague games between regional pions.

One of the features of the was the annual "Rice Bowl" in San Francisco's Kezar on New Year's day between Soko A.C. and a Chinese team. The games were well-played and attracted considerable attention because of the few bowl games on those days.

Japanese aggression in China and China put an end to the "Rice Bowl" contests. The town's elders finally refusing their sons play the Nisei. In fact, there was considerable question whether the last "Rice Bowl" games were played. On the morning of the contest it was reported that of the Chinese American players were locked in their homes by elders but enough players showed up to make the game.

Some of the best Nisei teams in the 1930s were fielded by the Angeles Olivers, San Pedro Angeles Spartans, Golden Sacramento, Berkeley Nisei,ameda Taiikus, Stockton around Seattle. The teams were light and fast and the games interesting. Most of the players were veterans of high school and college, although most were considered "too small" for college teams.

One reason for the lack of leagues today is the fact that are fewer Japanese American football age, the condition something to do with a death rate. Meanwhile, the third generation of Japanese ancestry on the mainland are still too young for athletics.

There is no shortage of football players in Hawaii, ever, and a considerable number are playing in the Hawaii League on Oahu and in various leagues on other islands. Hawaii's top football product, of course, Wally Yonamine of the San Francisco 49ers but other AJA players will be playing in the United States during college weeks. The Asato brothers, other members of the Honolulu Stars were seen in action at San Jose State last week when they played Portland and Fresno. Succeeding weeks, Hawaii University's Roaring Rainbows, Saburo Watasaki, veterans of 442nd Combat Team, met University of Utah in Salt Lake City on Sept. 27. The Hawaii team also includes such AJA players as Dick Mamiya, veteran back Saburo Takeyasu, lineman Coach Ching Do Kim and Honolulu All-stars (Lilelani), one of the most promising teams to play on the West last year, will miss his triple backfield which will include and Richard Asato. The All-line will have veterans Mas Gunda and Isao Ito.

Although Yonamine has not too much action as yet, the 49ers, there is another Nisei is a regular on a pro football. He is Paul Kuwabara of theamento Nuggets of the Pacific Professional League. Ku played a good game at against the San Francisco at Sacramento last week.

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## Jai Entries in Boston Meeting

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Three Titles at  
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BOSTON, Mass.—Led by three American stars, Hawaii honors in the International Amateur Boxing tournament matches at Boston Garden Sept. 24.

Hawaii's entries won five of the ten bouts.

In the flyweight division Yoshiyuki Higa took a decision from Quinn of New York.

Higa, star bantamweight, won the title in the 118-pound division with a victory over William Higgins of Roxbury.

Yoshiyuki Kikuyama, rated as one of the brightest boxing prospects in the featherweight title tourney by trimming Art McGowan of Cleveland in the 126-pound division.

Hawaii entries took the midweight and light-heavyweight titles as Hawaii's Wilroy Wells, a puncher, defeated Tompkins of Quincy. Lezander Ridge wears the 160-pound title after his victory over Hillman of Pittsburgh.

## Yamasaki Howard Minato

TITLE — Sumi Yamasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yamasaki of Sugar City, was married on Sept. 21 to Howard Minato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koichi Minato of the Japanese Baptist Church, The Rev. Emery Andrews officiated. Reception followed the ceremony at the Gyokko Ken.

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## Noted Author Tells Chicago JACL of Conditions in Slums

CHICAGO, Ill.—"Slums are a natural by-product of our system—a system which makes possible and even condones the exploitation of its minority peoples."

Willard Motley, sociologist-author whose "Knock On Any Door" is a current best-seller, made that statement before 200 persons attending the first fall meeting of the Chicago chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League on September 26. The large audience taxed the capacity of the Woodrow Wilson Room in the International Relations Center, 84 E. Randolph, where the meeting was held.

"People in the slums don't like the slums any better than you or I do, but they just can't help themselves," the speaker said. Motley chose for his subject the people of the slums with whom he lived daily during the years that he was gathering data for his now famous novel. The characters in "Knock On Any Door" are composites of many of these people whom he came to know so intimately, Motley said.

The speaker told his interracial audience, many of whom were non-JACL members, how he was inspired to write his book. A young friend, a boy of 12, was committed to the St. Charles reformatory for a relatively minor offense. When the boy was released, he had developed into a hardened criminal by his association with real criminals. Motley was moved to expose a system which actually was responsible for producing criminals. Nine years of writing and research went into "Knock On Any Door."

During a brief business session that preceded the speaker, the membership present voted to amend the wording of the proposed amendment to the Chicago chapter constitution, which would permit Issei to become associate members.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fujii a boy in Fort Lupton, Colo.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Uye-mura a boy in Denver.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Ota a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Kawamoto, Fresno, Calif., a boy on Sept. 9 in Fowler.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie K. Hirano, Clovis, Calif., a girl on Sept. 11 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Ito, Riverside, Calif., a boy on Sept. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Shimohara, Lawndale, Calif., a boy on Sept. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Yamane, Gardena, Calif., a girl on Sept. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ned Akimoto, Chicago, Ill., a boy on Sept. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Yuki, Reedley, Calif., a boy on Sept. 21 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hideo Tanaka a boy on Sept. 22 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kaizo Nishi, Gardena, Calif., a boy on Sept. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yoshio Nakamura a girl on Sept. 22 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsusho Shima a girl on Sept. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutake Mikami a boy on Sept. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Inouye a boy on Sept. 24 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiyaki Hoshizaki a boy on Sept. 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ginji Kamaba a girl on Sept. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yo Kasai a girl Sandra Lee, on Sept. 7 in Detroit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wiggins a boy on Sept. 25 in New York City. Mrs. Wiggins is the former Dr. Masako Moriya of San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kurimura a boy on Sept. 29 in Seattle.

### DEATHS

Hajime Kawanuma, on Sept. 25 in Los Angeles.

Sakae Tokunaga, 81, on Sept. 20 in Sacramento.

Sojiro Yamamoto on Sept. 17 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mrs. Moju Matsuura, 53, on Sept. 23 in Loomis, Calif.

Sannosuke Shigihara, 65, on Sept. 20 in Burton, Idaho.

Shigetaro Awano, 50, on Sept. 23 in Price, Utah.

Mrs. Shimako Kaniye, 76, on Sept. 26 in Los Angeles.

Kichitaro Okagaki, 63, on Sept. 29 in San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Naoko Akatsu on Sept. 25 in Seattle.

### MARRIAGES

Asako Kubo of San Francisco to First Lieut. Sanao Takahashi, Ogden, Utah, on Sept. 27 in Los Gatos, Calif.

Teruko Kato to Sanichi Imamura on Sept. 14 in Chicago.

Grace Eto of San Luis Obispo to Yoshimi Shibata of Mt. Eden, Calif., on Sept. 28.

Constance Nishitani to Hideki Sekijima on Sept. 20 in Seattle.

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## Seattle Woman Kills Self on Second Try

SEATTLE—A woman whose suicide attempt was frustrated last week succeeded on a second attempt on Sept. 25, strangling herself with the cord of her camisole, a variety of straightjacket which had been intended to prevent her from hurting herself.

Mrs. Naoko Akatsu was reported to have been despondent over ill health and attempted suicide on Sept. 20 by slashing her abdomen with a razor at her Seattle home. She was found and rushed to King County hospital and appeared to be recovering from the wound when she ended her life.

Attendants found Mrs. Akatsu unconscious from the strangling attempt in her bed at the hospital. She was pronounced dead 30 minutes later.

## Car Driven by Nisei Kills Young Heifer

DENVER—Four hundred pounds of choice yearling beef, which is bringing fancy prices in Denver butcher shops, was being held for its owner this week following an accident in which a car driven by James Miyamoto, 23, struck and killed the young heifer.

The heifer was part of a herd of six which wandered into the street at West 4th avenue and Acoma Street. The herd scattered and has not been located. Miyamoto's car was badly damaged.

The beef has not yet been claimen and patrolmen are at a loss what to do with the fancy meat.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kikuko Yamadera and Shiro C. Yeto, both of Sacramento, on Sept. 26 in Reno, Nev.

### DIVORCES

George E. Kurata, Dinuba, Calif., from Bettie M. Kurata on Sept. 29. Interlocutory decree granted.

Mary S. Kurita vs. Kenneth Kurita in Denver, Colo. Suit filed.

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## Nisei Regains Nursery After Long Litigation

Superior Court Judge  
Awards Property to  
Mrs. Yamaguchi

TORRANCE, Calif.—After three years of litigation in the courts of three states, the Yamaguchi Nursery series were returned to Mrs. Tokiye Yamaguchi by direction of the Superior court in Los Angeles last week when the State of California, which had sought to confiscate the property on the claim that it had been held in violation of the Alien Land law, stipulated to a judgment awarding the property to Mrs. Yamaguchi, the Rafu Shimpo reported.

The state originally filed suit in 1944 to escheat the property on the ground that Japanese aliens held an interest. Suit was brought against the Yamaguchi, Kaya-shima and Suenaga families.

Various legal phases concerned with the case were tried in the courts of Utah and Arizona where the defendants resided in war relocation centers during the war. In Arizona the case was taken to the Arizona Supreme Court which reversed a lower court verdict and held in favor of one of the defendants, the Suengas.

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## Idaho Farmer Succumbs in Gun Accident

REXBURG, Idaho — Sannosuke Shigihara, 65, a farmer in the Burton area, was killed on Sept. 20 in what Coroner Victor Chandler of Madison County said was an "accidental shooting."

According to the coroner's report, Shigihara was driving cows to the pasture along a road while his son, Yoneo Shigihara, 26, was shooting at magpies in an adjoining field.

One of the bullets hit a rock, ricocheted and struck the elder Shigihara, entering the body on the right side, eight inches below the shoulder and causing an internal hemorrhage.

Mr. Shigihara died a few minutes late.

Funeral services were held in Rexburg on Sept. 22 and the burial was in the Rexburg cemetery.

Mr. Shigihara had lived for nearly 50 years in Madison County. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters.

## Fresno Fellowship Will Hear Talk

FRESNO, Calif.—Charles Sanders of the San Francisco branch of the American Friends Service Committee will speak to the Fresno Christian Fellowship on Oct. 5 at the Memorial chapel on the relief needs of war-torn countries.

Etsu Mikami, relief chairman of the fellowship, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Sanders will explain how relief drives can be organized and will show a film titled "Friends at Work in India."

## Talent Show Will Be Presented in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Far Eastern Revue, a talent show sponsored by the Chicago Oriental Council, will be presented at the Central Masonic Temple, 912 North LaSalle Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th at 8:00 P.M.

Music, songs, dances and other entertainment, with fascinating tunes of the Far East, will highlight an evening of Oriental themes. Featured will be a colorful Filipino program, a Japanese parasol dance and interesting Chinese numbers.

## Misaka Will Leave to Start Cage Career

Wataru Misaka last week resigned the post of vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Utah and announced that he will leave for New York on Oct. 13 to play professional basketball with the New York Knickerbockers.

Misaka, running as an independent, was elected to the post, second highest in the student government, in elections held last spring.

Patricia Zwick, runnerup to Misaka in the election, was named to the first vice presidency to succeed the Nisei basketball star.

The executive council of ASUU extended a vote of thanks to Misaka for his work with the council during the summer and particularly for his plans for an extended assembly program.

Misaka, a main cog in Utah's national championship basketball team of 1944 and the Metropolitan Tournament champions of 1947, was offered the professional contract following his sensational performance against Kentucky in the tournament finals at Madison Square Garden. Between 1944 and 1947 Misaka served in the military intelligence department of the U. S. Army and was on active duty in the Philippines and in Japan.

## Idaho Falls Bowling

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Jun Ueda's 215 was high on Sept. 25 as his team took four points from Sonny's Super Service.

Behind Todd Ogawa's 209 the Firestone Champions defeated First Street Confectionary, 3 to 2. T. Morishita's team defeated K. Nii's squad, 4 to 0, as Morishita fired a high game of 200.

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## Baldwin Praises MacArthur Policies in Japan Occupation

### Nisei Soldiers Aid Rescue of Flood Victims

### Japanese American Interpreters Warn Residents of Danger

TOKYO — Japanese American GIs with the U.S. occupation army played an important role last week in the rescue of thousands of Japanese in the disastrous typhoon and flood which hit Northern Honshu.

Nisei language specialists with the U.S. Army acted as interpreters during the disaster, warning residents in the threatened areas to evacuate.

First Lieut. Wallace Amioka of Honolulu, commander of the 168th Language Detachment, told of the work of the Japanese American soldiers in going into disaster areas to warn the residents.

He noted that many of the Nisei GIs were "nearly drowned" but no serious casualties were reported among the Japanese American language troops.

It was reported that several Nisei GIs were lost for several hours but were located.

### 500 Guests Attend Eto-Shibata Nuptials in California City

MT. EDEN, CALIF.—With 500 guests present two prominent families from Southern and Northern California were united at the wedding of Grace Eto of San Luis Obispo and Yoshimi Shibata of Mt. Eden on Sept. 28.

The wedding was a garden ceremony held on the grounds of the palatial residence of the Shibata family in Mt. Eden. To accommodate one of the largest attended weddings held in Northern California, a tent was erected for the wedding banquet. Facilities included a parking lot on the property. Bishop Ryotai Matsukage of the Buddhist Church officiated.

Grace Eto is the youngest member of the Eto family of San Luis Obispo who have been active in JACL circles for a number of years. Various family members from all parts of the United States attended.

Yoshimi Shibata, owner of the Shibata nursery, considered one of the largest greenhouse operations of Northern California, has been active in the Eden Township JACL Chapter.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, in his testimony to the District of Columbia on Sept. 26, paid high tribute to General MacArthur's administration of Japan. He maintained he was not "taken in" by Arthur's personality, as some sons have intimated. He represented the JACL, the American and the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

The success of the occupation of Japan, Mr. Baldwin declared, in a large measure to the Commander's rule by guidance suggestion rather than by force. He found order and progress among the Japanese, but in chaos and bankruptcy were rampant.

He said the healthy relationship between the U.S. Forces and the Japanese was a big factor in the occupation's smooth operation. The vast majority of the U. S. military and civilian personnel are sincere in efforts to help Japan become a democratic, and the Japanese regard the Americans not as conquerors but as liberators.

Through their bi-lingual ability the 10,000 Nisei with the occupation forces are playing a vital role. They are serving as a highly effective bridge between the American and Japanese, he said.

As far as Communism is concerned, it is making headway, the ACLU stated. Japanese Communists with whom he talked told that the occupation had lifted the people from the shackles of the military, and they welcomed warmly. He said that Japan's most striking answer to the who are becoming unduly alarmed at the Communist gains in post-war world. The only way to counteract Communism, he declared, is to make democracy win declared.

The trouble with most anti-Communists is that they are actually trying to blast and destroy Communism instead of exerting efforts to put the principles of democracy into effective operation, he declared.

Sada Onouye, program chairman of the local chapter, presided. Refreshments were served after Baldwin's talk, which was held at the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church. Prior to the gathering a dinner honoring the guest speaker was held at the Cactus Restaurant.

At the October meeting of local chapter, three outstanding specialists in Japanese American jurisprudence will discuss the Oyama case, which comes before the Supreme Court on Oct. 21, as well as other legal matters affecting Issei and Nisei. Speakers will be A. L. Wirtz, national JACL legal counsel; Okrand, Los Angeles constituent authority; and Saburo Kido, JACL president and also a member of the JACL national legal staff.

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