



## Reveal Existence of Secret File on Japanese Americans In Civil Service Commission

WASHINGTON—Existence of a special loyalty file in the Civil Service Commission which lists American citizens on the basis of their Japanese ancestry was admitted by Harry B. Mitchell, commission president, at a hearing of the House Expenditures committee on Oct. 7.

Mitchell and Arthur S. Flemming, commission member, said the secret file listed possible affiliations of civil service employees with the Community party or Nazi and Fascist groups and also listed those of Japanese ancestry.

## B'nai B'rith Group to Fight Housing Bans

Three-Point Program Outlined by Official of Anti-Defamation League

LOS ANGELES — Plans for a three point program against racial and religious restrictive covenants in real estate deeds and leases were outlined last week by Milton A. Senn, director of the Southern California regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Specific areas within the jurisdiction of the regional office that will receive attention and study are Beverly Hills, Burbank, Pasadena and some parts of Arizona.

The program contemplates legal action, support of legislation and the introduction of an adult educational program, Senn said.

"The necessity for this campaign," Senn stated, "is underlined by the recent refusal of the California Supreme court to intervene in proceedings seeking to evacuate four American-born Orientals from their property and to deprive two other American-born Japanese of their land."

## Prof. Ikuo Oyama Leaves for Japan

CHICAGO—Prof. Ikuo Oyama, a political refugee in the United States for 15 years, left on Oct. 9 with Mrs. Oyama for San Francisco and are scheduled to sail on Oct. 15 for Japan.

Prof. Oyama was on the faculty of Northwestern University during his exile.

He was chairman of the Farmer Labor party in Japan from 1929 to 1932 and left Japan in 1932 for the United States under the threat of assassination.

## Peninsula Civic Unity Group Aids Housing for Minorities

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—It was in July that Harry B. Carskadon, real estate dealer, asked for a "flilly white" peninsula on grounds that the peninsula "was not a proper place" for Americans of Negro, Chinese, and other minority ancestry.

Among the many outspoken opponents to the Carskadon proposal was Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenberg, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity in Redwood City, who stated that if real estate dealers did not provide more housing opportunities for members of minority groups, the council was prepared to form a voluntary housing bureau.

Today, the Redwood City Council for Civic Unity has had its housing plan in action for a month and has opened up listings that were heretofore closed.

In reporting on the bureau's listings, Mrs. Eisenberg stated that "many good houses in fine neighborhoods" are open to persons of minority ancestry in Redwood City and Palo Alto.

Houses available are listed to sell from \$7500 to \$14,000, Mrs. Eisenberg said. None of them have deed restrictions.

The neighborhood is investigated by the council to insure that the new resident will be happy there,

Mrs. Eisenberg said. The council acts as a go-between, bringing minority buyers in contact with persons wishing to sell. No money is accepted from either the purchaser of the house or the seller.

Mrs. Eisenberg reported that in almost every neighborhood there is some property that is unrestricted, either because the original owner refused to sign a restrictive covenant or because the covenant has run out.

"At the present time we have more properties listed than buyers for them," Mrs. Eisenberg said. "This is a very different situation than existed before this plan, as it was next to impossible previously for a minority member to find a suitable house at a reasonable price anywhere in the peninsula."

"The housing bureau of the council urges that people who want to buy apply with us immediately, as this program can only succeed properly as we know of all people who want to live on the peninsula, what they want and how much they can pay, so that we can list for them exactly what they are looking for."

The address of the Council for Civic Unity in Redwood City is 2050 Broadway, phone Emerson 6-4957.

# Nisei GI's Story Will Be Told in War Heroes Film

## First Nisei Named To Federal Jury In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—Aiko Koyama, an employee of the Sacramento Army Signal Depot, was named on Oct. 8 to the Federal Grand Jury impaneled here.

Miss Koyama is the first non-Caucasian ever named to a Federal Grand Jury in Sacramento.

## Renunciants Ask Restoration Of Citizenship

Court Action Follows Recent Ruling By Federal Justice

LOS ANGELES — Toshiko Ichikawa and Hisashi Inuye, American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their citizenship while at the Tule Lake segregation center, filed suit in Federal District court on Oct. 8, seeking restoration of full citizenship rights.

The suit was entered following the recent ruling of Federal Judge Charles C. Cavanaugh who ruled in restoring full citizenship rights to three petitioners recently that their acts of renunciation of citizenship while at the Tule Lake camp were not a result of their free and intelligent choice and that the actions were taken under the stresses of mental defeat, intimidation and coercion "depriving them of the free exercise of their will."

In his ruling, Judge Cavanaugh declared that his decision applied only to the individual petitioners and that other Tule Lake residents who renounced citizenship must file similar suits in Federal courts if they wish to have citizenship privileges restored.

Toshiko Ichikawa and Hisashi Inuye are represented by Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Frank Chuman.

## LAND LAW REPEAL WINS SUPPORT AT EX-GI PARLEY

LOS ANGELES—A resolution supporting the repeal of California's Alien Land law was passed at the Conference of Eastside Veterans Organizations on Oct. 1.

The resolution, which will be sent to the California legislature and Governor Warren, was introduced by a representative of the Nisei Veterans association of Los Angeles.

Representatives of Legion, VFW and AVC groups in eastside Los Angeles were among the 450 persons attending the conference. Twenty-five Nisei veterans were present.

## Nisei War Objector Given Suspended Jail Sentence

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Andrew Shiga of Seattle Wash., a conscientious objector who volunteered and participated in grueling public service tests, was one of six who received a suspended sentence on Oct. 1 in Federal district court on the charge of refusing to perform assigned duties at a CPS camp at Big Flats, N. Y.

Shiga received an 11-months' sentence and was placed on probation for the same period.

It was recalled that the Nisei was a "guinea pig" in experiments designed to test the ability of the human body to survive under adverse conditions on a raft on the open sea.

## Japanese American Episode Planned for RKO Picture About "Unknown Soldier"

HOLLYWOOD—The story of a Japanese American soldier in the 442nd Combat Team will be told in a projected RKO film, "The Unknown Soldier," studio officials indicated this week.

RKO officials declared that thirteen writers were summoned last week by Dore Schary, studio chief, to discuss the proposed film which will be based on a story idea inspired by the report that the War department had decided to bring back nine heroes of the war from each of the war zones. One of the soldier dead will be buried in Arlington Cemetery as the Unknown Soldier of World War II.

The picture will be composed of nine separate episodes, each telling the story of one of the American heroes. One of these soldiers will be a Japanese American, while others will be of Irish, Jewish, Negro and Italian ancestry.

Mr. Schary is in consultation with the War department regarding details of the film in which Cary Grant, Robert Mitchum and Robert Ryan will be among the stars.

It was expected that RKO may have some difficulty in casting the role of the Nisei GI because there are no featured male actors of Japanese ancestry in Hollywood at the present time.

Each of the nine episodes will be made by a top-ranking RKO director and written by an outstanding writer.

The idea for "The Unknown Soldier" was purchased by Mr. Schary from a telegram sent by a man named Henry Grunewald.

Dore Schary is the producer of "Crossfire," a current RKO release which is one of the first Hollywood films to openly discuss the question of racial discrimination in the United States.

## Suit Challenges California Alien Fishing Ban

Japanese Fishermen Charge Law Deprives Them of Livelihood

LOS ANGELES — Legality of the 1945 California state law which bars fishing rights to aliens of Japanese ancestry was attacked in a petition filed in Superior Court on Oct. 4.

The suit was brought on behalf of 142 alien commercial fishermen of Japanese descent who contended that the wartime restriction added to the California Fish and Game Code deprives them of the right to earn a living.

## Cyclist Injured

STOCKTON, Calif.—Yukie Tanaka, 14, of French Camp suffered severe injuries on Oct. 4 when he was knocked off his bicycle by a speeding car on Highway 50, just north of Mathews road.

## Report Encouraging Job Prospects for Nisei Women Workers in California

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American women are the only minority group in California reporting an encouraging employment prospect, it was reported at a northern area meeting of the California Council for Civic Unity last week, according to Robert R. Brunn of the Christian Science Monitor.

Prospects for Nisei women in clerical and semi-skilled work were termed "good" and "better than before the war" in reports given at the meeting.

## NISEI CASHIER OUTWITS HOLDUP MAN IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO—A Nisei girl's presence of mind was cited by police on Oct. 4 in the arrest of Lester Ervin Brown, 26, after an attempted robbery.

Brown entered a North Clark street cafe and handed a note to Frances Kanda, the cashier, reading:

"Madam. This is a holdup. We will welcome any justifiable motive for murder. You will be first. On your shoulders rests the responsibility for the aversion of a tragedy."

Instead of turning over her funds to Brown, Miss Kanda quickly stepped into a back room and called police. Brown, who was unarmed, was arrested by two policemen.

## Seventeen Internees Win Paroles

SAN FRANCISCO—Seventeen alien Japanese who have been held at Seabrook Farms, N. J., under a policy of "relaxed internment" by the Department of Justice were paroled into the custody of their attorney, Wayne M. Collins of San Francisco, it was reported this week.

## Hawaii GI Killed

TOKYO—Death of T-5 Shoichi Yoshida, Waipahu, T.H., in an auto accident at Mito in Ibarage prefecture on Sept 15 was reported here recently.



## Suit Filed Against Policy Of Restrictive Covenants Instituted in South Pasadena

LOS ANGELES—The policy of the city of South Pasadena (Pop. 20,000) to exclude persons not wholly of Caucasian ancestry from residing within the city limits except in the capacity of menials was challenged in Los Angeles Superior court on Oct. 8 in a suit filed by Ernest R. Chamberlain and his wife, Ethel Chamberlain, against the city of South Pasadena and a number of South Pasadena officials.

The suit charges that the city of South Pasadena acted unconstitutionally in inserting racial restrictive covenants in deeds executed by city officials pertaining to property which the city had acquired through non-payment of taxes.

The Chamberlain suit, filed by Los Angeles Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Saburo Kido, Fred Okrand and Frank Chuman, counsel for the Southern California office of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Japanese American Citizens League, asks for declaratory judgment that the race restrictions are unconstitutional.

Additional counsel in the case includes Loren Miller for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and William Strong for the Commission on Social Action of the American Jewish Congress.

It was stated that the Chamberlains had purchased property in South Pasadena which the city had acquired because of non-payment of taxes. The restrictive covenant inserted by South Pasadena city officials prohibited the use or occupation of the property by any person who was not wholly of the white or Caucasian race with the exception that non-Caucasians may be kept on the property by Caucasian occupants in the capacity of servants or caretakers.

It also was noted that South Pasadena officials had sought to extend their policy of barring all non-Caucasians from the city to other property not owned by the city.

Nearly 500 persons of Japanese ancestry lived in the South Pasadena area before the evacuation in 1942.

### Elinor Umezawa Joins Stockton Church Staff

STOCKTON, Calif.—Miss Elinor Umezawa of Denver, Colo., last week joined the staff of the Clay Street Methodist church and will serve as parish worker and will assist with the church's program of interracial development.

The Rev. Andrew Juvinal is pastor.

### Lili Uyematsu Weds Corp. John Briscoe

CALDWELL, Idaho—Culminating a romance that began eight years ago when they were both attending high school, Miss Lili Uyematsu, daughter of Mrs. T. Uyematsu of Caldwell, Idaho, and Corporal John Maxwell Briscoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Briscoe of Parma, Idaho, were married in Walla Walla, Washington, September 24.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Y. Shinya and the bride's sister, Kaley Uyematsu, both of Caldwell.

Mrs. Briscoe is a graduate of Caldwell high school and took post graduate courses at Polytechnic high school in Los Angeles. Until recently she had been employed at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Corporal Briscoe graduated from Caldwell high school and immediately enlisted in 1941 in the Army Air Corps. He is at home at present on a one month furlough from his station in Guam.

The bride and groom were guests at a small family dinner given by Mrs. T. Uyematsu. Later Mr. and Mrs. H. Briscoe were hosts to the couple at a dinner party at their home in Parma.

Approximately 50 friends gave the newlyweds an old fashioned American charivari, Monday night, Oct. 8. Amid clanking cow bells and honking horns from the line of cars urging the couple on, John Briscoe pushed Lili on a crate roller down Main street and Kimball avenue. Often stopping traffic on another street, it was Lili who was forced to drag John by a 1/2 inch thick rope looped around his neck.

The charivari ended with a dance at the F. S. A. recreational hall. In charge of the charivari were Mr. and Mrs. Merle Crosier and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eagen.

### Nakamura Named President of Young Buddhists

FRESNO, Calif.—Ben Nakamura of Fowler was named to the presidency of the Central California Young Buddhists association at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

Nakamura has been president of the Fowler YBA and was general chairman of the CCYBA carnival this summer. He is also active in veterans work.

His cabinet will include Kazue Sekiya, first vice pres.; Mike Iwatsubo, second vice pres.; Tak Naito, treas.; Sakaye Ogawa, rec. sec.; Tomiko Okuda, corr. sec.; Kelly Sasai, publications mgr.; Hiro Mayeda, auditor; religious chm.; Richard Ochiai and Kikuo Ogawa, assistants to the religious chairman; Manabu Fukuda, social welfare chm.; Fred Nishida, research chm.; Harry Hoshiko, public relations; Fukuko Horiye, music; Tad Miyake, men's athletics; Shig Okada, assistant, men's athletics, and Shigeko Masuda and Bernice Kanenaga, chairman and assistant for women's athletics.

The new officers will be installed at the fall conference to be held November 9 in Fresno.

### Venice Chapter Initiates Drive For ADC Funds

LOS ANGELES—The Venice chapter of the JACL will initiate the ADC financial drive in the Pacific southwest JACL district council, it was decided Oct. 3 at a cabinet meeting held at the home of Fumi Utsuki, vice president.

The meeting was called by President Jack Wakamatsu.

The cabinet voted to set up a committee for the drive and set its goal as \$1,000.

Eiji Tanabe, ADC regional director, and George Inagaki, national vice president of the JACL, attended the meeting as speakers. Tanabe outlined the program of the ADC office in Washington under Mike Masaoka. He also reported on the national staff meeting held recently in Salt Lake City.

### Canadian Minister Speaks in Chicago During U. S. Tour

CHICAGO—The Rev. Goichi Nakayama, Anglican priest from Canada, made three speaking engagements during the past week in Chicago on the subject of the Japanese Canadian evacuation.

He is presently on a tour of the United States.

The Rev. Nakayama's Chicago engagements were scheduled as follows: Oct. 8, Church of the Redeemer, for the Issei congregation; Oct. 9, Church of the Redeemer, Nisei congregation; Oct. 10, Olivet Institute.

## AFL President Gets Protest Over Anti-Nisei Discrimination

### Masaoka Tells Green Of Policies of Some Federation Locals

SAN FRANCISCO—A protest against the discriminatory practice of barring Japanese Americans and others of Oriental ancestry from full membership in many unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor was filed in a communication this week from Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination committee, to William Green, AFL president, who is now in San Francisco for the AFL's national convention.

Masaoka declared that most of the building trades unions on the west coast bar Nisei from membership on racial grounds and permit only veterans to enroll in trade schools. Nisei veterans, graduating

### Serisawa's Portrait Wins Prize at L. A. Exhibition

LOS ANGELES—"Mar," a portrait by Sueo Serisawa, has been awarded the \$250 purchase award in an exhibit of 30 Los Angeles region painters which will be shown at the Beverly-Farfax Community center until Nov. 2.

"Tina," another Serisawa portrait, is in a show by four painters at the Dalzell Hatfield galleries until Oct. 31.

Serisawa, a Los Angeles painter, moved to Colorado Springs shortly before the evacuation in 1942 and has lived in Denver and New York since that time.

## Midwest JACL Workshop Will Train Leaders

### Leaders in Racial Relations Field Take Part in Conference

CHICAGO — The leadership training workshop of the midwest district council opened on Friday, Oct. 10, at Hull House under the chairmanship of Mari Sabusawa.

Resource leaders during the three-day institute will include Sidney Williams of the Chicago Urban league; Robert Krit, South-wide planning board; Howard Bennett, Rosenwald fellow, University of Chicago; T. Matsunaga, chairman of the Chicago JACL-ADC; Mrs. B. Getzov, National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Rev. George Nishimoto, Chicago Church Federation; Abe Hagiwara, Chicago Resettlers; Masao Satow, ADC coordinator; A. A. Liveright of the American Council on Race Relations; Corky Kawasaki, executive director of the Chicago Resettlers; Mike Masaoka, director, ADC; Zol Garfield, executive secretary of the Progressive party of Chicago; and Togo Tanaka, editor with the American Technical Society.

Mike Masaoka will be the main speaker at the closing luncheon meeting Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Hotel YMCA.

Dr. T. Yatabe, first national president of the JACL, and Jack Nakagawa, president of the Chicago chapter, were among the speakers at the opening session Friday evening.

The program for the weekend was announced by Chairman Sabusawa as follows:

Saturday, 10 a.m., session on membership building under Thomas Masuda, attorney; 1:30 p.m., session on fund raising, with Tats Kishida, midwest ADC director, as moderator; 3:30 p.m., session on planning the local program, with Henry Tani, president of the St. Louis JACL, moderator; 7:30 p.m., session on community action, with A. A. Liveright as moderator.

A Sunday morning session on publicity and public relations was announced under William R. Simms of the American Council on Race Relations as moderator.

Mary Suzuki was in charge of arrangements for a social mixer held Friday evening at Hull House.

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from trade schools, have been able to secure union membership in several AFL skilled trades unions.

Masaoka also noted that several other AFL unions, including the Teamsters, have permitted workers of Oriental descent to form their own affiliated unions but have denied them full membership privileges.

The JACL official noted that a study had shown that the AFL rannery workers union has barred Orientals in certain areas but have allowed them to join in others. Masaoka explained that Japanese Americans are members of the cannery union in Stockton and Sacramento but are reportedly barred in San Francisco.

Many garage mechanics, including veterans, who were able to join the AFL union in eastern United States have been denied membership on the Pacific coast.

# MINORITY WEEK

## Saved by a Turban

Back on the University of California campus some years ago they used to tell the story of the turban. This particular turban, a length of beautiful fabric that could be shaped into beautiful folds upon the owner's head, was quite the pride and joy of its owner, a certain student in residence at the International House. Time came when the turban needed cleaning. It was set off to the cleaners. It came back bright and beautiful, but attached to it was a slip of paper with the notation, "table cloth."

The exotic turban of the Middle Eastern countries may seem like just another kind of headgear to us. But to another student, coming to the United States to take his higher education, his turban meant the difference between acceptance and discrimination in our southland.

This student, according to Benjamin Fine in the New York Times, entered the U.S. at a southern port. He couldn't get hotel accommodations. On the train north he was soundly Jim Crowed. Coming into the country's capitol he couldn't get service in a restaurant. In desperation he took out his turban and wound it round his head. From then on it was easy. He was a "foreigner" and he was accepted.

"It's not that I object to being mistaken for a Negro," he said, "but I resent segregation as being the negation of all that is inspiring in Christian culture."

Unfortunately for millions of Americans of color, there is no magic turban that will grant them entree into certain schools, jobs and residential areas.

## The Good Fight

Catholic church officials in St. Louis who know that all men are equal in the sight of God—even in the school system—have managed to put that idea across in the minds of some of their more reluctant church members.

Last month Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter announced that Negroes would be permitted to attend white parochial schools in the diocese to prevent overcrowding in the Negro schools. It was a good step—though a somewhat new idea for some St. Louisans who still cling to the ways and the days of the Civil war. These St. Louisans formed the Catholic Parents association of St. Louis and St. Louis county, voted to retain legal counsel to stop the archbishop. Church authorities, standing firm in their decision to stop discrimination in their schools, warned that racial bigotry was a sin and that any church members practicing it would be subject to excommunication.

The association appealed to the apostolic delegate, Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani. The apostolic delegate replied he could not intervene. He was confident, he said, that "everyone will readily comply with what has been so clearly proposed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese."

The Catholic Parents association disbanded this week.

All of this was illuminated by a speech by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston on Oct. 2, when he warned that Catholics themselves are endangered by a wave of anti-Catholicism that threatens the country. "Artificially fostered bigotry," he said, and leaders of "new bigotry" are threats to persons of Catholic faith in the United States.

## This Week's Quote

"How much longer can the church regard as members in good standing those who provoke and agitate for racial and religious hatred? Certain it is that notorious evil lives have always been subject to the church's discipline and since we know most assuredly from the history of the past decade that the propagation of racial and religious hate issues in widespread human suffering and produces the most debased kind of character—which is scandalous in the church—it is reasonable and right that hatemongers be declared to be in a serious state of sin."—The Rev. William C. Kernman.

## It's a Headache

Maybe some of the goings on down at the United Nations meetings have seemed knotty and difficult to us, but right there where the work is going on its proved a headache to more than one delegate. A standard headache and fatigue prescription turned out at the UN clinic goes like this: dissolve aspirin in warm water, add spirits of ammonia. It's called a "United Nations Cocktail," and we suspect more of these are turned out than the ordinary kind.

## United Nations World

Incidentally, if you really want to keep up with activities of the United Nations, send four dollars to United Nations World for a year's subscription to that magazine. Richard J. Walsh, former publisher of ASIA magazine and president of the John Day publishing house, is chairman of the editorial board. Editors include Pearl S. Buck, John Hersey of "Hiroshima" fame, William L. Shirer, Thomas Mann, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vincent Sheean, Lin Yutang and Jan Masaryk. The address is 385 Madison avenue, New York 17.

## This Week It's Good

A study of restrictive covenant action from week to week shows more ups and downs than an elevator. Some weeks the story looks good. Some weeks it's all bad.

This week it began to look better. Out Los Angeles way the restrictive covenant was attacked by the people who, in the long run, perhaps, can do the covenant the most harm. The AFL carpenters union, representing 4000 members, called a meeting to plan a fight against the covenant, particularly as its affects three cases. Eighty organizations including AFL and CIO unions, veterans, minority and community groups were invited.

The three restrictive covenants cases affect two Negroes who are members of the carpenters union and a person of Filipino ancestry, Teofilio Illanos.

Union people in the construction and building trades have a tremendous opportunity to deal the restrictive covenant a swift death blow.

In New York City this week the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced that the league will fight racial and religious discrimination in housing through a three-point program to include court action, suggestions for legislation and informative services. Court action will be used whenever possible to advocate the contention that covenants and other techniques for restriction of housing on racial or religious grounds violate constitutional guarantees.

"The visions of our forefathers who, by means of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights, united a great nation of all nationalities, races and creeds, must not be violated by the arbitrary imposition of restrictive covenants which are part and parcel of the infamous Nazi Nuremberg laws," Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the league, said. "We have already called on Attorney General Tom Clark to intervene on behalf of the United States in cases involving restrictive covenants, for the purpose of advising the courts that such covenants violate our national policy and our treaty commitments in the United Nations charter and the Act of Chapultepec."

And down in Memphis a judge ruled that a Negro woman who owns a duplex home in that city may live in half of that building, even though the other half is occupied by white tenants. Her tenant went to court to fight her occupancy on grounds that "it's against public policy."—M.O.T.



## Attorney Leaves For Role in Oyama Case

Will Join Argument Of Alien Land Law Before Supreme Court

LOS ANGELES — Attorney A. L. Wirin left for Washington Tuesday to participate in the oral argument in the Oyama alien land law case to be heard Oct. 21 by the U.S. Supreme court.

While in Washington he will work with Charels Horskys on the preparation of a reply brief to the brief submitted by the state of California.

Horskys will join in the oral argument with Wirin.

Wirin is also scheduled to meet with representatives of the State and War departments regarding legal status of Nisei stranded in Japan.

Joining Wirin on the trip to Washington will be his associate, Fred Okrand, who will argue in the Supreme court on the deportation case of Jose Audon Salazar Delgadillo.

Attorneys Wirin and Okrand will also participate in several hearings before the office of alien property.

Saburo Kido, former president of the JACL, will also leave for Washington soon to attend the argument in the Oyama case and participate in the alien property custodian hearings.

## Minato Elected To Executive Board Of CIO Union

SEATTLE—George Minato, the only Nisei candidate running for office, was elected to the executive board of Local 7 of the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers union, CIO-FTA, it was announced this week.

Minato, former JACL regional director in the Pacific Northwest was one of nine elected to the executive board from a field of 40 candidates.

The overall results of the elections were declared to constitute an "overwhelming victory" for the administrative committee which was named to operate the union following the ouster of the union's leadership earlier this year by the international union on the charge of anti-democratic activity.

Rejected officials had been responsible for a policy under which Japanese American cannery workers, with the exception of veterans, were barred from Alaska cannery work.

## Dr. Wataru Sutow Opens Practice

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Wataru Sutow, specialist in pediatrics and former resident physician at Salt Lake County General hospital, this week announced the opening of his private practice in Los Angeles at 113 1/2 East First street.

Dr. Sutow will be associated with Dr. M. Murase, long-time Los Angeles physician.

Dr. Sutow moved to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City in September, accompanied by his wife and their two children.

## Masaoka Describes ADC Work At Denver Chapter Dinner

DENVER, Col.—A play-by-play description of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's intensive effort to get the evacuation claims bill out of the House which passed over to the Senate during the last hours of the 80th Congress last July was described Oct. 1 by ADC Legislative Director Mike Masaoka.

The progress of this bill and the Senate and House bills for naturalization of alien Japanese described by the director as the twin major objectives of the National JACL program, was reported to the persons present at the Denver chapter sponsored dinner meeting in the Savarre restaurant.

President George Masunaga presided. Special guests at the dinner honoring Mr. Masaoka were State Senator and Mrs. Arthur A. Brooks, Jr., State Democratic Committee Chairman Gene Cervi and Mrs. Cervi, Pres. Charles Graham of the Denver Unity Council and

## Employment of Nisei Veteran Leads Way to Jobs for Other Disabled Ex-GIs in Laboratory

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The story of Frank Shimada, disabled war veteran, who helped in the employment of handicapped former servicemen by the Electronics Radiation Laboratories in San Jose is told this week in the San Jose Mercury-News by Harry Farrell.

Before the war, Farrell writes, Frank Shimada was a farmer. He used to grow berries near Santa Clara.

But then came Pearl Harbor and Frank found himself in the 442nd (Japanese American) infantry regiment of the U. S. Army. In this outfit he spent 20 months fighting in the European theater.

It was on Aug. 23, 1944, that Frank, manning a desolate outpost below Florence on Italy's Arno River, became the victim of a well-tossed German hand grenade.

Later the medics sewed up 14 shrapnel wounds in Frank's body. The wounds left him with the ulnar nerve of his left arm and the Achilles tendon of one heel both partially severed. This caused weakness, partial paralysis and other disability of his hand and foot.

"After the war I came back and tried to farm again," Frank recalled. "But it was heavy work, and I couldn't make a go of it—it was too rough."

At this point, Frank might have been in a pretty distressing predicament, had it not been for Jim Allen, of the State Employment Service, and Herb Fehler, who operates the Electronic Radiation Laboratories, 345 N. Montgomery street.

This was last November. A couple of months earlier, Fehler had read in The Mercury-News a story about a rubber goods firm on Sunol St. that found it good business to hire disabled vets. So when Jim Allen approached him about taking on some incapacitated men himself, Fehler decided it was worth a try. Since then, hiring disabled veterans has become his established policy.

So far he has three of them working for him, out of a total staff of six employees. And he plans to hire more.

Last week, sitting in the Electronic Radiation Laboratories' office, Fehler and Shimada told all about the firm's "hire the handi-

capped" plan, and how it's paid off for both.

Fehler has an interesting philosophy about why he gets as much or more efficiency from disabled employees as he would from able-bodied men.

"These men can't do any kind of work," he explains. "So when they do get a job, they know it's up to them to make good. They're more than make good. They're serious about their jobs. They take interest in their work."

The business of the Laboratories is to manufacture lamp-like devices which generate ultra-violet germicidal rays, to purify the air in hospitals, restaurants, homes, public gathering places, and the like. For each lamp unit, numerous small precise metal parts must be turned out on drill presses, stamping machines, and other apparatus.

There's one cardinal principle, which is easily applied in a small establishment with a variety of work, that helps the disabled men tremendously. This is Fehler's principle of "the less supervision, the better."

"I have absolute freedom," says Shimada. "If I get tired of doing one thing, I am free to do something else. If I have to stand on my bad foot for two hours then I'll have to sit down the rest of the day, so I just switch to another kind of work."

And this method of operation is always perfectly okay with Fehler, the boss.

Likewise if Shimada has to use his bad left hand for any length of time he can soon afterward change to some task that will require use of his right hand only.

"A good employee whether he's disabled or not can always work without supervision," Fehler maintains. "If a man can't be trusted to work without supervision, we don't want him around in the first place."

Fehler's second disabled worker, hired after home favorable experience with Shimada is Robert Bell, who suffers from the after-effects of having his feet frozen during the war. This happened when an 8th Air Force plane he was in cracked up in cold country. The third disabled vet was added to the Laboratories staff just a few days ago.

## Fresno Judge Rules CIO Union Not Guilty of Discrimination

### Report Nisei GI's Suicide in Berlin

BERLIN, Germany — Sgt. Shin Fujisaki, 25, army mail clerk from Alaa, T. H., shot and killed himself on Sept. 30 in the mail room of the 16th Constabulary Unit, D. R. Carlucci, chief of the Army's Criminal Investigation Department, announced.

Carlucci said Fujisaki had been despondent since he received a letter from home recently.

### Charge of Excluding Japanese Americans Considered by Court

FRESNO, Calif.—Charges of racial discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union, Local 78, were declared unfounded this week by Superior Court Judge Arthur Shepard in a decision which also absolved the union of alleged violence on the picket line at the Mendota farm of Ensher, Alexander & Barsoom.

The race discrimination charges were brought against Local 78, which represents packing shed workers in the area, by representatives of the Ensher ranch.

The company sought an injunction against the union to prevent picketing of the Mendota property following a strike called by the union at the ranch on grounds that the company had refused to sign a contract, locked out members of CIO-FTA and tried to operate the shed with non-union personnel of Japanese ancestry.

Judge Shepard ruled that the company's charges of discrimination by the union against Japanese Americans were untrue after the union produced affidavits which showed that the CIO group had a long history in fighting racial discrimination.

The union also presented evidence that M. J. Gillette, former district president of CIO-FTA, had been suspended for anti-union activities after he had allegedly ruled that persons of Japanese ancestry were ineligible for union membership. The CIO group held that Gillette's action was in violation of the FTA's no-discrimination policy and led to his ouster.

## Amvets Convention Supports Naturalization Privileges For Loyal Resident Japanese

COLUMBUS, O.—The third national convention of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) unanimously approved this week a resolution sponsored by the Utah state department of the organization which placed the group on record in support of legislation to grant naturalization privileges to the parents of Japanese American GIs and veterans and to other resident Japanese aliens of "proven loyalty."

The resolution was approved by the American committee of

## Aged Woman Returns to U.S. From Japan

### 23 War-Stranded Persons Arrive on Marine Swallow

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Tomi Muraoka, 77, widow of the late Rev. Kikusaburo Muraoka, was among 23 war-stranded persons of Japanese ancestry who returned to the United States last week from Japan on the Marine Swallow.

Mrs. Muraoka plans to settle in Stanton, Calif., with her son, Saburo. She had left for Japan in 1940 on a visit and was stranded there by the outbreak of war.

Others on board the Marine Swallow included:

Ken Kutota and Shizue Yagi, Los Angeles; Bill Sakaeda, West Los Angeles; Naoko Oki, Montebello; Kango and Iwao Kuwano, Delano; Yasuo Yamashita, San Diego; Kikue and Yukie Idehara, Saugus; Chiyoko Uyesugi, Lodi; Kiriko Satake, Concord; Tokiko Sataka, Stockton; Noriko Motoyoshi, Alameda; Hoover Kyono, Oakland; Fumi Sugano, San Francisco; Yoshi Harano, Sacramento; Takashi Kato, Chicago; Emiko Yamamoto, Denver; Yukio Osawa, Clearfield, Utah; Chikako and Takuzo Nodohara, Lincoln; and Kaichi Morimoto, Oregon.

Most of the returnees were between 17 and 25 years of age.

## Japanese Canadian Held in Vancouver On Arms Charge

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Akihito Otsuji, 19, and two white Canadian companions were arrested in Vancouver recently and were held for trial on the charge of carrying firearms.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was asked to investigate Otsuji's presence in the city, from which persons of Japanese ancestry still are barred. Vancouver officials declared Otsuji had been posing as a Chinese Canadian.

Police said Otsuji was carrying an unloaded automatic while his companions possessed automatics with one shell in the breech and four in the clip.

It was reported that Otsuji was sentenced to six months in jail two years ago when he returned to the evacuated area.

## Okada, Masaoka Will Attend Meeting of Chicago ADC Group

CHICAGO—Hito Okada, national JACL president, and Mike Masaoka, director of the ADC, will attend the Oct. 15 meeting of the Chicago Anti-Discrimination committee at the CYO center.

Masaoka will report on work of the ADC in Washington during the last congressional session.

## 59 Holdouts Still Stand Pat In Japanese Canadian Hostel

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—The 58 holdouts against the Canadian government's eastern dispersal program for British Columbia evacuees show no signs of moving out of the Moose Jaw hostel where government food services were discontinued, it was reported here.

It was declared that the holdout group is determined to continue their protest campaign against the government's relocation program, and is still adamant in their demand that they be permitted to return to the British Columbia area from which they were evacuated in 1942 and from which all persons of Japanese ancestry still

are barred.

Eighteen single men among the 58 holdouts refuse to accept work, although family heads and girls have taken jobs in Moose Jaw, 5 miles from the hostel, and are commuting daily to work.

A few sympathizers in Moose Jaw continue to send food to the holdouts but the number is now dwindling.

J. F. MacKinnon, head of the Japanese division of the Department of labor, the agency in charge of the evacuee relocation and dispersal program, visited the Moose Jaw hostel last week and talked with leaders of the 58 holdouts.

The resolution, which backs the right to citizenship of loyal resident Japanese aliens, was introduced to the general assembly by Carl Warner of Los Angeles, Calif., chairman of the resolutions committee.

Edgar Corry of Des Moines, Ia., was elected national commander of the Amvets, succeeding the outgoing commander, Ray Sawyer.

In addition to Yamamoto, other members of the Utah delegation were Dr. Max Seidner, Ogden; Clyde Patterson, Utah department commander, and Al Borge and Mel Israelson, Logan.

## Legality of California Inter-marriage Ban Questioned in Suit

LOS ANGELES—The constitutionality of a half century old California law which bans the inter-marriage of whites and persons of Negro, Mongolian or Malayan ancestry was taken under advisement on Oct. 6 by the California Supreme Court.

Basis of the appeal was an action brought by two Catholics, Sylvester S. Davis, Jr., 26, Negro graduate of Los Angeles City College, and Miss Andrea Perez, 24, Caucasian, who complained that the Los Angeles County Clerk refused to issue them a marriage license when they applied last Aug. 2.

The case has won the support of the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles.

## Veteran's Store, Business Destroyed In California Fire

WALNUT GROVE, Calif.—The store building and business owned by Jack H. Oda of Sacramento, a war veteran who saw action in Italy and Germany, was destroyed in a fire which threatened the entire town of Walnut Grove on Sept. 26.

The Walnut Grove Grocery store and Meat Market, owned by Oda, and an adjoining boarding house were destroyed by the flames.

Loss of Oda's stock, equipment and property was estimated to be \$25,000.

The fire started in the lodging house and quickly spread to the adjoining business property.

All persons in the buildings fled to safety.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Evacuees in the West

Both Governor W. Lee Knous of Colorado and Governor Herbert Maw of Utah have been quoted in recent weeks regarding their pride in the citizenship record of Japanese Americans and in the successful integration of the evacuee group into the social and economic life of their respective states.

The statements of the two governors, which probably would be echoed by other governors in the inland west, are a tribute to the success of democratic processes. The attitude of these western officials toward Japanese Americans has been formed by the record of Nisei in the armed services and by the conduct of residents of Japanese ancestry in business and social relationships. This attitude is in happy contradiction to the negative stand taken by the majority of representatives of nine western states at an important conference in Salt Lake City on April 7, 1942.

This Salt Lake City conference set the pattern for the entire war relocation program. The military's primary interest in the mass evacuation was in the removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast. The problem of wartime disposal of the evacuated group was turned over to the newly-created War Relocation Authority, then headed by Milton Eisenhower. Faced with a situation unprecedented in American history, it was the tentative plan of the WRA to relocate the evacuees in interior areas, particularly in the inland west, in existing communities with the hope that the manpower of the evacuated group could be utilized in public works, food production, the manufacturing of camouflage nets, cartridge belts and other military necessities and in private employment in the sugar beet fields and in the cities. It also was felt self-supporting communities could be established which could be managed by the evacuees themselves instead of by the Federal government.

The Salt Lake City conference ended any such hopes. Mr. Eisenhower and his staff met a stone wall of resistance from all of the officials present with the exception of the representative of Ralph Carr, then governor of Colorado, and the attorney general of Utah.

In his final report on the WRA, Director Dillon S. Meyer declares:

"Practically all those who spoke indicated a deep-seated distrust and dislike of the evacuated people and an appallingly low concern for human rights or constitutional guarantees."

Following the Salt Lake City conference, the WRA had no recourse but to establish government-operated war relocation centers. Orders went out to build the camps at Topaz, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Granada, in the Arizona desert and in Arkansas in the Mississippi valley. The program of individual relocation was retarded for more than a year. Eventually approximately 20,000 evacuees relocated on an individual basis in the inland western states which had opposed their entry at the Salt Lake City conference in 1942. Although a large number of these evacuees have since returned to the Pacific coast or have moved to eastern states a considerable number have established permanent homes, particularly in eastern Oregon, southern Idaho, Utah and Colorado.

These relocated evacuees have contributed necessary manpower during a period of wartime shortage and have established new services and industries. They have been responsible for considerable development in the field of agriculture and have adapted new crops to the agronomy of the inland west.

"They are contributing to better land prac-

tices on their farms," declares Governor Knous. "I admire the manner in which the Nisei and their hard-working parents, who have done so much for this country, have fitted 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."

The people of Utah, through their elected representatives, expressed their attitude toward their Japanese American neighbors earlier this year when the state legislature, by a nearly unanimous vote, repealed the Alien Land law of 1943, a law which had been passed to discourage the relocation of evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the state.

### Stranded Citizens

There still remains in Japan a considerable body of Nisei who because of war circumstances forfeited or abandoned their American citizenship. It would be easy to say that, having given up their U.S. citizenship, they are now and forever citizens of Japan and may not return to this country, save under regulations controlling all residents and citizens of Japan.

It becomes increasingly evident, however, that many of these Nisei forfeited their American citizenship under pressure and coercion, or without their knowledge or consent.

It must be remembered, moreover, that many of these Nisei were sent to Japan by their parents before they reached maturity.

Recently in San Francisco representatives from the JACL, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California and the International Institute discussed the situation of these Nisei stranded in Japan. During the discussion it was brought out that Nisei forfeiting their American citizenship generally did so under or because of the following circumstances:

**Coercion:** Many of the Nisei who returned to the United States have reported the constant surveillance of Nisei in Japan during the war by the Japanese police. There have in addition been reported instances of jail sentences, torture and tremendous pressure upon the Nisei by government officials.

**Naturalization:** In many cases Nisei were naturalized without the knowledge or consent of the Nisei. In these cases naturalization was effected by the Nisei's parents.

In certain instances Nisei forfeited their American citizenship by accepting benefits ordinarily available only to Japanese citizens, such as ration benefits: or by accepting certain employment. Again, in many cases the Nisei had no knowledge that accepting of these rations or employment would result in the forfeiture of their American citizenship.

There are, of course, degrees of guilt and there must continue to be close checking of records in Japan to prevent the return of those who do not deserve restoration of their citizenship.

But for many Nisei in Japan during the war, the end of hostility brought them the hope that at last they might return to their home after the nightmare years. Free at last of domination by Japanese secret police, they were also free at last of suspicion and discrimination by the Japanese populace which never, so long as the war lasted, regarded them not as Japanese but as Americans.

The innocent among these persons should be given their opportunity to return to this, their home, and resume their lives in their native land.

### Issei in Wartime

The wartime services of Japanese aliens for the United States, a country in which they could not take out citizenship papers because of race, are well known to Japanese Americans.

Many a hush-hush war agency operated better because of the linguistic and other special knowledge of its Japanese alien agencies.

But the story of the Issei in wartime was largely suppressed to insure secrecy. Now that the need for secrecy is over, many stories of these patient workers for democracy have been lost.

The Committee for Equality in Naturalization is presently seeking case history material on these Issei with a view toward publishing a handbook on equality in naturalization.

It requests that any individuals or organizations knowing of Issei services in special work or in community services send such information to Robert M. Cullum, executive secretary, Committee for Equality in Naturalization, 501 B street, N.E., Washington 2 D. C.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Last of the Bohemians

### Obituary—Delayed

A man died in Florida some months ago, and his passing merited only a scant paragraph in the press. A lean, tall man, his name probably is unfamiliar to most Nisei.

The name is Sadakichi Hartmann and he was past 70 when he died. But in his time his presence had been felt in the salons and the meeting-places and his impact will not be forgotten in the arts and culture of his period.

Born in Nagasaki of a Japanese mother and a German father, he came to the United States at the age of 15. In the six decades of his life in America, he begot a dozen children, painted more than 400 pictures, wrote more than 30 books of poetry and criticism and, probably his best known work, a classical "The Last 30 Days of Christ."

A non-conformist, he was a friend of artistic and political rebels at a time when the cultural world was bursting the bonds of Victorianism. He outlived most of his contemporaries and he was once called "the last of the Bohemians."

In his heyday he once took a huge mansion, suspected by some to be haunted by ghosts, atop San Francisco's Russian Hill and ruled the city's art colony with a mighty hand and a flourish. His home was a salon which drew poets, novelists, painters and composers, the great and near-great of his time. He spent much of his later years living the life of an ascetic in a hermitage on the Southern California desert. The shack, some miles outside of Los Angeles, often became a meeting place for young writers and students who gathered to sit literally at the feet of the master and to listen to tales and anecdotes of a magnificent era which new was past and of the wonderful and talented people who had lived in it. On rare occasions his gaunt figure would be seen in Hollywood where he would come to attend a party at Charlie Chaplin's or Aileen Pringle's annual garden fete. Then he would hold court, condemning the redefinition of Mammon, surrounded often by sycophants, a great man who had outlived his time.

Sadakichi Hartmann had within him the fabric of greatness. It may be that he scattered his talents, composing, writing, painting. He also created original dances and performed them for friends at parties in Greenwich Village or on Telegraph Hill.

He walks through the pages of the biographies of such now-forgotten figures as Emma Goldman, the anarchist, and Harry Kemp, the tramp poet. It has been said that a biography of Sadakichi Hartmann would be a recollection of the highlights of the artistic and cultural America of the early Twentieth Century. Gene Fowler, a good friend of Sadakichi's, is reported to have been writing such a biography. One of Fowler's recent works was a biography of another fabulous non-conformist, John Barrymore, who also was a friend of Hartmann and whose life is recaptured in "Good Night, Sweet Prince."

Sadakichi Hartmann's exploits made fodder for the yellow journals for two generations, like some other Japanese contemporaries in the western world—the bizarre Tsuguharu Foujita, who created a sensation at a Beaux Arts ball in Paris, the actor Sessue Hayakawa and Michio Ito the dancer.

But today Sadakichi Hartmann is little remembered by the world at large. His paintings gather dust, his books are unread and his poems are sung to an empty wind.

A portrait of Sadakichi by Eina Hansen was shown at the World's Fair in San Francisco. It probably hangs somewhere in a California gallery. A Nisei passing it and noticing the gaunt face and piercing eyes may wonder who he was.

### Little Flower

The recent death of Fiorello LaGuardia recalls the mystery of the Little Flower's inexplicable opposition to the resettlement of Japanese American evacuees in New

York in the spring of 1944. The action was in direct contradiction to the policies for which Mayor LaGuardia and his administration were celebrated.

On the night of Dec. 7, 1941, Mayor LaGuardia had spoken on the radio and to the press, cautioning against any violence against the city's 2,000 residents of Japanese ancestry and intimating that he considered them to be good citizens and law-abiding residents. Two years later he openly opposed the resettlement of evacuees although he later rectified his stand.

The story of the Little Flower and the xylophonist may serve to explain the New York mayor's abortive campaign against the establishment of a Japanese American hotel in Brooklyn in 1944.

The xylophonist is Yoichi Hiraoka, probably the outstanding performer in the instrument in the world. Hiraoka had come to the United States from his native Japan about 1930 as a student. An accomplished musician, although specializing on a novel instrument, he became a staff artist with the National Broadcasting Company in New York. He continued his musical studies while working for NBC where he was featured on early-morning broadcasts and later appeared as a guest on the Kate Smith hour and other big-time shows. He also gave concerts at schools, colleges, before trade union groups and for such benefits as China Relief. He also played the summer borscht circuit in the Catskills and recorded for Decca.

In 1937 he married Shizuko Yamaguchi, a New York-born Nisei girl who had been in Madrid at the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War and who was one of the last Americans to be evacuated from Spain on an American warship. The Hiraokas settled down in New York and later moved out to Kew Gardens on Long Island.

Although there are some who do not consider the xylophone to be a standard musical instrument, Hiraoka had played for Arturo Toscanini and had performed at several concerts with the New York Philharmonic, in addition to solo appearances at Town Hall. His music helped ease the national tension of early September, 1939 when Europe was marching to war and NBC was carrying all-night broadcasts from the capitals of the Old World. Hiraoka played between the newscasts and the commentators of H. V. Kaltenborn.

On Dec. 6, 1941, Yoichi Hiraoka was the senior musical staff artist at NBC. The next day he was ceremoniously kicked out by the network because he was an "enemy alien."

In the weeks that followed Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor Hiraoka found that his music was not wanted. Although his wife was a Nisei and he had two American-born children, he was an "enemy alien" and his movements were restricted. His ten years at NBC had gone to naught and he felt that his musical career in America was finished as he felt a rising hate and anger against persons of Japanese ancestry. He tried to find work and he, a soloist at Town Hall only a few months before, even considered taking domestic work.

Finally, in desperation and bitterness, Yoichi Hiraoka applied for a chance to go to Japan on the exchange ship Gripsholm with his wife and children. It was about then that Mayor LaGuardia heard of Hiraoka's plight. Recalling that the xylophonist had contributed his talents to many civic endeavors, La Guardia invited Hiraoka to appear on his Sunday radio program over WNYC. One Sunday in May, 1942, Mayor LaGuardia introduced Hiraoka to his New York audience as a loyal American resident of Japanese ancestry and Hiraoka performed on the xylophone. It appeared that Hiraoka would be reaccepted by the musical world.

A few days later Hiraoka was notified by American authorities that his request for repatriation on the Gripsholm had been granted and he was told to pack and await the sailing of the exchange ship. There was no recourse. Within a month after his appearance on the mayor's program he had sailed for

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## Report on Strife-Torn China: Time for Provincialism

By KOJI ARIYOSHI

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 10.—I have been waiting for Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's report on his recent fact-finding trip to China and Korea. "What next for China?" is the question.

He had tried out the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan on a land of 450 million people before their application to Europe, which "limited" to the tune of more than 4 billion dollars after V-J.

Almost all our Far East experts agree that our generous help has gone down the Kuomintang sewer or lined the pockets of its leaders.

Before the war all this would not have concerned me at all. We Nisei were generally not so interested in Yugoslavia, mainly not in Trieste where a Nisei officer recently refused to relinquish an American outpost, or Korea, Kuomintang and Communist China.

But war and subsequent occupational duties have broadened our horizon. We have served in many lands and our friends are there.

My interest lies in China, for I was there until a year ago. The land of China still remains vivid in my mind for the contrasts of what we saw there were sharp.

Kuomintang China we saw millions of ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-clothed, some bent by the crushing weight of their carrying poles, some together and driven to army recruiting stations, and too many begging.

We saw landlords living in cities, drinking and dining sumptuously with government bureaucrats. Frequently the two were the same person. The amount a group of them gorged at a sitting would have bought food to feed an army of beggars who stood on the streets.

At that time I could not understand why our government did not support and encourage a progressive, democratic China, not just in favor of it and keep on backing the most reactionary regime, Chiang-Kai-shek which is corrupt, inept and beyond redemption.

I first went to China in the summer of 1944 with three friends. We entered China as soon as the ban on Nisei GIs was lifted. After a few months in Chungking, I was assigned to the American military mission in Yenan, the Chinese communists' capital.

This was the period when General Stilwell failed to bring the Chinese forces into the orbit of allied offensive against Japan. The Chinese partisans were fighting the enemy. Chiang's troops were not. He was removed by Chiang's pressure on Washington.

Next, Major Gen. Patrick J. Hurley (later ambassador) tried to patch up Kuomintang-Communist relations. He drew up the "Five Points" as basis for negotiations. The Communists accepted but Chiang rejected them.

Then a surprise took place. In a matter of days Hurley became pro-Kuomintang. He removed all political observers (military and state) from our Yenan outpost.

Like all foreign correspondents who had visited Yenan, these observers had been impressed by the contrasts between the Chungking and Yenan governments. But Hurley did not want to hear any more of Yenan's war effort, or its agrarian reform program and popular movement. He had decided to back Chiang.

After Hurley's purge the remnants of American officers in Yenan were anti-Yenan in mild to violent degrees. I was surprised at the attitude with which they "re-oriented" themselves.

Up until then the relations between us and the Yenan people was "friendly." We had spent many hours in the company of Mao Tse-tung, General Chu Teh, Chou En-lai and others at frequent banquets given by them in our honor.

But now, in the new political climate, at breakfast, lunch and dinner the Americans argued with the Chinese Communist liaison officers. They called the Yenan government and leaders "totalitarian, corrupt, puppet, corrupt and graft-ridden." All this despite their own views until Hurley's about face.

Yenan's liaison officers attacked the weak spots of American democracy, criticized the treatment of Negroes, ridiculed Bilbo, even pointed to discriminatory treatment of Nisei on the west coast.

Because of their newly adopted hostile attitudes, the Americans on the commanding officer on down—had tremendous difficulty in getting to see Yenan's leaders. They were persona non grata. Relations became so strained for a time that we felt the Yenan government would ask us to pack up and leave. Most of the Americans just sitting around, stewing in the bitterness they had created, was very little for them to do.

There were three of us Nisei in Yenan. We did not participate in this smearing, sniping attack. We kept working, gathering and passing enemy intelligence which the Chinese supplied us. Three of us went everywhere, and saw Yenan's officials.

The Nisei, strangely enough, kept liaison functioning. I did my work for the OWI, the Chinese Communists did everything to help show American documentary films to peasants in hinterland villages of China.

The peasants saw how TVA began and how it operated for the benefit of our people. "Farmer Henry Brown" which portrayed a prosperous southern Negro farmer was very popular. America "ting hao" (very good) in the eyes of these peasants.

After the war ended I made numerous trips from Yenan to Chungking and Shanghai to report our observer mission's estimate of the Chinese Communists to General Wedemeyer who had succeeded Stilwell. Civil war was going on in China with full American support to Chiang Kai-shek.

During this time I was deeply puzzled why so many Americans believe in Chiang's American-trained divisions could destroy the partisans. Chiang must have thought in terms of "Kuomintang cannons against Communist spears and rifles." They ignored the popular support which Kuomintang lacks.

Now after more than a year and a half General Wedemeyer has returned to China to investigate the situation there. He seems thoroughly disappointed with Chiang's regime for failing to crush the Communist forces. He rebuked the Kuomintang that "military force will not eliminate Communism."

All the help we have given Chiang to the tune of 4 billion dollars has been wasted.

I wonder what plan will be next adopted for China.

I like the hard-working Chinese people. I hope the plan will be a good one in their interest. All good programs need not be monopolized by the Chinese Communists.

I would like to return to China someday, like numerous veterans who want to visit familiar grounds overseas.

I would like to see again the peasants clap their hands for America when they see a picture like "Farmer Henry Brown," even if it is not all true.

But God forbid my walking through the Chinese countryside, fully patterned with paddies and terraced hills, and all of a sudden to again find American-made Kuomintang aircraft come swooping down on us, over innocent villages and towns.

Don't want to see smiles turn to bitter, hard anger on the peasants' faces, and in their eyes.

Don't want these millions to hate America.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Machine Age in the Harvest

DENVER, Colo. Across the reaches of the Rocky mountain states the fields are bright with autumnal colors. The beets are ripe for topping. The year's last harvest is underway.

But under the hot Indian summer sun there is a new sight; fleets of grumbling, growling mechanical beet harvesters, each of which does the work of 15 good men. Some of them slash off the tops and turn up the sugar-bearing roots. Others dig the beets, slice off the tops, shake loose the clinging dirt and dump the roots into waiting trucks, all in a single continuous process.

The end result is that the armies of peon laborers who hitherto were indispensable to the harvest are in lesser demand; the American sugar beet industry approaches the time when it can become self-supporting instead of depending on subsidies for its existence.

The output of machinery from factories since the end of hostilities has made this mechanized harvest scene possible. Things were somewhat different five autumns ago.

That was the time when labor recruiters descended on the WRA centers pleading for harvest help. And hundreds of evacuees responded—city boys who never had seen sugar beets and country boys who had planted their own 20 or 30 or 40 acres of beets on the coast that spring.

The flow of manpower from the camps to the beetfields was the first big (if temporary) movement out into the forbidden world beyond the barbed wire. It introduced the Rocky Mountains to a people it had looked upon with understandable suspicion. Moreover, it introduced the evacuees to a section of the nation they had never known.

This is the time of year when veterans of the 1942 battle of the beets will flex their shoulder muscles and remember the aches that came of unfamiliar labor, the crude living quarters, the hospitality of farmer-employers, the first thrilling surge of emotion that came with being free outside the fences.

### Mike Masaoka Comes to Town

That man Masaoka was in town last week, plugging 24 hours a day, every day of the week, at the toughest job any Nisei ever had. He's out to irritate a nation's conscience and right some monumental wrongs. His weapons are logic, truth, persistence, a gifted tongue, quick wit, and the hopes of tens of thousands who believe in him.

His allies are thinking Americans and the deep-down sense of fair play inherent in all Americans. Some times it takes a heap of digging to get

through the surface and down to that saving national characteristic.

The pre-Pearl Harbor Mike Masaoka, according to those who knew him, was a brash, cocky young man, overflowing with confidence in a fellow named Mike Masaoka. The war changed some of that. He came back more mature, a bit more sober.

He picked up polish and wisdom, a better sense of timing and a greater knowledge of tactics in the constant battle for attention and support in Washington. He is shrewd; he learns quickly. He acquired, the hard way, the knack of winning over critics whether in conference room or public platform.

But he retained much of his brashness, a characteristic that astonishes hardened lobbyists and sends him out tackling legislative Goliaths with the aplomb of the Biblical David. The result comes close to an Issei leader's assertion: "Mike Masaoka is near to getting more for the Japanese people in the United States in the way of just treatment than the whole damned Japanese government did in 60 years."

The parallel is not altogether appropriate, but it expresses the feelings of a good many of Masaoka's supporters, who are legion.

### Democracy and Salmon

Once upon a time, long, long ago, shortly before the Japanese dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor, the Seattle Times decided that anyone of Japanese ancestry was so good a fisherman that he constituted unfair competition. So a "No Japs" sign was posted over that newspaper's salmon fishing derby.

Salmon fishing is fun according to those who know. Even Nisei kids who came home stinking to heaven of fish after a summer in the Alaska canneries would go out religiously, morning and evening, hoping to tie into a big king.

That Japanese Americans were good at hauling them in is indisputable. But they did it with honest skill and perhaps a little better know-how about tackle—not any hocus pocus lure that hypnotized the fish.

So, denying Japanese Americans the right to enter the derby was an act of pure discrimination, like Jim Crow laws and restrictive covenants and all that sort of malarkey.

Things were different after the war. The evacuees came back and found that the Times had discovered salmon weren't discriminating about whose hook they struck. So Japanese Americans, even to the last buck-toothed Waltonite, were eligible to enter.

Last week a Seattle-born Nisei named Kaz Kimura landed a king big enough to win him a 1947 Dodge sedan. Nobody threatened to lynch him, or to return his entry fee and take away his car. Seattle, it seems, is back in the U.S.A.

## Vagaries

### Cinderella Kids . . .

Wat Misaka, who will play pro basketball in New York this season, gets into the movies in the new Columbia short, "Cinderella Cagers," which shows the Utah team which won the Metropolitan basketball tourney in Madison Square Garden last April by defeating Kentucky . . . Misaka also was a member of Utah's national championship team of 1944 which also was the subject of a Hollywood movie short. However, Misaka entered the army shortly after the 1944 season and was not on hand when the Hollywood crew showed up at the University of Utah to film the "Whiz Kids with the Jive Drive" who had won the national title by defeating St. John's.

### Hate-mongers . . .

Race-baiters: Fred McCargar, then executive secretary of the Salinas, Calif., Chamber of Commerce, made a nationwide tour back in 1943 to warn eastern and midwestern communities against the relocation of Japanese American evacuees. Last week McCargar resigned as managing director of the Las Vegas, Nev., Chamber of Commerce and went back to California. His immediate plans were indefinite . . . John Lechner, director of the Americanism Educational League which carried on a widespread campaign against the return of evacuees to California, now is gainfully employed as executive director of Hollywood's right-wing Motion Picture Alliance and is gathering material on alleged Hollywood Communists for a forthcoming Congressional investigation . . . H. J. McClatchy, director of the inactive Joint Immigration Committee, has been busy writing to U.S. editors against legislation to grant naturalization rights to Japanese and other "ineligible aliens."

Ex-Sergeant Ben and Shige Kuroki have named their baby girl, Kerry . . . Hizi Koyke received a tremendous ovation for her interpretation of "Mme. Butterfly" in the San Carlo's production at the Chicago Opera House last week.

## A Sketch: THE PARAFFIN MEDAL

By JUNCO ASAKURA

The train entered the city he long had called home and had dreamed about in faraway places. Private first class Tom Kobayashi, or rather it was just plain Mr. Tom Kobayashi now, was wondering how his kid sister, May, was getting along. The last time he heard from her was while he was still in the ETO. From her letter he had learned she was attending Sacramento College.

The train ground to a slow stop in the S. P. station in Sacramento and he soon found himself hailing a cab for the last stretch home.

He wasn't too enthusiastic to get home for he remembered that it wasn't any rich man's mansion but rather a railroad company's scantily furnished brakeman's cabin. But it would still be good to get home to see his young brother and May and the rest. Once he had read somewhere that brothers were closer than father and son, and being the kind of a guy who respected knowledge, he had thought more of Jim since then. Jim, his kid brother.

He slammed the door of the cab, tipped the driver and walked toward the tired-looking shack painted with the familiar tan and brown which marks the railroad's right-of-way across green land and desert.

Tom had done some reading in the army and he thought of the small town California home in Saroyan's "The Human Comedy."

Without any hesitation, he opened the screen door and walked in. Pop was washing at the sink, getting the railroad grime off. Pop turned about with a grin and greeted him. But Tom wasn't listening. He was looking at the room, giving it a quick once-over.

Tom sat down on an improvised stool made from scrap lumber that the folks had brought back from the relocation camp and opened a pack of cigarettes. Puffing on the cigarette, he asked about Mom.

In the army you get the habit of sizing people up and he noticed Pop's tired eyes and the creeping wrinkles of old age. Just then in came Jim, slamming the screen door behind him. He wasn't at all the little kid he had left. Now Jim was just as tall as he. Sort of re-

minded him of Tak, the 19-year-old kid in his company who had forgotten to duck.

Tom finished his cigarette and took off his blouse to relax. Jim walked over and picked it up and put it on, admiring himself in the mirror and passing a sleeve to wipe some imaginary dust from the service ribbons with their battle stars.

Jim told him that Mom was out picking strawberries at Matsu-moto's ranch with some of the other Issei women but that she would be back in time to cook dinner for the railroad gang. May would be back, too, from her schoolgirl job in town.

Tom sat back, looked around him again. So this was home, this tan and brown shack by the rails which shook like Toby's hips every time a train passed. He had dreamed of home so often, and he had bragged to his buddies about his kid sister and about his brother Jim. He had even invited them over if they ever came through Sacramento. In his disillusionment, forgetting the warmth and the food on the table, he imagined it was worse than the slums of Livorno.

"I've got to get some air," he told himself, "I've got to get out of here."

"Pop, I'm going to pick up my extra baggage. I'll be right back."

As he walked out, he was disgusted with himself for his shabby excuse. He turned toward the West End, toward Japanese Alley.

I feel lousy, he told himself. He remembered the last time he had been drunk. The captain had said: "Tomorrow we die, so drink up." And he had.

Why do people have to live this way? Where was the clean white cottage and the blueberry pie the adwriters had told him he had been fighting for?

He walked toward the din and clamor of the West End, where the neons glimmered far into the night. He passed chop suey houses, bars, cheap hotels.

A bum came up. "Buddy, you got a dime to spare?"

"No!"

He walked on. Tomorrow he might feel better. Tomorrow he might be glad to be home.



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# Hawaii Bowlers Seek Revision ABC Eligibility Regulations

HONOLULU—Hawaii, as sportsmen as it is famed for racial peace, will try an experiment to break down the barrier against Japanese, Chinese and non-Caucasians in the American Bowling Congress.

As announced this week that it will send two 5-man teams to the 1948 annual national ABC tournament at Detroit in April. The present ABC regulations, which only one of the teams, composed of "ineligibles" drawn from top-notch keggers among the Japanese, Chinese and non-Caucasian groups.

Japanese-Americans rate among the top bowlers but have been barred from competing in mainland tournaments under ABC rules.

Honolulu bowling leagues are team organization sponsor-veterans of the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

Establishments in Honolulu will donate a portion of the league play Oct. 4 to help pay expenses for the teams. In all, \$8,000 will be collected to finance the trip.

"Ineligibles" will leave one team early for a good-will tour of mainland bowling centers taking in mainland bowling teams.

The tour will wind up in Detroit as the ABC to strike out its regular barring bowlers on the basis of race, creed or

## Kurumada, Kaizumi Duo Lead Men's Doubles League

An 1156 doubles series by the undefeated team of Dr. Jun Kurumada and Maki Kaizumi featured play in the Salt Lake Nisei traveling leagues on Oct. 9 at the K-B alleys.

Dr. Kurumada hit 581, including a 224 game, and Kaizumi tallied 575 to defeat Tadao Sako and Sho Hiraizumi in a feature match of the eight-team men's doubles league.

In team play Main Jewelry and Appliance took a commanding lead after two rounds by blanking OK Cafe with a 2536 series. Dawn Noodle defeated Doi's Cleaners, 3 to 1, while Pagoda took three points from Gil's Service. Dr. Jun Kurumada's 573 for Main Jewelry was high for the night, followed by Joe Sase's 572, including games of 201 and 202, for Dawn Noodle.

In other doubles matches Joe Sase 542 and George Kishida 571 totaled 1113 to whitewash John Aoki and Bib Shiba, while Bill Honda 568 and Choppy Umemoto 558 scored 1126 to blank George Obayashi and George Sakashita. Hito Okada and Larry Tajiri topped 1035 pins to take three points from Sam Matsukawa and Isamu Tanabe who scored 1016.

## Asato Brothers Score Against Portland Eleven

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Asato brothers, Jimmy and Dick, scored a touchdown apiece as the Honolulu All-Stars (Leilehua Alums) defeated Portland university, 14 to 6, at Multnomah stadium.

Jim Asato, Hawaiian halfback, scored the first touchdown in the first quarter, while Dick Asato, 185-pound fullback, squirmed 25 yards to the second All-Star score in the third quarter.

Isao Ito, 140 pound guard and a veteran of the All-Star line, and Masayoshi Gunda were among the Hawaiian players.

## Nisei GI Scores Upset in Net Match

SENDAI, Japan—Pfc. Yukimasa Shiaki, Koloa, T.H., scored an upset when he defeated favored Pfc. Stash Diamond, Brooklyn, N. Y., 6-4, 6-4, in the opening round of the Ninth Corps tennis tournament Oct. 2.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Sakai a boy on Oct. 5 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji K. Osuga a girl in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yamasaki a boy in Brighton, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoto Sugiura a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Miyamoto a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kabuoshi Sumisaki a boy on Aug. 20 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. James S. Kubochi a boy in Sept. 20 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kubo a boy on Sept. 29 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kashitani, 3855 11th East St., Salt Lake City, a boy on Oct. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato W. Kato a girl on Oct. 6 in Los Angeles.

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

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

To Mr. and Mrs. Kikuma Kikawa a boy on Sept. 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kyusei Yamahata a boy on Sept. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ichiro Takenaka a girl on Sept. 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toraaki Yonemura a boy on Oct. 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinoshita a boy on Oct. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Y. Ichimaru a boy on Sept. 27 in San Francisco.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Asano Onishi, 62, Acampo, Calif., on Oct. 8 in Lodi.

Kunimitsu Mukae on Oct. 2 in Los Angeles.

Ayao Yamamura on Sept. 30 in Whittier, Calif.

Goro Tsuchida on Sept. 20 in Chichago.

Sgt. Shin Fujisaki, 25, Alaa, T. H., on Sept. 30 in Berlin, Germany.

Harry Senichi Tsukishima, 62, in Casper, Wyo.

Zentaro Yamada on Oct. 4 in Guadalupe, Calif.

Kuranoshin Matsuno on Oct. 2 in Gardena, Calif.

Ronald Tajiri, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tajiri, on Sept. 21 in Cricago.

### MARRIAGES

Fusako Iwakoshi, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz., to Hiroshi Odaka, formerly of Fresno, on Sept. 27 in Chicago.

Chizu Inouye to Akira Ichikawa on Sept. 28 in San Jose, Calif.

## Dawn Noodle Leads Women's Bowling With Eight Wins

The Dawn Noodle team, rolling a scratch 2038 series, moved into first place in the Salt Lake City JACL women's league by defeating the Aoki team 4-0 on Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Temple alleys. The Dawn Noodle team has eight wins, no losses, followed by Sage Farm with 7 wins and 1 defeat.

High series and high game Oct. 5 were rolled by Mieko Kusaba, Dawn Noodle, who had a 485 series and 181 high game.

Sage Farm defeated Dupler's Furs 3-1. In other matches Okada Insurance defeated Pagoda 3-1, and Pacific Citiden split 2-2 with Tera-shima Studio.

June Kimiko Kurokawa, Wolf Point, Mont., to Frank Shinshi Hino on Sept. 17 in Chicago.

Taeko Ishida to Masao Michael Takai on Sept. 21 in Chicago.

Kiyoko Abe to Teijiro Namatame on Sept. 20 in Chicago.

Mary Ogishima to Howard Masuda in Danville, Ill.

Mary Okamoto to Yamato Umino on Sept. 14 in Stockton, Calif.

Sally S. Kayashima to Mitsuru Otsuru on Sept. 28 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mary Shin, 25, San Mateo, and Satoru Nishimoto, 25, Niles, Calif. Mitzi Nitta, 23, and Hiroshi Kunitsugu, 27, in Seattle, Wash.

Lorraine T. Fukuhara and Hiroshi Morimoto, Albuquerque, in Denver.

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## New Fresno Bowling League Initiated

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The House of Chung had the high single game of 922.

Twelve teams are entered in the league.

Buzz Noda of Mike's Service had high series of 587, while Fred Taniguchi of Sakata Co. had high game of 216.

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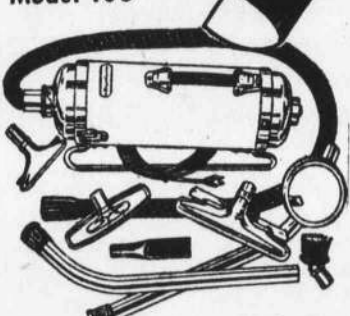
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## Civic Unity Councils Hold Regional Meet

BERKELEY, Calif.—San Francisco and East Bay representatives attended the regional conference held at the International House in Berkeley by the California Council for Civic Unity on September 13.

Various panels were held on housing, civil rights and community services, employment, community education and increasing local membership.

The meeting was opened at 9:30 A.M. by Mrs. Ruth Kingman, president. Eleven member organizations were represented by 45 delegates, and observers from 10 other organizations invited to be represented were present. Members of the conference planning committee were Mrs. Harold Eisenberg, Edward Howden, David F.

## Roger Baldwin Will Speak to JACL in Pennsylvania City

PHILADELPHIA—Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak to the Philadelphia chapter of the JACL on Nov. 23.

Mr. Baldwin is expected to discuss his recent trip to Japan and will touch on the status of stranded Nisei in Japan.

Selvin and Yori Wada. Allen C. Blaisdell, Director of International House, was host.

Among Nisei JACL members present were: Tom Komuro, Mari Okazaki, George Tsukagawa, Yori Wada, Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Wada, Joe Grant Masaoka, Wat Miura, Tad Hirota, Yo Ukita, Richard S. Nishimoto and Nikki Sawada.

Masaoka was official reporter for the panel on community education.

## Spokane Church Holds Celebration for 45th Anniversary

SPOKANE, Wash. — The Grant Community Methodist church, formerly known as the Japanese Methodist mission, held its 45th anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 5.

Afternoon Issei services preceded the community celebration. The Rev. T. J. Machida of Seattle was the guest speaker for the Issei services. K. Nakashima of Colbert, Wash., congratulated the church for its years of service.

More than 300 persons attended a community banquet held under the direction of Moss Akiyama.

Musical numbers were presented by Yuri Takmoto violinist, LaVerne Kent, tenor, and the church choir. Congratulatory telegrams from 15 churches were acknowledged. Mrs. A. D. Butler, president of the mission board, introduced many Methodist leaders who were present.

The Rev. F. Tibbetts, representing the Spokane ministerial association, extended greetings. The main speaker was the Rev. W. S. Burgoyne.

Everett Matsui presided over the anniversary worship service. Mrs. S. Hisayasu, president of the Nisei Women's society, read the scripture, and Joe Okamoto, chairman of the board of trustees, led the responsive reading. The Grant church choir of 17 voices gave two selections under the direction of Mrs. Paul Lange.

Dr. C. A. Richardson, superintendent of Japanese American Methodist work in the United States, preached on "Building Life with God's Plans."

The Rev. Taro Goto is the pastor of the Grant Community church.

## Oriental American Veterans Ask Supreme Court to Ban Race Restrictive Covenants

LOS ANGELES—Two Oriental Americans who were rated by the U.S. army for their war services overseas this week asked the Supreme court to declare invalid the restrictive covenants which prevent them from living in their own homes.

The veterans are Tom Amer, American-born citizen of nese ancestry, and Dr. Yin Kim, Korean American.

The Japanese American Citizens League and the American Civil Liberties Union are cooperating in the cases.

## Fellowship Aids In Relief Drive

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Christian Fellowship is sponsoring an overseas relief drive, according to Ruth Ogawa, publicity chairman.

Four teams captained by Lillian Goto, Rose Hiraoka, Ted Inouye and Harold Masada are competing.

The fellowship will hold an hymnspiration at the Memorial chapel Sunday, Oct. 12, at 7:45 p.m. with Sierra Uyeoka as chairman.

The Reformation symphony by Mendelssohn will be played.

On Oct. 5 the fellowship held a relief program at the chapel. Speakers for the evening were Katsumi Masada, who spoke on conditions in Korea, and Charles Sanders of the American Friends Service committee in San Francisco.

## Kiser Team Leads San Jose League

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Hitting a high series of 2684, the Joseph Kiser company swept three games from George's Barber on Oct. 2 to stay in front in the United Citizens League bowling league.

There are sixteen teams in the league, bowling alternately on Tuesday or Thursday.

Fuzzy Shimada of the Mayfair Greens had a 575 series, including a 225 game.

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Through their attorneys, Wirin, Fred Okrand and Lerner, the former servicemen asked the Supreme court to review the case.

Both Amer and Kim, after turning from service overseas, sought homes for their families. They purchased homes in neighborhoods which were later termed "white."

In their petition to the Supreme court, Amer and Kim state that they are not only suffering from the restrictive covenants but that all minority groups are suffering from them. They state that they do not believe that they fought in World War II was fought for the purpose of extending the ugly head of racism in this country. Rather, they believe that the war was waged to eradicate this cancer.

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## Nisei Serves on Staff of Denver Community Center

DENVER—Lone Nisei on staff of the Grace Community center, 210 West 13th avenue, is Arika, associate director in charge of club work.

The center, known to practically all Nisei as a gathering place for social functions, is directed by Rev. H. K. Sausaman.

The Rev. Sauhaman said that Nisei functions there were especially heavy during the war as many parties were held in the church's Evans chapel for soldiers entering or leaving the city.

Other Nisei formerly on staff were Mrs. Robert Gildner, former Arley Sugioaka, Mrs. Akiyama and the Rev. Mas Goto, now pastor in Ontario, Ont., was in charge of art crafts.

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